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## Announcements:

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Good Evening! We are continuing our study from the DVD Series, “Is Genesis History?” Tonight we are going to look at Fossils or Fossilization. What do the fossil beds really tell us? And of course when we speak of fossils what is the one animal that comes to our minds pretty much immediately? Yes! Dinosaurs!! Just like these.



Who is that? Anyone know? Or this one!



Who is that? Yes! Barney!

Not really. What we see from the fossil record or more like this. The



T-Rex,

Now as we have been going through this series we continue to reiterate that everyone has the same evidence. But depending on your worldview or as we use this analogy, depending on the glasses you are looking through that determines how you interpret this evidence. I will propose to you that everyone is religious and I will propose to you that everyone has a worldview, therefore there is nothing neutral in anyone’s view of God, Life, Purpose and Life after death. There are consequences and cultural affects to everyone’s worldview. So as we look at Fossils and Dinosaurs tonight we are more looking at what the affects of the two different worldviews end up telling us about life and the consequences of those two belief systems. Let’s get started!

Fossils - What are they? They are the bones and bodies of a bunch of dead things! They became fossilized or preserved when they come under the perfect conditions that would cause them to be fossilized. Watch this video!

That video pretty much showed you what I just said. But some of us or oratory learners and some are better at visual and some can use both. So I wanted to show you through the video also. But one point I would like to make from the video.

***1. Looking at the fossil record in the present, because that is all we have. Interpreting it through the lens of God's Word. What we observe in the present, Confirms in the interpretation obtained through the Lens of the Bible.***

This again goes back to the idea of what is our authority. What stays the same for all time, for all people in all aspects of life. It is Scripture. I am going to speak more to that at the close.

Back to the Fossil record. It is the Geological record and the Fossil record that Evolutionists trumpet to say that evolution is a fact. But it is basic observational science that tells us differently. We see this detailed out as we look at a couple of excerpts from the DVD, Is Genesis History.

I hope you caught what Dr. Ross said about the Fossil record. It makes perfect sense. The fossil record shows that the first thing buried were the marine life that were not very mobile and towards the bottom of the oceans. This corresponds with Genesis 7:6-12 – Turn in your Bibles to Genesis 7.

***Genesis 7:6-12***

***<sup>6</sup> Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. <sup>7</sup> And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup> Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, <sup>9</sup> two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. <sup>10</sup> And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth. <sup>11</sup> In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup> And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.***

Did you catch the end of verse 9 and verse 10? They were in the ark for seven days before anything happened. Bloop, Bloop, Bloop! Noah and his family sitting in the ark. The people outside. It started raining.

The waters of the deep burst forth. If that happens then what is going to get buried first. What sediments are going to first be layered. What is in the ocean. But then it is a great upheaval and as the waters kept getting higher and higher you are going to see those ecosystems buried. The land animals are going to have a bit more mobility and they are going to look for higher ground. With that said let's watch this next portion of video from Is Genesis History?

Is that not amazing? The footprints were actually fossilized in place because of the type of sediment the animals were in but showed a fight for survival not just that life was there. Which is partly true but the fossil record shows us graveyards upon graveyards and there was struggle of survival as these animals sensed danger was approaching.

But what we also see is that there are many fossils but in very distinct layers showing us that it was laid down in quick fashion and the correct sediment to even allow fossilization to take place. We see something very troubling to an evolutionist and it was mentioned in the video. The Cambrian Explosion. The Cambrian explosion is that the world is kind of just humming along and then there in the geological record there seems to be this explosion of life that gets fossilized.

All these fossils seem to appear at once. So are we seeing life as it is progressing over millions of years or are we seeing life as it is being destroyed because of the catastrophe of the flood? Well let's look at some more evidence.

We are at the point where many of the kids have been waiting for! Dinosaurs! Well. Let's first look at the word dinosaur. For years upon years the word dinosaur was never used.

The word "dinosaur" was created in 1841 by an English Scientist named, Sir Richard Owen. He created the word to describe giant lizards that had recently been discovered in the fossil record. Prior to 1841, the most common term in the English language used to describe giant lizards was the word, dragon. In fact we see in many cultures that have a history of some creature called a dragon. Look at this list.

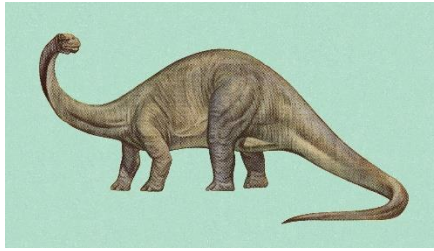
CULTURE	NAME FOR DRAGON
China	Loong
Japan	Ryu
Philippines	Bakunawa
Siberia	Yilbega
French	dragon, dragun, dargon
Turkey	Ejderha
Greece	Drakon

One of the most frequent questions people ask is, "Did people and dinosaurs live together?" The answer is yes. Does the Bible support that? Again, the answer is yes. But again the word dinosaur was not around to describe these animals. The word dragon was used and what we are going to look at in the book of Job. Look at the screens as we look at the book of Job Chapter 40.

***Job Chapter 40:15-24***

***15 "Behold, Behemoth, which I made as I made you; he eats grass like an ox. 16 Behold, his strength in his loins, and his power in the muscles of his belly. 17 He makes his tail stiff like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together. 18 His bones are tubes of bronze, his limbs like bars of iron. 19 "He is the first of the works of God; let him who made him bring near his sword! 20 For the mountains yield food for him where all the wild beasts play. 21 Under the lotus plants he lies, in the shelter of the reeds and in the marsh. 22 For his shade the lotus trees cover him; the willows of the brook surround him. 23 Behold, if the river is turbulent he is not frightened; he is confident though Jordan rushes against his mouth. 24 Can one take him by his eyes, or pierce his nose with a snare?"***

What does that sound like? Look at this!



Here we see the word Behemoth and in Chapter 41 the Bible uses the word Leviathan to describe a great sea creature. In fact the word dragon is used in the Bible often to describe either such creatures. But the fossil record has shown us that not all dinosaurs are these huge massive fierce beasts. Some were only the size of rabbits up to the Brontosaurus and the T-Rex. So let's watch this 5 minute segment of begin to bring this to a close.

I want to use what was said at the end of that segment to lead into these final thoughts. FAITH!!! As I have said several times from this pulpit. Everyone has Faith! Everyone is religious! Evolution is not science it is a religion and as I said at the beginning there are consequences and there are actions to all belief systems.

We have given you knowledge over these past few weeks and we will continue to do so over the next month. But the whole premise behind this is again to show you our authority does not come from man but from God and the Word, the Bible, that he has given us. The Bible is truth, absolute truth, for all people and for all time until Jesus Christ returns. I read an article by Al Mohler in response to a National Review article that was titled, Conservatives Should Not Fear Evolutionary Theory! There are four framework questions every worldview must answer.

- Why is there something at all?
- What's gone wrong with the cosmos?
- Is there any hope?
- How will history end?

We have the answer through the Bible:

- In the beginning God
- Fall of Man
- Redemption of man through Jesus Christ
- Jesus is coming back to set up the eternal kingdom and the universe is restored.

Evolutionists have their answers to but what is true? But we must also realize in response to the title of that article it is because of the the Theory of Evolution that we see a liberlization to our culture that continues to say there is not absolute truth. So what is our authority. I go back to the statement: The Bible is truth, absolute truth, for all people for all time until Jesus returns.

We see this pointed to through Scripture:

***Isaiah 40:8 – The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.***

Jesus said:

*Matthew 5:18 – For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

This of course is in context of the Old Testament law in relation to how the Pharisees were perverting the truth and the righteousness that was to be lived out in Faith to God. But it is in relation to all Scripture that would be breathed out by God to the authors of the New Testament.

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*