

On morality

Hi fellow travelers,

While on our vacation to the South Seas, I took with me a little book *Ethics for a Finite World* by Herschel Elliott.

Elliott argues that standard western ethics is out of date and that the only possible ethical principles going forward are those that protect and defend sustainable use of natural resources.

"Nature can veto any moral code humans propose to live by."

Examples:

In a world of plenty, what I eat does not deprive you of food.

In a world of scarcity, when I eat there is less for you.

We have the challenge of moving from a world of plenty to one of scarcity. We will see this manifest in an every man for himself world.

No species survives forever. Let us take hope in the thought that we will be replaced by species even more magnificent.

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