

Dinosaurs and the Bible

What is the byline of my favorite movie? "An Adventure 65 Million Years in the Making."

Dinosaurs have been a problem for both Christians and evolutionists. However, Christians as a whole have studied this far less, leaving us with several problems.

In order to believe the Bible as a literal book (which we should) we have to believe the Genesis account of Creation and the following genealogies that are listed. That means believing in a young earth, 6-8000 years old.

This is where dinosaurs come in. In order to believe the Genesis account of creation, dinosaurs must have co-existed with people.

It would also mean that there would have to be:

- Evidence of a world-wide flood which should show up in fossil records.
- Fossils must be dated wrong by scientists
- And if dinosaurs were present, they should be listed in the Bible.

When Did Dinosaurs Live?

Evolutionists declare that dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago. But this would contradict a Biblical view of creation which puts the earth between 7000 and 10000 years old.

According to creation – God made sea and air creatures on Day 5 and beasts of the land on day 6.

- **Genesis 1:20-25** Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." ²¹ So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²² And God blessed them,

saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. ²⁴ Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

Genesis 1:21 mentions the word tanniym. Some translate this as whale, but a better translation would be sea monster.

- Strong's - intensive from the same as H8565; a marine or land *monster*, that is, *sea serpent* or *jackal*: - dragon, sea-monster, serpent, whale.
- Mosasaurs grow to 50 feet in length and have been found off of every continent. Plesiosaur grows more than 50 feet and has a long neck.

Beasts would include land dinosaurs. Flying birds (Flapping, Covered with wings) would include pterosaurs

Each animal was made according to its kind.

Noah brought animals according to their kind on the ark.

- **Genesis 6:19-21** And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every *sort* into the ark, to keep *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰ Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you to keep *them* alive. ²¹ And you shall take for yourself of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to yourself; and it shall be food for you and for them."

So Dinosaurs had to be on the ark:

- How could they fit? Mammal babies are significantly bigger than reptile babies. There are only 60 kinds of dinosaurs. The largest, the diplodocus at 16 tons, when born is the size of a football. Most are much smaller. Even after a year of growth, diplodocus is the size of a sheep. 60 would fit in a small space of the ark.
- How were they all fed? Noah likely reverted to their vegetarian diets. Before the fall, all dinosaurs were vegetarian.
- Since most were probably babies, they would not have been on meat yet anyways.
- What about T-rex? Wouldn't he just eat everyone? There is indication in the Bible that animals had no issues with people until after the flood.
 - **Genesis 9:2** And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move *on* the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand.

So what happened to the dinosaurs? Since there aren't any, isn't that proof of evolution?

- There are no species that would have led up to the dinosaurs. No evolutionary trace of where they came from or where they went.
- Pterosaurs are flying reptiles. They would have been created on Day 5 with the flying creatures. Pterosaurs have retractable pteroid bones on the fold of each wing. They use it to walk on land, but it also moves to allow for controlled flight at low speeds. There is no other creature like this. There is no evolutionary track that would lead to these creatures.
- There are 0 evolutionary transitional fossils found.
- In 1980 Mt. St. Helens erupted and destroyed thousands of acres covering it in lava that turned to rock. Scientists estimated it would take 100 years for growth to really take off, and another 100 years to fully cover the rock and replenish animal life. Within 30 years, the area

was replete with vegetation and animals and it was impossible to tell the eruption even occurred.

- Scientists do not have a good track record of accuracy.
- Many modern scientists that support Intelligent Design over evolution have been blackballed from their communities. And most scientists through the early 1900's were all Creationists.

What about the ice age?

- **Genesis 13:10** And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered everywhere (before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt as you go toward Zoar.
- This shows that the middle east had plenty of water. There is indication that there was an ice age after the flood, as mass evaporation has a cooling effect. So much so that most of the deserts were more temperate with much water. As the ice age rescinded, this would have changed habitats dramatically.
- As the lands dried, so did the dinosaurs' habitats.

If dinosaurs were on the ark, where are they now?

- There are glyphs in China, the Middle East, the Americas, Antarctica that indicate dinosaurs. Drawings with people and dinosaurs together.
- St. George is reported to have slain a dragon in the Middle East in AD 200.
- The Chinese zodiac features dragons along with standard animals.
- This is from 1405 AD:
 - Close to the town of Bures, near Sudbury, there has lately appeared, to the great hurt of the countryside, a dragon, vast in body, with a crested head, teeth like a saw, and a tail extending

to an enormous length. Having slaughtered the shepherd of the flock, it devoured many sheep. In order to destroy him, all the country people were summoned. But when the dragon saw that he was again to be assailed with arrows, he fled into a marsh or mere and there hid himself among the long reeds, and was seen no more.

- Marco Polo described his encounter with a dragon in China in the middle ages.
- There are more than 20 Ceratopsian dinosaur designs, many with lots of horns encircling the head that greatly resemble drawings of Chinese dragons.

Where are the dinosaurs today? They went extinct the same way most animals have gone extinct: Loss of habitat and people hunting them.

- Some people say that dinosaurs were not discovered until the 1800's as there is no mention of them before that time. Well, that's because until 1842 they were called dragons. The word was invented in 1842 to reclassify them as Saurian reptiles.

Dinosaur Fossils – The problem they create

When a scientist has to answer a question of something they do not know, they must construct a model to figure it out and from there create hypothesis to test.

These models are **always** based upon the **scientists' worldview**.

Evidence is always interpreted according to our worldview.

Dinosaur fossils are almost always found in bone beds, mixed in with all types of other mammals, reptiles and birds. Some extend for miles. Creationists attribute this to a worldwide flood that deposited large collections of remains in the same areas. Evolutionists attribute this to a large, localized flood that caused a river to violently overflow it's riverbanks distributing large amounts of sand and earth into a similar location and the bones contained within.

Evolution was not a theory until 1859. Until then, no one, or if any only a handful of people, would have believed the earth to be older than 6-9 thousand years old.

People that argue against the flood for distribution of bones argue that a world-wide flood would have been too chaotic to leave layers, but that does not take into account dirty waters, which have been known to leave sedimentary layers, and Mount St. Helens left layers while lava flowed at over 100 miles per hour.

The flood lasted about 1 year. **This model is the simplest explanation for bone graveyards and the sedimentary layers of the earth.** Those that oppose the flood and the Genesis account have far more complex models to account for what happened. Yet in science, the general rule is the simplest explanation is the right explanation.

Evidence against an old earth

- There is a famous dinosaur fossil dig site in Glendive, Montana where dinosaur remains have been discovered that contain original blood vessels and cells, amongst other proteins.
- Proteins only last for thousands of years, not millions, yet they are still there.
- Also at this site, it is relatively easy to dig up fossils. This is because sagebrush has grown and the roots extend past the fossil layer into underwater streams. The water then leaches out of the roots as it goes through the fossils. The plants extract minerals from the soil for nourishment. It would not take too long for the plants to destroy all fossil remains this way, yet they are still there.
- There are also many other bone fragments and fossils found here belonging to non-extinct species. All mixed in together.
- **Creationists are not surprised by this. Evolutionists have no explanation.**

- In Dinosaur Valley, there are prints of dinosaurs walking in a straight line. No prints overlap, and there are no baby dinosaur prints. There are also no short dinosaur prints, like ankylosaur and triceratops. Only sauropods. There is no good explanation for this except one – This is around the Apex of the flood, most dinosaurs including babies had died and this is the last survivors walking in duress trying to escape. Then the flood waters rapidly deposited clay and minerals trapping the footprints in mud and fossilizing the tracks.
- Evolutionists now argue that dinosaurs evolved into birds. They say there is evidence of feathered dinosaurs. This is due to striations, or stringy fibers, on the skin found in certain preserved, mummified remains. However, follicles are required for feathers. No follicle has ever been found. Furthermore, if you soak reptile skin for a year in water, as it erodes, it forms those same stringy fibers on the skin, furthering evidence that many dinosaurs died in the flood.
- A Tyrannosaurus-Rex femur bone has been found with blood vessels still intact.
- Fossils are not bone, rather bone made impressions and then minerals filled those impressions and fossilized. Fossils are rocks in the shape of bones. But actual bones have been found. This would be impossible for anything over several thousand years old. Not to mention tissue, blood cells and vessels and proteins that have been discovered. Evolutionists dismiss these findings and claim they have been planted by Creationists. (see page 39)
- The general time of death to dust for all physical components in a well-preserved area is 800,000 years. No more than that. So any remains found must be younger than that, and if in good condition, significantly younger than that. There is no evidence for the earth being millions, yet alone billions of years old other than that it has to be to support evolution.

Original Tissue Throughout the Fossil Record

QUATERNARY 2.6 my?	Woolly mammoth: Hundreds of partially decayed proteins	
NEOGENE 23 my?	Salamander muscle: Whole and intact	
PALEOCENE 65.6 my?	Penguin feathers: Pigments and pigment cells Lizard skin: Keratin protein and scales	
CRETACEOUS 145.5 my?	Hadrosaur and <i>Tyrannosaurus</i> thigh bones: blood vessels and bone cells <i>Triceratops</i> horn core: soft sheet of flexible fibers	
JURASSIC 201.6 my?	<i>Archaeopteryx</i> : faint feather protein signatures Squid: ink sac with dried ink	
TRIASSIC 251 my?	Ichthyosaur: dried skin	
PERMIAN 299 my?	Bacteria: still alive in deep salt deposit	
CARBONIFEROUS 359 my?	Sea lilies: purple and yellow pigments	
DEVONIAN 416 my?	Shrimp: red-colored shell	
SILURIAN 444 my?	Scorpion: chitin and chitin-associated protein in exoskeleton	
CAMBRIAN 488 my?	Sponge: chitinous skeleton fibers	
EDIACARAN 630 my?	Beard worms: tubes with soft, flexible tissue	

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Dinosaurs in the Bible

Behemoth

- **Job 40:15-24** "Look now at the behemoth, which I made *along* with you; He eats grass like an ox. ¹⁶ See now, his strength *is* in his hips, And his power *is* in his stomach muscles. ¹⁷ He moves his tail like a cedar; The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. ¹⁸ His bones *are like* beams of bronze, His ribs like bars of iron. ¹⁹ He *is* the first of the ways of God; Only He who made him can bring near His sword. ²⁰ Surely the mountains yield food for him, And all the beasts of the field play there. ²¹ He lies under the lotus trees, In a covert of reeds and marsh. ²² The lotus trees cover him *with* their shade; The willows by the brook surround him. ²³ Indeed the river may rage, Yet he is not disturbed; He is confident, though the Jordan gushes into his mouth, ²⁴ Though he takes it in his eyes, Or one pierces *his* nose with a snare.
- The best match is a sauropod. There are many artifacts in near east culture that depict sauropods alongside humans and other animals that exist today.

Leviathan

- **Job 41:1-23** "Can you draw out Leviathan with a hook, Or *snare* his tongue with a line *which* you lower? ² Can you put a reed through his nose, Or pierce his jaw with a hook? ³ Will he make many supplications to you? Will he speak softly to you? ⁴ Will he make a covenant with you? Will you take him as a servant forever? ⁵ Will you play with him as *with* a bird, Or will you leash him for your maidens? ⁶ Will *your* companions make a banquet of him? Will they apportion him among the merchants? ⁷ Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or his head with fishing spears? ⁸ Lay your hand on him; Remember the battle— Never do it again! ⁹ Indeed, *any* hope of *overcoming* him is false; Shall *one not* be overwhelmed at the sight of him? ¹⁰ No one *is* so fierce that he would dare stir him up. Who then is able to stand against Me? ¹¹ Who has preceded Me, that I should pay *him*? Everything under heaven is Mine. ¹² "I will not conceal his limbs, His mighty power, or his graceful proportions. ¹³ Who can remove his outer coat? Who can approach *him* with a double bridle? ¹⁴ Who can

open the doors of his face, *With* his terrible teeth all around?

¹⁵ *His* rows of scales are *his* pride, Shut up tightly *as with* a seal;

¹⁶ One is so near another That no air can come between them; ¹⁷ They are joined one to another, They stick together and cannot be parted.

¹⁸ His sneezings flash forth light, And his eyes *are* like the eyelids of the morning. ¹⁹ Out of his mouth go burning lights; Sparks of fire

shoot out. ²⁰ Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As *from* a boiling pot and

burning rushes. ²¹ His breath kindles coals, And a flame goes out of his mouth. ²² Strength dwells in his neck, And sorrow dances before him.

²³ The folds of his flesh are joined together; They are firm on him and cannot be moved.

- **Psalm 104:26** There the ships sail about; *There is* that Leviathan Which You have made to play there.
- Old maps often depict sea creatures that closely match the description of Leviathan.

Nachash Seraph

Numbers 21:6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

- Most assume these were ordinary poisonous snakes. But there is much evidence that these were flying snakes. Even the word seraph is really translated as flying (think seraphim).
- **Isaiah 14:29** "Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For out of the serpent's roots will come forth a viper, And its offspring *will be* a fiery flying serpent.

These would be pterosaurs.

- The Egyptian word seref means flying serpent. Egyptian, Incan and other cultures have many depictions of winged serpents.
- And of course, dragons with wings are common.
- Ancient Israelite seals have been found with winged serpents on them.

- French naturalist Pierre Belon in 1553 wrote a book on observations in other countries including armadillos, snakes, and flying reptiles. He detailed an encounter with a very dangerous flying reptile located near Mt. Sinai.

Account from Josephus:

- For when the ground was difficult to be passed over, because of the multitude of serpents, (which it produces in vast numbers, and, indeed, is singular in some of those productions, which other countries do not breed, and yet such as are worse than others in power and mischief, and an unusual fierceness of sight, some of which ascend out of the ground unseen, and also fly in the air, and so come upon men at unawares, and do them a mischief,) Moses invented a wonderful stratagem to preserve the army safe, and without hurt; for he made baskets, like unto arks, of sedge, and filled them with ibes [ibis birds], and carried them along with them; which animal is the greatest enemy to serpents imaginable, for they fly from them when they come near them; and as they fly they are caught and devoured by them, as if it were done by the harts; but the ibes are tame creatures, and only enemies to the serpentine kind ... As soon, therefore, as Moses was come to the land which was the breeder of these serpents, he let loose the ibes, and by their means repelled the serpentine kind, and used them for his assistants before the army came upon that ground.

Also from Esarhaddon king of Assyria in 671 BC

- In accordance with the command of my lord Assur, my mind was set and my heart was pondering: I requested camels from all the kings of Arabia and had them carry water bags(?). I marched 30 double-hours (ca. 320 km) of ground, a journey of 15 days, through huge sand hills. I went 4 double-hours (ca. 43 km) of ground with alum stone . ..4 double-hours (ca. 43 km) of ground, a journey of 2 days. **I trampled on two-headed serpents, ... whose sight/touch/ breath meant death**, and I marched on. 4 double-hours (ca. 43 km) of ground, **a journey of [2 days, with] yellow [serpents] whose wings were batting(?)**. I marched 4 double-hours (ca. 43 km) of ground, a

journey of 2 days, ... 15 double-hours (ca. 160 km) of ground, a journey of 8 days, ... **Then the great lord Marduk came to my assistance ... he kept my troops alive. 20 days**

Herodotus in 4th century BC described flying reptiles and also Corroborates Josephus' account by indicating the Ibis as the winged serpent killer.

Ketos

In the story of Jonah, the word for what swallowed Jonah is general and could mean anything living in the sea.

In Matthew 12 Jesus relates this story and uses another word, Ketos.

- **Matthew 12:39-40** But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Ancient texts refer to ketos as Marine reptiles. Notably large.

Homer (9th century BC) | Euripides (406 BC) | Aristophanes (400 BC) | Lycophron (250 BC) | Marcu Varro (100 BC) | Diodorus Siculus (30 AD) | Manilius (1st century AD) | Pausanias (2nd century AD) | Claudius Aelianus (AD 200) | Oppian of Apamea (AD 200) | Eustathius (AD 350) | Hesychius (5th century AD) | Johannes Moschus (6th century AD)

There are many places - Rome, Europe and other places with modeled images and paintings of Sea monsters with a Dog shaped head. Also Viking ships have this often carved into them.

Jesus' hearers would have known exactly what a Ketos was.

Does a Biblical worldview violate science?

We've already seen plenty of evidence that the earth is young, that dinosaurs existed alongside people and current animals.

What about dating? Radiocarbon dating is used by archaeologists to determine the age of remnants and artifacts they believe are thousands of years old. But they refuse to use that on fossils or dinosaur remains because they assume millions of years and radiocarbon dating does not work on millions of years old things. So they typically use radioisotope dating, which supposedly only works for things millions of years old.

How can most scientists be wrong? Worldview. Also, scientists have been wrong thousands of times, including germs, size of the universe, the earth at the center of the universe, that there were only four elements, etc... And currently, there is no hard evidence of evolution, only theories that many scientists disagree with each other on the interpretation of that evidence. Secularism prevails in science, so anything that goes against that is immediately dismissed.

In Matthew, Jesus had to deal with people who could not think past their own worldviews.

- **Matthew 9:34** But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.
- **John 10:31-33** Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" ³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

There are many examples where scientists have dated rocks a few thousand years old. Then discovered something "known" to be part of a different era, millions of years old. So they simply change the dates of their original findings saying those must have been a mistake. This is extremely common.

Errors in dating against rocks of known origin:

Location	Known Age	Isotope Age
Mt. Erebus	17 yrs	1.6 my
Mt. Etna basalt ¹	29 yrs	35 my
Mt. Etna basalt ²	37 yrs	0.7 my
Mt. Stromboli	38 yrs	2.4 my
Kilauea Iki	40 yrs	8.5 my
Mt. Lassen plagioclase	85 yrs	11 my
Kilauea basalt	<200 yrs	21 my
Hualalai basalt	200 yrs	0.6 my
Sunset Crater basalt	950 yrs	27 my
Mt. Etna basalt ³	2,100 yrs	25 my ✨

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Within the fossil records are all the evidence we would expect to see in an earth about 6000-7000 years old, and a flood. Secular scientists must dismiss evidence and create complex solutions to explain the found evidence to support evolution.

2 Peter 3:3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 Peter 3:5-6 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the

water, ⁶ by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.