

“**T**he animals of the world exist for their own reasons. They were not made for humans any more than black people were made for whites, or women created for men.”

Alice Walker  
(1914-)

See the world through their eyes...

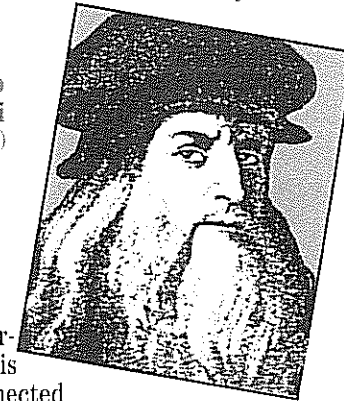


“The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them. That’s the essence of inhumanity.”

George Bernard Shaw  
(1856-1950)

“The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as now they look upon the murder of men.”

Leonardo Da Vinci  
(1452-1519)



“The fate of animals is of greater importance to me than the fear of appearing ridiculous; it is indissolubly connected with the fate of man.”

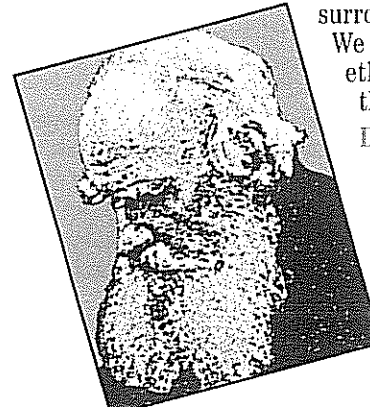
Emile Zola  
(1840-1902)

“The monstrous sophism that beasts are pure unfeeling machines, and do not reason, scarcely requires a confutation.”

Percy Bysshe Shelley  
(1792-1822)

“The thinking man must oppose all cruel customs no matter how deeply rooted in tradition or surrounded by a halo... We need a boundless ethic which will include the animals also.”

Dr. Albert Schweitzer  
(1875-1965)



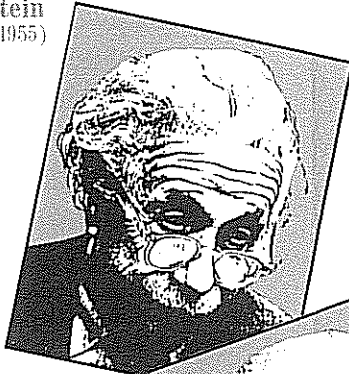
“**T**he love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man.”

Charles Darwin  
(1809-1882)

Special thanks to Jon Wynne-Tyson for his excellent anthology, “The Extended Circle,” from which many of these statements were obtained.

“Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.”

Albert Einstein  
(1879-1955)



“Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission—to be of service to them wherever they require it.”

St. Francis of Assisi  
(1181-1226)

“If chimpanzees have consciousness, if they are capable of abstractions, do they not have what until now has been described as ‘human rights’? How smart does a chimp have to be before killing him constitutes murder?”

Carl Sagan  
(1934-1996)

“It’s a matter of taking the side of the weak against the strong, something the best people have always done.”

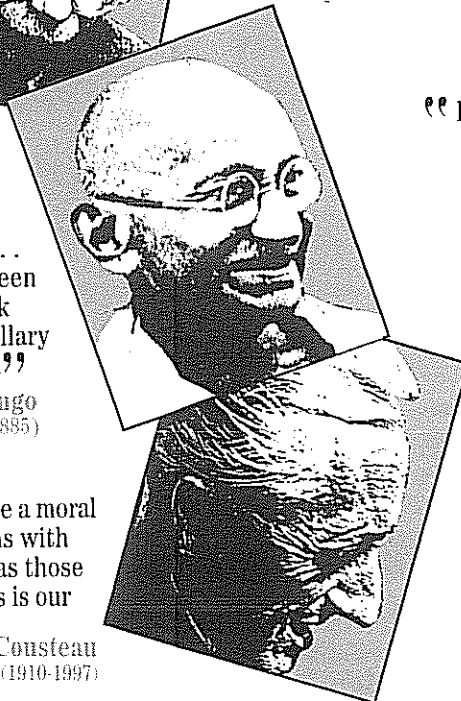
Harriet Beecher Stowe  
(1811-1896)

“If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals.”

Leo Tolstoy  
(1828-1910)

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated... I hold that, the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty of man.”

Mahatma Gandhi  
(1869-1948)



“In the relations of man with animals... there is a whole great ethic scarcely seen as yet, but which will eventually break through into the light and be the corollary and the complement to human ethics.”

Victor Hugo  
(1802-1885)

“Perhaps the time has come to formulate a moral code which would govern our relations with the great creatures of the sea as well as those on dry land. That this will come to pass is our dearest wish.”

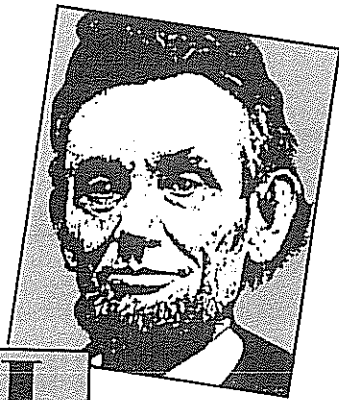
Jacques Cousteau  
(1910-1997)

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As well as their great achievements in human rights, science, philosophy, and the arts, these prominent individuals all have in common a deep concern for the rights and well-being of animals. They urged others to see animals as more than mere resources for humanity—to recognize them as individuals with feelings, interests, and needs of their own.

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“**I** am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being.”

Abraham Lincoln  
(1809-1865)

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