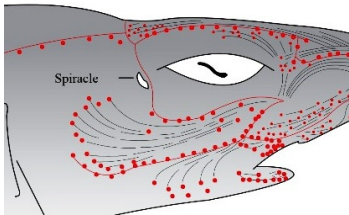


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Because intelligence and ability are gifts of the Creator, they are often found in abundance in creatures that evolution says are simple or less-evolved creatures. This contrary fact tells us that the Bible's description of the creation in which we live is more accurate than speculations by man.

Prayer: Dear Lord, You are truly Lord of all the creation, having made nothing of which You are ashamed. Help me to have this same attitude toward all of Your creation. Amen.

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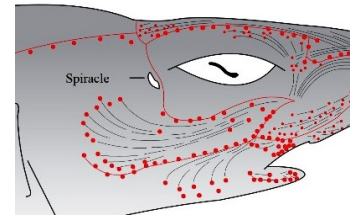
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