

# Environmental ethics- A philosophical approach for the conservation of environment

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## ABSTRACT

Environmental ethics is the branch of ethics which tries to study and analyse the philosophical perspective for the protection of the environment, its importance for human existence, ecological niche and scientific development. This paper deals with the merits of environmental ethics and demerits of damaging the environment. This paper explains the concept of "environmental consciousness" which is significant to care for man and environment. The main questions in this paper are: why we study environment ethics to conserve our existence, what is the need of environmental consciousness, what types of steps we should follow to save life, what is the connection between man and environment, What is environmental disturbance, is scientific technology and modernism helpful in conserving the environment or harmful to it. All these questions are explained and clarified critically by the literature of environmental ethics. This paper shows the future of environmental ethics to sustain our life and also the role of the philosophers and philosophies that has imparted literature of environmental ethics from ancient to modern era. Environmental ethics can provide the guidelines for putting our beliefs into actions and help us to decide what to do for protecting the mother earth.

**Key words:** Ethics; Environmental consciousness; Ecological niche

## OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this paper is to construct a moral scenario to understand our environment in which we are sustaining. The purpose of this paper is defined as follows:

1. To describe and distinguish environmental science from environmental ethics
2. Interrelation between man to his environment and what is environmental consciousness
3. To explain the importance of environmental ethics as doing applied ethics and it also the illustration of critique of modernism.

## INTRODUCTION

Before going to explain the environmental ethical issues there is a need to clear the concept of ethics. Because there is difference between environmental science and environmental ethics where former is the science which studies "what is" having its own methodology and principles and latter studies "what ought to be" possessing its reasonable methodology of normative science. Ethics is derived from the Greek word "Ethos" which means customs, character, usages or habits. It is also called moral philosophy derived from the Latin word "Mores" also means customs, behaviour and character. Ethics is the science of highest Good. Environmental ethics focuses on rights, values, duties, principles and discussions on intuitionists and hedonist's arguments. There is an ethical relationship those between humans, those between humans and nature and between non-human life forms in nature. It's crucial questions are about human environment such as "what do we mean when we talk