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I took my first step with what might be called a fresh eye, since I had never lived with a cat and knew little of its habits, but in fact that fresh eye peered out from all the mainstream values and attitudes of the late twentieth century. I was an animal liker, not a lover. ⁽³⁾As a creature of American civilization I had no idea what love and respect for other creatures meant, how it felt, what it required. As a citizen of the West, I assumed that an animal, no matter how enjoyable its company, was ultimately a commodity and not worth of the priceless value we humans place on our own lives.

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