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and humans were created on day six of creation week.

The first thing to remember is that the term "dinosaur" is a modern term that has no historical usage. However, there are plenty of descriptions of dinosaur-like creatures throughout history. Virtually every culture has legends of dragons and other serpent-like creatures. The thunderbird of the America Indians sounds a lot like a flying reptile. This conclusion is supported by the fact that there are numerous rock carvings of what appears to be a flying reptile. Such carvings can be found in many places, including Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

Another rock carving in Utah resembles a long-necked dinosaur like an apatosaurus. It can be argued that Asia also had its share of dinosaurs. A carving found at an 800-year-old Cambodian monastery looks like a textbook depiction of a stegosaurus. But Central and South America seems to hold the record for dinosaur depictions. These include a man riding a dinosaur and a triceratops. Figurines have also been found in ancient graves that look like dinosaurs.

So history offers a good deal of witness to historical human contact with what we today call dinosaurs.

Prayer: Father, frustrate the efforts of those who would obscure and censor Your Holy Word and the history it presents. Amen.

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