

## Land Ethic Quotes for Discussion

1. "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. There is no other way for land to survive the impact of mechanized man, nor for us to reap from it the esthetic harvest it is capable of, under science, contributing to culture." p.viii
2. "Now we face the question whether a higher "standard of living" is worth the cost in things natural, wild and free." p. vii
3. "That land is a community is the basic concept of ecology, but that land is to be loved and respected is an extension of ethics. p. viii
4. "...this much is crystal clear: our bigger and better society is now like a hypochondriac, so obsessed with its own economic health as to have lost the capacity to remain healthy." p. ix
5. "The disposal of property was then, as now, a matter of expedience, not of right and wrong." p. 201
6. "An ethic, ecologically, is a limitation of freedom of action in the struggle for existence. p. 202
7. "There is as yet no ethic dealing with man's relationship to land and to the animals and plants which grow upon it." p. 203
8. "An ethic may be regarded as a mode of guidance..." p. 203
9. "All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise; that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts." p. 203
10. "The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land." ..... In short, a land ethic changes the role of *Homo sapiens* from conqueror of the land-community to plain member and citizen of it. p. 204
11. "We can be ethical only in relation to something we can see, feel, understand, love or otherwise have faith in." p. 204
12. "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise." p. 225