

The Human Factor

Our Relationship with Nature

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NATURE

Etymology

- Sanskrit जन् jan : generating, coming to existence
- Latin verb *nascor* : be born
- *Nat-*
- *Natura* : generating force
- Old french

NATURE

Definitions

- Essence
- Creative Force
- All
- All except Human

4 ONTOLOGIES

Identification Modes

Similarities and Differences in Physicality and Interiority

- Animist
- Totemist
- Analogist
- Naturalist

NATURALISM

The Great Divide

Human

Subjects

Inner Life

Nature

Objects

No Interiority

Common Physical Constitution

SEPARATION

- **Vital** and Useful – immunity
- **Pathological** or Harmful – exclusion...

SOCIETIES

Temperature

- **Cold** – mostly stable
- **Hot** – mostly changing

INFLAMMATION

... Burning !

Cultural PARADOX

- Need to Change
- Need to Cool Down