The\_NNP Lord\_NNP giveth\_VBZ ,\_, and\_CC the\_DT Lord\_NNP taketh\_VB away\_RB ,\_, but\_CC He\_PRP is\_VBZ no\_RB longer\_RB the\_DT only\_RB one\_CD to\_TO do\_VB so\_RB .\_.

When\_WRB some\_DT remote\_JJ ancestor\_NN of\_IN ours\_PRP invented\_VBD the\_DT shovel\_NN ,\_, he\_PRP became\_VBD a\_DT giver\_NN :\_: he\_PRP could\_MD plant\_VB a\_DT tree\_NN .\_.

And\_CC when\_WRB the\_DT axe\_NN was\_VBD invented\_VBN ,\_, he\_PRP became\_VBD a\_DT taker\_NN :\_: he\_PRP could\_MD chop\_VB it\_PRP down\_RP .\_.

Whoever\_WP owns\_VBZ land\_NN has\_VBZ thus\_RB assumed\_VBN ,\_, whether\_IN he\_PRP knows\_VBZ it\_PRP or\_CC not\_RB ,\_, the\_DT divine\_JJ functions\_NNS of\_IN creating\_VBG and\_CC destroying\_VBG plants\_NNS .\_.

Other\_JJ ancestors\_NNS ,\_, less\_RBR remote\_JJ ,\_, have\_VBP since\_IN invented\_VBN other\_JJ tools\_NNS ,\_, but\_CC each\_DT of\_IN these\_DT ,\_, upon\_IN close\_JJ scrutiny\_NN ,\_, proves\_VBZ to\_TO be\_VB either\_CC an\_DT elaboration\_NN of\_IN ,\_, or\_CC an\_DT accessory\_JJ to\_TO ,\_, the\_DT original\_JJ pair\_NN of\_IN basic\_NN implements\_VBZ .\_.

We\_PRP classify\_VBP ourselves\_PRP into\_IN vocations\_NNS ,\_, each\_DT of\_IN which\_WDT either\_CC wields\_VBZ some\_DT particular\_JJ tool\_NN ,\_, or\_CC sells\_VBZ it\_PRP ,\_, or\_CC repairs\_NNS it\_PRP ,\_, or\_CC sharpens\_VBZ it\_PRP ,\_, or\_CC dispenses\_VBZ advice\_NN on\_IN how\_WRB to\_TO do\_VB so\_RB ;\_: by\_IN such\_JJ division\_NN of\_IN labors\_NNS we\_PRP avoid\_VBP responsibility\_NN for\_IN the\_DT misuse\_NN of\_IN any\_DT tool\_NN save\_VB our\_PRP$ own\_JJ .\_.

But\_CC there\_EX is\_VBZ one\_CD vocation-philosophy-which\_NN knows\_VBZ that\_IN all\_DT men\_NNS ,\_, by\_IN what\_WP they\_PRP think\_VBP about\_IN and\_CC wish\_VB for\_IN ,\_, in\_IN effect\_NN wield\_VBP all\_DT tools\_NNS .\_.

It\_PRP knows\_VBZ that\_IN men\_NNS thus\_RB determine\_VBP ,\_, by\_IN their\_PRP$ manner\_NN of\_IN thinking\_VBG and\_CC wishing\_VBG ,\_, whether\_IN it\_PRP is\_VBZ worth\_JJ while\_IN to\_TO wield\_VB any\_DT .\_.

November\_NNP is\_VBZ ,\_, for\_IN many\_JJ reasons\_NNS ,\_, the\_DT month\_NN for\_IN the\_DT axe\_NN .\_.

It\_PRP is\_VBZ warm\_JJ enough\_RB to\_TO grind\_VB an\_DT axe\_NN without\_IN freezing\_NN ,\_, but\_CC cold\_JJ enough\_RB to\_TO fell\_VBD a\_DT tree\_NN in\_IN comfort\_NN .\_.

The\_DT leaves\_NNS are\_VBP off\_IN the\_DT hardwoods\_NNS ,\_, so\_IN that\_DT one\_NN can\_MD see\_VB just\_RB how\_WRB the\_DT branches\_NNS intertwine\_NN ,\_, and\_CC what\_WP growth\_NN occurred\_VBD last\_JJ summer\_NN .\_.

Without\_IN this\_DT clear\_JJ view\_NN of\_IN treetops\_NNS ,\_, one\_PRP can\_MD not\_RB be\_VB sure\_JJ which\_WDT tree\_NN ,\_, if\_IN any\_DT ,\_, needs\_NNS felling\_VBG for\_IN the\_DT good\_NN of\_IN the\_DT land\_NN .\_.

I\_PRP have\_VBP read\_VBN many\_JJ definitions\_NNS of\_IN what\_WP is\_VBZ a\_DT conservationist\_NN ,\_, and\_CC written\_VBN not\_RB a\_DT few\_JJ myself\_PRP ,\_, but\_CC I\_PRP suspect\_VBP that\_IN the\_DT best\_JJS one\_NN is\_VBZ written\_VBN not\_RB with\_IN a\_DT pen\_NN ,\_, but\_CC with\_IN an\_DT axe\_NN .\_.

It\_PRP is\_VBZ a\_DT matter\_NN of\_IN what\_WP a\_DT man\_NN thinks\_VBZ about\_IN while\_IN chopping\_VBG ,\_, or\_CC while\_IN deciding\_VBG what\_WP to\_TO chop\_VB .\_.

A\_DT conservationist\_NN is\_VBZ one\_CD who\_WP is\_VBZ humbly\_RB aware\_JJ that\_IN with\_IN each\_DT stroke\_NN he\_PRP is\_VBZ writing\_VBG his\_PRP$ signature\_NN on\_IN the\_DT face\_NN of\_IN his\_PRP$ land\_NN .\_.

Signatures\_NNS of\_IN course\_NN differ\_VBP ,\_, whether\_IN written\_VBN with\_IN axe\_NN or\_CC pen\_NN ,\_, and\_CC this\_DT is\_VBZ as\_IN it\_PRP should\_MD be\_VB .\_.

I\_PRP find\_VBP it\_PRP disconcerting\_VBG to\_TO analyze\_VB ,\_, ex\_FW post\_NN facto\_JJ ,\_, the\_DT reasons\_NNS behind\_IN my\_PRP$ own\_JJ axe-in-hand\_JJ decisions\_NNS .\_.

I\_PRP find\_VBP ,\_, first\_JJ of\_IN all\_DT ,\_, that\_IN not\_RB all\_DT trees\_NNS are\_VBP created\_VBN free\_JJ and\_CC equal\_JJ .\_.

Where\_WRB a\_DT white\_NN pine\_VB and\_CC a\_DT red\_JJ birch\_NN are\_VBP crowding\_VBG each\_DT other\_JJ ,\_, I\_PRP have\_VBP an\_DT a\_FW priori\_FW bias\_NN ;\_: I\_PRP always\_RB cut\_VBD the\_DT birch\_NN to\_TO favor\_VB the\_DT pine\_VBP .\_.

Why\_WRB ?\_.

Well\_RB ,\_, first\_JJ of\_IN all\_DT I\_PRP planted\_VBD the\_DT pine\_VBP with\_IN my\_PRP$ shovel\_NN ,\_, whereas\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN crawled\_VBD under\_IN the\_DT fence\_NN and\_CC planted\_VBD itself\_PRP .\_.

My\_PRP$ bias\_NN is\_VBZ thus\_RB to\_TO some\_DT extent\_NN paternal\_NN ,\_, but\_CC this\_DT can\_MD not\_RB be\_VB the\_DT whole\_JJ story\_NN ,\_, for\_IN if\_IN the\_DT pine\_VBP were\_VBD a\_DT natural\_JJ seedling\_NN like\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN ,\_, I\_PRP would\_MD value\_VB it\_PRP even\_RB more\_RBR .\_.

So\_RB I\_PRP must\_MD dig\_VB deeper\_JJR for\_IN the\_DT logic\_NN ,\_, if\_IN any\_DT behind\_IN my\_PRP$ bias\_NN .\_.

The\_DT birch\_NN is\_VBZ an\_DT abundant\_JJ tree\_NN in\_IN my\_PRP$ township\_NN and\_CC becoming\_VBG more\_RBR so\_RB ,\_, whereas\_IN pine\_VBP is\_VBZ scarce\_JJ and\_CC becoming\_VBG scarcer\_NN ;\_: perhaps\_RB my\_PRP$ bias\_NN is\_VBZ for\_IN the\_DT underdog\_NN .\_.

But\_CC what\_WP would\_MD I\_PRP do\_VB if\_IN my\_PRP$ farm\_NN were\_VBD further\_JJ north\_NN ,\_, where\_WRB pine\_VBP is\_VBZ abundant\_JJ and\_CC red\_JJ birch\_NN is\_VBZ scarce\_JJ ?\_.

I\_PRP confess\_VBP I\_PRP do\_VBP n't\_RB know\_VB .\_.

My\_PRP$ farm\_NN is\_VBZ here\_RB .\_.

The\_DT pine\_VBP will\_MD live\_VB for\_IN a\_DT century\_NN ,\_, the\_DT birch\_NN for\_IN half\_PDT that\_DT ;\_: do\_VBP I\_PRP fear\_VBP that\_IN my\_PRP$ signature\_NN will\_MD fade\_VB ?\_.

My\_PRP$ neighbors\_NNS have\_VBP planted\_VBN no\_DT pines\_NNS but\_CC all\_DT have\_VBP many\_JJ birches\_NNS ;\_: am\_VBP I\_PRP snobbish\_JJ about\_IN having\_VBG a\_DT woodlot\_NN of\_IN distinction\_NN ?\_.

The\_DT pine\_VBP stays\_VBZ green\_JJ all\_DT winter\_NN ,\_, the\_DT birch\_NN punches\_VBZ the\_DT clock\_NN in\_IN October\_NNP ;\_: do\_VBP I\_PRP favor\_VB the\_DT tree\_NN that\_IN ,\_, like\_IN myself\_PRP ,\_, braves\_VBZ the\_DT winter\_NN wind\_NN ?\_.

The\_DT pine\_VBP will\_NN shelter\_NN a\_DT grouse\_NN but\_CC the\_DT birch\_NN will\_MD feed\_VB him\_PRP ;\_: do\_VBP I\_PRP consider\_VB bed\_NN more\_RBR important\_JJ than\_IN board\_NN ?\_.

The\_DT pine\_VBP will\_MD ultimately\_RB bring\_VB ten\_NN dollars\_NNS a\_DT thousand\_CD ,\_, the\_DT birch\_NN two\_CD dollars\_NNS ;\_: have\_VBP I\_PRP an\_DT eye\_NN on\_IN the\_DT bank\_NN ?\_.

All\_DT of\_IN these\_DT possible\_JJ reasons\_NNS for\_IN my\_PRP$ bias\_NN seem\_VBP to\_TO carry\_VB some\_DT weight\_NN ,\_, but\_CC none\_NN of\_IN them\_PRP carries\_VBZ very\_RB much\_JJ .\_.

So\_RB I\_PRP try\_VBP again\_RB ,\_, and\_CC here\_RB perhaps\_RB is\_VBZ something\_NN ;\_: under\_IN this\_DT pine\_VBP will\_MD ultimately\_RB grow\_VB a\_DT trailing\_VBG arbutus\_NN ,\_, an\_DT Indian\_JJ pipe\_NN ,\_, a\_DT pyrola\_NN ,\_, or\_CC a\_DT twin\_NN flower\_NN ,\_, whereas\_IN under\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN a\_DT bottle\_NN gentian\_NN is\_VBZ about\_IN the\_DT best\_JJS to\_TO be\_VB hoped\_VBN for\_IN .\_.

In\_IN this\_DT pine\_VBP a\_DT pileated\_JJ woodpecker\_NN will\_MD ultimately\_RB chisel\_VB out\_RP a\_DT nest\_NN ;\_: in\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN a\_DT hairy\_JJ will\_MD have\_VB to\_TO suffice\_VB .\_.

In\_IN this\_DT pine\_VBP the\_DT wind\_NN will\_MD sing\_VB for\_IN me\_PRP in\_IN April\_NNP ,\_, at\_IN which\_WDT time\_NN the\_DT birch\_NN is\_VBZ only\_RB rattling\_VBG naked\_JJ twigs\_NNS .\_.

These\_DT possible\_JJ reasons\_NNS for\_IN my\_PRP$ bias\_NN carry\_VBP weight\_NN ,\_, but\_CC why\_WRB ?\_.

Does\_VBZ the\_DT pine\_VBP stimulate\_VB my\_PRP$ imagination\_NN and\_CC my\_PRP$ hops\_VBZ more\_RBR deeply\_RB than\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN does\_VBZ ?\_.

If\_IN so\_RB ,\_, is\_VBZ the\_DT difference\_NN in\_IN the\_DT trees\_NNS ,\_, or\_CC in\_IN me\_PRP ?\_.

The\_DT only\_JJ conclusion\_NN I\_PRP have\_VBP ever\_RB reached\_VBN is\_VBZ that\_IN I\_PRP love\_VBP all\_DT trees\_NNS ,\_, but\_CC I\_PRP am\_VBP in\_IN love\_NN with\_IN pines\_NNS .\_.

As\_IN I\_PRP said\_VBD ,\_, November\_NNP is\_VBZ the\_DT month\_NN for\_IN the\_DT axe\_NN ,\_, and\_CC ,\_, as\_IN in\_IN other\_JJ love\_NN affairs\_NNS ,\_, there\_EX is\_VBZ skill\_NN in\_IN the\_DT exercise\_NN of\_IN bias\_NN .\_.

If\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN stands\_VBZ south\_RB of\_IN the\_DT pine\_VBP ,\_, and\_CC is\_VBZ taller\_JJR ,\_, it\_PRP will\_MD shade\_NN the\_DT pine\_VBP 's\_POS leader\_NN in\_IN the\_DT spring\_NN ,\_, and\_CC thus\_RB discourage\_VB the\_DT pine\_VBP weevil\_NN from\_IN laying\_VBG her\_PRP$ eggs\_NNS there\_RB .\_.

Birch\_JJ competition\_NN is\_VBZ a\_DT minor\_JJ affliction\_NN compared\_VBN with\_IN this\_DT weevil\_NN ,\_, whose\_WP$ progeny\_JJ kill\_NN the\_DT pine\_VBP 's\_POS leader\_NN and\_CC thus\_RB deform\_VB the\_DT tree\_NN .\_.

It\_PRP is\_VBZ interesting\_JJ to\_TO mediate\_VB that\_IN this\_DT insect\_NN 's\_POS preference\_NN for\_IN squatting\_VBG in\_IN the\_DT sun\_NN determines\_VBZ not\_RB only\_RB her\_PRP$ own\_JJ continuity\_NN as\_IN a\_DT species\_NNS ,\_, but\_CC also\_RB the\_DT future\_JJ figure\_NN of\_IN the\_DT pine\_VBP ,\_, and\_CC my\_PRP$ own\_JJ success\_NN as\_IN a\_DT wielder\_NN of\_IN axe\_NN and\_CC shovel\_NN .\_.

Again\_RB ,\_, if\_IN a\_DT drouthy\_JJ summer\_NN follows\_VBZ my\_PRP$ removal\_NN of\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN 's\_POS shade\_NN ,\_, the\_DT hotter\_NN soil\_NN may\_MD offset\_VB the\_DT lesser\_JJR competition\_NN for\_IN water\_NN ,\_, and\_CC my\_PRP$ pine\_VBP be\_VB none\_NN the\_DT better\_JJR for\_IN my\_PRP$ bias\_NN .\_.

Lastly\_RB ,\_, if\_IN the\_DT birch\_NN 's\_POS limbs\_NNS rub\_VBP the\_DT pine\_VBP 's\_POS terminal\_JJ buds\_NNS during\_IN a\_DT wind\_NN ,\_, the\_DT pine\_VBP will\_MD surely\_RB be\_VB deformed\_VBN ,\_, and\_CC the\_DT birch\_NN must\_MD either\_RB be\_VB removed\_VBN regardless\_RB of\_IN other\_JJ considerations\_NNS ,\_, or\_CC else\_RB it\_PRP must\_MD be\_VB pruned\_VBN of\_IN limbs\_NNS each\_DT winter\_NN to\_TO a\_DT height\_NN greater\_JJR than\_IN the\_DT pine\_VBP 's\_POS prospective\_JJ summer\_NN growth\_NN .\_.

Such\_JJ are\_VBP the\_DT pros\_NNS and\_CC cons\_NNS the\_DT wielder\_NN of\_IN an\_DT axe\_NN must\_MD forsee\_VB ,\_, compare\_VB ,\_, and\_CC decide\_VB upon\_IN with\_IN the\_DT calm\_JJ assurance\_NN that\_IN his\_PRP$ bias\_NN will\_MD ,\_, on\_IN the\_DT average\_NN ,\_, prove\_VBP to\_TO be\_VB something\_NN more\_JJR than\_IN good\_JJ intentions\_NNS .\_.

The\_DT wielder\_NN of\_IN an\_DT axe\_NN has\_VBZ as\_IN many\_JJ biases\_NNS as\_IN there\_EX are\_VBP species\_NNS of\_IN trees\_NNS on\_IN his\_PRP$ farm\_NN .\_.

In\_IN the\_DT course\_NN of\_IN the\_DT years\_NNS he\_PRP imputes\_VBZ to\_TO each\_DT species\_NNS ,\_, from\_IN his\_PRP$ responses\_NNS to\_TO their\_PRP$ beauty\_NN or\_CC utility\_NN ,\_, and\_CC their\_PRP$ responses\_NNS to\_TO his\_PRP$ labors\_NNS for\_IN or\_CC against\_IN them\_PRP ,\_, a\_DT series\_NN of\_IN attributes\_NNS that\_WDT constitutes\_VBZ a\_DT character\_NN .\_.

I\_PRP am\_VBP amazed\_VBN to\_TO learn\_VB what\_WP diverse\_JJ characters\_NNS different\_JJ men\_NNS impute\_VBP to\_TO one\_CD and\_CC the\_DT same\_JJ tree\_NN .\_.

Thus\_RB to\_TO me\_PRP the\_DT aspen\_NN is\_VBZ in\_IN good\_JJ repute\_NN because\_IN he\_PRP glorifies\_VBZ October\_NNP and\_CC he\_PRP feeds\_VBZ my\_PRP$ grouse\_NN in\_IN winter\_NN ,\_, but\_CC some\_DT of\_IN my\_PRP$ neighbors\_NNS he\_PRP is\_VBZ a\_DT mere\_JJ weed\_NN ,\_, perhaps\_RB because\_IN he\_PRP sprouted\_VBD so\_RB vigorously\_RB in\_IN the\_DT stump\_NN lots\_NNS of\_IN their\_PRP$ grandfathers\_NNS were\_VBD attempting\_VBG to\_TO clear\_VB .\_.

-LRB-\_-LRB- I\_PRP can\_MD not\_RB sneer\_VB at\_IN this\_DT ,\_, for\_IN I\_PRP find\_VBP myself\_PRP disliking\_VBG the\_DT elms\_NNS whose\_WP$ resproutings\_NNS threaten\_VBP my\_PRP$ pines\_NNS .\_. -RRB-\_-RRB-

Again\_RB ,\_, the\_DT tamarack\_NN is\_VBZ to\_TO me\_PRP a\_DT favorite\_JJ second\_NN only\_RB to\_TO white\_JJ pine\_VB ,\_, perhaps\_RB he\_PRP is\_VBZ nearly\_RB extinct\_JJ in\_IN my\_PRP$ township\_NN -LRB-\_-LRB- underdog\_JJ bias\_NN -RRB-\_-RRB- ,\_, or\_CC because\_IN he\_PRP sprinkles\_VBZ gold\_JJ October\_NNP grouse\_NN -LRB-\_-LRB- gunpowder\_NN bias\_NN -RRB-\_-RRB- ,\_, or\_CC because\_IN he\_PRP sours\_VBZ the\_DT soil\_NN and\_CC enables\_VBZ it\_PRP to\_TO grow\_VB the\_DT loveliest\_JJS of\_IN our\_PRP$ orchids\_NNS ,\_, the\_DT showy\_JJ lady\_NN 's\_POS -\_: slipper\_NN .\_.

On\_IN the\_DT other\_JJ hand\_NN ,\_, foresters\_NNS have\_VBP excommunicated\_VBN the\_DT tamarack\_NN because\_IN he\_PRP grows\_VBZ to\_TO slowly\_RB to\_TO pay\_VB compound\_JJ interest\_NN .\_.

In\_IN order\_NN to\_TO clinch\_VB this\_DT dispute\_NN ,\_, they\_PRP also\_RB mention\_VBP that\_IN he\_PRP succumbs\_VBZ periodically\_RB to\_TO epizootics\_NNS of\_IN saw-fly\_JJ ,\_, but\_CC this\_DT is\_VBZ fifty\_JJ years\_NNS hence\_RB for\_IN my\_PRP$ tamaracks\_NNS ,\_, so\_IN I\_PRP shall\_MD let\_VB my\_PRP$ grandson\_NN worry\_NN about\_IN it\_PRP .\_.

Meanwhile\_RB my\_PRP$ tamaracks\_NNS are\_VBP growing\_VBG so\_RB lustily\_RB that\_IN my\_PRP$ spirits\_NNS soar\_VBP with\_IN them\_PRP ,\_, skyward\_RB .\_.

To\_TO me\_PRP an\_DT ancient\_JJ cottonwood\_NN is\_VBZ the\_DT greatest\_JJS of\_IN trees\_NNS because\_IN in\_IN his\_PRP$ youth\_NN he\_PRP shaded\_JJ the\_DT buffalo\_NN and\_CC wore\_VBD a\_DT halo\_NN of\_IN pigeons\_NNS ,\_, and\_CC I\_PRP like\_VBP a\_DT young\_JJ cottonwood\_NN because\_IN he\_PRP may\_MD some\_DT day\_NN become\_VB ancient\_JJ .\_.

But\_CC the\_DT farmer\_NN 's\_POS wife\_NN -LRB-\_-LRB- and\_CC hence\_RB the\_DT farmer\_NN -RRB-\_-RRB- despises\_VBZ all\_DT cottonwoods\_NNS because\_IN in\_IN June\_NNP the\_DT female\_JJ tree\_NN clogs\_VBZ the\_DT screens\_NNS with\_IN cotton\_NN .\_.

The\_DT modern\_JJ dogma\_NN is\_VBZ comfort\_NN at\_IN any\_DT cost\_NN .\_.

I\_PRP find\_VBP my\_PRP$ biases\_NNS more\_RBR numerous\_JJ than\_IN those\_DT of\_IN my\_PRP$ neighbors\_NNS because\_IN I\_PRP have\_VBP individual\_JJ likings\_NNS for\_IN many\_JJ species\_NNS that\_IN they\_PRP lump\_NN under\_IN one\_CD aspersive\_JJ category\_NN :\_: brush\_NN .\_.

Thus\_RB I\_PRP like\_VBP the\_DT wahoo\_NN ,\_, partly\_RB because\_IN deer\_NN ,\_, rabbits\_NNS ,\_, and\_CC mice\_NNS are\_VBP so\_RB avid\_JJ to\_TO eat\_VB his\_PRP$ square\_JJ twigs\_NNS and\_CC green\_JJ bar\_NN and\_CC partly\_RB because\_IN his\_PRP$ cerise\_NN berries\_NNS glow\_NN so\_RB warmly\_RB against\_IN November\_NNP snow\_NN .\_.

I\_PRP like\_VBP the\_DT red\_JJ dogwood\_NN because\_IN he\_PRP feeds\_VBZ October\_NNP robins\_NNS ,\_, and\_CC the\_DT prickly\_JJ ash\_NN because\_IN my\_PRP$ woodcock\_NN take\_VB their\_PRP$ daily\_JJ sunbath\_NN under\_IN the\_DT shelter\_NN of\_IN his\_PRP$ thorns\_NNS .\_.

I\_PRP like\_VBP the\_DT hazel\_NN because\_IN his\_PRP$ October\_NNP purple\_JJ feeds\_VBZ my\_PRP$ eye\_NN ,\_, and\_CC because\_IN his\_PRP$ November\_NNP catkins\_NNS feed\_VBP my\_PRP$ deer\_NN and\_CC grouse\_NN .\_.

I\_PRP like\_VBP the\_DT bittersweet\_NN because\_IN my\_PRP$ father\_NN did\_VBD ,\_, and\_CC because\_IN the\_DT deer\_NN ,\_, on\_IN the\_DT 1st\_CD of\_IN July\_NNP of\_IN each\_DT year\_NN ,\_, begin\_VB suddenly\_RB to\_TO eat\_VB the\_DT new\_JJ leaves\_NNS ,\_, and\_CC I\_PRP have\_VBP learned\_VBN to\_TO predict\_VB this\_DT event\_NN to\_TO my\_PRP$ guests\_NNS .\_.

I\_PRP can\_MD not\_RB dislike\_VB a\_DT plant\_NN that\_WDT enables\_VBZ me\_PRP ,\_, a\_DT mere\_JJ professor\_NN ,\_, to\_TO blossom\_VB forth\_RB annually\_RB as\_IN a\_DT successful\_JJ seer\_NN and\_CC prophet\_NN .\_.

It\_PRP is\_VBZ evident\_JJ that\_IN our\_PRP$ plant\_NN biases\_NNS are\_VBP in\_IN part\_NN traditional\_JJ .\_.

If\_IN your\_PRP$ grandfather\_NN liked\_VBD hickory\_JJ nuts\_NNS ,\_, you\_PRP will\_MD like\_VB the\_DT hickory\_JJ tree\_NN because\_IN your\_PRP$ father\_NN told\_VBD you\_PRP to\_TO .\_.

If\_IN ,\_, on\_IN the\_DT other\_JJ hand\_NN ,\_, your\_PRP$ grandfather\_NN burned\_VBD a\_DT log\_VBP carrying\_VBG a\_DT poison\_NN ivy\_NN vine\_NN and\_CC recklessly\_RB stood\_VBD in\_IN the\_DT smoke\_NN ,\_, you\_PRP will\_MD dislike\_VB the\_DT species\_NNS ,\_, no\_DT matter\_NN with\_IN what\_WP crimson\_JJ glories\_NNS it\_PRP warms\_VBZ your\_PRP$ eyes\_NNS each\_DT fall\_NN .\_.

It\_PRP is\_VBZ also\_RB evident\_JJ that\_IN our\_PRP$ plant\_NN biases\_NNS reflect\_VBP not\_RB only\_JJ vocations\_NNS but\_CC avocations\_NNS ,\_, with\_IN a\_DT delicate\_JJ allocation\_NN of\_IN priority\_NN as\_IN between\_IN industry\_NN and\_CC indolence\_NN .\_.

The\_DT farmer\_NN who\_WP would\_MD rather\_RB hunt\_NN grouse\_NN than\_IN milk\_NN cows\_NNS will\_MD not\_RB dislike\_VB hawthorn\_NN ,\_, no\_DT matter\_NN if\_IN it\_PRP does\_VBZ invade\_VB his\_PRP$ pasture\_NN .\_.

The\_DT coon-hunter\_NN will\_MD not\_RB dislike\_VB basswood\_NN ,\_, and\_CC I\_PRP know\_VBP of\_IN quail\_NN hunters\_NNS who\_WP bear\_VBP no\_DT grudge\_NN against\_IN ragweed\_VBN ,\_, despite\_IN their\_PRP$ annual\_JJ bout\_NN with\_IN hayfever\_NN .\_.

Our\_PRP$ biases\_NNS are\_VBP indeed\_RB a\_DT sensitive\_JJ index\_NN to\_TO our\_PRP$ affections\_NNS ,\_, our\_PRP$ tastes\_NNS ,\_, our\_PRP$ loyalties\_NNS ,\_, our\_PRP$ generosities\_NNS ,\_, and\_CC our\_PRP$ manner\_NN of\_IN wasting\_VBG weekends\_NNS .\_.

Be\_VB that\_IN as\_IN it\_PRP may\_MD ,\_, I\_PRP am\_VBP content\_JJ to\_TO waste\_VB mine\_NN ,\_, in\_IN November\_NNP ,\_, with\_IN axe\_NN in\_IN hand\_NN .\_.