Environment & Society Portal

Multimedia Library Collection:

Chapman, Robert L., "The Goat-Stag and the Sphinx: The Place of the Virtues in Environmental Ethics"

Chapman, Robert L. “The Goat-Stag and the Sphinx: The Place of the Virtues in Environmental Ethics.” *Environmental Values* 11, no. 2 (2002): 129–44. doi:10.3197/096327102129341019 .

Standard virtue ethics approaches to environmental issues do not go far enough because they often lack significant attachment to local environments. Place provides the necessary link that enlarges the arena of moral action by joining human well-being to a place-based goal of wildness (Thoreau) or biotic harmony (Leopold). Place defines a niche for human activity as part of nature. Virtuous action, then, is understood as deliberation from a position of being in and of the natural world; respect and gratitude are examples of this type of deliberation. (Source: The White Horse Press)

© 2002 The White Horse Press. Republished with permission.

Download:
PDF: https://www.environmentandsociety.org/sites/default/files/key_docs/ev_11no.2_chapman_robert_l.pdf

Related links:

- Article on the official website
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1107.html
- The White Horse Press
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/

Websites linked in this text:

- http://dx.doi.org/10.3197/096327102129341019
- http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1107.html

, Multimedia Library, Environment & Society Portal
Chapman, Robert L., "The Goat-Stag and the Sphinx: The Place of the Virtues in Environmental Ethics"
Source URL: http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/5849
Print date: 10 November 2026 13:28:58