

for so many hundreds of millions of years during which life has persisted on earth. And we should especially appreciate the shortness of our tenure on earth and use the powers we have so recently assumed to perpetuate not destroy the balance.

The direction which seems to promise the greatest rewards, the surest fulfillment of the hopes and aspirations of man's troubled and inquiring spirit, and of a distant and ultimate happiness, is a course of least arrogance towards his living companions -- a course even less negative than the absence of superiority -- a course of humble respect for life, a sympathy which sustains a recognition of the essential interdependence of all living things.

~~Admiration for nature is a trait of rather recent origin. ^{End}~~
~~The pioneer thought ^{was} of nature as an enemy to be fought and conquered and tamed and if not tamable to be excluded. With the development of technology and the freeing of people from the constant drudgery of making a living and the compulsion, originating in necessity, to use or destroy all things, they can afford the time and leisure to look at the earth around them with less predatory and less acquisitive eyes. Not many generations ago men began to look at nature with a new awareness and a new kind of awe. Its mysteries were not always taken for granted as men's minds began to recognize the greatest mystery of all, the existence of multitudinous, infinitely diverse forms in which living nature exhibits its face. And with the recognition of this mystery, with the overwhelming awe of sudden understanding, and paradoxically~~