

Delicate, Precise Designs

When a flower lives in harmony with and is dependent upon, say, an insect for fertilization, this is known as symbiosis. Creation Moments programs have given many examples of this and each one defies the notion that these relationships could have developed by chance over very long times. We have another example today:

Chicory spaces out the opening of its flowers through the summer on a precisely timed schedule that is in perfect harmony with its pollinators. Early in the season, chicory flowers nearest the bottom of the flower stalk open first and, as they are pollinated, they close and the next flower up the stem opens and so on. There is a remarkable efficiency to this but there is more: The flowers usually open only in the cool morning hours not only to protect the delicate flower from the heat of the sun but also because this is the time the pollinating insects are about. Other flowering plants open their flowers only at night and tend to have white flowers so that they are easily seen in the dark. These are the flowers that are pollinated by night flying moths.

Such coordinated inter-relationships between the plant and the animal kingdoms could not have developed through accidental situations. They provide more evidence that the wise Creator designed these and all creatures within their relationships from the very beginning!

Matthew 6:28

"And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin..."

Prayer: Dear Lord, in Your design of the creation, You have seen to the needs of all living things. Take from me a mind that thinks that I must do for myself what You will do for me, and replace it with faith in Your promises. Amen.

Ref: Steven D. Garber, The Urban Naturalist, (John Wiley & Sons, Inc.).