

Lecture 5 - THE RISE OF EVOLUTION (Cont'd)

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God created a beautiful world with a marvelous variety of types of life, and all so formed as to work together in wonderful harmony. When man turned against God and thus allowed sin to enter the world, this harmony was destroyed. As a result God placed a curse upon the animal creation. Since the fall of man the balance of nature involves not only wonderful cooperation and interrelation, but also violence and destruction. Christians believe that all this will be changed when the Lord returns and removes the curse from the earth.

Even though the results of sin show themselves in turmoil and weakness at many points within the animal creation, it is still possible to see the amazing beauty of the structure that God has made. It is fascinating to study the interrelation of many different types of plants and animals. Some creatures that are utterly different from one another are found to be dependent upon each other for existence, and to be marvelously suited to one another's needs. Thus in the case of many plants, if the species is to be continued, it is necessary that pollen be transferred from the plants of one gender to those of the other. If this were wholly dependent on the action of the wind, comparatively little of the pollen would reach the place where it is needed, and the species would soon die out. God has created various types of flying insects and birds, able to suck the nectar from the plant and thus receive their necessary subsistence, and while doing so conveying on their bodies from one plant to another the pollen that is so necessary for procreation of the plant.

If one can imagine that all the marvelous intricacy of the natural world came into existence through random mutations, he must have a tremendous ability for accepting what is inherently extremely improbable.