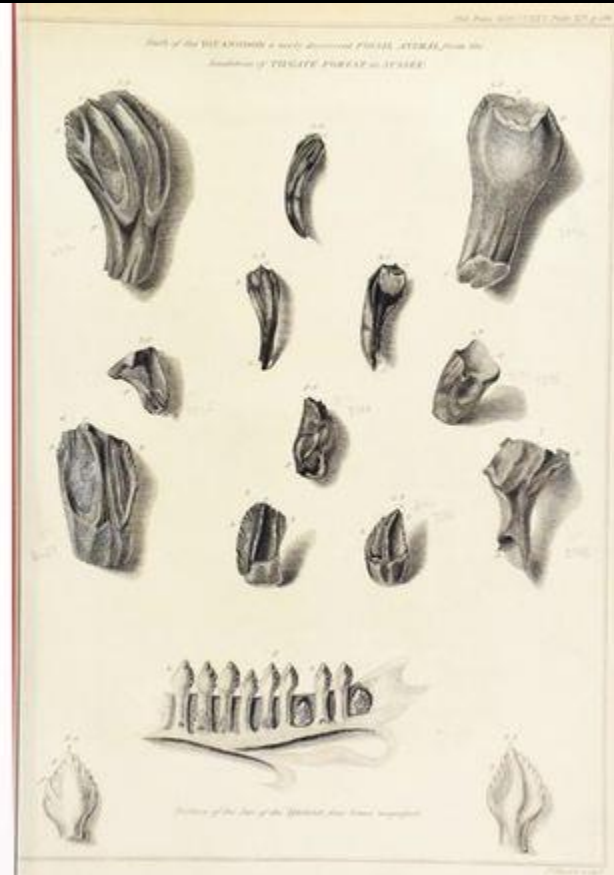


Terrible Lizards

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Sir Richard Owen

- Leading British anatomist.
 - **1842**: coined 'dinosaurs'
dino-saurs
terrible lizards
- American fossil hunters
 - **1877**: two schoolmasters found colossal bones projecting from rocks in different sections of Colorado...

Ongoing war: evolutionists – creationists

- Issue: time
- Evolutionists claim dinosaurs evolved from ancient reptile 200 million years ago
 - Became extinct 65-70 million yrs. ago
 - Man (in some form) evolved 2-3 million years ago

Based on assumption; no proof.

No fossil comes with date stamped on side.

I. Why Are Dinosaurs Important?

Dinosaurs are important because of...

Interest ... especially children.

Indoctrination ... from kindergarten to college.

- **Teachers:** dinos prove old earth; birds evolved from dinos.
- **Children:** accept what teachers say.
 - Stephen Jay Gould
 - Edward O. Wilson

I. Why Are Dinosaurs Important?

II. “Why Is The
Bible Silent?”

Facts –

1. Whatever Bible discusses, it is accurate.

Bible was not intended to be zoology book

Bible does not mention many animals

Facts –

1. Whatever Bible discusses, it represents accurately.
2. '*Dinosaur*' did not exist until 1842.

Wyclif: English Bible, 1392 –
450 years before the word 'dinosaur'

KJV: English Bible, 1611 –
231 years before the word 'dinosaur'

**If Bible refers to dinosaurs,
it must use a different name**

Facts –

1. Whatever Bible discusses, it represents accurately.
2. 'Dinosaur' did not exist until 1842.
3. Some say Bible does not refer to dinosaurs.

How do they know?

- a. Gn.1:21 (Job 7:12): sea monster; sea dragon, i.e., a serpent-like monster... sea serpent. Ps.148:7
- b. Is.30:6, flying fiery serpent: exact ID unknown. Flying reptiles once lived.

Job gets his wish

God questions, Job withers.

Issue: before criticizing God, one must know what He knows, be able to do what He does.

God shows His power and wisdom that produced His creation.

Job seeks unconditional surrender.

I. Why Are Dinosaurs Important?

II. 'Why Is Bible Silent?'

III. Behemoth
Job 41:15-24

Behemoth, Job 40:15-24

Intensive plural of 'beast, animal, cattle.'

Can refer to beasts in general (Is.13:21).

Plural form + Singular verbs / pronouns specifies one great beast.

Translators did not know this beast's identity; left it untranslated. 'Transliterated'

Behemoth, Job 40:15-24

Some assume 'hippopotamus' (ASV ftnt.)

NKJV ftnt: 'A large animal, exact identity unknown.' [So ESV ftnt.]

RSV: "This portrait of *Behemoth* (like ... Leviathan) may have received literary amplification, but it plays an integral part of the poet's purpose: the creating God is in control of all forces of evil, despite appearances to the contrary... The primeval monster ... is not a mere hippopotamus, but a mythical symbol ... *Leviathan*, not an ordinary crocodile, but the sea-monster... is only a plaything in the eyes of God."

Behemoth, Job 40:15-24

15-16, 'I made along with you.' Grass. Hips...

17, moves tail like cedar

18, skeleton like massive framework of brass and iron

19a, *first* (chief): size, might of God's works

a. **Hippo**: about 4 tons...7 feet

b. **Elephant**: about twice size of hippo

c. **Apatosaurus**: about 30 tons, 3 stories

19b, could not approach with sword / capture

24, no creature today fits this description

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Job 41:1-34

Leviathan, Job 41:1-34

Reptile, serpent-like creature of the sea that takes on mythological proportions. Sea creature. Dragon. Sea monster [N]ASV; RSV. Monster of the deep (NIV). Sea serpent (NKJV).

NASB et al. ftnt.: 'or the crocodile.'

NKJV ftnt.: A large sea creature, exact identity unknown.

LXX: verb, to be extraordinarily impressed or disturbed by something... *wonder, marvel.*

Context: not a crocodile.

Leviathan, Job 41:1-34

1-6, could not be captured and domesticated.

7-11, overwhelmed men...therefore, who can resist God?

12-17, scales as armor; terrifying teeth.

18-21, sneezings of fire / smoke.

- Fireflies produce light.
- Eels produce electricity.
- Bombardier beetles produce explosive chemical reactions.

Leviathan, Job 41:1-34

22-24, mightiest of men feared...

25, crocodiles have short legs... (cf. v.34).

26-30, weapons useless against him.

31-32, moved easily through sea, causing commotion in water – churning wake.

33, no other creature on earth could cause such dread.

34, strange if say crocodile beholds every high thing.

Leviathan, Job 41:1-34

T.K.Cheyne espoused mythological interpretation of Job 40-41.

1. NO modern animal fits the description.
2. Are other animals mythological, too?
3. Mythological view causes greater problems.

Job could say, “What’s the point?
These creatures are make-believe.”

Ex.20:11

Summary of Creation account, Gn.1

Six days . . . created *all* that is in them

Sea and air creatures: **5th day**

Land animals: **6th day** ... with man (Job 40:15)

Job learned the lesson