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Dinosaur Behavior

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There are all kinds of stories about how dinosaurs acted or behaved. One of the many ways that people get their ideas about dinosaurs is from movies. A still popular movie about dinosaurs was *Jurassic Park.* There were several dinosaurs in J*urassic Park* including *T-Rex* and *Velociraptor.*

Let's take a test. Who do these sharp, "savage" looking claws belong to ***(picture A)***? A Velociraptor? T-Rex? An eagle? A hawk? A owl? They are very hooked and sharp, so they must be used for tearing flesh, right? No, not at all. These claws belong to a *Blue Jay* ***(picture B)***. Does it use them for tearing flesh? No, it is a seed eater. Does the Blue Jay need them for fighting and tearing stubborn seeds? No. It uses these sharp claws for perching. They are used to hold on to tree branches. We know that from observation.

In Jurassic Park one of the dinosaurs was T-Rex ***(picture C)***. It was shown as a fierce hunter. But the meanest dinosaurs in the movie by far were the Velociraptors ***(picture D)***. According to the movie, the "raptors" were the meanest, most savage, cruelest dinosaurs that have ever roamed the earth. Where did that idea come from? …

A scientist found a claw and five bones of a dinosaur he named *Utahraptor.* From those five bones and one claw, he came up with the idea that Utahraptor was a savage beast that used the claw on his foot for ripping and tearing at the flesh of other dinosaurs. According to some scientists, it was also mean, savage, and cruel … in other words, one bad dinosaur ***(picture E)***.

Wait a minute. Do sharp claws or teeth tell you how an animal behaves or how it acts? Dogs and cats have sharp claws and sharp teeth; so at night when you go to bed, do you tremble and shake, worrying that your dog or cat might come and tear you up in the middle of the night, just because it has sharp claws? Of course not. Sharp claws alone do not tell us how an animal behaves or acts.

If we believed that every sharp claw belonged to a mean savage animal, then what would you think about this creature ***(picture F)***? It has very sharp, mean looking claws. So it must also be mean and savage, right? No, not at all. This is a *Kinkajou*, which lives in South America. It feeds on plants, insects, and occasionally small animals, but what it really likes is honey (its other name is a *Honey Bear*). The Kinkajou is not mean. In fact you can make a pet out of it … although if you do, I wouldn't have it scratch your back!

How about the claws on this guy ***(picture G)***! It must be mean right? Look how savage those claws look! The *Giant Sloth* uses those "mean" looking claws to hang around in trees. So can sharp claws alone tell you how an animal acts or behaves? No. We can certainly make guesses, but only by seeing, or through observation can we know how an animal actually uses claws, and behaves.

Find the 25 differences between the 2 pictures

TROUT	THOU	ROBIN	ART
WORTHY,	RED	TAFFY	O
CIRCLE	LORD,	TO	OVAL
RECEIVE	MINT	BLUE	GLORY
AND	SPARROW	HONOR	SALMON
SQUARE	AND	FUDGE	POWER:
BASS	HAWK	FOR	THOU
HAST	GREEN	CREATED	COD
CHICKEN	ALL	THINGS,	YELLOW
AND	CHOCOLATE	RECTANGLE	FOR
LICORICE	THY	PLEASURE	SHARK
EAGLE	ORANGE	THEY	ARE
TRIANGLE	AND	DUCK	WERE
CREATED.	BROWN	SKITTLES	DIAMOND
EEL	LOLLIPOP	REVELATION 4:11	

CROSS-OUTS

Only an intelligent Creator could create the amazing things we find all around us. Solve the puzzle above to find what the Bible says about that Creator.

CROSS OUT ALL:

1. Fish 2. Birds 3. Colors 4. Candy 5. Shapes

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