



fixed places & purpose in world

growing disorder (enclosures agr. revol.)

increased exploitation (agriculture, mining, etc.)

change is natural; changes change social relations; nature has a history; nature is historical force

enormous transformation of environment & society

Both are singular abstractions that spare us "the effort of looking in any active way, at the whole complex of social & natural relationships which is at once our product & our activity"

in particular: the unequalness of "mixing our labour with the earth"

Williams exhorts us "to know nature as varied & variable, as the changing conditions of a human world"

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IDEAS OF NATURE, R. Williams