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This is a response to John Andrews' article "[Weak Panpsychism and Environmental Ethics](#)" in *Environmental Values* 7, no. 4.

Recognition of intentionality and the possibility of agency in nonhuman others is a prerequisite for a process of mutual adjustment and dialogue that could replace current reductive and dualistic human-centered theories. John Andrews' article in this issue of *Environmental Values* is criticised for misattributing to me the view that intentionality could be a sole criterion for moral worth - a view which I reject as unacceptably hierarchical and human-centered. To clarify my position, the values and limitations of different kinds of ranking are discussed; and the concept of intentionality is explored, with particular reference to apparently purposeful machines and to Dennett's theory of consciousness. (Source: [The White Horse Press](#) )

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