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When you escape, as you love to do, to your forests and your sierras,  
I am sure again that you do not feel you made them, or that they  
were made for you. They have grown, as you have grown, only more  
massively and more slowly. In their non-human beauty and peace they  
stir the sub-human depths and the superhuman possibilities of your own  
spirit. It is no transcendental logic that they teach; and they give no sign  
of any deliberate morality seated in the world. It is rather the vanity and  
superficiality of all logic, the needlessness of argument, the relativity  
of morals, the strength of time, the fertility of matter, the variety, the  
unspeakable variety, of possible life. (*WD*, 142)

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