

## Truth About the Dinosaurs

*21 So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, 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 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds--livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:21-15 ESV*

The largest dinosaur egg ever found was a little larger than a football. Although fossils that have been unearthed show that many dinosaurs were very large, the fossils also reveal that the average dinosaur was about the size of a sheep. It is possible that dinosaurs, in a smaller form, maybe the size of an elephant or giraffe, could have been on Noah's ark during the flood and that they later became extinct.

In Genesis 1 the Bible says that God created everything including all living things.

Most of the teachings of evolution are relatively recent ideas. The name dinosaur was first invented in 1841 by Richard Owen (the first director of the British Museum). Although some people believe that dinosaurs lived hundreds of millions of years before man, many ancient drawings from different parts of the world show animals that look remarkably like dinosaurs which would lead us to believe that people saw the animals in order to draw them. Could people draw accurate pictures of animals they'd hadn't seen?

1. Alexander the Great reported that when he conquered parts of what is now India in 326 B.C., his soldiers were scared by the great dragons that lived in the caves. 2. Marco Polo lived in China for 17 yrs around 1271 A.D. and reported that the emperor raised dragons to pull his chariots in parades. Since dragons do not exist today we assume that whatever kind of animal they were, are extinct.

Why would people in many parts of the world tell stories of dragons if they never saw such an animal?

Throughout history many cultures have passed down generational stories of dragons. Some scientists believe that dragons were probably the animals that we call dinosaurs today. The word dragon is found in the King James Version of the Bible 34 times. Since stories of dragons and drawings of dragons are widespread around the world, it is likely that the stories were based on animals that existed at the same time people did, not millions of years before.

In 1990 a dinosaur was unearthed and the bones were not completely fossilized. Sections of the bones had blood cells and hemoglobin. If the bones were tens of millions of years old the blood cells and hemoglobin would no longer exist. In 2002 scientists split open a bone and found fresh tissue meat leading many scientists to believe that dinosaurs are not as old as previously thought or the cells and tissue would have been completely fossilized. The layers of earth that contain fossils and ancient bones could have been formed during the Biblical flood instead of over millions of years.

*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; The sinews of his thighs are tightly knit. His bones are like beams of bronze, His ribs like bars of iron. Job 40:15-18 NKJV*

At creation God gave people and animals every plant bearing seed and every tree with seed in its fruit for food. *Genesis 1:29-30* After the flood God gave them meat to eat, also. *Genesis 9:3*

*Dear Lord, we thank You for all of the animals that You created. Although many are extinct there are still more different kinds than we can imagine. From the largest elephants and dinosaurs to the tiny little insects, You created them all. Teach us the truth about dinosaurs and every living thing. Give us truly grateful hearts for all that You have done. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*