

Biodiversity:

Seven theological and ethical reasons

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Why is biodiversity theologically and ethically positive and to sustain?

- 1. Use/ usefulness for human beings**
health, environmental sustainability, food security, industrial production, recovery
- 2. Lack of knowledge**
We know only part of the functions of a species
- 3. Beauty of nature**
Diversity is an important part of beauty
- 4. Intrinsic (inherent) value of non human beings**
independent from their meaning for human beings
- 5. Respect for the dignity of creation**
which was created during a very long period as an expression of the will of the creator
- 6. Relation between non human and human diversity**
Biodiversity and diversity of languages, cultures etc. and interlaced
- 7. Biodiversity is unnecessary. That's its value.**
God's creation with its fullness of life is more than what is useful. The superfluous is expression of God's love and makes life meaningful and worthy and valuable.