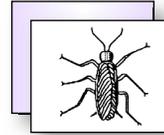


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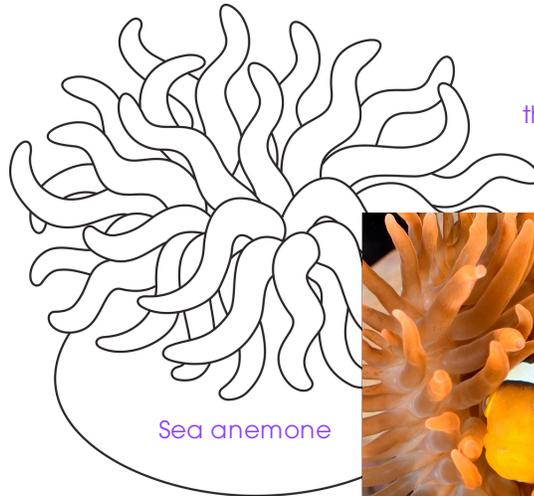
CNIDARIA

Uniquely revealing Christ's character

Jesus fashioned 10,000 different animals called Cnidaria. (The "C" is silent.)



Closeup of coral showing individual polyps



Sea anemone

God uses the stinging cells of the sea anemone to protect the clownfish.



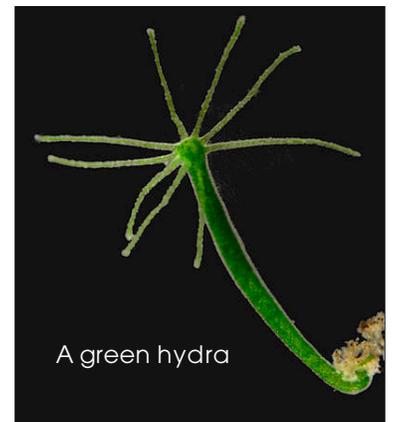
There are four main kinds of Cnidaria: corals, jellyfish, sea anemone, and hydras.

Each of these creatures has stinging cells or *cnidocytes* (NYE - doe - sights) to help protect it and capture its prey.

Jesus put green algae in the cells of this hydra so it can produce food like a plant. (See **CREATOR** Volume 21 Number 4.)



Jellyfish



A green hydra

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We see the beauty, creativity, otherworldliness, care, protection, wisdom... and *eternity* of Christ reflected in these animals.

Answers to CROSSWORD found in
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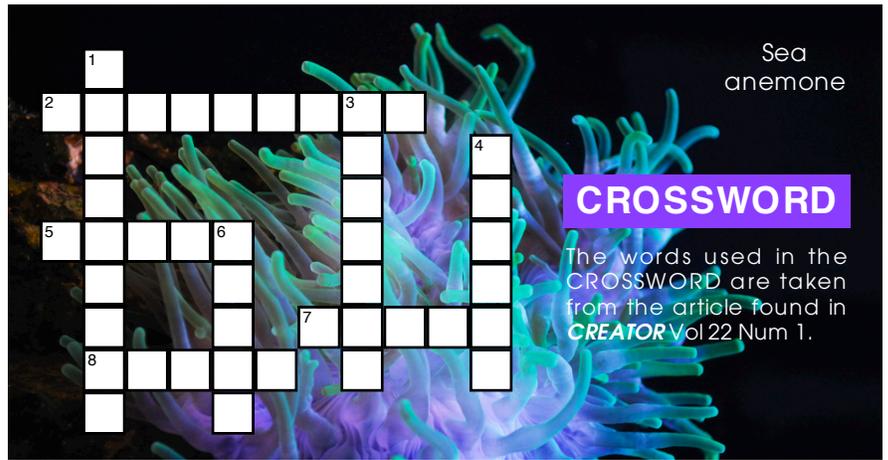
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4. SUNLIGHT 6. ATP 7. IRON

Across: 3. UGLY 4. SUN 5. CARBON

8. CHLOROPHYLL 9. OXYGEN

10. BEAUTY



Sea
anemone

CROSSWORD

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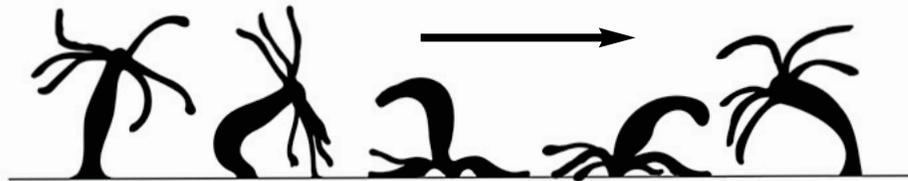
Down

1. *Hydra* are similar to _____, corals, and sea anemone.
3. "Whoever believes in (Jesus) shall not perish, but have _____ life" (John 3:16).
4. We believe that every one of God's attributes can be illustrated in _____ (Romans 1:20).
6. Normally, baby hydras can be found budding off the side of an _____.

Across

2. The hydra is an aquatic animal with several long _____.
5. If you've received Christ into your life . . . your eternal body will be far more wonderful than that of the _____.
7. *Hydra* live in fresh _____.
8. Most people don't even know that *Hydra* exist because they are so _____.

OUR WINSOME CREATOR



Our Lord Jesus displays a winsomeness and delightfulness in many of the things He has made. This is easily seen when monkeys play or a bumblebee flies.

His winsome character is no less seen in the movement of a hydra. Although *Hydra* have a "foot," they cannot walk in the usual sense. But God provided them with special muscles that allow them to essentially "somersault" from one place to another.

Normally, a hydra is content to stand in one spot, but occasionally certain stimuli cause it to move. Most *Hydra* move toward light. To accomplish this, a hydra bends its body over like a gymnast and slowly attaches its tentacles to the surface next to where it had been standing. It then flips the bottom part of its body, up and over, to the other side. Finally, it reattaches its foot to the surface again.

Now, the Hydra is not fast—it can only perform this somersault once every 10 minutes or so. It may not get where it's going quickly, but like the turtle, it eventually makes it. Again and again, we clearly see Christ's winsomeness throughout nature!