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## Editor's Corner - Preserving Biodiversity: Notes to a Korean Grandson

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

### Preserving Biodiversity: Notes to a Korean Grandson

One of the things that makes this world such a wonderful place is the variety of living things. There are thousands and thousands of kinds plants and animals. Some are so tiny we can not see them without a magnifying glass. Some are bigger than elephants. Some, like parrots, have bright colors. Some, like orchids, have very strange shapes. Some, like people, come in different sizes, shapes and colors and do very interesting things. There are many **differences** in all these living things and we call this "**diversity**." These are all **living** things so we call this "**biodiversity**" and so you see...

"We're **all** in this together!"

In order to live, animals must have plants for food, or eat other animals which eat plants. People need plants and animals. People need other people. But we all live on this one earth, so...

"We're all in **this** together!"

Sometimes things happen in nature which put some kind of living thing in danger. Very often people do things which put some kind of living thing in great danger. Sometimes people put other kinds of people in danger. If all of a kind of living thing are in danger, they may all die, and some of the biodiversity of life will be lost. This is a great loss to all living things because...

"We're all in this together!"

If we all try to take care of all kinds of living things, we will keep them out of danger. We call this "**preserving biodiversity**." If we do this, it will help to keep this a wonderful world and we will always be able to say...

"We're all in this **together!**"

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—C.W.B.