

EXCERPT FROM A TELEVISION INTERVIEW IN TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN

Question: What are your views on the ecological imbalances facing our planet today?

Sri Chinmoy: Nature's pristine beauty must be preserved. Whenever or wherever we torture Mother Earth, we must feel that we have committed a serious crime. Nature's beauty and purity we must preserve.

Nature and heart go perfectly together. Right now we are using too much of our mind and not enough of our hearts. The mind has to be used; otherwise we shall act foolishly. But the mind that we are using now is the doubting mind, suspicious mind, impure mind. Instead, let us use our heart of beauty, heart of purity, heart of divinity. This heart is always at one with Mother Nature, the nature that gives us affection, compassion, love and blessings.

The things that Mother Nature has produced here on earth are beautiful. But we have become commercial. While we are modernizing the whole world with our technological capacities, we are destroying the inner beauty and simplicity which Mother Earth embodies. This is an act of unpardonable stupidity and callousness. We are actually limiting ourselves in the name of transforming or improving Mother Earth.

There should be a balance. From nature we can take as much help as we need, but always without diminishing Mother Earth's pristine beauty and capacity.