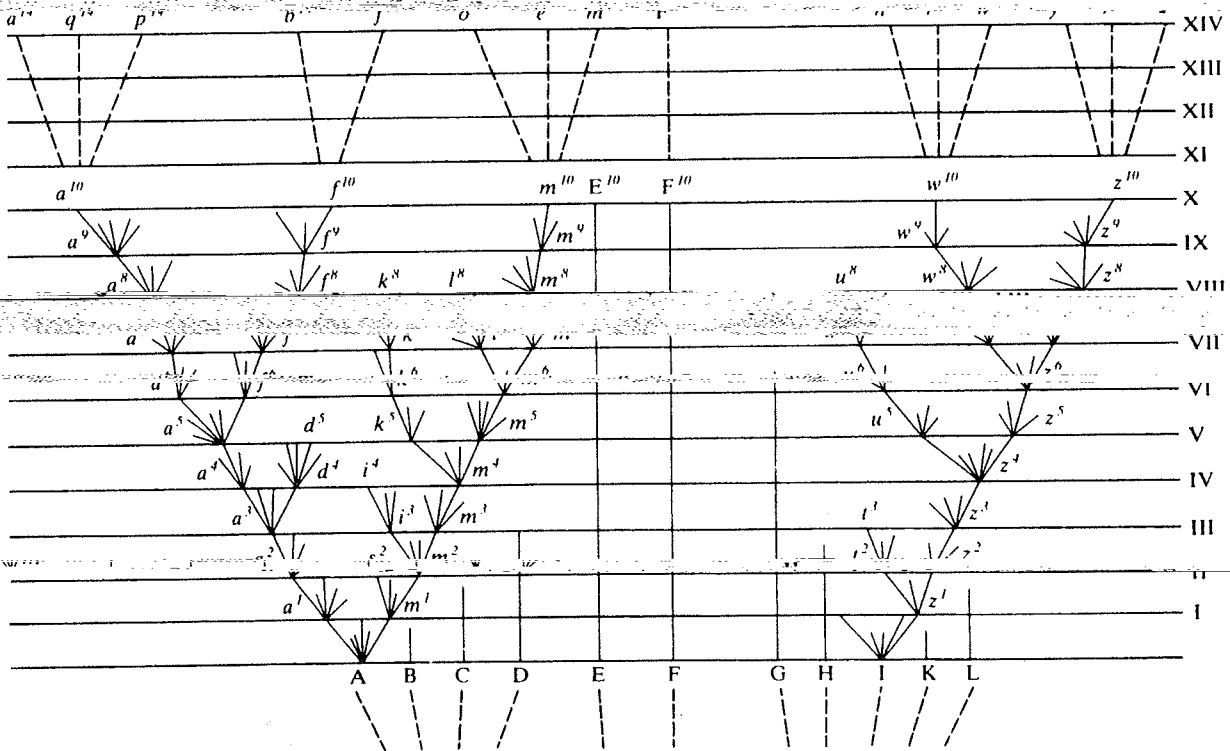


It is interesting to contemplate an entangled bank, clothed with many plants of many kinds, with birds singing on the bushes, with various insects flitting about, and with worms crawling through the damp earth, and to reflect that these elaborately constructed forms, so different from each other, and dependent on each other in so complex a manner, have all been produced by laws acting around us. (489)

Scheme of the tree of life:



Then imagine, in the origin of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved. (490)

“Hurrahing in Harvest,” Gerard Manley Hopkins
 These things, these things were here and but the beholder
 Wanting, which two when they once meet,
 The heart rears wings bold and bolder