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After seeing the museum’s highly detailed two-story illustration on the evolution of dinosaurs during the day, in the evening I discovered a startling confession by one of the curators, Mark Norell, who helped author the book, Discovering Dinosaurs, in 1995. Filled with great illustrations of these magnificent creatures, I purchased this book at the museum bookstore. It had an interesting question-and-answer format, with the authors—all expert dinosaur paleontologists—providing the responses. As I read it that night, I was surprised to find one particular answer that placed dinosaur evolution in real jeopardy. The question was, "How many different kinds of dinosaurs are there?" The answer was, "about 40 different species." This was based on "a literal reading of the record" during the "heyday of diversity" that occurred, according to evolution, at the end of the reign of the dinosaurs—the Late Cretaceous or 65 million years ago. Why so few? The answer continued, "Because the fossil record is incomplete; we can view the record only as a minimum estimate of the number of kinds of dinosaurs that existed in the past." Then they admitted, "We do not know how bad the fossil record is, but we suspect it may be very bad."

Based on Dr. Werner’s findings about the fossil record, that is an understatement! When asked pointed questions about the origin of seals, sea lions, bats, fish, whales and even dinosaurs, the answers he received from museum curators, paleontologists and biologists are often unconvincing, if not ambiguous, and sometimes just an awkward silence. For example, when Dr. Angela Milner, paleontologist and head of vertebrate paleontology at the Natural Museum of London, was asked about meat-eating dinosaurs, she replied:

"We certainly are lacking information that ties together meat-eating dinosaurs and all the rest of the dinosaurs... We really don’t have any idea how the whole group of dinosaurs, called ornithischians, evolved. We really do not know exactly the timing and the way they branched off. We’ve got nothing yet. There is a huge gap." (Evolution: The Grand Experiment, p.123)

The ornithiscians is a distinctive major group of "bird-hipped" dinosaurs; the other major group being the "lizard-hipped" (saurischians). As Dr. Milner’s quote indicates, there are obviously major problems with dinosaur evolution as represented in the fossil record. According to the evolutionary model, ornithischians were plant-eating dinosaurs that were hunted by Tyrannosaurus rex and other meat-eating dinosaurs. However, there is no explanation for how the meat eaters evolved into their plant-eating "cousins!" Dr. Milner’s "huge gap" needs to be filled, and she and many other evolutionists are waiting hopefully for gaps like that to be filled. Unfortunately, as time moves on, the list of gaps just continues to grow. The rational thing to do would be to reject the evolutionary model for the creation model, because it very accurately matches the fossil data. But don’t hold your breath!

Finding Modern Creatures Among Supposedly Million-Year-Old Fossils Leaves the Current Evolutionary Model in Shambles.

Perhaps the most embarrassing fact that defies evolution—and the most well-kept secret the Werners discovered—was finding modern plants and animals in fossil layers that date back to the dinosaur era (250 million to 65 million years B.C. and beyond). To his total amazement, Dr. Werner found numerous examples of modern creatures in fossil collections all over the world. (Go to creationstudies.org for more examples.)

As he puts it, "We found fossil examples of every major animal phyla living today, and the fossils looked nearly identical to the modern forms." According to Dr. Werner, when you find modern fossils with dinosaurs there’s a serious problem: "If lots of modern animals and fossils are found alongside dinosaurs, it implies they lived together and [that] supports one-time creation."

In the second book and DVD based on their discoveries, called Living Fossils, Dr. Werner and his wife accurately document the living creatures they found in the fossil record. Comparing modern-day versions of the major aquatic arthropods (crustaceans), such as shrimp, crayfish, fresh water pawns, lobsters, crabs and horseshoe crabs, with their fossil "ancestors," clearly demonstrate how closely they match up. Birds show this same pattern. Dr. Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago, provide genuine insights into the discovery of living animal groups that are buried alongside the dinosaurs:

"What has become apparent is that many of the modern bird groups—parrots, maybe even penguins, and other kinds of owls—evolved earlier in the Dinosaur Era, and we are beginning to pick up their traces." But if modern types of birds were living with the dinosaurs alongside extinct birds, how could they evolve from them—and where is the line of descent, not to mention all the intermediate (transitional) species?

Evolution is only made to appear credible in the fossil record by tremendous amounts of bias, manipulation and outright censorship employed by secular paleontology, which the Werner’s Living Fossils blatantly exposes. We at the Creation Studies Institute believe that everyone should see this DVD (if not the book), especially the young people in our public schools. As Dr. Werner inquires:

"Would you believe me if I told you that evolution scientists have found flamingos with dinosaurs, parrots with dinosaurs, opossums with dinosaurs, sequoias with dinosaurs; or dinosaurs with boa constrictors, box turtles, frogs, and salamanders?... Even though parrots have been found in dinosaur rock layers, who has ever seen a parrot sitting on the back of T. rex in their college textbook artwork? Or who has ever seen a boa constrictor slithering under Triceratops at their local museum—or an opossum, or a duckbilled platypus?"

Death and the Fossil Record

Fossilization is a method of preservation where once-living organisms are preserved by a variety of different processes. Methods include permineralization and petrification, carbonization or coalification, freezing or freezing, drying or desiccation, and preservation in amber or some other suitable substance like tar, such as at the La Brea Tar Pits in downtown Los Angeles. Basically, for fossils to form, an organism must die and be rapidly buried under conducive, low oxygen (anaerobic) conditions. As has been thoroughly proved, the one thing it doesn’t take is a lot of time. The old uniformitarian concept that fossils form over lengthy periods has been thoroughly debunked.

Contrary to the claims and machinations of evolutionary science, fossils bear vivid witness to the truth of God’s Word. When presented honestly and fairly, the fossil record shows every organism appearing abruptly, fully formed and without evidence of evolutionary precursors or transitional species. The model of a worldwide, cataclysmic flood, as described in the Bible, actually could have created such a vast record of death and destruction as found in the geological column, composed primarily of marine creatures (vertebrate fossils account for less than 1% of all fossils), with complex life forms appearing suddenly in one of the "bottom layers," i.e., the Cambrian Explosion, with only bacteria, plankton and multi-celled algae appearing below.