



*(Image: RED PINE!—3 double spiral pine cones, native of North America)*

## **In Praise of Natural Complexity . . .**

*From the single trunk, a thousand branches;  
From a thousand rivulets, a single stream.  
Simple to complex; And complex to simple.*

Why do we not see that Complicatedness—  
or that which is unnecessarily convoluted  
or difficult—is a failure of human perception  
and design, and not an inherent feature  
of either natural or cultural worlds?