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Values in Environmental Ethics: A Critique

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ABSTRACT Given with the scientific conception of environment this paper attempts to highlight the nature of values and the rationality of value-derivation in relation to a revolutionary perspective of environmental ethics. Environmental ethics as a topic of applied philosophy implies man's moral obligation to environment. If our such moral obligation is based on ecological relations, it brings certain substantial changes in the traditional constructions in ethics. These inevitable alternations lead us to realise that the question of environmental ethics is the question of the environmental responsibility and the ground of human values lies ultimately in the heart of the man-environment relationship under eco-scientific considerations. Accepting this view point it can be said that human values have a root base in ecological relationships and I conclude that a viable approach to values is yet an imperative need.

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