

"And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and make them to lie down safely." Hosea 2:18.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

"He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man." Isaiah, 66: 3.

"And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat." Genesis 1:29.

"There is surely no more authentic test of love — no sounder criterion of character, for that matter—than a man's attitude to those in a less advantageous position than himself, and unable to reply adequately if wronged. A person's recognition of the animal creation must be part of any proper religion."

Rev. J. R. Cormack, Campbelltown.

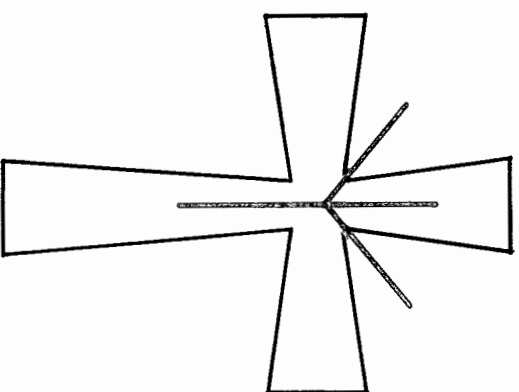
"The older I grow, and I am now in my 65th year, the more appalled I become at the treatment meted out to our fellow creatures. I realise that the problem is enormously complicated by such factors as over-population and the farming methods adopted ostensibly to deal with the world's food problems. Nevertheless I agree with you that Christians should be prepared to witness to their faith in terms of the total creation being involved in the redemptive process. Unless we can have a good conscience about what we do to the animal creation there seems to me to be very little hope of setting things right between man and man."

Rev. Dr Hugh D. Griffith, Lockerbie.

"Compassion, in which ethics have their roots, can only achieve full scope and depth if it is not limited to men but extended to all living things."

Dr Albert Schweitzer.

"Animals may be a lower order of creation than men, nevertheless they are still God's creatures and must be treated with the consideration and humanity which is their due."—General Assembly of the Church of Scotland (1972).



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"They shall not hurt nor destroy in All My Holy Mountain." Isaiah 11:9

The "FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE" seeks to unite Christians and all others concerned in exercising a true dominion over God's animal creation.

In particular the "FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE" commits itself to:

1. Fostering Christian responsibility to all living creatures;
2. Exposing the cruelties and injustices to which animals are subjected by man;
3. Stressing that cruelty is both immoral and debasing and therefore should never be considered necessary by the Christian;
4. Encouraging Christians to be kind to all God's creatures by abstaining from the products of cruelty at least as they see it for themselves, and
5. The restoration to its rightful place in the heart of true religion the beautiful prophecy of Isaiah: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in All My Holy Mountain," as the highest ideal to which committed Christians can and ought to aspire NOW.

The time has come for Christian action on behalf of the innocent and gentle animals who are at the mercy of ruthless and greedy and ignorant man and who cannot speak for themselves, e.g. the cows, the calves, the lambs, the pigs, the hens in slaughterhouse and factory farm; the monkeys, the rabbits, the cats, the dogs in vivisection laboratory; the foxes, the hares, the deer, the pheasant, the bulls, the fish in so-called "sport"; the lions, the tigers, the elephants, the dolphins in circus and zoo; the squirrels, the seals, the ermine in the fur trade; the unwanted dogs and cats dumped and left to roam the streets and countryside; the various creatures of the wild faced with extinction due to the pollution of the environment, all these and many more powerless to defend themselves.

For the Christian the time for action is NOW--not any vague date in the far and distant future. No longer must he bury his head in the sand and say that cruelty is necessary and does not concern him. On the contrary, he must, if he truly loves God, be prepared to live a life of kindness towards all His creatures by foregoing all products of cruelty and destruction. At the same time it must be emphasised that caring about what happens to animals does not mean that we in the Fellowship do not care what happens to humans. The reverse is the case. Love is not complete unless it embraces ALL CREATION.

Although at first sight the emphasis appears to be on justice to animals, the "FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE," a non-political, non-pressure group, has been formed with a view to sending forth the message of "LIFE TO ALL," human and animal, friend and foe, and to uniting Christians and others irrespective of their religion in the

practice of this high spiritual ethic. In fact it is believed by some that much more hinges on the abuse of animals than is immediately apparent, e.g. war, famine, pollution of the environment, disease, over-population, abortion, euthanasia, all being parts of one and the same fundamental issue.

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