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Weekly connection

The incredible wisdom of God

Isn't it amazing how clearly God has revealed His wisdom and intelligence in nature? Allow me to share the following examples of how amazing He is.

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example: the eggs of the potato bug hatch in seven days; those of the canary in 14 days; those of the barnyard hen in 21 days; the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days; those of the mallard in 35 days; the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days. (Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!) God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No



By **SCOTT CERNEK**
Columnist

other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily. The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of plant's sections and segments, as

well as in the number of grains. Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each orange has an even number of segments. Each ear of corn has an even number of rows. Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains. Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number. All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified 30-fold, 60-fold, and a 100-fold – all even numbers.

How about flowers? God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus, the great botanist,

once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

God even shows His incredible design in the waves of the sea as they roll in on shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather. Just as the Lord orders the ways of nature, He also desires to order our lives in a beautiful way for His glory. Sometimes we get so caught up in the busyness of life that we fail to see the incredible evidence of God all around us. Even the timing of the birth of Jesus was planned

and orchestrated to provide a Savior to the world at just the right moment in history. The great thing is that in His incredible wisdom, He doesn't force us to believe, but gives us the free will to choose or reject Him. Only the one who made the brain, and the heart can successfully guide them to faith and salvation. Examine the evidence of God's creation and His love through the Savior and see if you can't open your heart to Him. His joy and peace will fill your spirit, just as the angels sang, peace on earth, good will to men.

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ANGLER
- BACKCAST
- BAIT
- BARB
- BOBBER
- BOTTOM FEEDER
- BRAID
- BUCKTAIL
- BUNKER
- CHUMMING
- CREEL LIMIT
- CRIMP
- DRAG
- FISHING
- FLY
- GAFF
- HOOK
- JIGGED
- LINE
- LURE
- REEL
- ROD
- SINKER
- SPOOL

CLUES ACROSS

1. Russian painter
6. Very fast jet
9. Phillipine municipality
13. Intestinal
14. Small freshwater fish
15. Algerian coastal city
16. Vomit
17. Famed astronomer
18. Ghanaian currency
19. Improved the condition of
21. Int'l association of interpreters
22. Infections
23. Dish made with lentils
24. Thou
25. Former CIA
28. Unit used to compare power levels
29. Members of Pueblo people
31. Myanmar monetary units
33. Polished
36. Signed a contract
38. Nothing
39. Once-ubiquitous department store
41. Neural structures
44. Thick piece of something
45. Slang for trucks with trailers
46. Longing
48. Senior officer
49. Levels of frequency
51. Bird's beak
52. Move rapidly downwards
54. Koran chapters
56. Stretches out
60. Top of the human body
61. A Chinese temple and Indian town are two
62. Fertility god
63. Sea eagle
64. Dry
65. Zodiac sign
66. "Horizon Call of the Mountain" character
67. Have the ability to
68. Take somewhere

CLUES DOWN

1. "Iron Man" actress Leslie
2. Wings
3. Adjust the spacing

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4. They're usually locked
5. Atomic #43
6. Wise individuals
7. Horse mackerel
8. Pearl Jam's debut album
9. Confines
10. Colorless crystalline compound
11. Unsatisfactorily
12. Plant of the parsley family
14. Determines time
17. Causes the birth of
20. Small ornament on a watch chain
21. Richly decorated cloth tapestry
23. Vito Corleone was one
25. Igbo musical instrument
26. Put in harmony
27. Japanese alcoholic drinks
29. Tinseltown
30. Closes tightly
32. Songs sung to one's lover
34. One thousandth of an inch
35. Small drink of whiskey
37. Political divisions in ancient Greece
40. Helps little firms
42. Baby's eating accessory
43. Very long periods of time
47. Small block of wood
49. Town in Surrey, England
50. Enquiry
52. Murdered
53. Bura-__: Chadic language
55. Crater on Mars
56. Mammal genus
57. Sock
58. Make
59. Stony waste matter
61. Partner to cheese
65. Pound

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fishing.
 Each number corresponds to a letter.
 (Hint: 16 = A)

A. 7 24 24 3 17

Clue: Winds fishing line

B. 11 2 16 1

Clue: Water vessel

C. 11 16 4 1

Clue: Lures prey

D. 1 16 25 6 3 24

Clue: Fishing supplies

Answers: A. reels B. boat C. bait D. tackle

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