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## Great Minds Think Alike

The turf, or stones, or snow—the palm-leaves, bamboo, or branches—which are the materials of houses in various countries, are used because nothing else is so readily to be obtained. Vaguely thinking over the enormous and constant destruction which this implied, it occurred to me to ask the question, Why do some die and some live? Most of the gaps in the geological series may thus be filled up, and vast numbers of unknown and unimaginable animals, which might help to elucidate the affinities of the numerous isolated groups which are a perpetual puzzle to the zoologist, may there be buried, till future revolutions may raise them in their turn above the waters, to afford materials for the study of whatever race of intelligent beings may then have succeeded us. He sorted out the previous day's collection and then set out again into the forest with his gear.

## Biologist Alfred Russel Wallace

In this case the use of the resemblance must be to enable the Cladobates to approach the insects or small birds on which it feeds under the disguise of the harmless fruit-eating squirrel. These would be first seized but invariably dropped in disgust, and afterwards left unmolested. They would have been connected if the water level had been 200 feet shallower.

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Despite the richness of his collections, he received a profit of only about £800 for his efforts - or about £73 a year. Bates also tells us that he never saw them molested by lizards or predacious flies, which often pounce on other butterflies. Get up at half-past five, bath, and coffee.

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Conclusion 167—185 IX. Three green lizards *Lacerta viridis*, which he kept for several years, were very voracious, eating all kinds of food, from a lemon cheesecake to a spider, and devouring flies, caterpillars, and humble bees; yet there were some caterpillars and moths which they would seize only to drop immediately. Wallace the great collector was intimately familiar with the variety of individuals of a species.

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First, the effect of temperature and UV on mutation rate could be assessed using lab-based model organisms in controlled environments. Those two islands would never have been connected. So also the woodchuck of Canada has a dark-brown fur; but then it lives in burrows and frequents river banks, catching fish and small animals that live in or near the water.

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