Animals Teach Us Life

When we observe animals carefully, especially their behavior, we may take away great lessons that could beapplied to both our social and private lives.

Humans can learn a lot of things from animals. Many times humans have copied animals in scientific and technologic fields. For instance, the first soaring objects in the history of aeronautics were equipped with wings. Further, spider-web-like materials have been created with silk and used for various purposes. Even the American robot Ariel, programmed to search for mines, was modeled after a crab.

What about culturally? There is no doubt that animal mimicry has occurred in all societies. Some animal behaviors have even inspired war tactics in armies.

This book demonstrates that humans can learn valuable lessons from animals. Included in this book are reflections on different animals' natural behaviors. These observations of natural animal behaviors are backed by research.

For each of the selected animals in this book, there is an accompanying message. However, knowing that the study is not closed, it is up to the reader – young or old — to pursue this way of thinking, since the animal world is infinite.

A fellow once told me, "You're surely writing this book for your dear ones." He guessed as much because the lessons are worded as pieces of advice.

"Animals Teach Us Life" is the first installment in a planned series; others will follow it, God willing.

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Ants

Ants are social insects living in true communities. The complex and intelligent social organization they live by guarantees their survival as individuals and as a collective.

For your own good, you should definitely believe in organization, specialization and hierarchy in any social group you are a member of.

Bats

Bats are mammals, but they are equipped with wings that enable them to fly; an advantage other mammals don't have. However, their particular morphology does not allow them to drink, hunt or eat "properly" on land. Instead, they endeavor to accomplish these tasks during their flight. They also perch and sleep upside down.

You may look up to successful people, but don't envy them. Do you know what they are enduring alongside?

Bears

Despite their heavy build and awkward gait, bears are strong climbers, good runners and impressive swimmers.

You have a real handicap only when you accept it to be one.

Bees

During their lifetime, worker bees have several functions in the hive, according to their age. *Cleaners* clean used cells and other debris out of the hive. *Nurse*s feed and care for growing larvae. *Guards* protect the hive, sting invaders and warn bees inside the hive of any dangers. *Foragers* visit flowers to collect nectar and pollen to carry back to the hive.

Work through your lifetime. No matter how old you may be, there is always a suitable job for you to do.

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