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### ethics, biophilic

*Biophilic ethics* have their own principle of good and evil. Good is all that serves life; evil is all that serves death. Good is reverence for life, all that enhances life, growth, unfolding. Evil is all that stifles life, narrows it down, cuts it into pieces. Joy is virtuous and sadness is sinful. — (1964a: *The Heart of Man*, New York (Harper and Row) 1964, p. 47.)

### Ethik, biophile

Die *biophile Ethik* hat ihr eigenes Prinzip des Guten und Bösen. Gut ist alles, was dem Leben dient; böse ist alles, was dem Toten dient. Gut ist die „Ehrfurcht vor dem Leben“, alles, was dem Leben, dem Wachstum, der Entfaltung dient. Böse ist alles, was das Leben erstickt, es einengt und in Stücke zerlegt. Freude ist Tugend, und Traurigkeit ist Sünde. — (1964a: *Die Seele des Menschen*, GA IV, S. 186.)