

When you look at the earth from the moon, it is just a small circle. A sphere of colors. From the moon, you cannot see all the struggles, the frustrations, or the economic worries. You cannot see the wars, the horror, or the damage. You cannot see pollution, climate change, or the battles. All you can see is the beautiful world God gave us. The world we are destroying.

I ponder the idea of our world being destroyed. When I think about it I just figure, it could never happen. I shrug my shoulders and move on. Actions that we take every day are affecting our world. We get in the habit of doing our normal routines and forget the simple things. To recycle, to not litter, and to be proactive in making this world a more beautiful place. We are not only hurting each other's lives but also endangering the animal's lives. More than 700 animal species are in danger. Pollution and climate change are killing a huge portion of different animals. We are losing the elements that make up our world. Participate in making a change. Use less paper, recycle, conserve water, or give a donation to organizations that need it. There are so many options to help our world. Unless we act now, we will cause permanent damage to our earth.

Pollution and climate change are two of the world's biggest issues. The types of pollution that exist are water, air, noise, and light pollution. Water pollution is caused by garbage that ends up in our oceans due to littering and the tremendous amounts of garbage that we throw away. Air pollution comes from burning fossil fuels. This originates from vehicles and energy plants, which release carbon dioxide into the air. The addition of carbon dioxide in the air causes climate change. Noise pollution comes from industries that create loud sounds for a prolonged time. This interferes with the feeding, reproduction, and migration of dolphins and whales. It can even lead to their death. Light pollution comes from major light sources, including factories, buildings, and skyscrapers. This disrupts ecosystems, wastes energy, and affects health. The health of multiple species, such as birds, squirrels, bees, and even humans are affected by light pollution. Pollution is ultimately killing plants, animals, and the human population. Climate change causes ice to melt, sea levels to rise, ocean to warm, droughts,

storms, and heat waves. Like pollution, climate change also causes animals to struggle. The polar bear and penguin habitats are disappearing, leading to their deaths. To help stop climate change and decrease our negative impact on the world, we can reduce home energy usage, lowering our carbon footprint.

Our goal should be to preserve the beautiful creation God has given us. We should live each day not taking our earth for granted, instead we should realize how blessed we are to have it. Our efforts to decrease pollution and climate change will save the earth, it's plants, animals, and the future generations. Make a difference, be the change.