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Comments: As a Christian mystic, I am wanting to share with you the deep way that being in the forest has affected me in my life. As a child I had the privilege of camping in the high Sierras with my dad and sisters as a child. We stayed at several pristine lakes in the high Sierras and at one stay I climbed up to a rock outcropping to view the sunset. As I sat there, I experienced a deep Silence that was like a vortex that took me into a state of complete oneness with all the incredible beauty I was seeing with my eyes. I don't know how long this experience lasted because this experience was "out of time," but I do know that without the remoteness of this area having preserved the forest, lake and mountains from extractive abuse by industry, I never would have had this transcendental experience. So to view the forests/lakes/mountains as just something to measure in board feet or water depth or minerals is to miss the true beauty of its nature and it's ability to regenerate the human soul. So when we tear this all up for short term gain, we destroy the very essence that sustains us here as souls. These are properties of quality that cannot be measured, but they can most certainly be destroyed for all future generations, and that trend must stop with us now!