

Diversity

I believe that diversity is a part of the natural order of things –
as natural s the trillion shapes and shades
of the flowers of spring or the leaves of autumn.

I believe that diversity brings new solutions
To an ever changing environment, and that sameness
Is not only uninteresting but limiting,

To deny diversity is to deny life – with all its richness
And manifold opportunities. Thus, I affirm my citizenship
In a world of diversity, and with it the responsibility to...

Be tolerant, live and let live. Understand that those who cause no harm
should not be feared, ridiculed or harmed- even if they are different.

Look for the best in others.

Be just in my dealings with poor and rich, weak and strong,
And whenever possible to defend the young, the old, the frail, the
defenseless.

Be kind, remembering how fragile the human spirit is.

Live the examined life, subjecting my motives and actions to the
scrutiny of mind and heart so to rise above prejudice and hatred. Care

-Gene Griessman