Without further ado, can we finally set aside the excuses and get to work on a serious plan to reverse the damage caused by carbon emissions, deforestation, overpopulation, water misuse, etc.?

How else to do so but to create an ethical code of conduct that values the living and nonliving alike, because nothing—not man, mountain, or microscopic molecule—exists in isolation.

In *The Ethics of Creativity*, Brian Henning explores the ideas of many of history’s finest philosophers of environmental ethics in his composition of a beauty ethic that expands our sphere of moral concern beyond living things. This remarkable philosophical work also includes Henning’s formal “obligation of beauty,” beseeching each of us “to always act in such a way so as to bring about the greatest possible universe of beauty, value, and importance that in each situation is possible.”

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