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GREEN COLONIALISM = GREEN
IMPERIALISM = ECO-
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPERIALISM

Not familiar with these terms? Anyone who does environmental work should be. According to the Encyclopedia of World Problems and Human Potential, "Green imperialism or eco-imperialism or eco-colonialism or environmental imperialism is the meddling of Western mostly progressive forces in the internal affairs of mostly developing nations in the name of environmentalism. As a derogatory epithet, it denotes a type of imperialism, which uses the moral appeals of climate change and resource protection to facilitate the political and practical control of the resources of the global South by the global North."

(<http://encyclopedia.uia.org/en/problem/environmental-colonialism>). Most examples of green colonialism impacts are on indigenous folk. (Read more about these international issues here <https://earth.org/green-colonialism/> or <https://worldcrunch.com/tech-science/green-colonialism-the-new-face-of-environmental-hypocrisy>). Now while we need to address the impacts of climate change and preservation of natural resources, as a global society we need to step back and rethink our approach. Who are we to push our ideas for the future on communities, on sacred lands, on other species habitats, without first addressing the potential direct, indirect, or adverse impacts? Believe me, no one loves the earth more than I do, but we need to learn from

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But this isn't just an international issue, it's a national one. In my opinion, it is when the Northern part of the U.S. continues to exploit the South for fossil fuels exploration and extraction. It's essentially telling another community what they need to be doing or what they should be doing without regard for the needs and wants of that community. It's been happening for decades, nationally and internationally. And communities impacted by these decisions are predominantly black, brown, and indigenous.

We all know that the larger, more developed countries are the cause of climate change and other environmental concerns, but as we move forward to address these concerns, let's change our approach. We aren't a society, or we shouldn't be a society, that just runs over other cultures or communities. Let's do what we can to save the planet and ourselves through diplomacy.

The Poets Corner

Twilight

*Soft comes the hush
of eventide
And songbirds hide
In limbs of budded
trees
To bid farewell to
setting sun
With lullabies they've
sung
Each night for
centuries.*

*A lark is winging
swiftly home –
Black dot alone –
Beneath auroral
clouds.
All nature makes a
homeward rush
As twilight's rosy
blush
The eyes of night
arouse.*

- Margaret Yacavace

*The wind lifted me
up into the trees,
where I danced
to the rhythm
of the evergreen,
swaying to the tune
of the northern breeze,
frozen in timeless melody.*

-Christy Ann Marine



Earth Ethics recognizes the surrounding environment and other species as family. Therefore, the natural environment is held in the highest regard and with great respect. We also recognize that the arts play an intrinsic role in relationships with ourselves, others, and the earth. Nature has long since played a major role in the written and spoken word as well as the creation of instruments to mimic the sounds of nature.

We lift up our efforts to protect and conserve the earth and her gifts by incorporating poetry, art, and music in our actions as much as possible.

It is our hope to improve the quality of interaction between humans and the surrounding environment through these efforts.

Living a Sustainable Life

Let's talk about water and energy conservation

- Collect rainwater with a rain barrel and use it to water plants and garden.
- Turn your refrigerator down. Refrigerators account for as much as 13.7% of the total household energy use. To increase energy savings, set your fridge to 37 degrees Fahrenheit and your freezer to 3 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Bake with glass or ceramic pans. You can set the oven's temperature 25 degrees lower than indicated in the recipe when you do this.
- Turn down the thermostat on your gas or electric water heater. Most traditional or energy-efficient water heaters are set to keep water heated to 140 degrees Fahrenheit, but water at 120 degrees works just as well.
- Cook using the right-sized burner. Conserve energy by using your stove's small burners for small pots and large burners for large pots.
- Use energy-efficient light bulbs. Install energy-saving CFL or LED bulbs in your lighting fixtures to use 25-35 percent less energy, compared to regular incandescent bulbs.

"Saving our planet, lifting people out of poverty, advancing economic growth... these are one and the same fight. We must connect the dots between climate change, water scarcity, energy shortages, global health, food security and women's empowerment. Solutions to one problem must be solutions for all."

– Ban Ki-moon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 12th, 2022, 6 PM CST - Earth Ethics Environmental Education Series - Join us at Everman Education Center, 327 W. Garden Street, Pensacola as we welcome Guest Speaker, Sigrid S. Rehrig, Executive Director, Our Corner formerly Keep Pensacola Beautiful. Ms. Rehrig will discuss the recycling industry and how to reduce and reuse before recycling. We hope to have a hands on activity as well. Stay up to date at <https://fb.me/e/2TsQ7MPz2>

Tuesday, January 3rd - Pensacola - Maya K. van Rossum Florida Book Tour. Join us from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Tyron Branch Library, 1200 Langley Avenue, Pensacola for a lunch and learn event as we welcome Green Amendment author and advocate Maya K. van Rossum as she discusses her book and work. We will also have an LWV representative speaking about water quality concerns in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, and the Northwest Director for Florida's Right to Clean and Healthy Water discussing the 2024 constitutional amendment. This event is being brought to you by Florida Right to Clean Water Campaign, Earth Ethics, and LWVPBA Natural Resource Committee. Light refreshments will be served. An RSVP is required for this event. You can RSVP to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-discussion-with-author-maya-k-van-rossum-tickets-478200168577> Stay up to date with the event at <https://fb.me/e/5DaaMfGqH>

Wednesday, January 4th - Fort Walton Beach- Maya K. van Rossum Florida Book Tour. Join us from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm CST for a community workshop as we welcome Green Amendment author and advocate Maya K. van Rossum as she joins us to discuss her book and work. We will also have an LWV representative speaking about water quality concerns in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, and the Northwest Director for Florida's Right to Clean and Healthy Water. Light refreshments will be served. Location TBD.

WHO WE ARE

The MISSION of Earth Ethics is to educate the public and increase awareness about environmental and social issues at local, regional, and global levels in an effort to engage, empower, and encourage public involvement towards positive resolutions.

The VISION of Earth Ethics is to be a leader in identifying and resolving environmental and social issues while creating a positive, sustainable, and healthy way of thought and life.

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As always, we will continue our fight to create a world that is just and equal for humans and non-humans alike while protecting our Earth.

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*“Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children.”
First People Proverb*