FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"One of our new nature reserves in Britain, established to conserve the plant and animal life therein, was raked over pretty thoroughly by university biological expeditions in its first year or two. The kids and their leaders seemed quite unaware of the incompatibility. This was science, the new deity. The Nature Conservancy had to make very strict by-laws to preserve the reserve. For myself, I think Albert Schweitzer's philosophy of respect for life should figure prominently in all first year curricula for biological students".

Referring to the American scene, he says, "People in general have got the idea of not picking flowers or being vandals in the parks. Gregg and I stopped to see some falls and were met by two middle-aged women who asked if we could identify a beautiful flower. They led us 30 yards back to a Canada lily growing intact. The public impinge remarkably little on the forest with their picnicking and so on. The years of National Park Service are having their effect".

(From "A Pelican in the Wilderness" by Frazer Darling).