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Humanity is part of nature. Some religions try to distinguish the human being as something unique and the rest as nature. I think that is a nonsense. Man is and will remain a part of nature. Man develops, just as the rest of the nature develops.

But mankind has the strength to transform our planet into a ruin where the nature does not thrive. A planet on which flora and fauna disappear, and where man also disappears again.

When we observe, how man transforms and destroys the values of the landscapes, we may take solace in the fact that nature responds. Not all destructions are forever.

A maxim may be that we do not have to be too much annoyed about devastations, which will disappear again within a century. The devastations are a pity for us in the present, but the future generations can remove the roads,

the industrial landscape, the windmills and restore the landscapes in favour of a rich flora and fauna.

At my birthplace we have just experienced a restoration of a piece of nature that was removed in 1761. It is the lake Birkesø. It was drained more than two centuries ago to create more place for the modern agriculture.

Today, the lake is being restored as a shallow water lake. A countless number of birds have taken the lake into possession from the start, and the bulrush has once again got its roots down in its right element by the lakeshore.

Facts:

Birkesø, a shallow lake in the bog Lille Vildmose.

The lake was drained in the year 1761 via a canal from the lake to the coast of Kattegat.

Lake area: 130 hectares.

The water level has been raised on more than 770 hectares.



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