

“Got a Moment” (#2)

The Australian Brush Turkey

Got a Moment? – Let’s talk about an amazing bird from Australia!

The Bible says that God has revealed Himself through the things He has made. (Romans 1:20) Since that is true we can expect

to see some amazing things when we investigate the living things around us. Whether we are looking at our Solar System, the planet Earth that we live on, the microscopic world or our human body, we can find lots and lots of things that are beautifully designed and can blow us away as we learn about them. The same is true of the animal world. Actually, everything from insects to the largest of mammals give witness to the enormous intellect and creativity of God our creator!

One of the animals that shows us something about the marvelous ability God has to create is the Australian Brush Turkey, also known as the Incubator Bird. This bird is very special indeed! It’s survival is dependent upon a very unique ability that this bird has, that I’m pretty sure no other animal in the world has.

Here’s a picture of the nest of an Australian Brush Turkey. Pretty big nest huh? The ability of all sorts of birds to build their nest in trees and such is in itself a marvelous thing that is hard to explain. Unlike most birds that build their nest up high, the Brush Turkey builds its nest on the ground and it builds a really big nest. Actually, the Brush Turkey’s nest is usually about 6 feet in diameter and 3 to 4 feet high. The really amazing thing though is not how big the Brush Turkey’s nest is. The truly remarkable thing has to do with what happens after the nest is built.

When a baby Brush Turkey comes forth from the egg, its mother lives with the little one inside the nest during a very critical part of the infant’s life. The mother cares for her offspring inside the nest but in order for the baby to live the temperature and the humidity levels inside the nest must be kept very precise, within 1 degree while the baby is developing. How could this possibly be accomplished since the nest is outside, not inside a controlled environment? The answer is found in the unique ability of the father Brush Turkey. Somehow, he is able to perfectly control the temperature and the humidity levels inside the nest by adding and removing sticks and materials at just the right places around the



outside of the nest. That's right! He has a God given ability to do something no human, and no other animal could possibly do. He instinctively knows how to maintain the perfect temperature and humidity level within the nest, allowing his little one to live and grow.

Let me ask you a question! How could the Brush Turkey have evolved this ability over millions of years? The Brush Turkey would have become extinct before he even came close to evolving this great skill! I think you would agree with me that the Brush Turkey is actually a great example of a creature that says very clearly to us – God created the heavens and the earth! And a great God at that! What a bird, and what a God who made this bird!

*You can't do what the Brush Turkey can but you also have many special abilities given to you by God that remind us all that we are created and loved!
Until next time! Bye!*

*For video only (no audio) – For further information see DVDs
“Incredible Creatures That Defy Evolution”*

Discussion Questions:

- (1) When a living creature has special skills that it depends upon to sustain its life or the life of its offspring, how does this give evidence that living things are created?
- (2) When you think of what the Brush Turkey can do what does it make you think of?
- (3) Can you think of any other living creature that has special abilities?

Pray Together as a Family! (Thank God for all the wonderful creatures around us!)