

Noah's Ark

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Some time ago a strange scenario about Noah's Ark haunted me. It sort of went like the following. During the flood, the Ark came close to a piece of land. It was lush and green and apparently not too large in size. There was great commotion. Noah was informed but Noah had not received any revelation about it, so he was reluctant.

Some of the cleverer animals took the initiative and decided to disembark thinking something like: a bird in hand is better than two in the bush. But as the piece of land looked small the clever ones decided that the land mass would not support all. The Ark was in deep water and showed no signs of slowing, it was apparent that only the good swimmers or very large could go.

So a number of them jumped in. Then the sky saw a strange scene, they were swimming towards the piece of land and fighting trying to make sure that the others would not reach it. In this rush some did reach the land and started making sure that anyone within their reach would not be able to swim ashore.

Of course some of them, mainly slower swimmers and smaller ones, perished. But as it happens in mass exodus some survived. In the mean time the Ark had disappeared. The next day they decided to inspect their territory and found out that the soil was sandy and was being eroded by water. Another day and more than half of the land mass was gone. The cleverest started practicing living in water.

When finally the water receded, the whole land mass was eroded and all the living ones were swept into the sea. So if I were to believe that the whole world was inundated in the floods of Noah's time I would say that perhaps this is how we got the marine mammals. But of course that is not the point. The point seems to be: "Stick with the Ark for safety if you were lucky enough to be in the Ark and if you were meant to be in the Ark. If you do not stick with the Ark you may survive, but as a freak in an environment you and your progeny may never be at home."

Jumping off the Ark may well be similar to trying out a new idea or starting a new creed or just breaking off with the mainstream. It may appear to give some advantage but you do not know what shape it will take in the long run. So, before trying out a new idea try to see what effects it will have in the long term.

From a religious point of view jumping off the Ark could mean breaking off with one's religious values. For example if one's religious values tell one to be forthright, honest and peace loving, jumping off the Ark could mean trumpeting one's religious values but indulging in underhand tactics and mischief.

I am not sure why I got the scenario, but some things I am quite sure about. God Almighty made creatures on this third rock from the sun from scratch. He would not punish all the land creatures for the sins of Noah's people. So Noah's flood was a local phenomenon and my surmise about the marine mammals is just bunk. But still whenever I hear of whales and dolphins beaching, I feel they are telling us: Stick with the Ark, fools! Perhaps I have some unresolved issues. But rest assured I am not gonna go to a shrink; they ask such stupid and unrelated questions!