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# ARE ANIMALS NATURE?

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Many environmental and animal advocates believe that their two fields inevitably conflict because one values ecological wholes while the other values sentient individuals. This portrayal of the "animal rights-environmental ethics" debate rests on impoverished understandings of animals, nature, culture, and humans. We need to rethink the polarized view of wildness and domesticity that binds them together. This lecture will draw upon the field of religious ethics to reconsider the debate between environmental and animal rights advocates.