



As long as we are surviving, we need the serenity, peace and spiritual fulfillment that we can find ONLY in Nature. We need to go into the wilderness to contemplate, relax, pray, and be inspired by the gifts provided by Earth's awesome beauty.



Wilderness provides us also with important and useful messages: Messages from stones and rocks, sermons from running brooks. They are poetry, yes, but they are so much more! Nature contains the experience and knowledge of billions of years of evolution. Human beings could not produce such beauty or accumulate such wisdom in their lifetimes, but are capable of destroying them in a matter of minutes, hours or days. Should we be so irreverent, so arrogant, as to ignore such a vast body of knowledge?



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