

“Everything has beauty but not everyone sees it. To me, this quote means that although nothing and nobody is perfect but everything and everyone has some measure of good within them. Sometimes we do not see the good as we are too busy judging the bad. We sometimes see only the negative but if one looks closely, there is always good to be found. I think this statement is very true and applicable to many people and society. People are far too inclined to criticize and complain and see only the negative when there is so much goodness and beauty to be appreciated if one simply takes the time to find it.

I think this quote can be applied to Miss Brill’s experiences. She seemed to me, a lovely person who just needed someone to care for her. She loved to go to the park. She was a good listener when others spoke of their lives and she could appreciate the music of the band playing in the beautiful outdoors. She seemed a nice person who cared for others. The people around her did not seem to see this beauty and they did not even consider the possibility that it might be there. The young couple, for example made fun of Miss Brill’s fur. “Why does she come here at all? Who wants her?” The pair did not even know Miss Brill, yet they judged her harshly. It was easy for them to say that they did not like Miss Brill because of her fur or any reason at all. Why would they bother to look for beauty in her when it was so easy to just see her as ugly and ignore the rest. It is a sad truth. It is a sad truth that people tend to do what is easy even if it is wrong. Like the couple; they saw Miss Brill’s fur and how much she was attached to it. They did not ask why or consider that she might be a wonderful person. They simply judged quickly because that was the easier thing to do.

I find myself noticing this type of thinking and judgement both in others around me and sadly, myself. I have often people criticize too readily. They see someone’s outward appearance and presume to judge the entire person’s worth based solely on this. Perhaps it is because we are always so self-centered. From a young age we are all told by our parents that we are special; that we are unique and loved. Maybe this is why we become so focused on ourselves and ignorant of everyone else. We come to believe that we are special and important, and thus, better than everyone else. Therefore, we do not think of the beauty around us. We are too focused on judging everyone else as less than ourselves. If we are special, then we must be the best. Although everything has beauty, we refuse to see it.