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The Games Animals Play



Read Job 40:20b

What is play good for? Well, it's lots of fun, but fun has no evolutionary value. And evolutionists are puzzled over the fact that animals seem to love to play. They have offered many theories about how play might have some survival value, but they haven't convinced even each other that any of their explanations for play really explain anything.

Most of us have seen puppies and kittens play, sometimes even playing with each other. A common sight on a farm is a lone colt, leaping and dancing in the field for no apparent reason other than the joy of doing it. Many creatures enjoy a good old-fashioned game of king of the mountain.

Many of the games animals play show a surprising amount of creativity. Right whales have been seen to raise their tails into the air at right angles to the wind, using them as sails to propel themselves toward shore. Polar bears enjoy dropping objects down slopes and then chasing them. Some cubs even play throw and fetch games with themselves. Monkeys often make sponges out of chewed leaves in order to get drinking water out of tree hollows. But they often get bored with this and start clowning, starting water fights and making faces with the leaves in their mouths.

According to the Bible, our Creator is capable of joy. It would seem that He has given many of His creatures the ability to enjoy life and have fun, too. Play is a gift from our Creator that makes life just a little richer.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for the ability to enjoy Your good gifts and have fun. I ask that these things would have a proper place in my life, making it richer, and filling me with more gratitude toward You. Amen.

References: Fagen, Robert. Horseplay and Monkeyshines. *Science* 83, Dec. 1983, p. 71.

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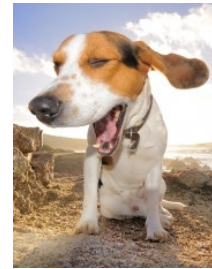
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