Environment & Society Portal

Multimedia Library Collection: Environmental Values (journal)

"Thinking from Within the Calyx of Nature"

Mathews, Freya

Mathews, Freya. "Thinking from Within the Calyx of Nature." *Environmental Values* 17, no. 1 (2008): 41–65. doi:10.3197/096327108X271941 .

Is philosophy an appropriate means for inducing the "moral point of view" with respect to nature? The moral point of view involves a feeling for the inner reality of others, a feeling which, it is argued, is induced more by processes of synergistic interaction than by the kind of rational deliberation that classically constituted philosophy. But how are we to engage synergistically with other-than-human life forms and systems? While synergy with animals presents no in-principle difficulty, synergy with larger life systems takes us into epistemological realms explored only in the margins of the Western tradition, such as in Goethe's Romantic alternative to science. These 'alternative' epistemological realms are however the very province of the Daoist arts of China, and these arts accordingly furnish us with practices conducive to a moral consciousness of nature.
— Text from The White Horse Press website

All rights reserved. © 2008 The White Horse Press

Download:
PDF: https://www.environmentandsociety.org/sites/default/files/key_docs/ev_17no.3_mathews_freya.pdf

Related links:

- Article on the official website
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1704.html
- The White Horse Press
  http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/

Websites linked in this text:

- http://dx.doi.org/10.3197/096327108X271941

Environmental Values (journal) Collection, Multimedia Library, Environment & Society Portal
"Thinking from Within the Calyx of Nature"
Source URL: http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/6023
Print date: 04 November 2026 19:13:07

- http://www.erica.demon.co.uk/EV/EV1704.html

Environmental Values (journal) Collection, Multimedia Library, Environment & Society Portal
"Thinking from Within the Calyx of Nature"
Source URL: http://www.environmentandsociety.org/node/6023
Print date: 04 November 2026 19:13:07