

WOW - Discovering Genesis Together

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Key Points

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- The prevailing scientific theory is that an asteroid hit the earth and changed the climate and food supply, causing the dinosaurs' extinction.
- The fossilization process occurs like this: 1) Rapidly buried bodies may become compressed in sediment; 2) minerals then may seep into the bodies, changing their chemical composition; 3) eventually the fossil is exposed on Earth's surface by erosion; and 4) if the fossil is not spotted and excavated quickly, it will weather away.
- We can look at the history of dinosaurs through the "5 Cs":
 - Created—Dinosaurs pelvic structure is more consistent with design than with a slow evolution. There's definite evidence of divine creation in the way these bones fit together.
 - Catastrophe— Everyone agrees that the dinosaurs we find in the rock strata were killed off suddenly by some kind of catastrophe.
 - Carbon—Carbon dating only works when there is organic matter present and the samples are less than 100,000 years old, and dinosaur bones have datable carbon.
 - Collagen—There shouldn't be any organic material in fossils, but scientists found soft tissue, including original collagen, in a Montana tyrannosaur and hadrosaur and a Chinese sauropod, all supposedly tens of millions of years old.
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2. What are some common misconceptions about dinosaurs?
3. Talk through the fossilization process.
4. What is the significance of soft-tissue finds in dinosaur fossils?
5. Why are dinosaur fossils rare?
6. How could confusion about when dinosaurs lived create problems with understanding and trusting the Bible?

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