

## **The Landscape of Reality**

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In many respects, planet Earth is a rare and unique place. This is partly due to the abundance of nature. **There is abundant opportunity, quantity and diversity, as well as abundant time and space.** No matter where we look, we will find that things come in large quantities

In nature, the terms trial and error best describe how order and structure arises. **There is a role for both order and randomness in this process.** The order allows for stability, the random component creates opportunities for change.

All life is sustained by a narrow range of conditions. However, because nature allows for abundant opportunity, quantity and diversity something will always find **the right location (or conditions)**. Clearly, from any perspective, there is abundance of every kind. This is what we observe when we examine the natural world. That is why in the grand scheme of things, nature always flourishes.

## **Abundance and Other Lessons From Nature**

Stefan Geyer

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Stefan Geyer reflects on the principle of abundance as a framework for better relationships with each other and the planet. From designing a garden to shaping our lives – **what can we learn from nature?**

Careful, protracted observation of nature's manifold variations helps us tap into the huge intelligence out there that is simply waiting for us to pay attention to it.

**Being able to witness life as it is**, moment by moment, rather than how we'd like it to be, uncovers its present perfection. Living fully right now enables us to appreciate what we already have, and one thing is community or the possibility of community; abundance is trusting in sharing.

This sharing is how we already connect with those close to us and how we build these connections into community. **This is making the most of any situation**, rather than constantly striving for an imagined and impossible perfection that always remains just out of reach.

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