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DINOSAUR FOSSILS

Look around you. There are pictures of dinosaurs almost everywhere. Dinosaurs on television, in books, in museums, in movies, on food boxes, in magazines, on shoe boxes, on gum wrappers, on candy bars, on T-shirts etc. Dinosaurs (pictures that is) seem to be everywhere, but have you noticed that there are not a lot of live dinosaurs running around? So how do we know that dinosaurs lived in the past? We know dinosaurs used to roam the earth because we find their fossils all over the world.

A fossil is something that was once alive, or something left by something once alive (like an impression or track) that has turned to rock. Some plants and animals were trapped in ice or tar, but most fossils are found in sedimentary rocks. Most sedimentary rocks were made when mud was laid down by lots of water, and later the mud turned hard (like the concrete in a sidewalk does.)

To become a fossil, some very special things have to happen to the plant or animal. If they just lay around on the ground or float in water, the plants or animal won't become fossils. Other animals and bugs will eat them, or air and bacteria will make them rot. To become a fossil, a plant or animal has to be buried very rapidly. Another thing the plant or animal needs to become a fossil is water. As water moves through the ground, it picks up and carries different kinds of minerals (silica, calcite, and pyrite) with it. When this water meets a buried plant, or the shell, teeth, or bones of an animal, the plant or animal is replaced by the minerals in the water, and they turn into a rock that looks just like that plant or animal.



How long does it take to make a fossil. Some books and museums lead us to believe that it takes thousands, or sometimes millions of years to make a fossil. It **doesn't** take that long. A miner once lost his felt hat in an old mine shaft. Fifty (50) years later someone found it at the bottom of the shaft in water full of minerals. The hat had fossilized. It had turned into a hard hat -- a hat of rock! The most important ingredient in making a fossil is not a lot of **time**. If the conditions are right a fossil can be made quickly. Can you think of a story in the Bible where the conditions were just right for making fossils -- where there were lots of dead plants and animals, lots of mud, and lots of water? That's right, the Flood.

When did dinosaurs live? Millions of years ago? Evolution teaches that dinosaurs were on the Earth for about 140 million years, and that they died out 65 million years before man even "evolved." Do the fossils have labels attached to them telling how old they are? Certainly not! Was anyone around 70 millions years ago to see dinosaurs roam the Earth? Certainly not! There is no proof that dinosaur fossils or the rocks that they are found in are millions of years old. That is just an evolutionary story.

The Bible says that on day six of creation **"And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness:...** **Gen. 12:25-26 (KJV).** God made man and the land animals on day six. Did dinosaurs walk on land? Yes! Dinosaurs were made on day six, the same day God created man. There was no death in the world until man's sin. Dinosaurs could not have died until **after** sin came into the world. So the Bible tells us that dinosaurs and man lived together.

Because of man's sin, God destroyed the Earth and the animal life (except those that were on the Ark) by a flood. Two of every animal (seven of some) were placed on the ark. Therefore dinosaurs must have been on the Ark. All the dinosaurs (and other animals) not on Noah's Ark were drowned in the flood -- perfect conditions to make fossils!

The next issue will continue with dinosaurs!

WORD SEARCH

Look for the words hidden in the puzzle below from words in the word list. The hidden words might be up and down, sideways, or slanted (not backwards!) All words come from **DINOSAUR FOSSILS**.



WORD LIST

MAN	FLOOD	FOSSIL
MUD	PLANT	PYRITE
SIN	SHELL	SILICA
ROCK	TEETH	CALCITE
TIME	WATER	MINERAL
ALIVE	ANIMAL	CREEPETH
BONES	BURIED	SEDIMENTARY



ASK EUGENE

Dear Alpha Omega, Thank you for your time and everything you can think of. I like the puppets the best; I'm in a puppet team at church and having a lot of fun. Do you know where the Garden of Eden is? I learned a lot when we were there. Thanks again for every thing you did. P.S. Eugene is very cute. Please write back on the question; thanks. Gary Basinski



Dear Gary: I really enjoyed your thank-you letter. I really liked your Mom's, Judy's and Karl's letters too. It is really nice to hear from young people that have had their lives changed by the creation seminars. Thanks for the thoughtfulness! I really enjoyed the part about Eugene being cute! The only part that bothers me though is you wrote your letter

on April Fools day! Ha!

The Garden of Eden was lost along with everything else that was destroyed by Noah's Flood. Tradition has the Garden placed close to the area of Israel today, but we don't know for sure. The Bible says that during the flood the fountains of the deep broke loose; there were earthquakes, volcanoes and lots of flood water to reshape the world. What we see today is nothing but the remains of that destruction. When I look around, I marvel at the beauty God made out of devastation Think how beautiful the world must have been before the flood! Love ya...Eugene

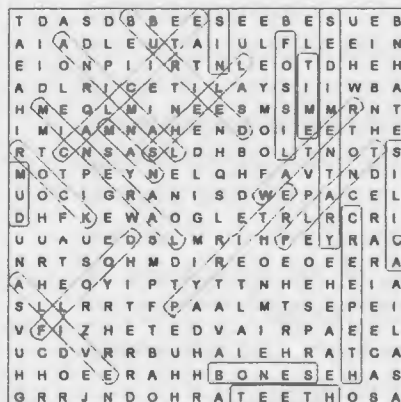
Dear Eugene, Thanks for all your letters. I really enjoy them. I read your letter about those 71 kids being saved! I accepted Jesus when I was four. I thought that I would send some money to help your ministry. Since I could not send coins through the mail, my mother wrote a check for my money. Love Vanessa (South Fork CO.)

Dear Vanessa, Thank you! I'm glad to know that you are saved by Jesus! And thank you so much for the donation. It will help us do the Lord's work of teaching Creation. Love ya...Eugene

To Joe, Debbie, Rachel, Hannah, Joshua, Daniel, and Micah Smyth of Montgomery, Il.....thank you also for you donations. Love ya too...Eugene

JOKE BOX

1. Why did the snake run away in Africa?(Rachel Smyth) Because he didn't want to be turned into a necklace.
2. Why did the chicken cross the road? (Joshua Smyth) Because he saw Kentucky Fried Chicken.



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