

Animals in Prison by Jawahar Lal Nehru

Animals in Prison is a wonderful prose written by the first Prime Minister of India Jawahar Lal Nehru. In this beautiful piece of writing, the writer wants to show us the innermost feelings, emotions, attitudes, behaviours and intense actions of different kinds of animals and birds and other natural resources. The writer tells us that if human beings show their friendly nature even to the wild and poisonous animal then in return, the animals also show their love and respect for the humans too. The writer describes his feelings and emotions with various animals while he was living in prison at Dehradun.

Nehru goes on to show with specific examples how man's greed tends to disrupt this peaceful co-existence between men and animals, or men and plants. Nehru had observed the animal life at every jail that he was sent to. He finds that certain creatures are to be commonly found at different jails. Through this piece of writing the writer gives a strong message about the psychology of animals and tells us that the animals also need same love and affection as humans had to need.

As Nehru said, “A country is always known by the way it treats and handle its animals”, showing the roles of animals playing a key to development of nation and its economic importance changing the tables in many cases. The writer basically puts light on animals being treated as mere non- living and given an equal respect per the basis of humans. Solicitous concern for animals with an equally equipped love when they are around Nehru, is everything about the essay of Animals in Prison.

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