**Dinosaur extinction is blamed on two events: a meteor impact off the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico, and a long period of volcanic activity in India that resulted in the formation known as the "Deccan Traps." Various scientists support either one as the main cause. Lately, they have declared a truce and many agree that both events contributed to the dinosaur extinction.**

**One theory postulated that the impact could have initiated the volcanic activity because energy could have travelled through the Earth and forced magma plumes through the mantle and crust on the other side.**

**So I googled the distance between Cancun and Mumbai. It was about 15,000 kilometers. To be "antipodal" (on the opposite side of the Earth) would require a distance of around 20,000 kilometers.**

**Then I realized that the continental configuration 66 million years ago was quite different than it is today, as India was still a long way off from crashing into Asia. So I emailed one of the world's foremost experts, Walter Alvarez (he was responsible for the impact theory), and asked him if the two points were antipodal 66 million years ago. Here is his reply:**

**"No, they were not antipodal then either."**

**Let's face it - solving a 66 million-year-old mystery is not child's play. We'll just have to be patient and wait until researchers discover more information.**