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THE CHICXULUB IMPACT

THE DAY THE WORLD CHANGED FOREVER

*For over 160 million years, dinosaurs ruled the Earth.
One ordinary morning, that reign came to an abrupt end.*



EARTH BEFORE IMPACT

The world was warm and stable.

- No polar ice caps
- High sea levels
- Lush forests
- Thriving oceans
- Dinosaurs dominant
- Mammals small and scarce

*A perfect world...
until it wasn't.*

LATE CRETACEOUS LIFE

The diversity of life was astonishing.

- Over 700 species of dinosaurs
- Flying reptiles ruled the skies
- Ancient oceans teemed with life
- Plants and forests covered the continents

*Then... one impact
changed everything.*



THE ASTEROID

What We Know

- **Diameter:** ~6-9 miles (10-15 km)
- **Mass:** ~10 trillion tons
- **Velocity:** ~43,000-72,000 mph (19-32 km/s)
- **Composition:** Carbonaceous chondrite
- **Energy Released:** ~100 million Hiroshima bombs

ENGINEERING PERSPECTIVE

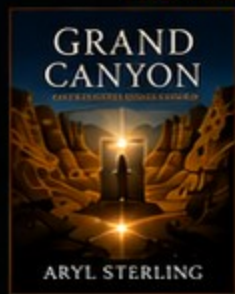
The Chicxulub impact is the most significant geological event of the last 200 million years.

The energy released was more than civilization has used in all of human history.

A fraction of a second that changed the destiny of life on Earth.



THE PROGENITOR ENIGMA SERIES



★ DESTINY PROGRESS REPORT

The first draft of DESTINY has been completed.

The next phase is editing the manuscript, streamlining the story line and checking for manuscript as well as other this books in the series.



THE FIRST HOUR

A Timeline of Devastation

- T + 00:00 Impact**
Asteroid strikes with the force of billions of hydrogen bombs.
- T + 00:01 Shock Wave**
Instant global earthquakes.
- T + 00:03 Fireball**
Global firestorm ignites.
- T + 00:10 Tsunamis Form**
Oceans displaced.
- T + 00:30 Ejecta Falls**
Debris rains down worldwide.
- T + 01:00 Darkness Begins**
Sunlight blocked.
- T + 60:00 Global Collapse**
Ecosystems crash.
Mass extinction begins.

TSUNAMI: A WAVE LIKE NO OTHER

Computer models and geological evidence reveal:

- **Wave Heights:** 1,000–2,000 feet (300–600 meters)
- **Speed:** Up to 600 mph (1,000 km/h)
- **Inland Penetration:** Up to 186 miles (300 km)

Not just coastal devastation...
Continental devastation.



THE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

A Mountain of Proof



IRIDIUM LAYER

Rare element found worldwide at the K-Pg boundary.



SHOCKED QUARTZ

Microscopic fractures formed only under extreme pressure.



TEKTITES

Natural glass formed by impact melt, found across the globe.



MICROTEKTITES

Tiny impact spherules in marine sediments worldwide.



CRATER DISCOVERY

The 120-mile-wide Chicxulub crater buried beneath the Yucatán Peninsula.

WHAT WE FOUND: THE CHICXULUB CRATER



- Diameter: ~120 miles (200 km)
- Location: Buried beneath ~3,000 feet (900 meters) of limestone
- Discovered: 1970s during oil exploration
- Confirmed: 1990s by geophysics, drilling, and samples



ONE OF EARTH'S
BEST-DOCUMENTED
IMPACT STRUCTURES

IODP EXPEDITION 364 (2016)

The International Ocean Discovery Program scientifically drilled the peak ring.

Results confirmed:

- Impact melt rocks
- Shocked quartz
- Supracrustal rocks from >6 miles deep
- Radiometric age of ~66 million years



QT'S OBSERVATION LOGS



"Humans often describe this as an asteroid impact. I call it more a planetary software update."

— QT

"Burying a 120-mile crater beneath limestone is an effective camouflage strategy. Nature deserves partial credit."

— QT

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Imagine discovering one of Earth's largest impact craters...

Not because you were looking for one.... but while searching for oil.

History often advances because curious people recognize something unexpected.



TIMELINE: UNCOVERING CHICXULUB

66 MILLION YEARS AGO

• Asteroid impact forms Chicxulub crater.

1970s

• Oil exploration in the Yucatán reveals something unusual.

1991

• Geophysical data reveals the circular structure.

1996

• Drilling confirms impact origin.

2016

• IODP Expedition 364 drills the peak ring.

TODAY

• One of Earth's best-documented impact structures.

NEXT RESEARCH BRIEFING

AFTERMATH:

When the Dust Settled

What happened in the days, weeks, and years after impact?
How life survived—and evolved.
The long road to recovery.



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