

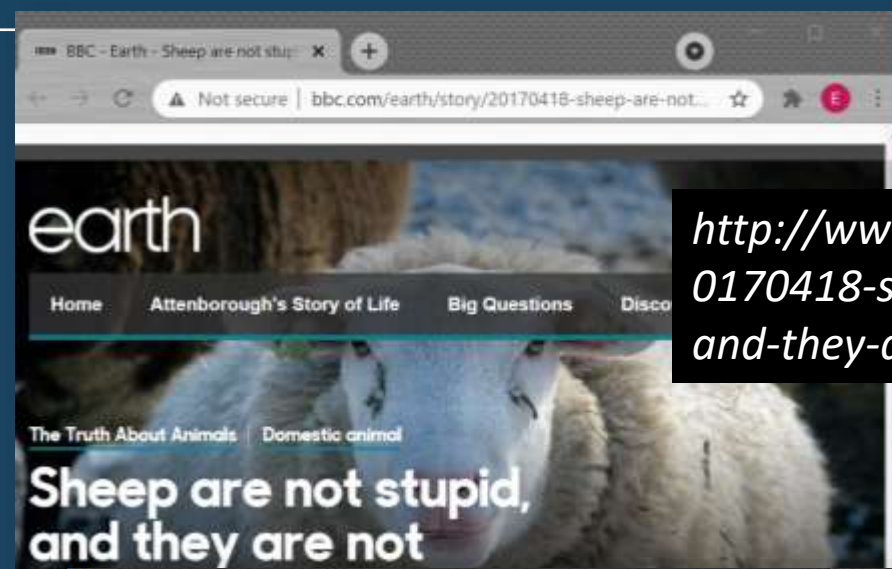
The Good Shepherd

JOHN 10



Sheep

- Are not naturally dumb



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Sheep are not stupid, and they are not helpless either

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Basic Sheep Info Choose a topic

"Smart" sheep

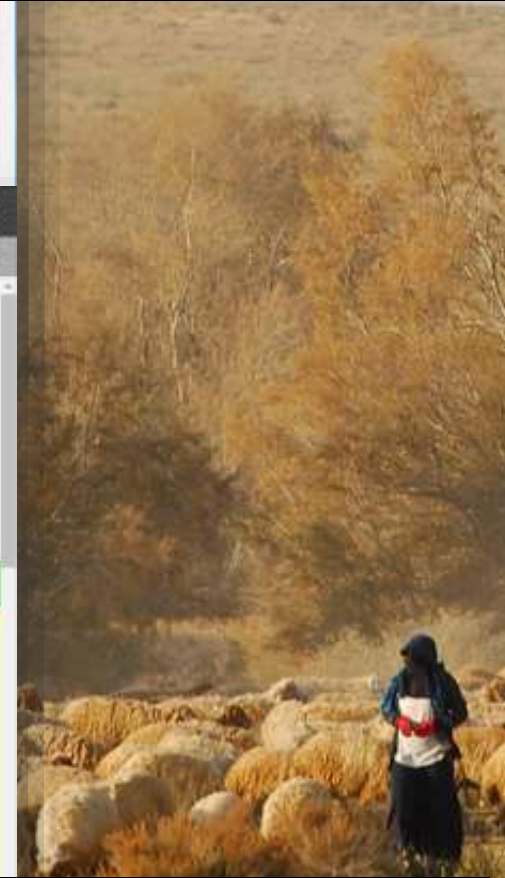
"Stupid" sheep
Due to their strong flocking instinct and failure to act independently of one another, sheep have been universally branded "stupid." But sheep are not stupid. Their only protection from predators is to band together and follow the sheep in front of them. If a predator is threatening the flock, this is not the time to act independently.

At the same time, there is a growing body of evidence that sheep may actually possess some smarts!

Sheep foil cattle guard
Hungry sheep on the Yorkshire Moors across hoof-proof metal cattle grids.
"They lie down on their side or sometimes they are clear. I've seen them do it."

<http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20170418-sheep-are-not-stupid-and-they-are-not-helpless-either>

<http://www.sheep101.info/stupidsheep.html>



Sheep

- Are not naturally dumb
- Are naturally vulnerable
- Are naturally followers
- Us too! (1 Pet. 5:8, Matt. 9:36)



Three Pictures (Jn. 10)

- The Sheep Pen (vv. 1-6)
 - *Identity & intentions*
- The Sheep Door (vv. 7-10)
 - *Safety & provision*
- The Good Shepherd (vv. 11-18)
 - *Sacrifice*
 - *Ezekiel 34:23-24, 37:24*



Know the Shepherd

- A relationship built on trust (John 10:4-5, 14-15)
- Who can you trust more than one who sacrifices himself for you? (John 14:15, 1 Pet. 2:24-25)
- Voluntary, grateful obedience!



Application

- Hear and follow
(John 10:24-27)
- We are safe with Jesus
(John 10:28-29)

