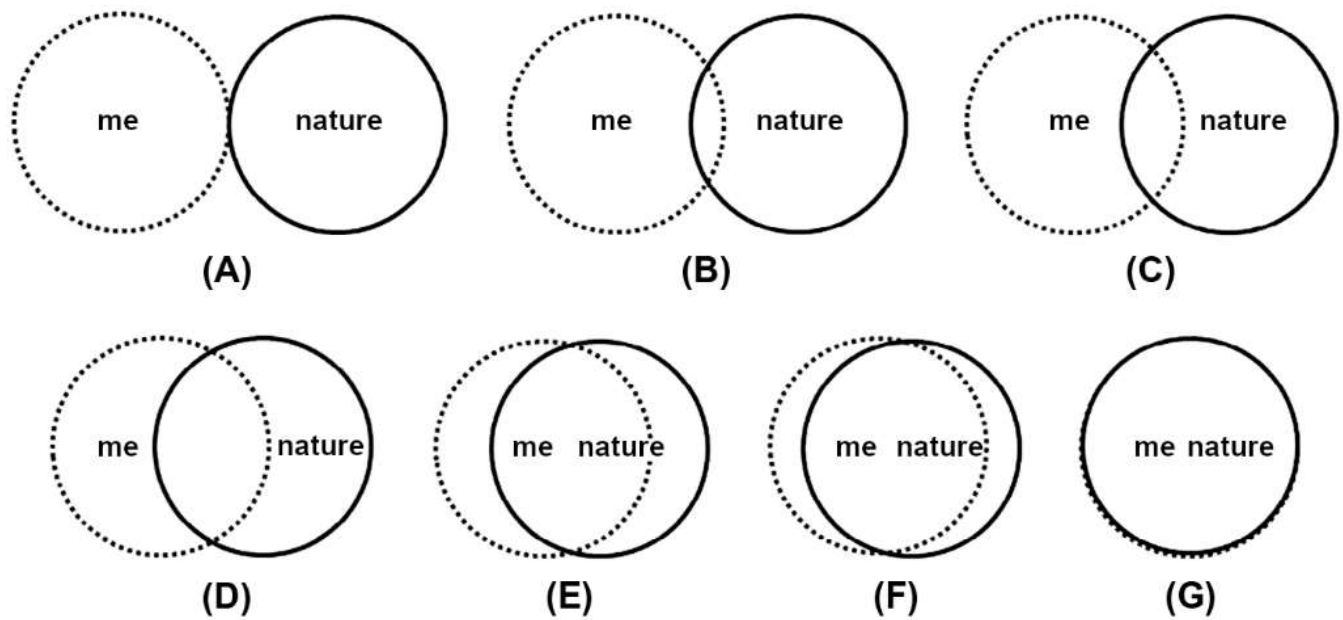


Supplementary Material

1 Supplementary Figures and Tables

Supplementary Table 1: English translation of the TAEG questionnaire. Note that this is an unofficial translation which was not checked for validity. In our study we used the German version of the questionnaire.

Subscale	Items (scale from "Strongly disagree" (1) to "Strongly agree" (5))
Enthusiasm for technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I read up on technical systems even if I have no intention of buying them. • I love to own new technical systems. • I get excited when new technical systems come on the market. • I enjoy going to specialty stores for technical systems. • I enjoy trying out technical systems.
Competence in dealing with technology, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know most of the functions of the technical systems I own. • I have or would have comprehension problems reading magazines about technical systems. • I find it easy to learn how to operate technical systems. • I know my way around technical systems.
Positive consequences of technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical systems help to get information. • Technical systems enable a high standard of living. • Technical systems increase security. • Technical systems make people independent. • Technical systems make my everyday life easier.
Negative consequences of technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical systems reduce personal contact between people. • Technical systems cause stress. • Technical systems make people sick. • Technical systems make many things more cumbersome. • Technical systems lead to mental impoverishment.



Supplementary Figure 1: With the inclusion of nature in self scale a person's connection to nature is measured. Participants must choose the pair of circles that best describes their relationship with nature.