

LOCOMOTION IN ANIMALS

WITH THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL.

Just as there is a wondrous variety in the sizes of animals created by our rabb, there is a variety in the way they move on land, water and air.

We are reminded in Sura Nur (ch. 24): verse 45:-

“And Allah has created every animal from water: of them there are some that creep on their bellies; some that walk on two legs; and some that walk on four. ... ”

Creeping creatures include worms, reptiles, centipedes, spiders and insects.

The swimming of sea- animals and mammals is like ‘creeping on their bellies’.

The two-legged creatures (bi-peds) include birds and humans.

Most mammals walk on four legs.

Thus the locomotion of the whole animal world is described.

Land-dwelling mammals walk, run and jump.

All praise and thanks to Allah (S.W.T.) for having provided for each creature what is suitable for its particular type of movement or locomotion!

The snail produces a watery substance that serves as a ‘lake’, and it rows through the ‘lake’ from one end to another!

Worksheet

1) Considering how the snail produces a watery substance to move from place to place, would you say that it had developed this technique over many years, or that our Rabb had designed it that way?
