

A Thought on Beauty

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As we have fallen away from our connection to the natural world in this culture we have also fallen away from our deepest connection to and experience with the Beautiful. In letting go of our deep realization that we are of nature no different than a bird ... we have let go of an innate trust in the faithful patterns of the sun, stars, moon and seasons and the beauty that came to us in that trust has been lost to our souls. We may have learned to feed, cloth and shelter ourselves separated from nature but in that experience a great unhappiness has set in because we have lost the understanding of the human soul's other basic need, that is, to experience beauty. Once we know we are safe in our shelter and trust we have food and water to nourish ourselves we turn to a soul-felt hunger that longs to experience beauty in some way ... our eyes lift to the heavens in the hopes of seeing a shooting star, we sit beside the water to have our hearts pulled into the rhythm of the waves, we take care to weave a basket filled with love as it is taken to the table to share, we nurture another's soul through love.