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Grotteetikk

Caving ethics

Take only pictures, leave only carefully placed footprints, kill nothing but time.

This has been the essence of caving ethics for a long time. To protect caves for future generations is essential.

The perspective is unveiled with the help of the Danish philosopher and theologian K.E. Løgstrup. His ethical demand to caving would probably sound like this:

The cave delivers itself unto you; you hold its very existence in your hands, boots and the coarse fabric of your clothes.

The responsibility is dual: to take care of the cave with minimal impact caving and to take care of fellow cavers.

Caving ethics will always be an environmental ethics.