What Happened to the Dinosaurs?

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That did not take long. I was listening to an old presentation by Professor Ian Plimer that mentioned there was evidence that the extinction may have happened 300,000 years after the Chicxulub impact. So much for settled science. If that is the case, I suspect that the Chicxulub Impact was still the primary contributor to the overall extinction. The sulfur emissions post-Chicxulub do not appear to be sufficient to induce the typical global cooling associated with volcanic activity. However, the emissions could certainly add a toxicity to the atmosphere, reduce the atmosphere's opaqueness and increase precipitation acidity. These factors would make life difficult for any impact survivors, plant and animal, "Climate Change" (defined by the alarmists as increasing CO2 levels) did NOT

Alternate Ending Addendum kill off the dinosaurs. CO₂ levels did increase post-Chicxulub, but only to levels that the dinosaurs had already

been living through. With the different extinction date, the Deccan Traps could certainly have played a more dominant role. Like everything related to Climate, there is always complexity and some uncertainties to deal with. But as usual, the data does not show CO₂ to be the primary climate driver. CO₂ plays a role but there are other, more powerful forcings that ultimately dominate. The dinosaur extinction, one more example of science that is not settled.

