

I. What would the world be like if Adam and Eve had never sinned in the garden of Eden?

- A. No sin would be in the world....
 - 1. World would still be as it was in the garden.
 - 2. Garden was perfect. There was no evil, destruction, or death.
 - 3. People would still be walking with God in a literal sense. **(3:8)**
 - 4. Man would be innocent. **(2:25)**
 - 5. People would live forever because death was introduced by their sin. **(3:19)**
- B. ...as long as nobody else had given into temptation and sin.
 - 1. Adam and Eve were told to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. **(2:15-17)**
 - 2. Possible that their descendants could have given into the temptation to sin.

II. Were there dinosaurs on the ark?

- A. Dinosaurs were real.
 - 1. Lots of physical evidence is dug up by archeologists.
 - 2. They were created on the 5th and 6th day with all other water and land animals. **(Gen. 1:24-31)**
 - 3. The Bible references dinosaurs. **(Job 40:15-24; 41:1-11)**
 - 4. The evidence points to the fact that dinosaurs and humans did live together.
- B. Many conservative creationists believe that dinosaurs were on the ark.
 - 1. Answers in Genesis believes to be the case. (<https://answersingenesis.org/dinosaurs/were-dinosaurs-on-noahs-ark/>)
 - 2. **Genesis 7** gives us the commands of God to Noah concerning what animals were to be taken onto the ark. He said that Noah should take 7 of every clean animal (some for sacrifice and possibly food) and then 2 of every unclean animal. This seems to not leave any animal out.
 - 3. There were not believed to have been as many species of animals back then as there are today. Speciation has created many more new breeds of the same animal. Therefore, there were fewer animals that Noah had to fit on the ark.
 - 4. Space for all the animals was also aided by the possibility of Noah bring on younger animals that would be smaller and not take up as much space.
- C. Why did the dinosaurs die out?
 - 1. Many animals today that could very well be distant relatives of the dinosaurs we think of.
 - 2. Competition for food was greater because the food was much more scarce.
 - 3. Other natural catastrophes.
 - 4. Man began to hunt dinosaurs for their meat, protection, or fun.
 - 5. Their habitat had been drastically changed and they couldn't cope. They became extinct just like many animals continue to die out every year.

III. Does God hear the prayers of non-Christians?

- A. There are 3 basic stages of each person's life.
 - 1. Pure (person who has never sinned and is still in a perfect relationship with God)
 - 2. Sinner (person who has sinned, therefore separated himself/herself from God, and has not obeyed the Gospel to have their sins forgiven)
 - 3. Christian (person who has obeyed the Gospel, committed themselves to God, and has restored that relationship with God)
- B. Different relationships with God during these 3 stages.
 - 1. The pure person has a perfect relationship with God (fellowship) and the person can approach God in prayer.

2. The Christian also has fellowship with God and can have confidence in his/her prayers. (**I John 5:13-15; James 5:16**)
3. The sinner has severed his/her relationship and is not in fellowship with God.
4. God is holy and He is too pure to approve of evil. (**Hab. 1:13**)
5. God is all power and He certainly can hear our prayers, but when we sin we cause to have to turn His face from us. (**Isa. 59:1,2**)
6. The Result: His/her prayers are not heard by God because they cannot approach God as a righteous/pure person.
7. That person would need to obey the Gospel before their prayers could be heard by God, once again.

IV. Can a Christian do anything that will cause God to not hear his/her prayers?

- A. A Christian can deny their faith, sin, and separate themselves from God.
 1. Christians can leave the faith for a false faith and therefore fall from grace. (**Gal. 1:6,7; 5:1-4**)
 2. If Christians cannot fall then the warnings of Peter are useless. (**II Pet. 2:20-22**)
 3. If Christians cannot fall away then the writer of Hebrews was highly misinformed when he wrote the book to Christians(**3:1**). (**Heb. 3:12; 6:4-6; 10:26-29; 13:9**)
- B. Continuing in sin will keep God from hearing prayer. (**Psalm 68:18; Proverbs 1:28,29**)
- C. People who have left the faith are in the same place as a never forgiven sinner as far as their relationship and fellowship with God. In fact, they are in a worse spot. (**II Peter 2:21,22**)
- D. Only a prayer of repentance will restore fellowship with God for the Christian. (**I John 1:9**)

V. What is Lilith from Isaiah 34:14?

- A. The legend of Lilith in the Bible.
 1. Legend states that Lilith was the first wife of Adam. She was not happy with her role as his wife and left the garden.
 2. Some say that God created 2 different women in **Genesis 1 (Lilith)** and **2 (Eve)**.
 3. Another legend says that she left Adam and the garden and became a demon of some sort. She committed adultery with Satan and produced a race of evil creatures. She would prey on pregnant women and young children.
 4. NRSV translates **Isa. 34:14**, “there too Lilith shall repose”, but the majority use the words ‘nigh monster’, ‘screech owl’, ‘night creatures’, ‘night bird’, or nocturnal animals. This is a transliteration of the original word *liyliyth* (lee-leeth).
- B. Of course none of this has any Scriptural basis.
 1. **Genesis 2** is simply a recap of what went on during the 6th day of creation. Nothing new happened in **Genesis 2**.
 2. The Lilith myth is popular in some radical feminist movements because of her example of standing up to the man. There is even a popular feminist magazine that bares her name as the title.
 3. The origin of Lilith is old dark Babylonian demonology and nothing is found in the Text.

VI. Is there a contradiction between the accounts of Jesus’ ascension in Luke 24 and Acts 1?

- A. Some use Luke 24 and Acts 1 as proof texts to show error and contradiction in the Bible.
 1. They say that Luke 24 teaches that Jesus was only on earth for 1 day before His ascension, and then they compare that to Acts 1 which shows that Jesus was on the earth for many days.
 2. There is also a supposed contradiction between the locations of His ascension, Bethany/Mount of Olives.
- B. There is no contradiction between the two texts.
 1. The two text under consideration were written by the same person.
 2. Nowhere in Luke 24 does it say that all of the events of those chapter happened in one day.
 3. Acts 1:3 makes it very clear that Jesus stayed on the earth for a period of 40 days.
 4. As far as the location, the Mount of Olives and Bethany were very close together. (**Mark 11:1; Luke 19:29**)
 5. There is not substantial evidence to show there is any sort of contradiction.