

Joe D Taylor was born 10-2-44 on a farm in West Texas to a rodeo cowboy who became a preacher and ran for Congress and a mother who sang hymns. The family leaned towards the intellectual. One cousin became a world famous scientist. One brother became an actor and one brother was a rodeo cowboy who managed a 35,000 acre ranch which gave Joe access to vast fossil beds.

Joe graduated in 1966 from the CIA art school with a degree in advertising design and illustration and after a brief stint in the Army went to NYC and worked as an illustrator. With his art school roommate, he went to LA in 1969 and fell into the middle of the Jesus Movement. They were one of the first Christian singing groups of the movement and moved to Berkeley to do the first bumper stickers and posters of the movement as well as doing the layout for one of the first Christian Underground papers called Right On. He started several bands and played in churches and Christian coffee houses all over the West Coast, Midwest and New York State. But just as his music career was taking off, the Lord brought 10 little kids into his life who didn't have dads in their homes. So, eventually, the music life had to be left off.

After hearing Dr. Gish debate an evolutionists in 1976, he could see that Creationists had the right message but they had no bones. In 1980 Joe worked for the La Brea Tar Pits and because he could restore fossils and had a passion to learn, the otherwise rabid atheists helped him become a paleontologist without going back to school. His ability to restore, sculpt and mold opened many basement collections in major institutions and private collections and gave him real knowledge about fossils and living counterparts.

In 1984, life was getting too tough in North Hollywood to raise kids, so he took the ones he could and moved back to Crosbyton, Texas. Moving to Texas now gave him opportunity to explore local fossil beds and his collection grew. He was commissioned to mold more tremendous fossils and is now considered one of the best. Baylor University in Waco Texas hired him to work on the Waco Sudden Death Mammoth site where 21 mammoths are buried suddenly

He did some work for Answers in Genesis, going to their new museum site before the foundation was laid to look for fossils, and before they opened he helped set up their fossil department. His Mt. Blanco Fossil Museum in Crosbyton is the world's largest fossil evidence Creation museum in the world. He has written several books on fossils and how they agree with the Biblical account and hopes to launch a new magazine dedicated to fossils from a Creation view.