

“[People] will search for beauty as scientists search for truth, knowing that while truth can make one free, it is beauty. . .that alone can give permanent happiness. . . . The world will look back to the time we live in and remember **the voice of one crying in the wilderness and bless the name of John Muir**. To some, beauty seems but an accident of creation: to Muir it was the very smile of God. He sung the glory of nature like another Psalmist. . . . **The love of nature was his religion**. . . . [The world did not fully appreciate] the service he did in trying to recall her to **the gospel of beauty**.”

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