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Dinosaurs & Humans Side By Side

(Ps 33:6)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of "Apologetic" lessons
 - a. We've looked at "Embryonic Stem Cell Research"
 - b. We've looked at "Cloning"
 - c. Tonight we will look at "Dinosaurs & Humans Side By Side"
- 3.

I. Can Evolution Have Dinosaurs & Humans Living Side By Side?

- A. The Evolutionary timeline is such...
 1. The Earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago.
 2. Life began from non-life 4 billion years ago.
 3. Multicellular life begins 1 billion years ago.
 4. Land & Plants begin 500 million years ago.
 5. Dinosaurs go extinct 65 million years ago.
 6. Human life begins 3 million years ago.
- B. So can humans and dinosaurs exist in evolution...
 1. John Clayton a "theistic evolutionist" stated "It is ludicrous to suggest that man cohabited with the dinosaurs... Man could not have lived in a world full of dinosaurs, so by the time God created Adam the dinosaurs were gone." (Dinosaurs & Humans-Together by Thompson, Bert & Lyons, Eric "<http://tinyurl.com/3tleck3>")
 2. On April 27, 2011 one writer wrote, "humans are 200,000 years old. There is a gap of 64.8 million years between the death of the last dinosaur and the birth of the first human. Final conclusion: Humans and dinosaurs NEVER coexisted on this planet." (<http://tinyurl.com/3b8lxjc>)
 3. In a book titled "Abusing Science: The Case Against Creationism" evolutionist Philip Kitcher wrote that solid evidence for human & dinosaurs cohabitating would "**shake the foundations of evolutionary theory**, because, of course, the dinosaurs are supposed to have been long extinct by the time the hominids arrived on the scene" (<http://tinyurl.com/4312ybs>)

II. Could Dinosaurs & Humans Live Side By Side?

- A. There are some big dinosaurs
 1. Tyrannosaurus Rex
 - i. It was 47 feet long
 - i. Floor to hip bone 20ft tall or two stories high.
 - a. Raise 3 stories high
 - iii. Skull is 5 1/2 to 6ft long (PTP Lecture 2010)
 2. Apatosaurus or Brontosaurus
 - i. It was 74 ft long
 - i. Weighed 45,415 lbs
 - a. The weight of 4 elephants approximately. ("Giants and Bizarres:

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Body Size of Some Southern South American Cretaceous Dinosaurs:"
<http://tinyurl.com/3rzufjm>)

3. Argentinosaurus
 - i. It was 127 feet long
 - ii. It weighed 110 tons or 220,000 lbs
- B. According to many humans could not have lived because of the sheer size of dinosaurs
 1. "It is ludicrous to suggest that man cohabitated with dinosaurs. Man could not have lived in a world full of dinosaurs." (PTP 2009 Teens MP3 Set "Could Dinosaurs Lived With Humans")
 2. In an article titled "Dinosaurs and Humans! Living Together! Mass Hysteria!" notice the sarcasm written concerning those that believed dinosaurs and humans lived together, "[they] think that Grok had a pet Triceratops and had to avoid being eaten by a Tyrannosaurus Rex when out hunting." (<http://tinyurl.com/3vcxasz>)
- C. The average size of dinosaurs
 1. We have been lead to believe that for the most part all dinosaurs were these huge over sized reptiles that would crush all human life out of existence and thus humans and dinosaurs could not have cohabitated.
 - i. Example: In Jurassic Park the Velociraptor is seen as a 7ft hunting machine with a razor claw that could slice a human open with ease.
 - a. The Velociraptor is really only 3ft tall with a claw that could be cut easily with a pair of toenail clippers.
 - ii. If we were to ask people what the average size of a dinosaur was we no doubt would find that they would be seen as, if not extremely large, very large. Hence we could live side by side with them.
 2. However the average size of a dinosaur is that of a rhinoceros.
- D. Could humans have lived with rhinoceros sized dinosaurs...
 1. Simply put...yes.
 2. Humans have been able to train and to some extent domesticate...
 - i. Elephants, hippos, lions, tigers, killer whales...
 3. If we can train a killer whale well enough to put our head in its mouth or a lion and tiger the same way we could live with dinosaurs.

III. Is There Evidence that Dinosaurs & Humans Lived Side By Side?

- A. First biblical evidences show they did
 1. Does the Bible talk about dinosaurs?
 - i. Yes and no.
 - ii. As brother Lyons put it, "one must recognize that whereas the Bible was completed 1,900 years ago and was translated fully into English by 1535 (by Miles Coverdale), the English word "dinosaur" was not coined until 1842—more than 300 years after the first complete English translation of the Old and New Testaments. Obviously, one would not expect to find the English term dinosaur—meaning "fearfully great" (deinos) "lizard" or "reptile" (sauros)—in a translation of the Bible that preceded its coinage."
(<http://tinyurl.com/6dtz58>)

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2. The Bible does however describe in great length two dinosaurs.
 - i. The Behemoth - **Jb 40:15-24**
 - ii. The Leviathan - **Jb 41:1, 34**
 3. The Bible makes it clear as well that dinosaurs and humans were created the same day.
 - i. In fact all things were created in 6 days ie 6 24hr days.
 - ii. This is evident by the over whelming Hebrew grammar found in Genesis 1 & 2.
 - a. For example:
 1. The Hebrew word "yhom" translated "day" always means 24 hour period when put with a numeral.
 - i. First day, second day, 354 days...
 2. The words evening & morning are always defined as a 24 hour period throughout the O.T.
 - b. We could go on and on showing this reality.
 4. Notice what the Bible says...
 - i. **Gn 1:1** "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."
 - a. **Gn 2:1** "Thus the heavens and the earth, and **all the host** of them, **were finished.**"
 - ii. **Ps 33:6** "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, **And all the host** of them by the breath of His mouth."
 - iii. **Jn 1:3** "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."
- B. Second secular literature shows they did
1. One of the over whelming thoughts against humans & dinosaurs living side by side is that people say it is odd that humans did not write more about these animals. The truth is they did a great deal write about them.
 2. Remember that the word dinosaur is not found in ancient writings because it was not coined until 1842.
 - i. The word dragon however was used by ancient writers.
 - a. The word dragon means "Middle English, from Anglo-French dragun, from Latin dracon-, draco serpent, dragon, from Greek drakōn serpent...archaic : a huge serpent" (Merriam-Webster, I. (2003). Merriam-Webster's collegiate dictionary. (Eleventh ed.). Springfield, Mass.: Merriam-Webster, Inc.)
 - ii. An interesting fact concerning dragon accounts is that there is only one continent that they have not been found on...Antarctica.
 - a. Carl Lindall contributing writer for the World Book Encyclopedia wrote, "[e]very country had them in its mythology..." (<http://tinyurl.com/4312ybs>)
 1. Bates wrote, "No other creature in the world has had such a far-reaching influence on the minds of so many people" (Ibid)

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2. One person wrote, "as myth they [dragons—EL] are among the most...persistent and widespread in the world. From millennium to millennium and over all the earth's continents, dragon and serpent lore shows remarkable similarity." (Ibid)
3. Animal Plant even in their 2005 program titled *Dragons: A Fantasy Made Real* said "There is one creature remembered in the legends of almost every human culture that's ever existed. A creature depicted with remarkable similarity by the Chinese, the Aztecs, even the Inuit who live in a frozen land where no reptiles are found—even they have stories of this animal: the dragon. Cultures from different continents, people who had no contact with one another yet all of them have stories describing the same mythical animal."
- iii. This has even lead some atheist to acknowledge that there is a connection to dinosaurs.
 - a. Carl Sagan an atheist once said, "The pervasiveness of dragon myths in the folk legends of many cultures is probably no accident." (<http://tinyurl.com/6yj7mhu>)
 - b. How did he harmonize that thought with evolution, "...[he] tried to account for the spread and consistency of dragon legends by saying that they are fossil memories of the time of the dinosaurs, come down to us through a general mammalian memory inherited from the early mammals, our ancestors, who had to compete with the great predatory lizards."
 1. In other words we have the memories of the animals of long ago...ridiculous.
- iv. The truth is there is no way to explain why every culture separated by thousands of miles and no communication can all have similar accounts of the same reptilian creature with few differing distinctions.
3. This does not mean that the accounts are all accurate with no embellishments.
 - i. Like any human document there is going to be from time to time embellishments but it does not negate that existents of the account.
 - a. Example: How many people go fishing and tell exactly how big the fish is that they caught. Though they embellish the size of the fish it does not negate that they caught a fish.
4. There is more literature evidence then the supposed dragon legends.
 - i. Herodotus who lived roughly 450 B.C. wrote, "There is a place in Arabia...to which I went, on hearing of some **winged serpents**; and when I arrived there, I saw bones and spines of serpents, in such quantities as it would be impossible to describe. The form of the serpent is like that of a water-snake; but he has **wings without feathers**, and **as like as possible to the wings of a bat**." (<http://tinyurl.com/43l2ybs>)

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- ii. Josephus wrote, "When the ground was difficult to be passed over, because of the multitude of serpents (which it produces in vast numbers...some of which ascend out of the ground unseen, and also fly in the air, and some come upon men at unawares, and do them a mischief)...Moses invented a wonderful stratagem to preserve the army safe, and without hurt; (246) for he made baskets, like unto arks, of sedge, and filled them with ibes [ie 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." (Ibid)

C. Third physical evidence teaches they did

- 1. The Khmer civilization under King Jayavarman VII in 1186 started building the temple Ta Prohm in South East Asia.
 - i. This stone temple had many carvings all over it.
 - ii. On one of those carvings is found a stegosaurus.



- 2. Under the Kachina Bridge in Southeastern Utah, the third largest natural bridge there are many "paintings" dating anywhere from 700 to 1250 years old. One of those clearly shows both a drawing of a man and a dinosaur.

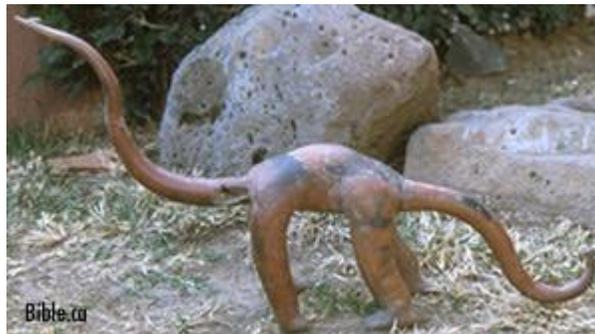


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3. In the Grand Canyon more specifically the Havasupai Canyon we find another drawing of a dinosaur. This was found less than 100 miles from known fossilized dinosaur tracks.



4. In the town of Acambaro in the state of Guanajuato in Mexico we find many clay figurines representing dinosaurs that were dug up in 1945 which dated little back as 1600's.



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5. Burial stones

- i. Javier Cabrera Darquea started collecting stones with colorful art on them that dated between 500 to 1500 A.D. These stones turned out to be Inca burial stones.



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CONCLUSION

1. There is only one conclusion that can be reasonably brought out with all of this overwhelming evidence...dinosaurs and humans lived side by side.
 - a. This should come as no surprise to the astute Bible student though it is far different than that which is presented in the world.
2. Don't allow the world to cloud the truth concerning what God has always taught...He is the Creator of all.
3. Invitation
 - a. God's Plan of Salvation
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**