Isn't it amazing that human designers have been able to create such marvels as Jumbo-jets and the Eiffel Tower? But really they are copying nature. The Psalmist wrote: “O Lord, what variety you have made! And in wisdom you have made them all!” (Psalm 104:24).

When a spider spins a web, it makes some of the threads non-sticky so that it can walk on the web without getting caught itself. If you look closely at a spider’s web you will see that it is beautifully designed, and may wonder how web-making began. If young spiders are kept away from other spiders until they are fully grown, they will spin perfect webs, even though they have never seen other spiders do it. This means that they don’t learn how to do it, but work by instinct. Although evolutionists believe spiders evolved from some other kind of creature, fossil spiders trapped in hardened tree resin, known as amber, show that spiders have always been spiders, and also that they had silk-making organs, just like modern spiders. The idea that they gradually discovered how to make silk, and then complicated webs doesn’t make sense, for they would also have had to evolve the equipment to make and spin the silk before they could even begin to make webs.

If and spiders were once able to get their food without webs, why would they need to evolve web-making anyway?

There is no evidence that spiders evolved, so it makes sense to believe that they were created by God in the beginning.

SPOIL THE CHANGES:

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God’s designs are much better than the best they can dream up. This applies to birds, flying reptiles, spiders and thousands of other things. God’s designs are best because He is a perfect Designer. 3,000 years ago the Psalmist wrote: “O Lord, what variety you have made! And in wisdom you have made them all!” (Psalm 104:24). But the world we live in is not like it was when God made it. The Bible tells us that God made it to be better than the best we can dream up. This applies to birds, flying reptiles, spiders and thousands of other things.

No more thorns and thistles!

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FLYING DRAGONS A FAIRY TALE?

Most people believe that flying dragons belong to fairy tales. It’s true that pictures of such creatures (left) may be a bit fanciful, but they could be based on fact — a memory of a time when people actually saw flying reptiles. There is no proof that they lived millions of years ago. In fact, there are historical records and stories of people seeing similar creatures, especially in parts of Africa. And since similar stories come from many parts of the world, there may well have been a time — possibly soon after the great flood — when flying reptiles were quite common, before changes in the world’s climate made it difficult for them to survive.

Herodotus, a Greek historian, visited Egypt about 450 B.C. and wrote that in that country there were “winged serpents” with “bat-like wings”. The Jewish historian Josephus reported that there were “flying serpents” in Egypt during the time of Moses. Both these historians were well-known for writing reliable reports. Stories of similar creatures were still being told in Europe as late as the 15th century. The picture on the left is of a wood-carving from France. It shows a flying reptile with wings made of scales, just like that of pterosaurs. In North America, the Sioux Indians tell a story about some of their warriors who saw a “thunderbird” that perfectly fits the description of the pteranodon, a type of flying reptile. There are so many reports of people seeing similar creatures that we believe the theory that flying reptiles died out millions of years ago is simply wrong.

In some ways we are like that old ash tree. We may live a long time on earth, but one day our life here will end. But for those who put their faith in God’s Son, Jesus, who came back to life after He died, there is a new life waiting in heaven when this life is over, where we can live with Him for ever.

—Geoff Chapman

Puzzle Corner

Jumbled Birds

Can you unjumble the names of the birds below?

1. WALLSOW
2. SHURTH
3. GLINRATS
4. PIGAME
5. RUVELUT
6. CLIPANE
7. GLAMFION
8. WORPRAS
9. NUGENIP
10. CHORTIS

(Answers on next page)

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