

Fish, Ant, Bird, and Man

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One day man walked to a brook and met fish. He watched and saw that all fish did throughout the day was swim. Man was puzzled about what he saw and finally asked, "Fish, why do you swim all day?" "Why, that's what fish do," fish answered. Man was pensive and returned home.

The next day, man walked into the steppe and met ant. He watched and saw that all ant did throughout the day was work. He remembered fish and was curious what ant would answer. So he asked, "Ant, why do you work all day?" "Why, that's what ants do," ant answered. Man was pensive again and returned home.

The day after that, man walked into the forest and met bird. He watched and saw that all bird did throughout the day was fly. Anticipating what it might say he asked, "Bird, why do you fly all day?" "Why, that's what birds do," bird answered. Man nodded and was pensive once more. He set off for his way home.

On the way home, as he pondered his thoughts, man paused for a moment and wondered, *What is it that I do?*