

Roadblocks & Role of Society in Environment Protection

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What is Environment

The complex of physical, chemical, and biotic factors (as climate, soil, and living things) that act upon an organism / ecological community & ultimately determines its form and survival.



In simple words Environment is


- We and everything surrounding us
- Includes air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation





EARTH
IS WHAT WE
ALL HAVE IN
COMMON.

W E N D E L L B E R R Y



Basic Philosophical Elements and Issues of the Environment

📖 Global Problems

- Global Warming – (Warmest Years on Record)
- Ozone Depletion – (Big Hole over Antarctica)
- Species Decimation (Vultures/Sparrows)

📖 Regional & Local Problems

- Deforestation, Acid Rain, Volcanic Eruption
- Pollution

📖 Social Problems

- Stubble Burning in PUNJAB copied by other states
- Burning Leaves & Biodegradable Waste

📖 Human Problems

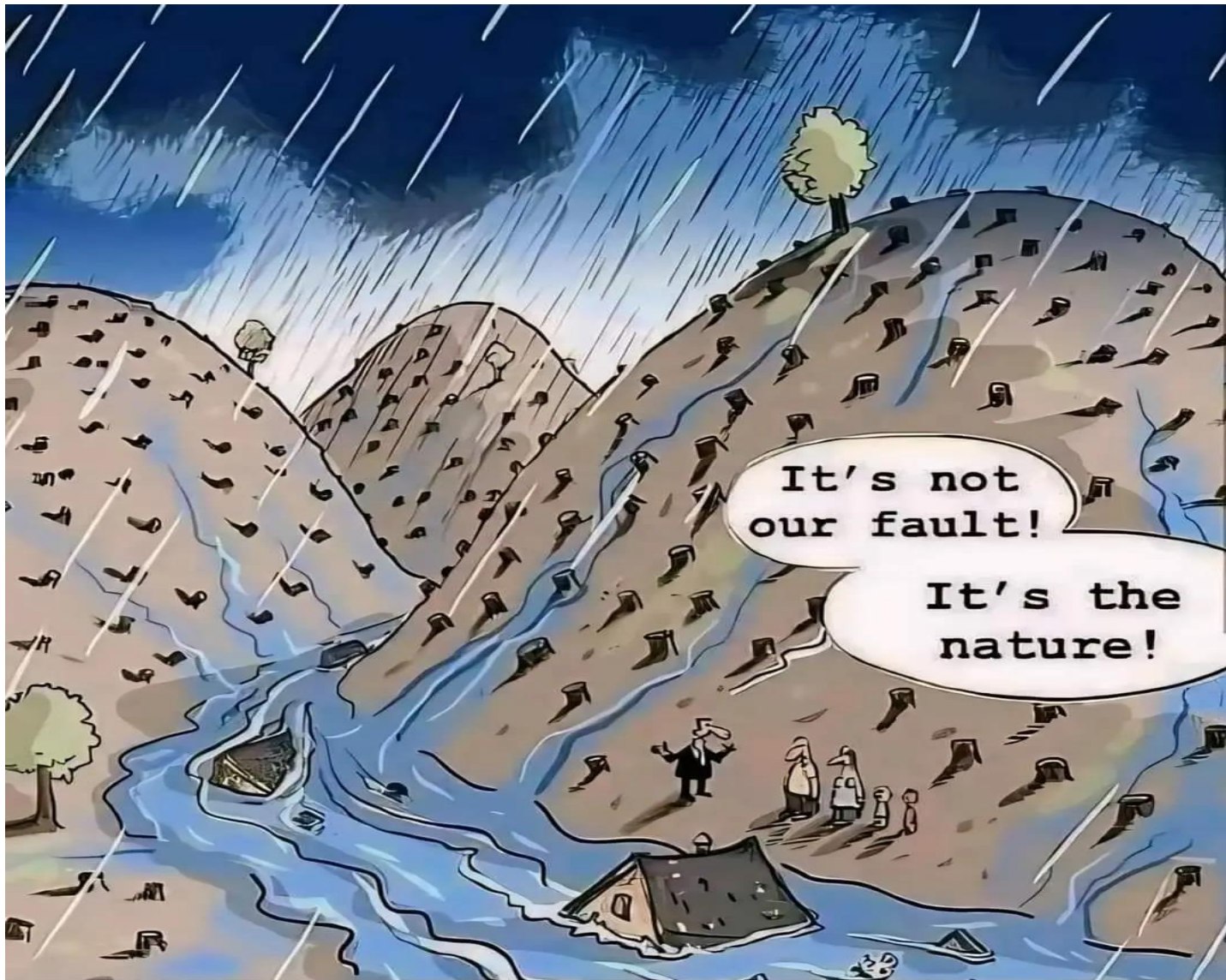
- Insensitivity towards Mother Nature
- Crude, exploitative & Selfish nature



Signs of Destruction

- 📄 EWEs (Extreme Weather Events)
- 📄 New records of Heatwaves & Flood levels, Tropical storms, Jet Turbulences
- 📄 Drought & Floods
- 📄 Forest Fires
- 📄 Heatwave spells in World





It's not
our fault!

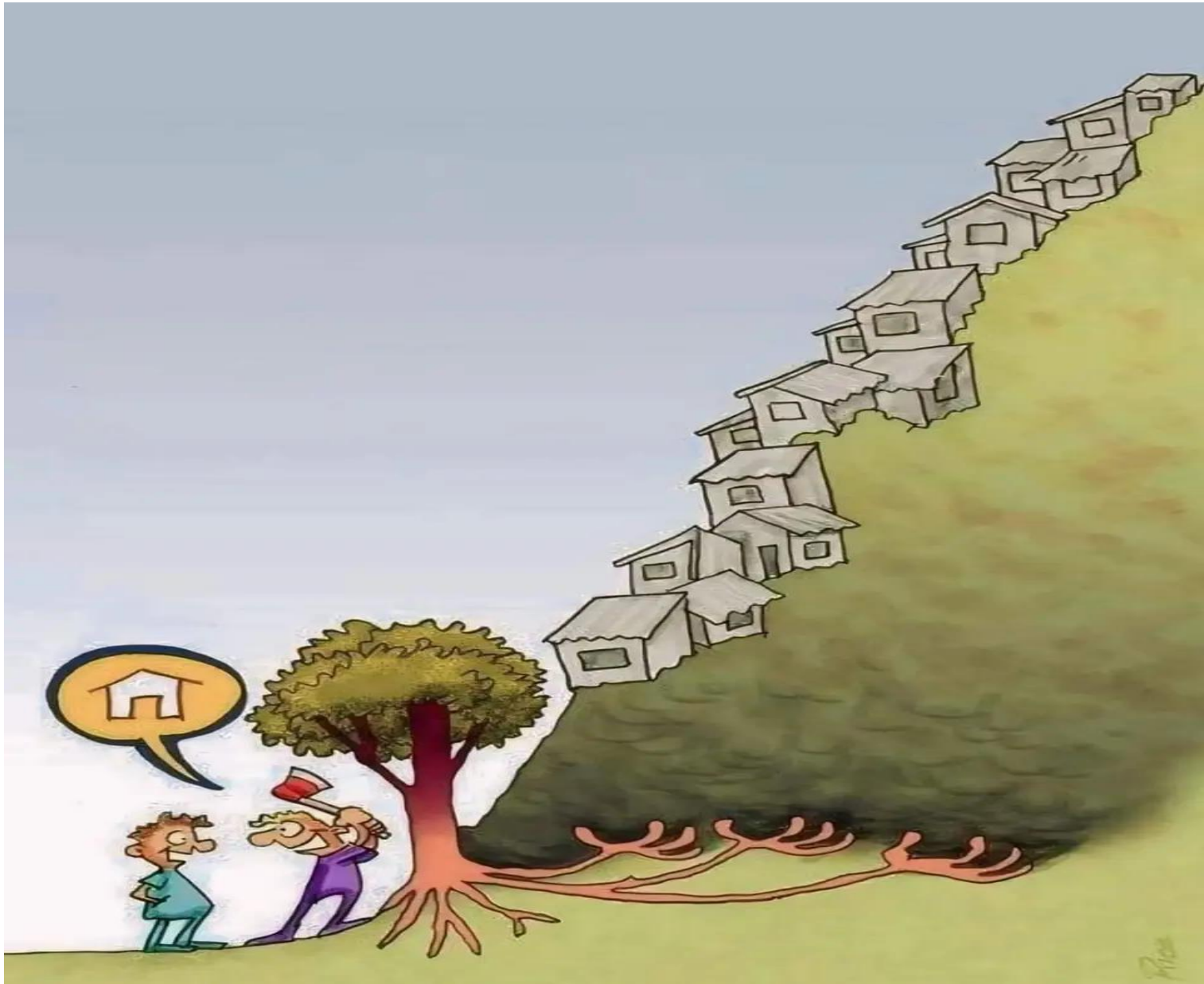
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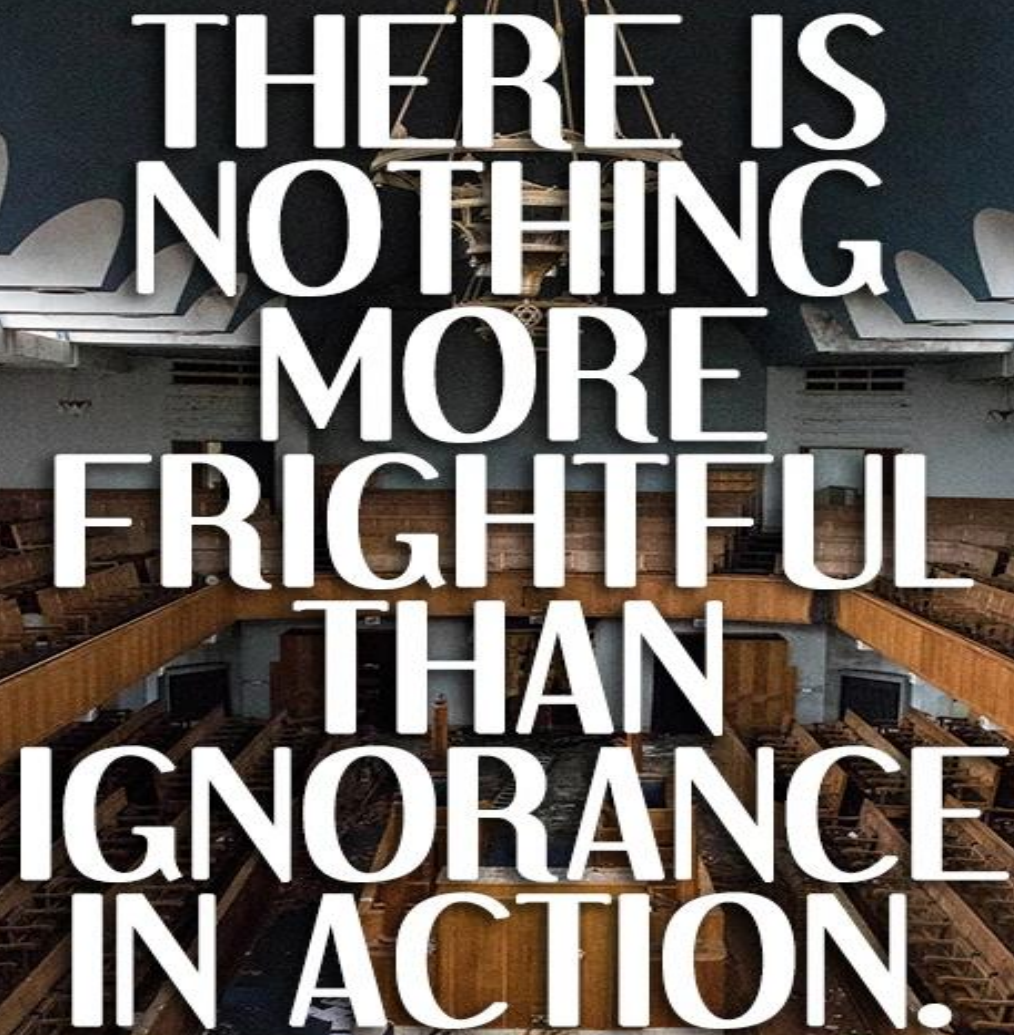


CAUSE & EFFECT

- 📁 On a personal level, we do not face these problems and seem to avoid them.
- 📁 Why are environmental problems not taken seriously despite their urgency?
- 📁 “selfishness and endless desire are the essence of human beings’ instinct for survival, and as a result, environmental destruction occurs







**THERE IS
NOTHING
MORE
FRIGHTFUL
THAN
IGNORANCE
IN ACTION.**

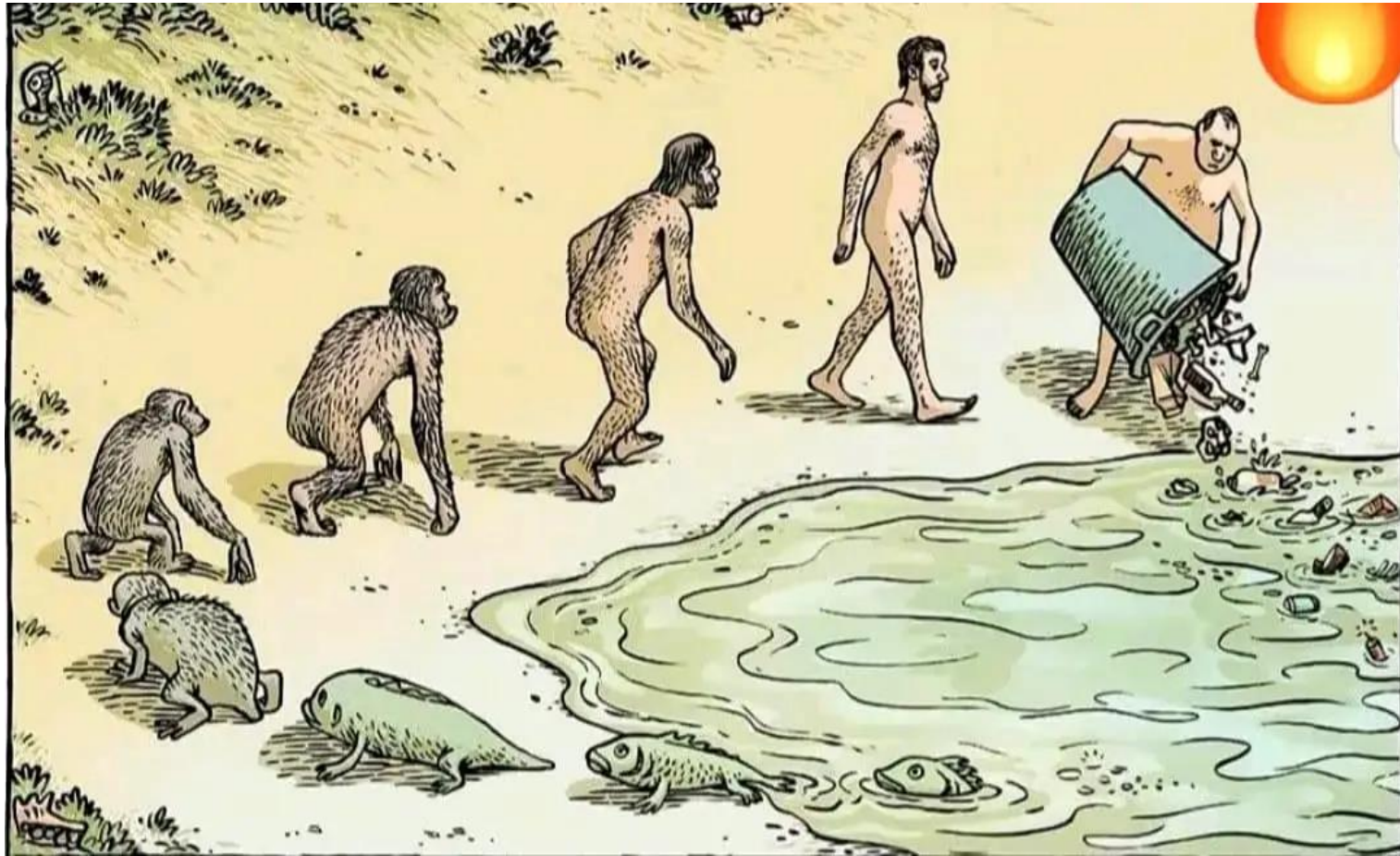


The WATER Challenge.

- 📄 Not an inexhaustible resource.
- 📄 Surface water sources contaminated – waste disposal, pesticides leaching etc; inadequate and ill-planned treatment infrastructure.
- 📄 Cities draw water from sources that are further and further away – water conflicts
- 📄 Groundwater – huge pressure. Depleting aquifers.
- 📄 Climate change makes the situation worse:
- 📄 Erratic and variable rains. Long spells of droughts. Devastating floods.



But What are We Doing instead???



AIR Challenge

- 📁 Largely an urban challenge – almost every class/tier city facing it
- 📁 A cocktail of toxic gases (CO_x, NO_x, SO_x). Vehicular / Industrial emissions. Use of dirty fuels.
- 📁 Mining, Dust,
- 📁 Stubble & MSW Burning
- 📁 Carbon-based emissions – direct link to global warming and climate change



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WISHFUL THINKING is Not Enough...

- 📖 **Planting** a tree and then **forgetting** it forever.
- 📖 Formality of **celebrating 5 June.**
- 📖 **Photoshoots** of saving nature.
- 📖 Limited to writing **Essays on Environment.**
- 📖 **Social Media** Samaritans
- 📖 **Placards** to stop deforestation
- 📖 **Words without Action**



Roadblocks





Save the Environment

- 📖 ENVIRONMENT is not about birds, trees, tigers, forests and nature ONLY.
- 📖 It is an entity which helps us survive, and on which all development depends.
- 📖 FOOD, FABRIC, MEDICINES, SHELTER & Much More
- 📖 Development without concern for environment can only be short term development





Why to Protect by Individuals & Society

- Only Nature is the **PRIMARY PRODUCER & FINAL SAVIOUR**
- To safeguard the interests of the future generations
- To address the concerns of our contemporaries and counterparts across the globe.
- To attain a state of society where living conditions and resources are used to continue to meet human needs without undermining the integrity and stability of the environment.



Moral justification for preserving the environment.

- 📖 "What gives us the right to sully the natural world?" Plants and animals have a right to exist, independent of human desires.
- 📖 Each of us is a steward of the resources available to us, and our collective role as stewards includes the responsibility to sustain nature for ourselves and future generations.



As they say in China....


**IF YOU REALLY THINK THE
ENVIRONMENT IS LESS
IMPORTANT THAN THE
ECONOMY TRY HOLDING
YOUR BREATHE WHILE
YOU COUNT YOUR MONEY.**



**All Religions
teach
Environment
protection**



इष्टान्भोगान्हि वो देवा दास्यन्ते यज्ञभाविताः ।
तैर्दत्तानप्रदायैभ्यो यो भुङ्क्ते स्तेन एव सः ॥ 12॥

 **BG 3.12: The celestial gods, being satisfied by the performance of sacrifice, will grant you all the desired necessities of life. But those who enjoy what is given to them, without making offerings in return, are verily thieves.**



"*tawhid*"

unity and oneness of God.

﴿ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ
لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ﴾

﴿ Surah Ar-Ruum: verse 41

﴿ *Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of (the meea) that the hands of men have earned that (Allah) may give them a taste of some of their deeds: in order that they may turn back (from Evil).*



**SMALL ACTS, WHEN
MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS
OF PEOPLE, CAN
TRANSFORM THE WORLD.**



It's Not Easy Being Green

खुदा हम को ऐसी खुदाई न दे
कि अपने सिवा कुछ दिखाई न दे
खुदा ऐसे एहसास का नाम है
रहे सामने और दिखाई न दे

बशीर बद्र



