

Forward into the Past!

Lanseria, South Africa may be teaching us something of a world in harmony. The Ranger at the wildlife refuge area there has an enviable relationship with those whom he protects. Among his charges are lions, hyenas and a black panther; none of which would be found cavorting with man when they could be eating him! So do these creatures *know* that this man is their friend? And do they know that there are others who would hunt them for their meat, pelts or body parts? Surprising as these pictures are, they are not unique, though. At the time when the world was first made, the Bible says that the lion lay down with the lamb and that man was able to dwell in safety alongside the biggest and strongest of beasts. In the Bible's closing words, it looks forward to a world in which this same pattern is restored.

