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Dear Friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum,

Does what we observe in the world around us fit a biblical worldview? Mike Snavely, our friend at Mission Imperative, wrote the following in support of a Bible-centered perspective:

"Look at the picture below. Does anything strike you as odd? There are antelope, wildebeest, ostrich, giraffes, and...a lion! Notice that the animals are not running away from it. In fact, several of the wildebeest are even lying down! They don't seem too concerned. Why?

"The answer lies in the general attitude of the lion. It's just walking by, uninterested. The animals know, by instinct, that the danger level is very low. Now, if the lion got into a 'creeping/hunting' stance, those animals would be gone!

"It's immensely interesting to note that animals of all varieties are generally unconcerned about the



presence of other creatures. You can go to any waterhole and see all kinds—many kinds—of animals all there together. Zebras, elephants, baboons, deer, giraffes, etc. Even predators, like below, are often tolerated if they're 'behaving.'

"HOWEVER, if any human simply walked into that scene, all of the animals would flee! Why is that so? If man is just a highly-evolved ape, then the animals would have no reason to take much notice. That human should simply be able to walk among them like he or she is just another animal.

"But, there's the difference! We are not animals. Human are made in the image of God. Animals aren't. Furthermore, the Bible tells us specifically why animals would all flee from us and not each other. After the global flood, God put the fear of man into all the creatures. Genesis 9:2 states: 'The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea.'

"This is yet another indication in nature of the uniqueness of man!"

Spring and Summer Hours 2019

Even though snow is on the ground and we are in the dead of winter, spring and summer are right around the corner. In fact, many of you are probably already planning your summer vacations—and we hope your itinerary will include a trip to our museum. Our spring hours (Fridays & Saturdays from 10am-5pm) will begin on April 5th. Summer hours (Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm) will start on May 14th and go through Labor Day. We are also planning two special openings on March the 9th and 23rd from 10am-5pm.

Between the museum and our fossil excavation work, you can learn a great deal about dinosaurs and the earth that holds their bones. But what you may not as easily recognize is the heart we have for the Bible and our desire to defend it. The Bible is a unique book that reveals the transcendent nature of God, the fallen state of humanity and the desperate need you and I have for a Savior. Not only is it the anchor of the personal lives for everyone who works here, it is also the solid foundation upon which we build our thinking for everything we do.

Digging up dinosaur bones is an amazing experience, but that experience would be greatly diminished if we could not make sense of it in light of the Bible's historical narrative. Genesis 1 tells us that God created *all things* by His spoken word. Can you imagine going from absolutely nothing to everything just by speaking it into existence?

And have you ever thought about the implications of a literal six-day approach to Genesis 1? As the Bible tells us, God made all the land animals on the 6th day of Creation—which logically includes the dinosaurs—as well as the first humans, Adam and Eve. And since the Word also tells us that every living creature was designed to eat plants, it means that man and dinosaur originally lived peacefully alongside each other. What an incredible world! I can only imagine what that would have looked like, but it is beyond what I can really fathom.

If this was the case in the beginning on earth, then what will eternity look like in heaven? No more suffering, no more pain, no more tears—and dwelling in perfect relationship with fellow believers (and maybe dinosaurs?) and the God of all Creation!

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2019 will once again bring some exciting changes to the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum. We are looking into the possibility of installing an audio tour that can be accessed through a smart phone, as well as updated signage, and making a few other "tweaks" to improve our visitor experience. We are confident that even if you have visited the museum before, you will find something fresh and intriguing if you drop by to see us this year. And, of course, new things are always being found on our dinosaur digs, so be sure to reserve your spot at www.creationtruth.org/digs.

We look forward to seeing you in the weeks ahead, and to answering any questions you may have about biblical creation and our world. Thanks for all your prayers and support, and may God grant you a closer walk with Him in 2019!

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