

Learning from Nature

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Nature is really diverse and every aspect of it has great learning opportunities for all the creatures living in it. We all are connected to the nature in one way or another and we all get inspiration from nature. Everything in the nature has a reason for its existence. Nature makes our lives easier by providing all the required resources for our daily living from food to shelter, clothing, recreation and nurture us like a mother. Nature has a balance in everything. Nature has hidden meanings and its right interpretation can lead to many life lessons and discoveries. All the developments we see today are a result of careful observations and learning from the nature.

Everything in the nature has its own life cycle and the end of one life cycle of an organism can be the start of life of another organism's lifecycle. This shows that nature recycles in many ways and nothing is useless or a waste in nature. For example, microorganisms are really tiny have helped the environment in sustaining life and maintaining the life cycle of the plants by decomposing dead and waste matter. These plants then provide food and resources to human beings and other living creatures dependent on it.

Nature teaches us hardwork, harmony and discipline. A simple example is of a small insect Ant which always moves in a group in a disciplined manner. They carry the food which is much bigger than their size and apparently seems impossible to handle by a small creature. We can even learn from minute organisms. Animals from the same species tend to help each other so that they can work quicker and more efficiently. We humans can learn these skills from animals. If humans also used this, they would become quicker and will work more efficiently as they would be organized and would cooperate with each other.

If we observe animals, they teach us survival skills and how we should not let fear dominate our lives. These survival skills are used by all predators and prey. One of these

skills is camouflage with which prey hide from the clutches of the predators and predators try to sneak up behind their prey. An example of this being used by humans is the people in the army camouflage during the wars to sneak up on their enemy and their base and move ahead fearlessly.

A seedling growing from the seed and turning into a new fresh plant teaches us of hope. If humans plant seeds of hope and nourish them with love, care and attention with the faith that their labor will not be wasted and will result in fruits in future.

Flock of birds fly in harmony and never run into each other. They understand their body language. Humans can learn that communication is not just through words, body language and emotions can be sensed and we all should be supporting to each other to make this world a better place.

Trees and small plants grow in the garden giving each other a space to grow. Creepers and vines get support for their growth from the trees , trees provide food and shelter to other living things. We as humans can learn to be supportive to each other to help others to grow and sustain. If we humans learn from nature, we can make this world a better place to live.