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***“Look now at the behemoth, which I made along with you; He eats grass like an ox. See now, his strength is in his hips, and his power is in his stomach muscles. He moves his tail like a cedar...”
Job 40:15-17***

The word “dinosaur” is a composition of two words. “Deinos” once meant “fearfully great,” but later came to mean “terrible.” “Saurus” means “lizard.” Hence, the meaning of the word “dinosaur” is actually “terrible lizard.” The name dinosaur didn’t really come into being until introduced by a man named Richard Owen around 1842. Dinosaurs were given their own classification as creatures because of the way their legs protruded from their bodies. Although they were reptilian like, their legs did not come out to the side of their bodies like that of an alligator etc., but rather, they extended underneath their bodies more like that of a mammal, causing them to walk on vertical legs without dragging their bodies on the ground. One of the first dinosaurs discovered was called *iguanodon* (Fossil iguana). This “terrible lizard’s” fossil was found by Dr. Mantell and his wife around 1822. Later, the tooth of this fossil was shown to be like that of an iguana, yet much larger. Since this discovery, thousands of complete dinosaur fossils have been found all over

the world in various different shapes and sizes along with dinosaur “droppings”, fossilized footprints, and dinosaur eggs. There is no doubt this earth was once roamed by these creatures we call dinosaurs. But what of these creatures called dinosaurs? What should our conclusion be? The evolutionists’ claim dinosaurs are yet another “proof” that evolution actually did occur. However, those who believe in special creation maintain that dinosaur fossils provide very compelling evidence for creation. Before we draw our conclusions, let’s notice some other interesting facts about these marvelous creatures.

THE BIBLE AND DINOSAURS

It is accepted by most that dinosaurs are now extinct (More on this later), but were they mentioned in the Bible? I believe they were. In the first place, let us remember there are several creatures which once lived, but are now believed to be extinct. Dinosaurs simply fall into the category of extinct creatures. Evolutionists claim dinosaurs evolved, but the Bible says they were created. Genesis 1:20-25 tells us God created all of the creatures in the sea, the air, and the land on days five and six. This would include dinosaurs along with many other creatures

there respective characteristics. There are no half way type dinosaurs. Furthermore, they claim dinosaurs were extinct some 60 to 75 million years before man began to evolve. This too is a lie. There have been footprints of dinosaurs and man found side by side. There is one sample where a man’s footprint is found inside of a dinosaurs footprint. How could this be possible? Moreover, there have been carvings found inside caves which depict in detail what certain of the dinosaurs looked like. How could “prehistoric man” know what dinosaurs looked like if dinosaurs were extinct millions of years before man evolved? They couldn’t. Again, evolutionists want to hide and lie about the real facts regarding dinosaurs. *“They are corrupt, they have all done abominable works, there is none who does good.”* (Psalm 14:1).

CONCLUSION

There are many other wonderful and exciting facts about dinosaurs which we haven’t the space to discuss in this tract. I just hope these few facts will whet your appetite for more information. I hope you will seek out the real facts regarding these magnificent creatures which once roamed the earth. Don’t believe what the evolutionists tell you. Dinosaurs existed alright, but they existed only because God created them.

there! Those living on the borders of this region are known as the pygmies. The pygmies speak of a very large, frightening creature which supposedly roams the uninhabited jungle. They call it “Mokele Mbembe.” The description they give of this creature fits the description of the *Apatasaurus*, the largest dinosaur believed to have ever lived.

There are other stories which seem to indicate that different types of dinosaurs may have roamed the earth very recently, and may be still living today. You be the judge. But consider this: the evolutionists’ claim dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. If, however, there are still some species of dinosaurs living today, the theory of evolution would be in serious trouble (As if it weren’t already).

PROOF OF CREATION

As pointed out earlier, the evolutionists claim dinosaurs provide proof that evolution must have occurred. They say the different types of dinosaurs evolved from one another. For example, some dinosaurs had certain horns and spikes which similar dinosaurs didn’t have. These horns and spikes must have evolved as needed, just as natural selection teaches. But once again, there are no intermediate fossils found. All of the dinosaurs come in tact with

which no longer inhabit the earth. All animals seem to have a purpose. Dinosaurs’ purpose seems to have been, among other things, to keep the foliage of the large trees eaten down. In areas which were highly dense with tall trees, those smaller plants growing beneath them would need sunlight to survive. Many of the dinosaurs were tall enough to eat away the leaves of the tall trees allowing that much needed sunlight to shine through. Interestingly enough, because of the kinds of teeth most large dinosaurs had, it can be determined that most dinosaurs were plant eaters rather than meat eaters (By the way, don’t believe dinosaurs were actually like the way they are depicted in most of the media movies and television shows. They were no fiercer than the lion or the bear, but they had to eat).

Genesis chapter one is only an indirect reference to dinosaurs, just as it is to all animals, birds, and fish. Wouldn’t it be fascinating if we could find a detailed description in the Bible of a dinosaur which matches some of the fossils that have been found? Well, we can! Open your Bible and read Job 40:15-24 (For the sake of space I won’t quote it here, but you really must read it). Without a doubt, these verses are describing a large, powerful creature. Some have believed it to be describing an elephant or a hippopotamus. However, the reference to the fact

that “*he moves his tail like a cedar*” (Verse 17) doesn’t seem to fit. After all, the elephant and the Hippo are large powerful creatures, but have you ever seen their tails? Looks sort of like a Pig’s tail. Certainly not like that of a cedar. However, many of the fossils of dinosaurs show them to have had tails big enough to be accurately described as a cedar. The “Behemoth” described in this passage was also a plant eater. Verse 15 tells us he eats grass like an ox. This description matches perfectly with the three dinosaurs of the *Diplodocidae* family.

There’s more! Notice also the description of “Leviathan” in Job chapter 41. Actually, many scholars today contend that this chapter describes two different creatures. One in verses 1-11, and another in verses 12-34. Check them out for yourself! The first creature described (if these are actually two different creatures) fits the description of several different types of dinosaurs. Let’s pay special attention to the second creature described.

The creature described in verses 12-34 fits in well with that of the *Parasaurolophus*. Notice an interesting feature of this creature. We are told in verses 18-21, “*His sneezes flash forth light...Out of his mouth go burning lights; sparks of fire shoot*

sightings, the photograph which was taken, along with other pictures taken at different times, many believe the Loch Ness Lake is inhabited by more than one *Elasmosaurus*.

Over the years there have been numerous sightings of similar creatures in the ocean and other bodies of water which fit the description of dinosaurs from three different families. An amazing thing to point out is that over 70% of the earth is covered with water. The average depth of the seas is about two miles or more. Have all of these deep regions been explored? Not even close! Man has just touched the hem of the garment in his explorations of the deep sea. Who knows what might be living down there!

LAND CREATURES: Similarly, man hasn’t come close to exploring all of the land on the earth. In fact, there is a science called *crypto zoology*. This is the study of hidden animals. In other words, there are still many different types of animals which are still being discovered in unexplored lands and in the sea. For example, there are roughly seven and a half million acres of land in the region of northern Congo which man has rarely, if ever, entered. This area of land is characterized by dense jungle and very dangerous swamps. Again, seven and a half million acres of it! There’s no telling what might be living

its tissue, and then threw it overboard so it wouldn't contaminate their other fish. From all of the evidence, Japanese scientists determined it was very likely a *plesiosaur*. They also concluded there must be more living in the deep since there is no way only one could have survived by itself.

Consider next the famous "Loch Ness Monster." There is a very deep lake in northern Scotland called Loch Ness. In addition to being deep (over 900 feet), this lake is connected by waterways to the sea, and is very cold and long. For many years there have been "sightings" of a large dinosaur-like creature. Supposedly, this creature occasionally comes above water. The Loch Ness Lake is very dense and hard to see through due to large amounts of very small particles of peat in the water. Since 1970, there have been a few serious scientific investigations of this lake in search of the "Monster." High frequency sonar was used to probe the lake and "Something massive" was detected by the beam. "Similar but larger objects were detected from greater distances" only ten minutes later. There was a fuzzy, underwater photograph taken of one of these swimming beasts in 1975. This picture has been called "incredible." Without question, something is down there. But, what? We may never know exactly, but based on descriptions given from above water

out. Smoke goes out of his nostrils, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. His breath kindles coal, and a flame goes out of his mouth." There is no doubt the creature the Bible describes here breathed fire. Sounds like a dragon. Did the dragon actually exist? There's no reason to believe he didn't. There have been very specific stories told and illustrations given since the beginning of time which fit the description of many different types of dragons. Especially from India, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Orient. Myths and legends are always believed to have had their beginnings based on certain facts, regardless of how much the facts have been stretched out. The myths and legends about fire breathing dragons are too numerous, widespread and similar for us to deny that at one time in the past this type of creature actually existed. And now we have the Bible describing a fire breathing creature!

"But," you may ask, "doesn't it seem unreasonable and even far-fetched to believe that a creature actually breathed out fire?" Not really. Not when you look at creatures living today who can produce the same results by way of mixing certain chemicals together in their bodies. Consider the electric eel. This animal can emit enough electricity (about 650 volts) to electrocute a man to death. How does he do this? By using chemical reactions in his

body. Think also of the “lightning bug.” This insect’s tail glows in the dark as the result of an Electro-chemical reaction. Even more compelling is the Bombardier Beetle (or “bombadeer beetle”). This amazing creature has a very interesting method of defense. I’ll not go into all of the details about chemicals here, but feel free to look up the Bombardier beetle in your encyclopedia and read about it yourself. Basically speaking, this beetle has the capability to produce and store certain chemicals in sacs located near the back of his body. When these chemicals are mixed and released with great pressure, they come into contact with the oxygen in the air. The result is a blazing flame which reaches the temperature of about 212 degrees Fahrenheit. He literally shoots out flames of fire! By the way, we are not talking here about an extinct creature. This beetle still thrives today and these flame shooters are witnessed and studied often.

If there are creatures living today which can produce heat, electricity, and flames by way of chemical reactions, why would it be far-fetched to believe that a large, extinct creature was capable of producing the same effects, such as the “dragon?” Perhaps Job is here describing a type of fire breathing dragon. In reality, the creature described here fits wonderfully with what we know the

Parasaurolophus must have looked like. Interestingly enough, the *Parasaurolophus* had a great bony chest with hollow chambers which could easily have served the purpose of storing just the right chemicals to produce this “fire breathing” effect.

EXTINCT?

Naturally, because of the belief of evolution, there is a lot of debate about when dinosaurs lived and when they became extinct. In fact, there is some debate about whether some dinosaurs are still living today! Let’s take a look at some of the information which leads some to believe that certain families of dinosaurs may still be living today; Not only in the sea, but on land as well.

IN THE SEA: *Plesiosaurs* are believed to still be swimming in the deep (About 900 feet deep). There is actually very good evidence to back this up, including photographs. The *Zuiyo Maru* (a Japanese fishing boat) accidentally pulled up from the deep, in 1977 near New Zealand, the remains of a very large creature still in the process of decaying, indicating it had not been dead much longer than a month. Its length was 32 feet and its weight was over 4,000 pounds! This was an amazing and unexpected catch. The crewmen took a picture of it, acquired samples of