

## ИСТОРИЯ И ОБЩЕСТВОЗНАНИЕ

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### ELEPHANTS AS AN EXAMPLE OF HUMANITY

*Аннотация:* в данной работе рассматривается проблема взаимосвязи между человеком и природой, в частности слонами. Слоны выступают как проявление человеческих качеств и, являясь самыми умными животными, имеют свои собственные эмоции, традиции и правила.

*Ключевые слова:* человек, природа, взаимосвязь, слоны, человеческие качества, умные животные, традиции, правила.

It is time to touch on an interesting theme about humanity, respect and intelligence. Do they belong only to people or is it typical of every living creature? What about feelings? My love for elephants haunts me and I know why. Everyone knows that elephants are big, heavy, grey animals. However, people might not realise that elephants have a soul and emotions as people. Elephants are the cleverest animal, who have their own emotions, traditions and rules. However, do elephants feel like people? What can we see through communication, emotions, traditions and actions?

In fact, elephants communicate in different ways. I can mention that elephants are very friendly. They have strong opinion about friendship. Even if their friend is ill, they will stay with him until the last minute of his live, they don't know what betrayal, insult, offence, disregard and quarrel mean («Two Best Friends Elephants»). Their

friendship is based on supporting each other. Even after many years, if friends meet, they can be not as close as they were, but elephants are going to be as nice to each other as may seem can't be («2008Aug19 TWO (2) Elephants Reunited After 20 Years Mp4 KPBS Documentary News»). The Second idea, which can show us why communication between elephants is so similar to human's is Family support. Family is always on the top of the most important things of our lives. One can see, that the power of the family support is it in the elephants» families too. Family is the only one place where you can find truth and mutual love. These clever animals are known to develop strong, intimate bonds between friends and family members. As people, elephants take care of kids. They help each other and protect their family against everything. Third thing is discrimination. Discrimination between species is very common. Elephants are animals, who don't care about this, as you can see that is hard to fight with them. These big grey animals are very careful when communicating with someone else, who is another species. They are very gullible, that's why people use them as servants («How Burmese Elephants Helped Defeat the Japanese in World War 2»). But elephants don't think that if one did it, everyone could do the same. This kind animals don't pay attention to that, they support people, as some people support them. That is why they are clever.

More information can give us the most diverse and vibrant similarity – emotions. For someone it can be strange to hear that elephants can cry, grieve and be happy as we can. First of all they grieve as we grieve (Elephants Really Do Grieve like Us). That doesn't mean elephants know what death is. They can expect death in the way we can imagine it as an abstract concept. Their grief is different: it's simply about loss. The Second emotion is crying and it's the most important fact about elephants. Elephants as every person cry full of happiness or woe. As an example, one elephant was saved in the horrible situation. He cried of happiness after being rescued of 50 years of suffering («Elephants Cries after Being Rescued from 50 Years of Suffering»). And another example, is when one mother-elephant died, her son walked around her body and didn't drink and eat, he just cried (Elephants Really Do Grieve like Us). But then people saved him, so he perked up quickly. The Third strong feeling is happiness, which helps

everyone live with the desire in eyes and share it with others. If you feel a strong feeling of well-being and happiness, you will smile and laugh. Elephants can do it too. The most remarkable thing is their smile («Elephants Cries after Being Rescued from 50 Years of Suffering»). Not every animal can do it.

The last and perhaps the most interesting are traditions and actions. What would we believe more, what you see or someone told you? Elephants are clever animals and they confirmed this more than once. The First thing that I choose to talk about is respect to the dead («Humans and Elephants»). These representatives of fauna are similar to people in crying, even trying to «bury» their dead and conducting the dead all together with short silence. The Second thing is teaching children. Elephants teach their children how to live and they support them, showing them the right way. They can run in the crowd supporting every little elephant («This Elephant Looks In Mirror for First Time. What Happens Next Is Remarkable!»). The third one I can tell after hearing about the experiment with the mirror. Men left an elephant with the mirror, and, of course, he touched the mirror as all animals do thinking that it someone else («This Elephant Looks In Mirror for First Time. What Happens Next Is Remarkable!»). But then he understood that he saw himself, as none of animals can do and started to view himself in the mirror. That situation shows us that they are clever animals.

Elephants communicate with each other as we do. They support, care and love each other. Elephants emotionally feel like we feel, as they smile, grieve and cry. They have morality as we have, teach children, respectful for the dead and act as much as people do. Finally, by analysing everything it's possible to say, that Elephants are more human than people think.

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