The Sense of Geese!

Next
time you
see geese heading
south for the winter, flying
along in the “V” formation, you might
be interested in knowing what science has
discovered about why they fly that way. It has been
learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for
the bird immediately following. By flying in a “V” formation, the whole
flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its
own. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance
of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting
power of the bird in front. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose
flies point. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Finally,
when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation
and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the goose until it is able to
fly, or until it is dead, and then launch out on their own or with another
formation to catch up with their original group. You see, all we
have to do to attract those who are not participating is to
demonstrate to the world that we have at least
as much sense as a goose. That seems
like a small enough price to
pay to win the lost
and to help one
another.

BASIC TRUTHS  ⚫  People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are
going easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another. ⚫  If we have as much sense as a goose,
we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are. ⚫  We will stand by each other,
protect one another, and sometimes make new friends who seem to be going in our direction. ⚫  It pays to
take turns doing the hard jobs — with people or with flying geese. ⚫  We need to be careful what we say
when we honk from behind. ⚫  May we have the sense of geese!

— Anonymous