

**GOD:** Nature? Character? Role? Relationship?  
Assessment or View? Presence? Authority? Etc.

*Q: How do plants reveal God's hand at work in the world?*

[They are God's way of providing oxygen to keep humans and animals alive...They were designed by God to give pleasure to the human eye (Gen. 2:9) ...They provide nutrition...They provide raw materials for shelter, furniture, dyes, etc...They provide a basis for economic development...]

**CREATION:** Origin? Makeup or Constitution? Relationship to God or Humanity? Etc.

*Q: How do the designs of plants reveal the Designer? What do the designs of plants tell us about Him?*

[They tell us we are cared for moment-by-moment by a loving Creator...They demonstrate examples of beauty, and thus give us ideas for re-creating beauty through the design of clothing and artwork, thus revealing the Creator-Designer as a Master Teacher...]

**HUMANITY:** Nature?  
Character? Role? Value?  
Relationship? Etc.

*Q: What do plants have to do with Christ's call to disciple the nations?*

[Through the wise and resourceful use of plants, people can honor Christ by fulfilling His commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves...By making conscious connections between plants and our role as "earth-rulers," we can teach human responsibility, and the joys of co-working with God...]

**SUBJECT or THEME:**

## PLANTS

*Q: How do plants relate to the First Commission of Gen. 1:26-28?*

[The cultivation of plants is a big part of our earth-ruling role and function...Through the proper governance and stewardship of plants we can put our image-bearing qualities to good use...]

*Q: What responsibilities are part of our relationship with plants?*

[Waste and abuse do not fulfill the Lord's intention for plants, human beings, or animals...]

**PURPOSE:** Reason? Significance?  
Weight? Destiny? Direction? Design?  
Outcome? Etc.

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**MORAL ORDER:** Basis? Origin? Sphere? Accountability? Justness? Soundness? Etc.