

SERIES: GENESIS
GOD'S NATURAL SELECTION

Genesis 1

24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its **kind**: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its **kind**"; and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its **kind**, cattle according to **its kind**, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. **And God saw that it was good.**

Each "kind" **continues** to the next generation as the same "kind" with changes because of natural selection happening among the vast number of differing genes from the two parents who are of the same kind.

"As the arrangement of a printed page is extraneous to the chemistry of the printed page, so is the base sequence [genetic information] in a DNA molecule extraneous to the **chemical** forces at work in the DNA molecule."

Polányi Mihály, former Chairman of Physical Chemistry at the University of Manchester (UK) 1891–1976

Just as the encyclopedia Britannica had intelligent writers to produce its information, so it is reasonable/logical/**biblical** to believe that the DNA information in living organisms likewise had an author.

God has provided for "Natural Selection" to take place when the various genes from each parent of the same "kind" come together to form characteristics that will either help or deter **adaptation** to its environment.

Natural selection cannot happen outside of the existing gene pool of the kind that is reproducing. Dogs cannot produce an offspring with **wings** because they do not have genes that carry information for **wings**

Genes are information segments of **DNA** (deoxyribonucleic acid) that act as **instruction** manuals for building proteins, which determine an organism's traits, organs and functions.

Mutations are "going the wrong way" as far as evolution is concerned. Almost every mutation we know is identified by the disease or **abnormality** that it causes. Creationists use *mutations* to explain the *origin of parasites and disease*, the *origin of hereditary defects*, and the *loss of traits*. In other words, time, chance, and random changes do just what we normally expect: tear things down and make matters worse.
 Answers in Genesis, Dr. Gary Parker

What was God's **wisdom** behind creating cattle and all that "natural selection" provides?

Why should we **value** the creeping things of the earth that are so diverse in each kind due to natural selection?

"Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, and gathers her food in the harvest." (Proverbs 6:6–8)

As you read through Genesis 1, what **hope** do you have for your life if you believe that the account of creation is just figurative and that God didn't create each kind to experience natural selection and produce variations within its kind?

Psalm 146:5-6; Acts 4:1-31; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8