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REPORT ON EXPERIMENTS WITH THE BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN*

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Currently medical research for humans cannot make progress without the help of animal research. A balanced regard for animals, an objective but interested point of view, is an appropriate stand for researchers. Researchers have a regard for their experimental animals which is comparable in some cases to the care of medical practitioners for their human patients. We have found that without such attentive care a dolphin in captivity does not maintain good health; with "tlc" dolphins do very well in a laboratory setting.

If we as human beings may ever expect to speak to another species and have an exchange of ideas on the level with which we have exchange with one another, we must attenuate the effects of our tendency for intellectual segregation of all other organisms. In our laboratory as we decrease our psychological distance from individual dolphins they respond and meet us in a gratifying way. In this talk, illustrations are given of these points with detailed examples.

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