

INSTINCT OR GOD?

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Why do swallows fly to Capistrano every year—and at the same time, on the same day every year? Why do Salmon swim up stream to the place where they were born (hatched) to spawn? Why do Monarch Butterflies migrate to Mexico every year by the millions? Why do birds build nests in every conceivable design and from all substances available to them at the time? When we take time to examine some to the peculiarities of the animal kingdom we are faced with amazing activity which we all normally ascribe to “instinct”.

We say that various species just do this or that by instinct. That this instinct is just in them from birth and passed on generation to generation from whatever beginning or origin they had. Some may call it evolution while others see it as creation by a creator.

The animal world is truly amazing to say the least. The methods of procreation, of protection, and of mothers caring for their offspring is beautiful when carefully observed. We are witnessing something so marvelous and inspiring, yet often we relegate what is going on to ‘nature’, Mother Nature, instinct, evolution, or some other reason other than what is truly going on.

Could it be that the great Tripersonal—Triune God is actually involved with His creation? That this creation is actually filled with the Spirit of God and that He has an active hand in loving what He has created and involves Himself personally with His creation?

Colossians tells us that ALL things were created IN, BY, and THROUGH Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16-17). And that He UPHOLDS or SUSTAINS ALL of His creation. What does that mean to you?

The Spirit of God is at work in this present world. And always has been. Ecclesiastes 3:19-21, speaks of the breath and ‘Spirit’ of animals—beasts. What spirit is this? Whose spirit is it? Where does it come from? God is personally and actively IN His creation caring for the ‘lesser’ creatures as well as those created in His image! God loves His creation. It is beautiful to Him. And, interesting. And, fascinating. And, complex. And FUN. FUN!!! God laughs at monkeys doing their monkey business. (And at us doing ours at times!). God swims with the whales and soars with the Eagles. God enjoys His creation. He is in it and He sustains it by His Spirit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There are over 12,000 different types of ants in the world. Thousands of insects. Butterflies, Birds, fish, vertebrates and invertebrates. Amazing creation. And this, not to mention what is going on throughout the universe, is all upheld and sustained by our Savior Jesus Christ.

Luke 12:6, reminds us that even when five sparrows are sold for a few cents—not worth very much to us—that not one of them is forgotten by God!
Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us again that there is a 'spirit' in these created creatures of God. They are not created IN God's Image, but they are CREATED and cared for and sustained and upheld by the loving God who made them!

The next time we see puppies playing, or kittens rolling around on the floor, or calves frolicking in a pasture lets be sure to see the hand of God IN them. Let's see the beautiful expression of the Father's love to create something so sweet for us to enjoy along with His enjoyment of it. Let's not relegate what is happening in this life we share with the creation to be ascribed to Nature or Instinct. Let's praise God for all that he has wonderfully made.

The "heavens declare the Glory of God", but so do the things on this earth that God Upholds. Thank you Father. It is so BEAUTIFUL.