Saturday of the Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (*Lk* 18:1-8): Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, “There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being... He thought, ‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’”

The "nature of nature" (Foundations of Law)

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Today, we cannot hide from ourselves that even in this artificial world we are still covertly drawing upon God's "raw materials". Exactly as the irrational judge of the parable, who finally imparts justice to have peace (something which, in fact, actually comes from God).

How can the reason rediscover its true greatness, without being sidetracked into irrationality? The emergence of the ecological movement is symptomatic: we have come to realize that matter is not raw material for us to shape at will, but that the earth has a dignity of its own and that we must follow its directives. We must listen to the "language of nature" and we must answer accordingly. And there is also "ecology of man" because he has a nature that he cannot manipulate at will.

—I'm not only a self-created freedom. I am intellect and will, but also nature. My will is rightly ordered if I respect my nature, listen to it, and accept myself for who I am, and I admit that I've not created myself.