

I. The Origin of Plants

1. Where did plants come from?
2. We certainly did not evolve from plants considering just the process of photosynthesis.
 - a. Simply defined, photosynthesis is the process that plants use to turn light energy into chemical energy.
 - b. Plants require carbon dioxide to produce sugar (their food) via photosynthesis.
 - c. Without humans and animals supplying carbon dioxide as a waste product of breathing, plants would not be able to survive.
 - d. Plants, as a waste product of photosynthesis, release oxygen which is a necessary element for human and animal life.
 - e. Plants are also needed to supply food and essential nutrients for humans and animals.
 - f. Plants are necessary for human and animal life and humans and animals are necessary for plant life.
3. God, in His infinite wisdom, created plants on day three of creation ([Gen. 1:9-13](#)).
 - a. Plants require water for photosynthesis which God had already created ([Gen. 1:2](#)).
 - b. Plants require earth to obtain their nutrients which God had already created ([Gen. 1:9-10](#)).
 - c. Plants require sunlight for photosynthesis which God took care of on day four of creation ([Gen. 1:14-19](#)).
 - d. Plants were given to humans and animals for food ([Gen. 1:29-30](#)).
 - e. God was making the perfect environment for His pinnacle creation of man and plants were essential for this.

II. The Intelligence of Plants

1. Plants are highly intelligent but not because they are endowed with a mind.
 - a. Plants do not have a mind like we do ([Gen. 1:26-27](#), [2:7](#); [1 Th. 5:23](#)).
 - b. Instead, they bear the intelligence of their Maker ([Job 12:7-13](#)).
 - c. God wants us to learn from the plants.
2. Plants “understand” the need to have strong roots.
 - a. Roots are where the plant will source its water and minerals, which is vital to its wellbeing.
 - b. We must be rooted in Christ which is vital to our wellbeing ([Col. 2:6-10](#)).
 - c. Jesus is the true vine ([Jn. 15:1](#)).
 - d. Christ is the source of living water ([Jn. 4:10-14](#); cf. [1 Cor. 10:4](#)).
 - e. Christ is the bread of life ([Jn. 6:33-35](#); cf. [1 Cor. 10:3](#)).
3. Plants “understand” that they must grow.
 - a. What starts out as a seed, in some cases very small, can grow into a massive plant ([Mk. 4:30-32](#)).
 - b. We must grow every day in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord ([2 Pt. 3:18](#)).
 - c. It must be a strong desire ([1 Pt. 2:2-3](#))!
4. Plants “understand” the need to bear fruit.
 - a. God placed the next generation of plant life in the seed of the adult plant found in the fruit ([Gen. 1:11-12](#)).
 - b. Without fruit, the plant species would soon die out as it could not reproduce.
 - c. We must bear fruit for Christ ([Jn. 15:2-8](#)).
5. Plants “understand” the need to propagate.
 - a. The dandelion illustrates this perfectly as its seeds are carried on the wind to spread cheer to everyone’s finely manicured lawns!
 - b. The seed, which is the Word of God ([Lk. 8:11](#)), must be spread throughout the world ([Mk. 16:15](#); cf. [Mt. 28:19](#)).
 - c. When the Word of God enters an honest and good heart, a Christian springs up and produces Christian fruit thus propagating Christianity ([Lk. 8:15](#)).