

IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING MOTHER EARTH



Our planet Earth is what we all have in common. It has verdant valleys, lush green lands, huge water bodies, and even snow-capped mountains. It is our mother and it has been supporting generations of life on this beautiful planet. The Earth provides resources including water, the world's first and foremost medicine, soil that helps all plants grow, and most importantly air which keeps us living. We depend on these resources for our survival.

However, we do not bother to protect these resources as we feel they are unlimited. It is true they were plentiful before. However, the way we are utilizing the resources, they are rapidly getting depleted. We must realise that they are limited. These are blessings which many forget to count. We cannot imagine life without these resources, but this will soon become a reality if we do not save the Earth now.

Our actions are greatly spoiling mother Earth. We are becoming selfish day by day and are utilizing the Earth's resources at a rapid rate. We are cutting down trees, polluting the environment and harming the planet beyond imagination. Trees are the lungs of the Earth. Just like how any living being cannot live without air, our planet Earth will also die if the trees are cut down. The reality is that the Earth is slowly dying. This is because we are cutting down its lungs by depleting the forest cover. If the Earth dies, we will not be able to live as well.

Trees provide air. They provide habitats to millions of flora and fauna. By providing homes to animals, it reflects heaven on Earth. It gives assurance for a better tomorrow. They also provide innumerable products like honey, timber etc. They convert dark, gloomy barren lands into lush, fertile, green plains and forests. They protect us from the harmful sun rays. Trees also regulate the climate by bringing rain and providing shade. They take in carbon di oxide and give out oxygen. This keeps a check on the greenhouse gas emission ultimately protecting the warming of the Earth. At the same time, the oxygen being provided supports all forms of life. We must realise that these life-giving beings are what we are increasingly depleting, and we are thus destroying our planet.

So far, Earth is the only planet which can sustain life. We do not have an alternative planet where we can go to after the Earth perishes. This make it the need of the hour to save our planet. As beings on Earth, we must make it our utmost responsibility to protect it. After the Earth has given us so much, the least we can do is take care of it. This is for our good as saving the Earth ultimately means saving ourselves. If we do not take serious actions, we will lose the chance of reaping our harvest and we would destroy the vision of a beautiful future. Hence, we all must come together for this cause. We protect our mother and restore her former glory.

Progress is impossible without change. We must change our attitude for the benefit of ourselves and others and ultimately for the protection of our planet. The present is more important in determining

the future than the last 10,000 years. The responsibility to protect our mother starts from a personal level. Simple decisions to reduce water usage, transportation etc means a lot in this direction. By being a model in these activities, we can bring about the required social change. We must stop cutting trees and instead start planting them. This will help renew the lungs of the Earth and will thus enable a prospective future. It will also reduce the warming of the Earth, global warming, and will ensure a suitable climate for living. We must save water, an essential resource. We must stop polluting our surroundings by building more factories, throwing garbage in oceans etc. This pollution is harming our flora and fauna. If we do anything to harm the Earth, we will surely face the consequences. It will boomerang back and hit us harder than we meant to hurt it.

How is it possible that the most intellectual creature to ever walk the Earth is destroying its only home? We must protect mother Earth at all costs. She is a living organism too. We must love, honour, and respect her. We must always remember that the Earth does not belong to man but man belongs to Earth. Our planet provides everything that a man needs but does not have enough to fulfil his greed. We must not be selfish, and we must use resources by only the amount we need. We must create a world where the environment does not need protecting. By cherishing what remains on Earth and trying to renew it, is our only chance of survival!