

DINOSAURS

Topic: Dinosaurs

Discuss and Summarize the Secular Worldview:

Sample Summary: Dinosaurs lived from roughly 250 million years ago to 65 million years ago when possibly an asteroid catastrophically caused most to go extinct. Some dinosaurs evolved into birds.

Discuss and Summarize the Christian Worldview:

Sample Summary: Dinosaurs, aka dragons, were created on Day Six of Creation Week with the other land animals. Pairs of the dinosaur kinds were on Noah's Ark. The dinosaurs' small lungs, the harsher Post-Flood environment, and fewer food sources likely caused many to become extinct. Those that survived were later hunted down.

Why This is Important:

Many Christians have questions about how dinosaurs relate to the Bible. Dinosaurs are often used to try to prove old Earth ages and evolution as fact. Did dinosaurs die out 65 million years ago or were they part of God's creation? Unanswered questions about the death of the dinosaurs cause doubt about the Bible and our faith.

Scripture Says:

Genesis 1:24-31, Genesis 3, Job 3:8, Job 40:15-24, Job 41:1, Job 41:12, Psalm 74:13-14, Psalm 104:26, Isaiah 27:1, Isaiah 30:6, Revelation 12, Revelation 13:2-4, Revelation 13:11, Revelation 16:13, Revelation 20:2

Worth Considering:

- The term "Dinosauria" or "dinosaur" was first coined in 1841 by Sir Richard Owen, loosely translated to mean "terrible lizard."
- The term "dragon" is found throughout literature and cultures around the world prior to 1841. Dragon legends and mythology are seen in architecture, art, sculpture, and family coats of arms.
- Tales of Gilgamesh, Alexander the Great, and England's St. George all encountered dragons that could be types of dinosaurs.
- Dragons are a significant part of Asian culture, often symbolizing imperial power. Dragons sightings are described in Chinese history. Dragon bones were an ingredient for medicines.

- After the Flood, dinosaurs likely struggled due to Ice Age conditions, lower oxygen content of the atmosphere, less vegetation, and hunting. Myths and folk lore speak of the great feats of strength and bravery needed to "slay the dragon."
- In 2005 Mary Schweitzer's team found soft tissue in a T.rex femur bone believed to be 68 million years old. The tissue was stretched and snapped back into place, had intact blood vessels and red blood cells. Dinosaur muscle tissue, collagen, and amino acids have also been found. These are not expected to last that long.
- Petroglyphs at Natural Bridges National Monument in Utah are believed to depict dinosaurs. A bas-relief of what may be a stegosaurus called the "dinosaur of Ta Prohm" is part of a temple-monastery built in the 12th century in Cambodia. Many other petroglyphs exist of dragons alongside other animals.
- Beginning in 1944, over 33,000 figurines have been discovered buried around Acambaro, Guanajuato, Mexico of people, animals, and plants including people riding on or interacting with dinosaurs.
- In Glen Rose, Texas, some believe a large human foot and a dinosaur track are in the same rock formation.
- Evolutionary theory says birds evolved from dinosaurs, yet bird fossils, similar to today's birds, are found in the same rock layers as dinosaur bones. Their "feathers" resemble hairs or scales.
- Carbon-14 dating is only usable for organic materials with a maximum age of roughly 50,000 years. Initial assumptions about a sample's C-14 content make reliability debatable.
- Revelation imagery uses a dragon personifying Satan and evil.

Questions to Consider:

- If dinosaurs lived and died before God looked at His whole creation as "very good" in Genesis 1:31 and before sin and death entered the world from the fall in Genesis 3, how do we deal with the timeline conflict of the death of the dinosaurs before the fall?
- If evolution is true and dinosaurs lived millions of years ago, then nothing matters when we die. Why do evolutionists waste their time trying to refute Christian creationists' views on dinosaurs?
- If it could be proven dinosaurs and humans lived at the same time, do you think that would change people's viewpoint on dinosaurs?
- Has today's discussion made you reconsider any of your views?

For Further Investigation on This Topic:

<https://answersingenesis.org/dinosaurs/humans/humans-with-dinosaurs-evidence/>