

Proclaiming Evidence for Truth

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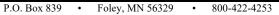
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In short, the fossil record supports the biblical claim that all the kinds of animals appeared around the same time.

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