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*I think, in the long run, that to find people who support
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but to look for easygoing and open-hearted human
beings with a low threshold of embarrassment, who,
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fear, or . . . "scarcity consciousness."*

—Carolyn See

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