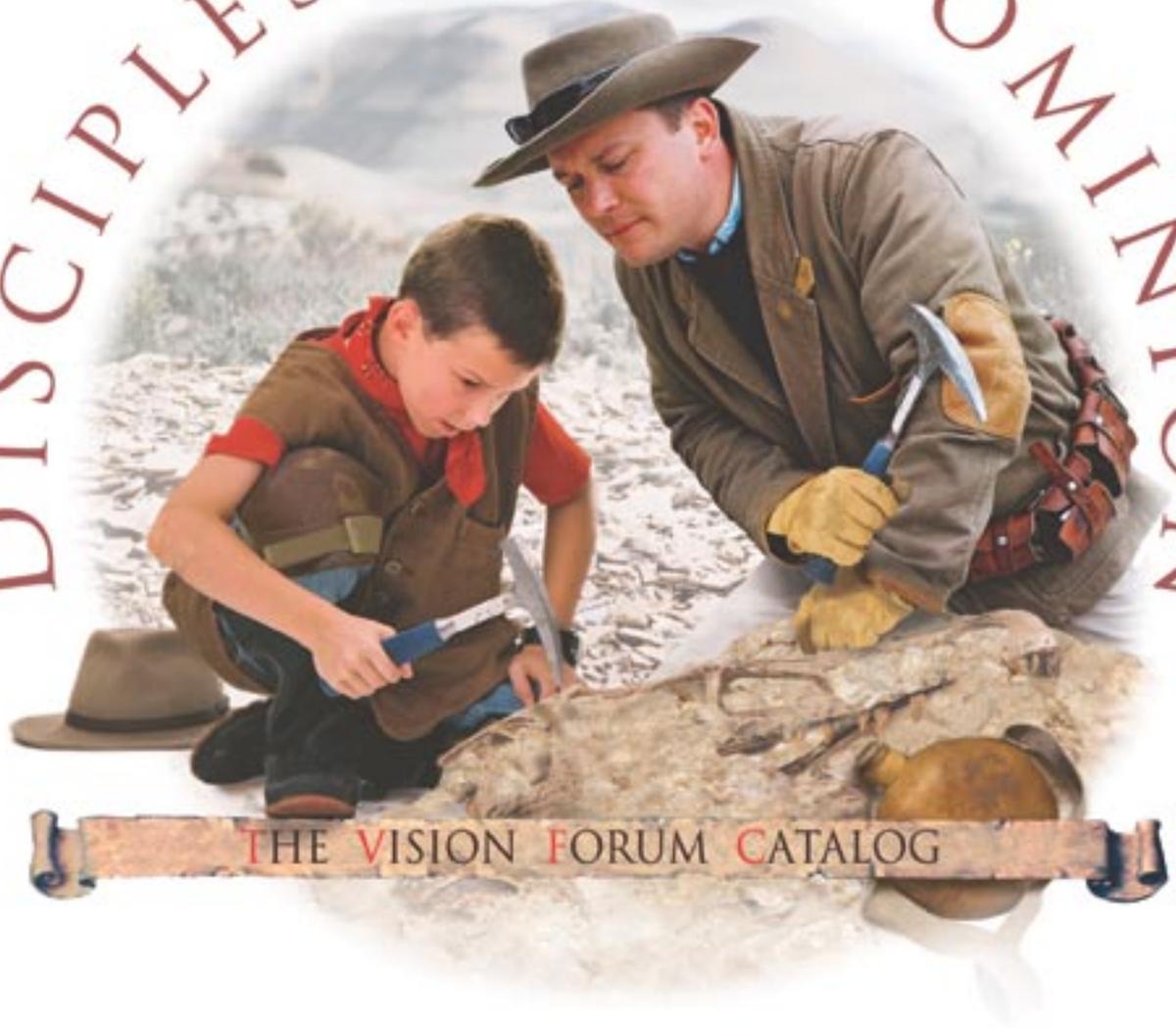


DISCIPLESHIP & DOMINION



THE VISION FORUM CATALOG

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DISCIPLESHIP AND DOMINION

THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

“Be fruitful . . . take dominion.”
(Gen. 1:28)

“Make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to observe all that I commanded.” (Matt. 28:19-20)

God’s first commandment to Adam and Eve as a couple was to have many children and to bring the Lordship of their Creator to every aspect of life. We call this the dominion mandate. God restated this mandate to Noah after the great Deluge. It was to be a central part of the mission of all men for all time. Later, Jesus commanded His disciples, and us through them, to disciple all the nations teaching them “all that I commanded.” Central to this great commission is the doctrine of discipleship. The heart of both of these doctrines is the comprehensive Lordship of Jesus Christ over His creation. It is toward this vision that our catalog is dedicated.

I believe in boyhood dreams. Wordsworth correctly observed: “The child is the father of the man.” Small-minded people laugh at the dreams of children. They don’t understand that it is from the dreams of boys and girls that civilizations rise and frontiers are conquered. They forget that it was our Lord who reminded us that children have a capacity for great faith, which means there is purity to the way they view the world—a purity which is often lost to adults who are jaded by experience and “reality.”



JUSTICE HUNTS FOR BUG FOSSILS



THE VISION FORUM STAFF IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

When I was a little boy, I dreamed about dinosaurs. I was captivated by these terrifying lizards. I dreamed of meeting dinosaurs, talking to them, even riding on them. By the age of six, I knew that I was supposed to discover dinosaur bones. But it was not until my salvation and philosophical turning from evolution to biblical Creationism during my teen years that I began to see the bigger picture.

It was during those days that two men helped transform my boyhood dreams into the vision of a man. One was my father, and the other was my pastor, Robert Gifford. Both men gave me many books which fueled my interest in the story of Creation and even the quest for dinosaurs. They practiced discipleship and communicated a Creationist message of dominion. They told me that, with God on my side, all things are possible. They believed in the dreams of a little boy. They gave me hope.

Twenty years later, I was giving a speech in Florida when I met a

family with a bunch of guys dressed like Indiana Jones. They stood next to some massive bones. Within minutes, I discovered that home schoolers Pete DeRosa and family, from Creation Expeditions, were committed to Creation paleontology, with hundreds of digs under their belt, more than ten years of experience in the field, and a vision to work together as a family.

Thirty minutes later, a deal was cinched and plans were made for a full-blown fossil expedition with fifty people, mega-tools, and a quest for an elusive dinosaur called the *Allosaur*.

Off we went this past May to the Badlands of Colorado. There we worked on three remarkable creatures: a *Stegosaurus*, a giant 120-foot *Sauropod* (similar to the behemoth described in Job 40), and the *Allosaur*. Each step of the way, the DeRosas kept saying, “It’s not what you find, it’s who you are with”—which is just another way of saying that true dominion will never take place without loving discipleship.

The scientific fruit of this journey was a discovery so significant that, within days, it began to make national papers and scientific reports. We found what may be the most complete and fully-preserved *Allosaurus* to date.

It is difficult to describe the joy of



PHILLIPS GIRLS
IN FRONT OF A
Sauropod BONE

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working with my children on this 120-foot giant and reading from God's word, "Behold now, behemoth!" God had answered the dream of a little boy. But better by far, my dream had become a reality for my sons and daughters. How thrilling to see that the victories from this dig would be a source of hope to them for a lifetime.

In so many ways, this was a year of hope. This year I stood at the Witherspoon School of Law and Public Policy and listened to Chief Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama State Supreme Court (who is embroiled in an historic battle to preserve the Ten Commandments), lovingly exhort the attending home educators, future lawyers, and elected officials to stand on God's Word in their public lives. Hope!

This year, I watched a precious young couple, when confronted with

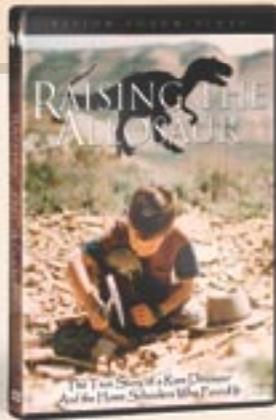


FILM CREW IN COLORADO

life-and-death choices for their 24-week preemie, reject the modern "quality of life" arguments, stand beside their baby at great personal expense, and commit to cover a remarkable health care debt without going on government welfare (see pg. 10). The product of discipleship and dominion, they were taught to never compromise and to rescue the perishing. I watched as God provided more than \$700,000 to cover that debt. Hope!

This year, I watched with joy as more than six hundred men and women, including pastors from diverse denominational backgrounds, began a great reformation to bring unity between church and home. Hope!

And this year, I watched boys and girls trek into the wilderness—shovels and picks in hand—in search of the fossilized remains of ancient monsters.



RAISING THE ALLOSAUR

Journey with Vision Forum, Creation Expeditions, and a group of home school families as they search for what may be the most complete *Allosaur* ever discovered. Vision Forum is pleased to present our first feature film documentary. Approx. 70 mins. See page 48 for more details.

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I watched as God blessed their prayers, their sweat, and their perseverance. Before my eyes, I watched the atheistic stranglehold over scientific discovery give way to Christian children no longer content to eat the scraps off Mr. Darwin's table. They proved that, with God on our side, we can take the battle to the front lines and win. Hope!

There is a special message of hope for all parents who are turning their hearts to their children. Consider that our dinosaur site was completely excavated by home educators. The paleontologists were home educators. The team doing the restoration was



WORKING ON THE *Sauropod*

made up of home educators. The film, production, design, and documentary team were exclusively home educators. In fact, the business team that created the images you are looking at on this page and the typesetting and design of this catalog was entirely made up of home educators.

When parents begin to lovingly disciple, children have hope. When children have great hope, they become men and women of vision. Where there is vision, the people will seek to advance the Kingdom of God by bringing the

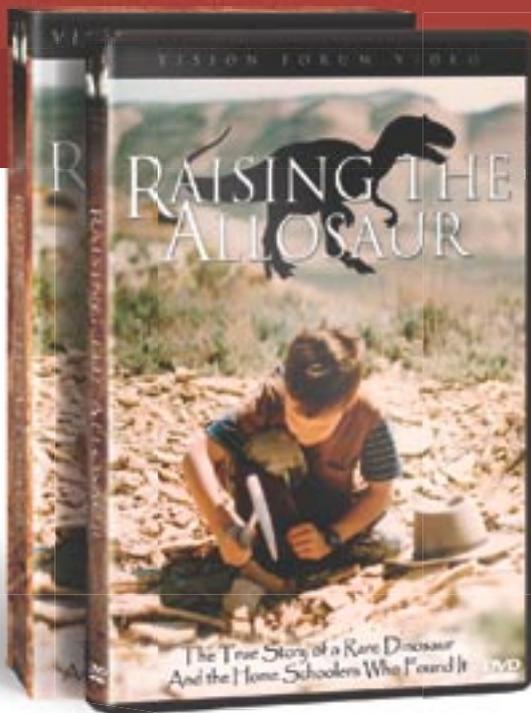
Lordship of Christ to every area of life and thought: from the culture of our family life, to our view of aesthetics, to our business philosophies, to the fields of science. This is the true meaning of discipleship and dominion.

Those who embrace this mission will have the adventure of a lifetime. Some will stand in the gates of the nation. Others will speak to the great ethical issues of the twenty-first century. Some will lead heathen hearts in distant lands to Christ. And perhaps some will journey into the American outback and discover that the dinosaur dreams of little boys can come true.

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RAISING THE ALLOSAUR

The True Story of a Rare Dinosaur
And the Home Schoolers Who Found It

Q: What happens when a group of home school boys and girls travel to the badlands of Colorado with their parents in search of adventure and the hope of finding ancient treasures buried in rock?

A: They make the biggest dinosaur discovery of the year. There, buried in the rock, they excavate three amazing creatures: a many-plated *Stegosaurus*; a 120-foot *Brachiosaurus*. Most importantly, they raise from the ground what appears to be the most complete *Allosaur* (similar to a *T. rex*) ever found in the history of paleontology, including the monster's giant skull complete with rows and rows of once-razor sharp teeth. But there is more: The excavators found remarkable proof for a "recent" death of the dinosaur. Buried in and around this fully articulated dinosaur was unfossilized organic material. Because the evidence is that the material was deposited at the same time as the dinosaur, it points to the fact that the creature is not millions, but thousands of years old!

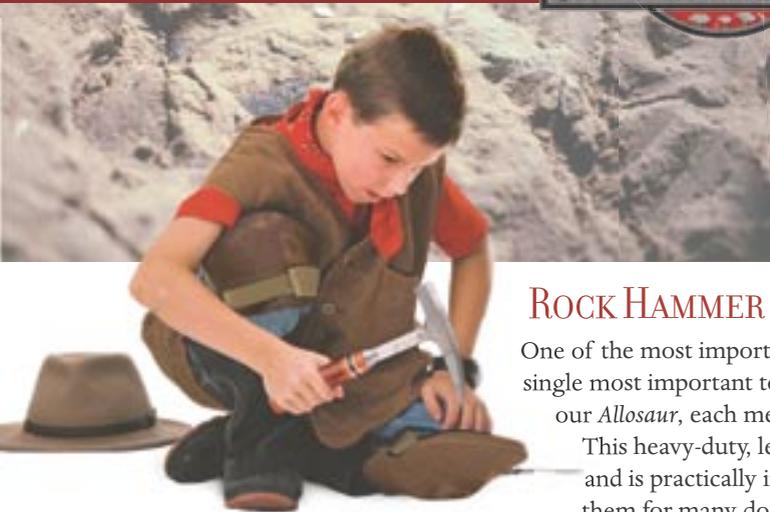


Vision Forum is pleased to present our first feature documentary film—*Raising the Allosaur*. This is the inspirational true story of how God is raising up a new generation of Christian young men and women with a vision for "discipleship and dominion" in the field of paleontology and Creation science. In *Raising the Allosaur*, you will learn about dinosaur hunting from the wonderful DeRosa brothers, two home educated Christian young men with more than a decade of experience in the field of Paleontology. Watch as a nine-year-old girl discovers giant "behemoth claws," and listen to the testimony of young boys who hope to use this once-in-a lifetime experience to become defenders of the faith and successfully challenge the myth of evolutionism. You will learn about the technical aspects of finding the bones, excavating them, preserving, and even restoring a dinosaur. Thanks be to God for allowing us to film and produce our very first feature documentary on our favorite subject: Little boys and girls who change the world for Christ by living a life of godly adventure and discovery. Approximate running length. 70 min.



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ROCK HAMMER

One of the most important parts of any fossil adventure is your choice of tools. The single most important tool is your rock hammer. When we discovered and excavated our *Allosaur*, each member of the team carried the rock hammer you see before you.

This heavy-duty, leather-handled tool is constructed for maximum performance and is practically indestructible. My sons carried their hammers with joy and used them for many dozens of hours. 87552 | \$30

VELOCIRAPTOR SKULL

The most prized find in dino-archaeology is the skull. And one of the hottest dinosaur skulls to find is that of the *Velociraptor*. Relatively small in comparison to the *T. rex* or the *Saurapod*, the mysterious *Velociraptor* has captured the fascination of modern scientists and children alike because of its unusual retractable claws and versatile anatomical construction which appears to lend itself nicely to maneuverability and speed. Of course, if you were to purchase a genuine *Velociraptor* skull, you could pay tens of thousands of dollars. The next best thing to owning the real thing is to own an accurate model. Our *Velociraptor* skull measures 2½" x 7" x 2½" and is accurate down to the most minute detail. I keep one on my office desk, and it makes for an outstanding conversation piece. This is one of those unusual items that is sure to build memories for your son and be a source of interest and discussion for years. 34543 | \$28



AUTHENTIC DINOSAUR BONE

Own a genuine piece of a "terrifying lizard." We have contracted with Creation Expeditions to provide us with genuine dinosaur fossil bone fragments. These dinosaur bones were harvested in the same vicinity

as the site where we found our *Sauropod*, *Stegosaurus*, and the rare *Allosaur*. Now you can own your very own treasure from Noah's Flood, a reminder of the great giants who walked the earth. These bone fossils, which come from diverse species of dinosaur, vary in shape and color but are approximately 3 to 4 inches in length. Each piece is guaranteed to be a genuine fossil from a dinosaur dig and comes with a certificate of authenticity. P.S. Make sure you try licking the bone. This is an old paleontologist trick. Unlike rocks, the cell structure of dino bones makes it stick to your tongue. 78201 | \$11



Dragon's Den Fossil Dig

Now you and your family can experience the joys of Christian paleontology by joining Vision Forum and our team of professional paleontologists from Creation Expeditions for very special digs in search of monsters of the past. You can help us search for dinosaurs or amazing Ice Age creatures like giant twelve-foot beavers, fifteen-foot sloths, mammoths, and saber-tooth cats. To learn more about these once-in-a-lifetime digs, visit the Vision Forum Web site. Group size is limited. Children must be at least 10 years old and be accompanied by an adult to do actual excavation. Visit our Web site for more details.

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