



## **Title: The Crocodile case**

**Bible Reading : Job 41:1-3 "Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook or press down his tongue with a cord? Can you put a rope in his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? Will he make many pleas to you? Will he speak to you soft words? Will he make a covenant with you to take him for your servant forever? Will you play with him as with a bird, or will you put him on a leash for your girls? ... Isaiah 27:1 and Psalms 74:14**

**Crocodiles/Alligators are fierce, fearless, and forceful creatures. As Spirit Animals, they symbolize individuality, protection, and strength. The Crocodiles/Alligators' ancestry makes these formidable beasts one people associate with the power and wisdom of the ancients! When this spirit catches up with you will likely be presented with a new opportunity that truly energise you creatively. The theme for the Crocodile is one seeking the knowledge you need to grow and transform; this does not happen overnight so there is a call to patience as well. When you emerge from Crocodile's tutelage, you will have far greater insights and spiritual aptitudes, so much they may surprise you. You will need time to honour these new gifts and abilities. Meditating near water often helps tap Crocodile Spirit's insights, especially those dealing with your own psyche and emotional traumas that may be a little uncomfortable but require resolution. Remain fearless and strong.**

**Crocodiles are watchers, they stay hidden in the depths until the time is right to emerge. When these reptiles present in your awareness it is time to submerge. Step out of the line of sight. The Crocodile Symbolic Meanings are as follows:**

**• Ancient Power & Wisdom , Clairvoyance (Diving), Cultivation, Endurance, Fearless, Forceful, Prudent, Deity Energy, Individuality, Psychic Awareness**

**"In Mana Pools National Park by the Zambezi River you can take a walk to the riverside or a game drive to view the four pools. In this adventure you need an armed ranger to guide or accompany you for safety reasons. At the water hole or by the riverside animals come to drink.**



The animals drink but very nervous. Some approach the muddy water hole, only to turn and run away in great fright. Not because there were lions within the vicinity and if you ask the ranger or guide why they did not drink. His answer, would point today's sermon,

**“Crocodiles.”**

The fact was that the crocodiles, settled in the water/mud, waiting for some unsuspecting animal to get thirsty enough to come for a drink. It should be noted there are crocodiles all over the park, not just in the rivers or pools. It is very rare to have any water without a crocodile somewhere near it that is the situation in many of our Parks Estates.

You see so it is important to always consult those that know the ranger/guide lest you become the victim.

Did you those ahead of you in life have probed about the water holes a bit and raise a voice of warning about crocodiles. Not just the big, gray lizards that can bite you to pieces, but spiritual crocodiles, infinitely more dangerous, and more deceptive and less visible, even, than those well-camouflaged reptiles in Mana Pools National Park. These spiritual crocodiles can kill or mutilate your souls. They can destroy your peace of mind and the peace of mind of those who love you. Those are the ones to be warned against, and there is hardly a watering place in all of mortality now that is not infested with them.

It seems almost to be against our natures, particularly when we are young, to accept much guidance from others. But, young rangers/guides, there are times when, regardless of how much we think we know or how much we think we want to do something, that our very existence depends on paying attention to the rangers/guides.

Now, it is a gruesome thing to think about the people that have been eaten by the crocodile. But that is not, by any means, the worst thing that could happen. There are moral and spiritual things far worse even than the thought of being chewed to pieces by a monstrous Alligators.

Fortunately, there are rangers/guides enough in life to prevent these things from happening if we are willing to take counsel now and again.

Some of us are appointed now, as you will be soon, to be guides and rangers. Now we do not use those titles very much. We go under the titles of parents—father and mother, clergy, leader, adviser. Our assignment is to see that you get through mortality without being injured by these spiritual crocodiles.

All of the training and activity in the Organisation and Church has as its central purpose a desire to see you, our staff members, free and independent and secure, both spiritually and temporally.

If you will listen to the counsel of your supervisors and your elders and your leaders when you are young, you can learn how to follow the best guide of all—the whisperings of the Holy Spirit. That is individual revelation. There is a process through which we can be alerted to spiritual dangers. Just as surely as that guide warned above there at the water hole that there are crocodiles, in the same



vain you can receive signals alerting you to the spiritual crocodiles that lie in wait ahead.

If we can train you to listen to these spiritual communications, you will be protected from these crocodiles of life. You can learn what it feels like to be guided from on high. This inspiration can come to you now, in all of your activities, in tertiary education, and dating—not just in your business and in your day to day duties.

Learn how to pray and how to receive answers to your prayers. When you pray over some things, you must patiently wait a long, long time before you will receive an answer. Some prayers, for your own safety, must be answered immediately, and some promptings will even come when you have not prayed at all.

Once you really determine to follow that guide, your testimony will grow and you will find provisions set out along the way in unexpected places, as evidence that someone knew that you would be traveling that way.

The basic exercise for you to perform in your youth to become spiritually strong and to become independent lies in obedience to your guides. If you will follow them and do it willingly, you can learn to trust those delicate, sensitive, spiritual promptings. You will learn that they always, invariably, lead you to do that which is righteous.

From my experiences I learned from that experience the meaning of the scripture: “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31–32.)

I have not been quite as frightened of spiritual crocodiles since then, because I have been alerted on many occasions as to where they were loitering.

I have been nipped a time or two and on occasion have needed some spiritual first aid but have been otherwise saved because I have been warned.

Fortunately, there is spiritual first aid for those who have been bitten. The Sunday Exhortation comes as the guide in charge of this first aid. It can also treat those who have been badly morally mauled by these spiritual crocodiles—and see them completely healed.

That experience in Mana Pools National Park was another reminder for me to follow the Guide. I follow Him because I want to. Through the other experience I came to know the Guide. I bear witness that He lives, that Jesus is the Christ. I know that He has a body of flesh and bones, that He directs this Church, and His purpose is to see all of us guided safely back into His presence. In the name of Jesus Christ.

**AMEN AND AMEN**