

Complex Ant Society

Imagine a huge living creature covering about one square mile and made up of almost a third of a billion cells. Imagine each of those living cells being able to move about independently of the others.

No, it's not the plot of a new science fiction movie. Some scientists have suggested that ant colonies may be thought of as one large living organism. They suggest this because of the way individual members within ant colonies behave. Ant colonies have many kinds of members, each with its own specific task. The soldier ants in a colony have extra-large heads and heavy-duty jaws for fighting. Other ants are concerned only about finding and returning food. Still other workers do nothing but process and store food.

Within the colony another caste of ants does nothing but tend the eggs. Others prepare the food for the larvae and deliver it to other specialized ants who do nothing but feed the next generation.

If this sounds complex, imagine the largest known ant colony. This Japanese ant colony has an estimated 306 million worker ants, and more than a million queens. The colony occupies 45,000 interconnected underground nests that range over about a square mile!

There is obviously intelligent design and control behind ant society—intelligence not found in ants or in nature itself. This intelligence comes from *outside* nature. Here is yet another witness that no concern of any living thing is too small for God's complete attention!

1 John 4:19

“We love Him because He first loved us.”

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, I thank You for Your love. Help me to show love like Yours to those around me, especially those who seem least lovable. In Jesus' Name. Amen.