

Learning



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This eagle has learnt that to break an emu egg will provide a tasty meal. Here it has been rewarded with a tasty titbit instead, demonstrating that the eagle has devised strategies for existence. In the wild the eagle will soar to a great height and drop the egg which smashes enabling the bird to eat. That is bird wisdom gained by hard experience but could the creature be hard wired by the Creator so that such wisdom is an instinct.

There is the formal wisdom of the education system. The understanding of our fellows and getting along with them in peaceable, Psychology it is sometimes called.

Proverbs has some pithy statements about wisdom and how it is learned. 'If you want better insight and discernment, and are searching for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure, then wisdom will be given you and knowledge of God himself; you will soon learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and of trusting him.'

These boys are practising their skills as skaters and riders. No doubt they have fallen off numerous times; skun their elbows and knees. But they never gave up until they had learnt the moves to perfection.



Learning should be a life long ambition. To stop learning is to stagnate. To stagnate is to die mentally. To believe that we have reached the end of learning is to believe we know it all when of course how can our finite minds know the hidden depths of even the simplest of ideas? 'Know-it-alls' don't make good bedfellows with humility.

