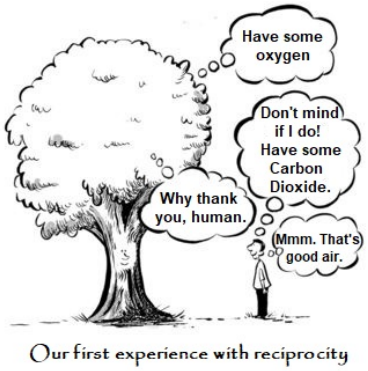

Our first experience with reciprocity

Once when someone asked me the meaning of life, it was easy to use the tree as a metaphor. Watching a tree's cycle of growth, shedding of leaves, and re-flowering in the spring offers us a powerful image of life, death, and renewal. I have long felt that this **reciprocal relationship** between a tree and the earth is **a perfect reflection of human** responsibility and **purpose**.

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