

***Wanderings
from the
Woods
& Water***
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Salmon Run

One of the things on my bucket list to do before I die is go watch a salmon run! I think the salmon's lifecycle shows the awesome creation of God!

While I was in college working on a biology degree, a lot of the professors denounced God! They told how evolution was the only way to think! These college professors wanted everybody to think inside the box! I have worked in the biology field for several years now and I will conclude the professors are doing a great job of keeping most biologists inside the box! As for me, all I had to do was look at the lifecycle of the salmon to know God is real and AWESOME!

Salmon spawn and lay eggs in upper reaches of rivers and streams. The eggs hatch into alevin; then, they grow into fry around 10 weeks. Then, at several months old, they are called Parr and then grow into the smolt stage at 1-3 years old. The smolts head out to sea. The smolts go through an adaptation from freshwater to saltwater. As an adult, salmon spend 1-8 years at sea until they head back up river to spawn.

he trip back up river is the neatest part of the lifecycle to me! The salmon heads up river going against the flow! They overcome obstacles and rapids to get back to the place they were hatched and spawn to start the pro-

cess over. The salmon run is met by bears that rely on salmon for food to live! The bears know exactly when the salmon will be making their run to spawn. Once the adult spawns, it dies! Their death is important to the water system because it adds much-needed nutrients back to the system.

Is this all by chance? Is this a bunch of cells acting and reacting on each other to create the salmon lifecycle that works in perfect harmony? I think not! The salmon lifecycle is the handy work of our Great Creator!

A Christian can learn a lot from the Salmon Run. We should never just go with the flow! We need to fight to overcome all the obstacles we are faced with. We need to bring everlasting life to those that need to hear about it, and to our youth! **Job 12:8-9** tells us to *“Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?”*

To all the young people entering college, don't allow the professors to trap you inside the box! Think outside of the box! Keep in mind, most of the professors have never worked in the real world when it comes to what they are teaching about! They only know the academia world!

Until next week, get out
and enjoy God's creation!

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS [sic].

by Terry Stickels

Below are some of the most often misspelled words in the English language — listed upside down so you can't sneak a peek. Give this list to a family member or friend and have them read the words to see how many you spell correctly.

1. playwright
2. daquiri
3. collectible
4. liaison
5. memento
6. perseverance

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