



SETTING OUT

Put on your biggest pair of boots and step outside. Search in the grass for beetle caves and worm holes.

Try to spot the glint of a spider web in a juniper bush, and look for the owner. She will be sitting nervously in her funnel, hoping you go away.

If you live in a city, look up for a hawk. He will be riding the wind and waiting to devour one of those purple-necked pigeons.

Everything you see is made of words. That's how God created it all in the beginning (Gen. 1). That's how it still is today. And the best Word of all—the one Word who actually is God—is Jesus. He is the reason everything is here (Jn. 1).

So, when you step outside, you're on a hunt—a Word hunt. And every little creature-word you find tells you about the one true Creator.



We humans are the most important of God's creatures. God put the first man and the first woman in charge of all the other created things—naming, ruling, tending, exploring, watching, subduing, improving the rest of the world. That's been our job ever since (Gen. 1:27-29).

This is Dr. Gordon Wilson. He is a biologist, which is a great career for a kid who grew up catching and investigating every creature he could find. In case you couldn't tell, he is also a human. He has chased other

creatures on mountains, in deserts, under oceans, and in forests and jungles. (He has only been bitten a few times.)

You too can go to the tops of the mountains or down to the floors of seas or into the depths of jungles—as soon as you can buy your own jeep and scuba equipment. Until then, come with us on Dr. Wilson's adventures. He took plenty of pictures.

Because Christians believe God made the world, we are supposed to look for God's good design in His creations. But this is not how most biologists act. They think it's their job to explain the world without God. They say that all life came about by means of chance and the death of the losers in the struggle to survive.

Death is a part of the story God is telling—but it's the part of the story ruined by sin. What comes after death is much more important: resurrection.

So the world is broken, but it will be healed. Where evolutionary scientists only see survival of the fittest, Christians should see the riot and dance, as all of creation works in concert to praise its Creator.

