

# Dick E. Bird News: **Lessons From Geese**

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### **FACT**

As the bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift draft for the bird following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole flock adds a greater flying range than if one bird flew alone.

### **LESSON I**

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they’re going quicker and more easily because they are traveling on the strength of one another.

### **FACT**

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

### **LESSON II**

If we have as much sense as geese, we will be willing to stay in formation and be willing to accept help and give help when it is needed.

### **FACT**

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose takes over.

### **LESSON III**

Geese instinctively share the task of leadership and do not resent the leader.

### **FACT**

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those upfront to keep up their speed.

### **LESSON IV**

We must support our leaders and make sure that our honking is encouraging and not something else.

### **FACT**

When a goose gets sick, is wounded, or gets shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to earth to help and protect it. They stay with their disabled companion until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own or with another formation until they catch up to their flock.

### **LESSON V**

If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by one another in difficult times and help the one who has dropped out to regain their place in the formation.