

## **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. He was puzzled about what he saw and finally asked, "Fish, why do you swim the whole 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 how ant would answer. So he asked, "Ant, why do you work the whole 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 the whole day?" "Why, that's what birds do." Man nodded and was pensive once more. He set off for his way home.

On the way home man thought, *What is it that I do?*