

Natural Balance

In the beginning
 There was Earth, beautiful and wild;
 And then man came to dwell.
 At first, he lived like other animals
 Feeding himself on creatures and plants around him.
 And this was called, "In balance with Nature."
 Soon man multiplied.
 He grew tired of ceaseless hunting for food;
 He built homes and villages.
 Wild plants and animals were domesticated.
 Some men became Farmers for that others might become
 Industrialists, Artists or Doctors.
 And this was called Society.
 Man and Society progressed.
 With his God-given ingenuity, man learned to feed, clothe,
 protect, and transport himself more efficiently so he might
 enjoy Life.
 He built cars, houses on top of each other and nylon.
 And life became more enjoyable.
 The men called Farmers became efficient.
 A single farmer grew food for 28 Industrialists, Artists and
 Doctors.
 And Writers, Engineers, and Teachers as well.
 To protect his crops and animals, the Farmer produced sub-
 stances to repel or destroy Insects, Diseases and Weeds.
 These were called Pesticides.
 Similar substances were made by Doctors to protect humans.
 These were called Medicine.
 The Age of Science had arrived and with it came better diet and
 longer, happier lives for more members of Society.
 Soon it came to pass
 That certain well-fed members of Society
 Disapproved of the Farmer using Science.
 They spoke harshly of his techniques for feeding, protecting,
 and preserving plants and animals.
 They deplored his upsetting the Balance of Nature;
 They longed for the Good Old Days.
 And this had emotional appeal to the rest of Society.
 By this time Farmers had become so efficient,
 Society had given them a new title:
 Unimportant Minority.
 Because Society could not ever imagine a shortage of food.
 Laws were passed abolishing Pesticides, Fertilizers, and Food
 Preservatives.
 Insects, Diseases, and Weeds flourished.
 Crops and animals died.
 Food became scarce.
 To survive, Industrials, Artists and Doctors were forced to grow
 their own food.
 They were not very efficient.
 People and governments fought wars to gain more agricultural
 land.
 Millions of people were exterminated.
 The remaining few lived like animals,
 Feeding themselves on creatures and plants around them.
 And this was called, "In Balance with Nature."

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