

AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE FROM THE ANIMAL WORLD

Roaming about in a forest once, a traveler suddenly saw a sparrow crying repeatedly and flying in and out of its nest on a tree. This scene astonished him and attracted his deep attention. What he saw also was a snake creeping up the tree towards that nest. At the same time he also saw that sparrow plucking leaves from the tree and placing them around its nest. The snake was creeping up and up while the sparrow was busy swiftly covering its nest with those leaves. Having done that, it then flew away another tree.

The snake was still creeping up and getting nearer and nearer the nest. Its goal was to enter the nest and swallow the sparrow's small chicks. But as it got very near the nest, it abruptly turned back swiftly creeping down the tree. Why, what had happened? The fact is that those leaves around the nest were strong poison and killer for snakes. Perhaps only the smell of those leaves scared away that snake.

Let us ask ourselves who had guided the sparrow to pluck those poisonous leaves and place them around the nest? Who had inspired it to safeguard its chicks against attack from the snake?

The Holy Qur'an gives the answer in the following verse:
"HE SAID: OUR LORD IS HE WHO GAVE TO EVERYTHING ITS CREATION AND THEN GUIDED IT (towards its goal and needs)" (Sura Taha v.50)

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