

次の英文の大意を120字以内の日本語で述べよ。  
ただし、句読点を含むものとする。

Throughout the world, and throughout history, animals have been regarded anthropocentrically-- that is, as inferior life forms which perforce must circle helplessly around the all-powerful human being. Since the human race is dominant on earth, we also must be its most superior life form, as evidenced by prodigious deeds in art, literature, and science. It is sobering today to look back over these last twenty years and see the great revolution that has taken place in our attitude toward animals. Instead of believing in our anthropocentric position in the universe, we are now increasingly concerned that we may be helpless victims, not much more than pawns in a cosmic game we do not understand. We suspect that we really have no control over our lives, and certainly only marginal knowledge of their intricacies. This change in attitude has come about subtly. While rockets have explored other planets, while hearts and kidneys have been transplanted, while new advances in agriculture, sociology, physics, and medicine have occurred, students of animal behavior, the ethologists, have painted an entirely different picture of our occupancy of the earth. In this picture, a human being is just another animal. Moreover, we are a species that has subjugated our world before we are capable of controlling, or even understanding, ourselves.