

## **Reflection on Ecological Abuse**

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Our environment plays a vital role in sustaining life on earth. It provides us with our basic needs to survive. However, we have this tendency of abusing it. Ecological abuse as scientists call it is a major problem nowadays. It does not only concern you, or me but involves all of us. If we keep on deteriorating they already detrimental state of our environment, our children and the generations to come will experience an imbalance in the ecological system that would threaten their survival.

Surviving is also anchored on the process of natural selection. If we keep depleting our forests of trees and polluting our water and air, the generations to come will suffer a lot of setback. They have to develop natural immunity against these elements or risk the chances of survival. The problem although being currently given due priority must be acted upon by all of us. We should work hand in hand and not rely on those few people who make it their mission to save mother earth.

As much as possible, we should contribute to the cause. We should also do our part. But, as to my observation, littering is a big problem here in the Philippines. Litters are scattered everywhere. Our drainage system cannot function properly because of the clogging of waste materials that are not biodegradable. Our air is polluted because there are people despite knowing their vehicles are emitting too much black smoke do not care to have theirs clean so, to avoid air pollution. Our bodies of water are also affected because we don't care whatever we dump there.

As of now, we might not have suffered the effects yet but somehow, our acts will boomerang. All our acts will have their repercussions. We will all suffer the consequences. We should ask ourselves, if there are people out there willing to take their time and spend their money and spare some effort for the general benefit of all to save our environment, should we not at least cooperate?

As I sit back and reflect on the current state of our environment and what I can do to at least not contribute to its deterioration, I can't help but pity the next generations to come. It is as if, things like ecological breakdown and imbalances cannot be stopped but can only be delayed. It is a cycle. It is also mother earth's way of making us pay for what we have done. Unless, we all join hands and exert effort to help. Let us help in our own little way. Minimizing our trash perhaps or checking our vehicles if it emits too much smoke. I believe, if there is a will, there is a way. I just hope it is not too late.