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Love It or Leave It? Buddhist Perspectives on the Natural World

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Buddhism is widely regarded today as eco-friendly. Amidst the uncertainty and grief of climate change and cascading ecological crises, Buddhists and non-Buddhists alike are looking to Buddhist meditation and philosophy for alternative ways of relating to the natural world. Historically, however, Buddhism has been rather ambivalent toward the natural world, promoting the ideas that freedom is to be found in transcending the world, *and* in loving the world. By surveying a range of Buddhist perspectives, I will suggest how *both* ideas might be true.

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