



A Tree Talk by Brian Dunlap in 1988

Life in our community can teach us about other communal arrangements. For example, it is a macrocosm for the personal life – the community of self. I’m talking about learning to live in a fashion that keeps all the parts of our own being working together with a single purpose and many actions – not just physically, but also maintaining a balance between work and play, comics and literature, reason and emotion, and so on. We can also see our tiny community as a microcosm for the community of the world. We have been experimenting here for 94 years with a community predicated on love and the results have been astounding. Imagine what the world would be like if the nations and peoples could feel the healthy feelings we have here – our minds not cluttered with the material world and the problems it fosters – if the interpersonal relationships of the world were founded on a friendly handshake.