

Man 11. During what period of earth's history did the dinosaurs live on this earth?

There is no doubt that dinosaurs did live on this earth at some time, since fossil remains of dinosaurs have been found in various parts of the world. They must have lived here during the time from Adam until the flood of the time of Noah. There is good evidence ~~th~~ of dinosaur footprints in the same layer of rock as human footprints. This would have to mean, of course, that men and dinosaurs lived at the same time, and that would be true if they were here on earth before the flood.

Did Noah take dinosaurs into the Ark, and if so, wouldn't they have sunk the ship?

Yes, he must have taken 2 into the ark, but no they wouldn't necessarily have sunk the ship. Dinosaurs belong to the reptile family, and since reptiles attain sexual maturity long before they attain full growth, we do not need to assume that Noah took old, large dinosaurs into the ark.

What happened after the flood to dinosaurs? They don't exist today, do they?

Apparently the changed conditions in the climate of the world after the flood caused large dinosaurs to become extinct. We don't see such creatures today. However, huge dragon lizards still survive in Indonesia, and they be of samples of dinosaurs in the broader sense of the term.

True } 12. We hear a lot today about women's lib, and how this relates to a woman's role in the church? I know you have written a book on this subject, but have you ever considered writing one on man's role in the church? If so, what would be the main points?

Well, actually I've never considered writing one on man's role. But I can tell you some of the things I would include if I did. The principal teaching of the Bible about man's role in the church is that he is to be the leader.

Spiritual gifts are given to men and women alike, but official places of leadership in the church are reserved for men. Elders and deacons, the two classes of leaders in the local church, are to be men. You remember that one of the qualifications for these officers is that they be the husband of one wife, and there's no way to apply that qualification to a woman! On the basis of this, I personally do not believe the Bible sanctions the ordination or official setting apart of women for the ministry. But men are to take the lead in other areas too. Men are to lead in the public prayer meetings of the church. Paul says in 1 Tim 2:8 that the men should lead in prayer (and the word he uses there for men is the Greek word for males). Men are also to lead in the teaching ministry of the church. This does not mean women cannot ever teach, but it does mean that men are to know the Bible and teach it. The tragedy is that today in too many Christian homes the husband does not know his Bible as well as his wife does. These responsibilities do not mean that men are superior and women inferior; they are simply roles that God had assigned and which we should follow.