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Hear the Whispers of Nature

Nature is a great teacher. Nature in its silent voice teaches us one lesson or the other. English poet William Wordsworth said, "one impulse from a vernal wood may teach you more of man, of moral evil and of good than all the sages can." The great English playwright William Shakespeare found "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything." Other illustrious men and women of literature, philosophers and poets have attributed to Nature the immense capacity of imparting valuable lessons to human beings. Nature speaks to us silently, much more than we can imagine, if only we could hear its whispers. The trees, plants, flowers and grass; vales, dales, lakes, rivers and oceans; mountains, hills and rocks; all living creatures from the tiniest insect to the largest animal and above all, the earth, the sun, the moon and the sky impart to us lessons more valuable and of greater sterling importance than all the universities on the globe can do. Nature also gives us hope, solace and empathy which humans are often in great need of. The sun, the moon, the earth and all celestial bodies move on their wonted course imparting to us the great lesson of discipline in life. Then, there is the silent music of spheres which exercises spiritual influence on our psyche. If only we could follow Nature, we could be relieved of all dross and negative things in life. We deviate from the path prescribed by immutable laws of Nature and invite troubles galore. If we wish to lead a useful, successful and fruitful life, we have to live in harmony with Nature and imbibe silent lessons that it teaches.

While passing through a dense forest, she cried out, what an enchanting scene ? I would love to live among them. We get delighted and feel fresh in the crowd of trees, and feel depressed and uneasy in a crowd of men. We like to live with trees as long as possible, but want to get away from the crowd at the earliest moment and have a turn in fresh air, more preferably in the neighbourhood of trees. Trees are really our dear companions. As a matter of fact, the dust free open atmosphere is very bracing. Who won't long to be in the lap of nature ? The forests, trees, plants with their fragrance-spreading and multi-coloured flowers and the ripe sweet-smelling fruits hanging from their branches are soothing to the eyes and instill in us a sense of health and vigour. The melodious musical voices of the birds on the trees pour nectar into our ears, which we never want to part with. It seems that the company of nature in general and of the trees in particular, is nearer to men than the company of his counterparts. Premchand, the celebrated Hindi novelist, has written somewhere that idealism in literature has the same place as the open space of nature in life. When we get sick of the suffocating atmosphere of the city life, we go out in the open air to relieve boredom of life. When we are sick of reading the painful and hard realities of life, we take recourse to some sort of idealism which takes the reader to a higher plane of consciousness. Relish of poetry takes the reader beyond the bonds of 'I' and 'I'ness.

Nature plays the same role in giving us inspiration and charging our batteries.

Nature is the art of God, and it was she who gave birth to art, as the great thinker philosophers Aristotle and Plato defined "art as nothing but nature's imitation." Even to-day painters and poets get new ideas from nature. As William Shakespeare wrote in one of his dramas—"that the poem hangs on the berry bush, when comes the poet's eye. The seven notes of music are based on and named after the different melodies in the realm of nature."

Every event in nature takes place under a law and all movements are rhythmic. The branch of scientific knowledge known as physics is but an humble effort of bringing to light the laws of nature. The codes of human conduct were made, so that the man could live in harmony with nature.