

Difference and Discernment

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1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning ...

- ... the matters about which you wrote (7:1)
- ... virgins (7:25)
- ... food sacrificed to idols (8:1)

I do not want you to be without knowledge

- ... that our ancestors were all ... (10:1)
- ... this mystery, so that you do not be wiser than you are (Rom 11:25)

Concerning food sacrificed to idols

We know that all of us have knowledge ...

...Knowledge puffs up ...

But love builds up (8:1)

Concerning spiritual persons

We know that we all have knowledge
... but not everyone does have knowledge (8:1, 7)

But I would not be able to speak to you as spiritual people,
but as fleshly (3:1)

Concerning spiritual things

Pursue love, be enthusiastic for spiritual things, but rather so that you may prophesy
For the one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to human beings but to God (14:1)

Concerning *spiritual* PNEUMATIKA

... of *gifts* CHARISMATA

... of gifts

Variety

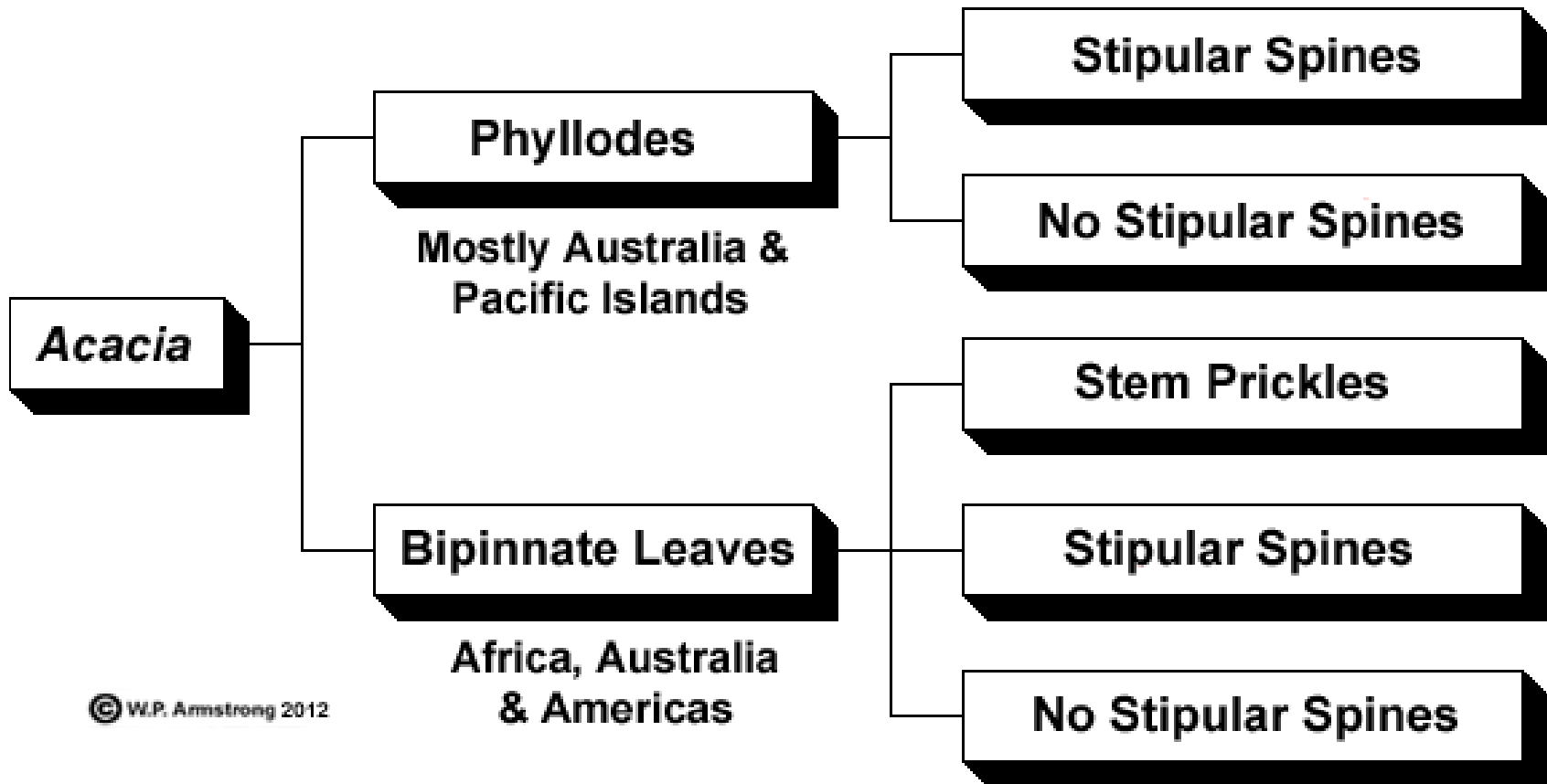
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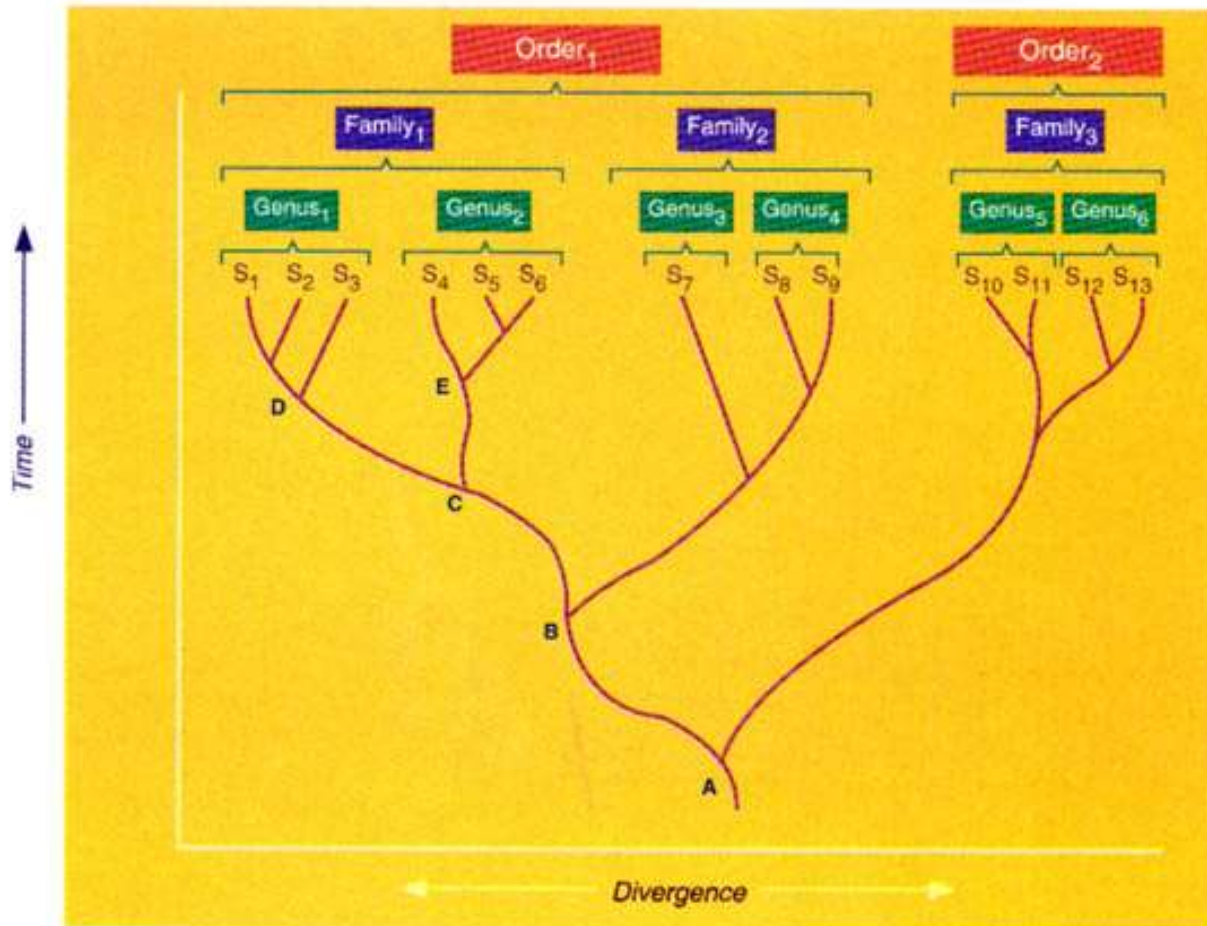
Diversity

Division

And the same spirit *distributes* to each as it wills (12: 11)







Divisions of gifts

The same Spirit

Varieties of services

The same Lord

Distributions of energies

The same God

Gifts of healings (11:9)

Energies of powerful acts (11:10)

The same God who energises all things among all

The one and the same Spirit
who energises all these
Distributing to each individually
as the Spirit wishes

To each is given ... for what is beneficial

All things are allowed, but not all things are beneficial;
All things are allowed, but not all things build up.
(10:23; 6:12)

So you also, since you are enthusiastic for spirits,
seek what is for the building up of the church, so that you
may flourish (14:12)

When you come together, each has a psalm, a teaching, a
tongue, an interpretation.
Let all things be for the building up of the church (14:26)

The one who speaks with a tongue builds up themselves;
the one who prophesies builds up the church (14:4)

To one

To someone else

To another

To another

To another

The same Spirit

To another

To another

... discrimination of spirits

To someone else

To another

Let two or three prophets speak and the others discriminate (14:29)

