

There are many people who will speak falsehoods and call it truth when they don't know the facts of God's Word.

Many people (especially those within the church) don't know what to do with the dinosaurs, so they grasp at straws because they don't want to say, "I just don't know!" Sometimes to say nothing does less damage than to speak imaginations or foolish speculations of our mind and call it truth.

For a long time, those inside the church denied the existence of dinosaurs. They would say that people were lying about the bones, no such animals existed. They had a dilemma, because to them, to acknowledge the existence of dinosaurs was to buy into the evolutionary theory as being true. They heard the "scientific facts" of evolution that touted that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. If that was true, then the creation account was negated. So they denied the existence of dinosaurs. The problem with that is that we have proof that dinosaurs did exist which brings a dilemma in their mind.

I have heard people say that dinosaurs were evil. There are those who say that they were created by Satan. Their perception is distorted because they have listened to the lies of the world. God's Word tells us . . .

*John 1:3 says, "All things came into being through Him (Jesus) and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being."*

*Col 1:16 says, "For by Him (Jesus) all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and from Him."*

There are many other verses, but these should emphasize that all things that are created, all things that exist or have ever existed, have been created by God. All things were created in six literal days about 6000 years ago. All that God made was very good (Genesis 1:31).

Satan also was a created being, given a choice, just as man was, as to whether he would honor and worship God, with an obedient, humble heart, or in pride, knock God off the throne and place self on it. We know how that turned out. Nowhere in Scripture does it say that Satan created anything. He is not a creator, he is a creation. God is the only Creator and all things have come into being through Him.

Then you have many in the church that marry evolution with creation. They try to add millions and billions of years between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2, or between

Genesis 1 and Genesis 2. They try to make the days of creation thousands or millions of years.

The first 11 chapters of Genesis have been under attack because it is the foundation of the Bible. This is why it is so important to take a long, close, careful look at the first chapters of Genesis, to make sure that you have a firm foundation on which to build your faith.

Dinosaurs are God's marvelous creations. Air and sea creatures were made on day 5 and land dinosaurs on day 6. For years man and dinosaurs lived together. People want to argue that the word dinosaur doesn't exist in the Bible. They are correct. The Bible was translated into English in the early 1600's. Same thing with ancient literature. You will not see the word dinosaur. That word was not coined until 1841 by Sir Richard Owen, and it means "*terrible lizard*". The word that does show up in ancient literature is dragons which are described as the dinosaur fossils that are found today. There are dinosaurs on the Ishtar Gate of Ancient Babylon and Nebuchadnezzar was said to have his chariot pulled by dragons (dinosaurs).

In Job 40:15-24, the Lord says, "behold Behemoth which I made." When it talks about his tail being like a cedar, it is referring to the cedars of Lebanon. These are trees that are 60-100 feet tall. That's a long tail. As you read the description, this is a huge powerful beast. Then in Job 41, he talks about Leviathan, a sea creature - fire-breathing. These are dinosaurs. Scientifically speaking, a lizard is a reptile. A reptile grows its whole life. The largest crocodile recorded was over 20 feet long. It was an old crocodile. Left in an area, undisturbed, living a long time (some tortoises today can live over 200 years), they can grow to huge sizes. The world, before the flood, had men living for 900+ years. The animals probably lived much longer as well. They were not hunted down by men nor did they attack each other (they all ate plants), so they lived very long, undisturbed lives. That allowed them to grow to extremely large sizes. Man and dinosaurs lived together from the time of creation until the flood. Dinosaurs went on the ark with Noah. Life changed dramatically after the flood. People began hunting animals, animals killed each other, and the world became a hostile place. There are still dinosaurs being found today in various places

Dinosaurs are a wonder of God's creation. They speak of His majesty and power.