

Answers!

Lesson #16

Question #31: **Is the Earth young or old?**
Answer: **God made a young earth with age.**

The Objection:

Some claim that diamonds, gemstones, brass, gold and iron (**Genesis 2:12** and **4:22**) take millions of years to form, therefore the earth cannot be 6,000 years old (approx.) as the Bible teaches. The answer to this is that God made a young earth that was fully mature and functioning – He can do anything!

Illustration:

God created Adam and Eve as fully mature, grown adults. He made all the animals fully mature. All the plants, all the fishes in the oceans, all the birds in the air, all the mountains, hills, valleys and streams. God made it all with age and fully functioning in symbiotic relationships. Stones and metals which appear to some as millions of years old were also made with age.

Are there other evidences of a young earth? Yes, here are a few to consider.

- At the rate the sun is shrinking and burning up, it would have been touching the earth's surface 20 million years ago.
- At the rate the moon is drifting away from the earth, it would have to be so close to the earth 20 million years ago that the tides would flood the earth twice a day.
- The current population of the earth (7.5 billion) would be zero about 4,400 years ago.
- The oldest known writings or historical records are about 5000 years old.

Further Notes:

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Question #32: **Why aren't dinosaurs mentioned in the Bible?**

Answer: **They are - they're called dragons.**

Example:

Isaiah 43:20, "The beast of the field shall honour me, **the dragons** and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen."

Explanation:

The word "dragons" is found in 16 verses of Scripture. The singular "dragon" is found in another 18 verses. The word refers to any sea, river or land monster. Reptiles grow all of their lives and never stop.

The word "dinosaur" was not invented until 1841 by Sir Richard Owen. As late as 1946 the English dictionary spoke of dragons living among men. That edition of the dictionary described dragons as "now rare".

About 1500-2000 B.C. the writer of the book of Job describes two dinosaurs still living among men:

Behemoth - **Job 40:15-24** - a land animal

Leviathan - **Job 41:1-34** - A fire-breathing sea monster

Observation:

How could anybody in Job's day describe these land and sea monsters in such detail if they had been extinct for 65 million years? The first bones of a dinosaur were not put together for a museum until 1809 A.D.

Further Notes:
