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The face of an Animal Rights revolution

The uncountable deaths each day, every second, are the factual individual nonhuman animal victims that a human homocentrically driven full destructive force is directed against. We have to phrase clearly that speciesism is not just an accidental heritage of our human past (which supposedly took place as “hunters and gatherers”, though the question remains open if in fact all human cultures have been hunters at some stage). Speciesism means, in the past inasmuch as in the present, a war of a denial of rights (the right to live and exist freely) being waged against nonhuman animals and their world.

The majority of the human group determines how this world is to be explained and understood. We, as humans, don't accept that concepts which are not born out of a human logic and which are not shaped by our human perceptions and rationalizations can exist. The revolution for Animal Rights means to set forth that nonhuman animals have their very ways in which they shape this world. Their ways – their integrity in the natural sphere – need to be protected by rights that we as humans will have to enforce. On the ethical side we can state that: in whichever context nonhuman animals are forced to life (and to die) in right now, their integrity can't be stripped away from them – since in a fundamental and important sense nothing can negate their *independent meaning*.

What happens when our speciesist societies confine, torture and kill nonhuman animals is that humans claim a total might over the physical life of nonhuman animals. Animal Rights means to continuously pave the paths towards an anti-homocentrist human society in which the integrity of all animal life and the integrity of the entire natural world are being protected against the so called “human interests”.