

## You Will Save The Planet

“The earth was created to serve us.” we may say, but in truth, we have to live as one, We cannot survive without earth, and earth will not survive if we don’t change our ways. There are many things that people try. Biodegradable straws, paper bags instead of plastic, but what will this do?

This may be visualized as progress, and that the world will be greener if we just use a paper straw that will disintegrate into our drinks (which will be unsteady paper as well, since “plastic is the reason that animals are dying and the world is polluted”), and paper bags are the key to a pure world! While it may be a *greener* option, it’s not green in the least bit. We grow trees, which is healthy and natural (when chemicals are not used to boost their growth rate to sell quicker), and then we use factories (emitting harsh chemicals which will set back all the progress that paper products are supposed to make in the first place) to chop them into pulps and dye them with unnatural chemicals and products, before using more gas emitting machines to press and package those materials! They are usually shipped overseas after that, using fossil fuels extracted from the ground using more equipment and destroying fossilized evidence that can be used for research and important discoveries that will help us make big changes and inform young children.

Global warming is a current problem. Let me tell you why this is wrong: There are people dying of hunger and many that live in such harsh living conditions (that are terrible for the environment, and create a ton of waste!), there are children being forced to work in fields, and families that are having to smuggle themselves into America or be crowded into camps near borders!

The animals are also important and play a vital role in the world’s ecosystems, but when it comes to immediate problems, it is essential that we come together and *care* about where we live, just as much as we’ll care about each other. Equal rights? Teamwork. Do you want freedom? Teamwork. Activism for these things only works because there are other activists working for the same cause! There are a million inventions to create, but there really isn’t a whole lot that changes if it isn’t popular, because we’re *social creatures*, and nobody wants to be alone, or the odd one out.

We have science and technology to talk to somebody millions of miles away with a couple clicks on a pocket sized device. We can fuse bones together and replace limbs, as well as discover the past and preserve it forever, but the world in which we have built all this on is crumbling as a result. We can’t just move to another planet, and no, you may not be dead by the time this happens!

So, I propose something. We can work together and be *loud*. If you put yourself, and a little bit of effort into this, then we can make this a *trend*. “Everybody else is doing it!” is used

more and more commonly in this modern world, where people strive to fit in. It will take time, and we need to persist, because decades of damage will not be reversed overnight, or in a month, or a year.

This is my voice, and your wakeup call. Spread the word. *We're in this together.* Open your eyes, and see that things won't be solved by biodegradable straws and paper bags. We need to think, we need to care, and we need help. Please stand up, because this is the most important thing! Don't you want children to grow up breathing unpolluted air? Don't you want them to be able to know what a rhino is, because they're living out in the wild, and not extinct? *This directly affects you!* It's not everyone else's problem. It's *yours*, so stand up, be brave, and take some responsibility. *This matters to you.*

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