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Water, soil, and the earth's green mantle of plants make up the world that supports the animal life of the earth. <sup>(1)</sup>Although modern man seldom remembers the fact, he could not exist without the plants that use the sun's energy and manufacture the basic foodstuffs he depends upon for life. Our attitude towards  
5 plants is a singularly narrow one. If we see any immediate utility in a plant we help it to grow. If for any reason we find its presence undesirable or merely a matter of indifference, we may condemn it to destruction straightaway. <sup>(2)</sup>Besides the various plants that are poisonous to man or crowd out food plants, many are marked for destruction merely because, according to our narrow view, they happen  
10 to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Many others are destroyed merely because they happen to be associates of the unwanted plants.

The earth's vegetation is part of a web of life in which there are intimate and essential relations between plants and the earth, between plants and other plants, between plants and animals. <sup>(3)</sup>Sometimes we have no choice but to disturb these  
15 relationships, but we should do so thoughtfully, with full awareness that what we do may have consequences remote in time and place.