

On Geese And Friends

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When you see geese flying in a “V” formation, you might be interested in knowing what facts scientists have discovered about why they fly that way.

FACT: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

TRUTH: *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the trust of one another. [Read Ephesians 4:16](#)*

FACT: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

TRUTH: *There is strength, power and safety in numbers when traveling in the same direction with those with whom we share a common goal. [Read 1 Corinthians 1:10](#)*

FACT: When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point.

TRUTH: *It pays to take turns doing hard jobs. [Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15](#)*

FACT: The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed.

TRUTH: *We all need to be remembered with active support and praise. [Read Colossians 2:1-2](#)*

FACT: When a goose gets sick or is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until the crisis resolves, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

TRUTH: *We must stand by each other in times of need! [Read Acts 12:1-5](#)*

We are fortunate that there are more geese in life than turkeys. Let us remember to uphold each other in friendship and to give each other a big “honk” more often.

Editor’s Note: It should not be surprising that the same God of Nature is also the God of Revelation. Many things in nature reflect truths and lessons in the spiritual realm. God gave geese their natural intuition both for their benefit and for ours. The Scriptures listed above with every natural trait of geese is just an example of the many biblical references that teach the same truth. Use these references as a “springboard” and see if you can find other similar passages and share them with one another. **AWG**

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