

EXCERPTS FROM FOREWORD BY JILL MACDONALD

...Uniting this collection of articles, speeches, poems, and two stories is the writer's passionate and unwavering belief about what constitutes a right relationship with the world around us. This motif, which runs with crystal clarity throughout the collection, lends to Rohan's reflections the quality of a philosophical meditation on the very nature and purpose of being.

...It is my hope that this collection will be read widely so that its clarion call for the renewal of the love and respect owed to all living things,is also possible to us when we remember our shared heritage of the natural world.

....As the great English Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge wrote in his powerful advisory on the integration of biology and theology:

He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.

He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

...And so I commend and send this small but powerful volume out into the world in the words of Chaucer, another great observer of the world around him, "go litel book.....And read where-so thou be/That thou be understood, God I beseech!"

EXCERPTS FROM PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR

.....It dawned on me, drop by drop, what our real weath is, who we are kin to, and what will happen if we continue to monopolise the earth's resources for the selfish benefit of humans only..

They extract the maximum from the environment -- even if it means the extinction of other life forms -- in their attempts to "progress" and "develop". They do not realise that eventually the human race, too, will suffer the adverse effects of such deprivation. ...

....the only long-term way to reverse this damaging trend is to teach youngsters that preserving our air, water, soil, plants, animals and the natural environment is what is of real value.....

...I believe that any kind of love is better than any kind of hate, subject to the laws of the country we happen to live in. A song from the musical *South Pacific*. sums it up.....

You've got to be taught to love and to hate;
You've got to be taught before it's too late;
To hate all the people your relatives hate;
You've got to be carefully taught.