

Imagine you are Planet Earth, what would you say to humans?

Dear Humans,

Do you remember how beautiful I used to be? The crystal-clear waters, pristine enough for you to see my multi-coloured coral reefs, the wonderful view of the oceans, the school of fishes swimming about in the waters worry free. Clear blue skies with flocks of birds flying happily, enjoying their time. My green land abundantly filled with many species of fruit-bearing trees and even trees you might have never seen in your life before. The variety of aromatic flowers blooming and birds of all sizes chirping their hearts out. All these beautiful living creatures which once existed, some have become extinct.

What have I ever wronged you, such that you have to ruin such a beautiful creation? My skies became foggy, polluted and toxic. Tremendous number of trees are cut down every day. Forests are burned by the amber red fires. So many lives of those innocent trees, plants and animals are lost, just like that. The once peaceful Antarctic, full of wonder, has their icebergs melting at a blink of an eye. Glaciers melt so fast that the sea level is rising at a rapid pace. Penguins, polar bears and seals are all dying as they barely have anything to stand on anymore. Everything is a havoc.

My crops, my animals - they are all suffering while you stay at home and watch television shows. Yes, the chemicals or toxic fertilisers you put in animals and vegetation will satisfy your needs more as they grow bigger and seedless. While all these taste better, it is very toxic and unhealthy, especially for the vegetation. They become poisonous and animals may consume them without realising it. That disturbs the food chain and soon, there may not be a single healthy animal or vegetation left.

My seas, oceans and rivers - most of them are polluted with oil spillages and filled with all kinds of rubbish you people throw at the beach. Oh my, the seabirds cannot fly freely anymore, coated with pitch black oil. Even your favourite marine animals, be it dolphins, seals or turtles, they are suffering. They get suffocated and choked by the overwhelming amount of plastic in the ocean. Even many of the multi-coloured coral reefs have turned black in colour.

What have you done to me? You treated me horribly and neglected me... How many hints and signals must I give to you for you to acknowledge that I am unwell and dying? Floods, fires, extinction of many living things - are these not enough for you? What else do you want for you to feel satisfied?

It is not too late to change. Do you not want mother nature back, as well as the beauty of me in the past? Or would you want to suffer in polluted air, witnessing everything dying around you? While you are enjoying your life right now, the other side of the world is not. Do not only think about yourself, think about others and the environment. You would not want to see wilted flowers, trash bins filled with garbage, smelling awful, multiple litter distributed on the grass and pathways and even the need to wear a mask because the air is too toxic to breathe in during your morning jogs in the parks. I believe that you would want to have fresh morning air, the smell of nature with all kinds of flowers, bees and butterflies, litter free parks and such atmosphere that will lift up your spirits. It can only happen when you start to change. If you do not put in the effort to start saving me, the next generation might not even have the opportunity to see a tree on the streets - they may have to go to a museum to even see the last tree standing! Because of the poor environmental impact caused by you, lives are shortened. The world may even end before your next generation! All these damages can be reversed. The reason why climate change is not improving is because many of you want to save me, yet not all have started to take action. Have the heart, effort and be willing to change your actions, convince others and save me. You live in me. I am your home.

Love,

Planet Earth

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