

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

September 25th
Noon Fellowship
Friend & Family Day

October 2nd
Mission Sunday

October 9th
Mens Business Meeting

October 10th
Columbus Day

October 30
Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Cheryl Burks
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Sunday Sept. 25th
Join Us for
Friends & Family Day

**As We Explore God's
Marvelous Creation!**

- **9:30 The Science of Creation**
- **10:20 God Made Them Male and Female**
- **11:30 Lunch provided by the church**
- **12:30 The Scientific Foreknowledge of The Bible**

Happy Anniversary

Terry & Haley Day Oct 15th

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th
Judy Grant Sept. 28th
Autumn Vann Sept. 29th
Judd Wall Oct. 10th
Mike Mallett Oct. 21
Haley Day Oct. 21
Ruby Jones Oct 24th

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Here Be Dragons

Throughout history, man has often seen fit to immortalize the creatures he has come in contact with through various means, from simple cave drawings to the beautifully detailed paintings of John James Audubon. Oral and written accounts also testify to encounters with everything from a swarm of gnats to the sighting of great whales. Now consider, if every type of living thing that ever existed was created during the creation week, then man and dinosaurs would have lived together simultaneously. This being the case, wouldn't it be reasonable to assume that man would leave behind evidence of his coming in contact with dinosaurs just as he has with many other animals?

What if there is evidence, what if there is a tremendous amount of evidence, and what if that evidence is completely ignored as a mere legend? Considering the title of this article you may already see where this is headed. To think that the dragon legends which are prevalent throughout the world might originate with actual encounters between man and dinosaurs is a bridge too far for the atheist. Because of the faulty evolutionary timeline atheists depend on to support their theories, dragon legends must remain in the realm of fantasy. Yes, many legends are exaggerated beyond believability and that monster fish your dad caught might not have been all that monstrous, but it was still a fish. Pecos Bill may have never ridden a tornado, but there is such a thing as a cowboy. Paul Bunyan might not have dug the Grand Canyon by dragging his axe behind him, but there are lumberjacks. And John Henry might not...oh wait, it turns out that historians now believe John Henry was a real man! Legends may be exaggerated greatly throughout their life, but that doesn't mean the bases for those legends are false.

The problem with relegating dragon legends to the realm of fantasy is the fact that they are present in every country in the world. Peoples that could never have met each other, in the context of history, have strangely similar depictions of large, lizard-like animals in drawings and literature. You can watch a movie, or read a story today that contains dragons and understand fully that they are works of fiction. However, when you see a petroglyph of what clearly looks like a sauropod created by Anasazi Indians in Utah you wonder, is that a work of fiction too? What about the carvings of various animals on ancient Babylon's Ishtar Gate (a full-size replica of which can be seen in the Pergamon Museum in Berlin)? Why are there dragon/dinosaur-like creatures found alongside bulls and lions?

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What about the carving of what any four-year-old could tell you is a stegosaurus on a temple wall near the ruins of Angkor Wat in Cambodia? I encourage you to Google these and many more examples of man's encounters with dinosaurs.

The thing is, before 1842 when British paleontologist Sir Richard Owen first coined the term dinosaur, meaning fearfully great lizard, what were people supposed to call these creatures? In the New York Public Library you can find a small copper globe dating from around 1510. This globe, the Hunt-Lenox Globe, bears the small inscription 'Hic Sunt Dracones' ('here be dragons' in Latin) off the coast of eastern Asia. The Mappa Mundi by Gervase of Ebsdorf created around 1234-1240 is the oldest surviving map depicting dragons. A close examination of the Africa area of the Ebstorf map reveals a fire breathing dragon, asps, basilisks, and other strange animals along with more recognizable animals such as a cheetah. A Babylonian clay tablet residing in the British Museum, possibly the oldest map of the world, shows the world as a disc surrounded by a river. At the top of the map, various inhabitants of the world are listed including mountain-goat, gazelle, zebu, leopard, bison, lion, wolf, stag, hyaena, and great dragon. Many modern scholars believe that depictions of dragons and warnings about them are meant to be generic warnings concerning the dangers of the unknown when traveling. However, when looking at Olaus Magnus' 1539 map of Scandinavia, the Carta Marina, you will notice that not only is it one of the first highly detailed maps of that region but it also depicts sea monsters and other terrifying beings off the coast of these northern latitudes. In these depictions, there are sea creatures large enough to sink ships. Maybe the warnings are not generic, but specific concerning fearfully great lizards big enough to sink ships?

Even many of the top atheist apologists admit that dragons and dinosaurs are more than just a little similar. The only thing that keeps them from linking the legends of dragons, which are ubiquitous throughout the world, with dinosaurs is that evolution does not allow for man and dinosaurs to be alive simultaneously. The Bible, however, explains this perfectly! This article is based on a video by Eric Lyons with Apologetics Press titled Dragon Myths or Dinosaur Descriptions. You can find this video at <https://apologeticspress.org/video/dragon-myths-or-dinosaur-descriptions/>. I would encourage you to watch this video and also to make use of the rest of the great material that they have.