

## FROM GRASS TO GOD

I recently had a strange feeling when I watched a neighbour mow his lawn and stared at the stalks of cut grass flying into the mower's collecting bucket. Why was I surprised that they were all the same shape? I then looked around his garden at other plants, bushes, trees, and flowers, realising that each could grow exactly like its predecessor and even evolve.

I then remembered that DNA gave them this amazing ability to survive and evolve on all the continents. Scientists have told us that DNA is in most plant and animal life cells. It determines when and how all living things grow, procreate, and evolve.

I also realised that plants give animals materials to build things and provide food, medicines, and many other things. They are an absolute necessity for the survival of animal life.

Recently, scientists have told us that some trees can communicate using their roots to make each other aware of dangers, allowing them to produce possible defences against threats.

As I continued looking at the grass cuttings, I wondered how DNA enabled different plants to have special growth patterns and produce unique leaves, stems, and flowers, some of which were poisonous and others edible. Plant life is a real wonder, and we are continually discovering more of them, each with its unique structure and properties.

As I was thinking about these things, I was amazed at the hundreds of thousands of plants that grow in different areas of our world. Some grow on land, others in fresh water and oceans; some are tiny, like mosses, and others gigantic, like Giant Redwood trees.

On that day, watching my neighbour mow his lawn, I realised how complex and phenomenal plant life is; it made me ask how such extremely complex things come into existence.

While considering all these things about plant life, I thought of the other form of life: animals. These have also evolved from the same simple cells into millions of different species. We have fish, reptiles, insects, mammals, invertebrates, and amphibians, all very capable in their ideal environment, but one fact disturbed me.

One startling fact about animals is that the one we call human beings has more intelligence than all the others put together. It has thought of, designed, and created many wonderful things, including vehicles for travelling into space.

No other living thing, plant or animal life, has anything like the intelligence of a human being. Why is there no plant or animal with intelligence equal to or greater than a human being?

As I thought about all these things that day, especially the wonderful interaction between plant and animal life, I didn't have to be a scientist to know that phenomenal intelligence, way beyond any human being, was required for it all to exist and happen.

I asked myself why life evolved into two major types, plant and animal, and especially why plant life has great benefits for animal life.

In my own simple way, I believe this is because their creator wanted them to have predominantly beneficial abilities. Only one intelligent being has this wonderful capability: our God.

I couldn't help smiling as I realised that my thoughts that day had taken me from grass to a phenomenal creator who is a great, loving and compassionate God.