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The Animal with Two Life Cycles



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– Psalm 148:7*

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The jellyfish lives two very different lives, each with different lifestyles and methods of reproduction. The familiar jellyfish form is a swimming lifestyle. However, in another phase of their life, they are called polyps. In the polyp stage, they look like small anemones and cling to rocks.

Jellyfish cannot move fast enough to chase prey. However, careful study of jellyfish swimming patterns shows that jellyfish don't swim at random. The pattern in which they swim produces the greatest mathematical likelihood of encountering prey. Although evolutionists tell us jellyfish were among the earliest creatures, some of them have sophisticated brain functions that – outside of jellyfish – are found only in mammals and human beings!

The jellyfish is a tribute to God's creativity and imagination. Even though the jellyfish appears to be one of the simplest forms of life on Earth, it is also a mathematically precise hunter. Even this living bag of lukewarm Jell-O praises God through its existence.

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