

Our Attitude Towards Nature

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When you open your eyes in the morning and look at nature, it subtly connects with your original nature and inspires feelings about a new ideal that can sprout forth. On the other hand, you know very well that the more you look at the human world, the more despair and sorrow it arouses in your heart. If the world were populated by people who had not fallen, the value of human beings would not stir up sorrow in the heart of a beholder. Human beings were not created merely to have the value of a blade of grass, a flower or a tree trunk. People were supposed to be noble beings who could not be exchanged for anything in the created world. They were supposed to step forward representing Heaven with incomparable value. (CIG page 111, Sun Myung Moon, 1960.4.24)

You should have a mind that contemplates nature that is imbued with the love of God and says, "Could anything precious owned by a king of this world or by some famous person compare with this? Could any antique artifact compare with this? Could a glamorous dress worn by a famous lady compare with this?" Without that kind of heart, we are committing a sin before the natural world without even knowing it. If there is someone who can look at a living being and say, "Can anything produced by human hands compare with this? No matter how great someone may be, could he ever be greater than God?" and value most highly all things created through God's hard work, he must surely be a child of God. Such a person does not need to pray. He lives with God. God guides people into such a position. (CIG page 111, Sun Myung Moon, 1960.5.8)