

Beginnings – ORIGIN *(Where did we come from?)*

- **Only Two Choices**
- **Realize the Significance**
- **Is it Faith or Science?**
 - LAB - Lookable, Accessible, Breakable
- **Guess at the Evidence**
- **Inspect the Evidence**
 - Universe = "Decay"
 - Age of the Earth = "Can't Say"
 - Origin of Life by Chance = "No Way"
 - Evolution of Species and Man = "Lacks Genes and Tweens"
- **No Compromise**

DON'T - Death, Orders of Creation, Names in genealogies, Ten Commandments refer to seven-day week

Intent of Life – LIFE *(Why are we here?)*

- **Love - GOD and MAN**
- **Increase - GROW**
- **Faithfulness - Time, Talent, Treasure**
- **Eternity – Past, Present, Future**

Authority – POWER *(Who's in charge?)* A God Who is:

- **Personal and Loving**
- **Omnipotent**
- **Wise and All-Knowing**
- **Everywhere and Eternal**
- **Righteous and Reliable**

Standards – RULES *(What are the rules?)* God's rules are:

- **Revealed supernaturally, not derived by reason**
- **Universal and apply to everyone, everywhere, all the time**
- **Loving**
- **Enforced**
- **Steadfast**

Instinct

One related topic that I find fascinating is the existence of what we call instinct. This is the innate ability of a creature to know how to do something that it has never done before.

- How does a baby know how to suckle as soon as it is born, and how does a new mother know how to “mother”?
- How does a bird or butterfly know how to navigate hundreds or thousands of miles to a place it has never been before?
- How does a hen know to break up food for her chicks when she’s never done it before?
- How do salmon know how to return upstream to spawn?
- How does any creature know how to do something that it hasn’t been “taught”?

There are thousands of amazing unlearned behaviors that we see in animals. In my opinion, **scientists use the term “instinct” to mean “*we don’t have any idea how this creature knows how to do that, so we’ll call it instinct.*”**

Instinct is a very powerful evidence for a Designer. He gave creatures instinct so they would know how to do things without the need to learn them via experience. Some creatures have short life cycles and don’t have much time to “learn”, so without instinct they wouldn’t survive.

How does that innate knowledge get there? Can it be explained by random mutations over millions of years? It takes a lot more faith to believe that instinct happened by accident than it does to believe God gave it to His creatures.