THE ONLY THING WE HAVE
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ENVIRONMENT

is what is all around us
And
Where everything happens
And that is ..........

NATURE IS
Things that grow
And Things
that don’t grow
And also Where
it all is
And Where it
all happens

Things that grow
Include
All the Plants
And
All the animals
And includes fish and insects
And also
Man

who should try to ensure
That they all work well
Together

Things grow
On Land
In Water
On
In Air
And that gives
Forests
Wildlife
Stock
Fish
Agriculture
And other things

With
the help of
Sun
Seas
Climate
THESE
Are Resources called
Renewable Resources
Because
if everything goes well
They are renewable in good time

SOME
Resources are called
Non-renewable and this means
That once used
They are gone forever

... Things that don't grow

include

Minerals
Stones
Rocks
Fossil fuels
And

These are useful
To make machines
To make them work
To build houses
and factories

BUT usually you have to dig for
These things and you can't grow
Things in holes although
Sometimes you can use them again
Say to build on
WHERE it all is and
Where it all happens
is not just air, land
And water

This

But all of NATURE

That is The
seas The
climates The
sun

is

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of man

WHEN Man was just fishing
and hunting and
picking berries
fruits roots
And living in the forests
and on the beaches

IT was all
a NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
But with Culture
Tools
Houses
Man modifies the balance of
Nature . .

and
A changed environment

THIS man does
to produce more for
His wants
And also to get pleasure out
Of Nature
by having Parks and Landscapes

IF Man changes the environment
So you cannot recognise what
Nature was all about in that place
What with
Houses and buildings
Roads and factories
Schools and playing grounds
Railways and ports

IT really has become
A BUILT

Here Nature's wealth Has
been reduced to simple things Such as
Ground to build on
Air to breathe, water to drink
ENVIRONMENT

a changed environment
HERE
is where everything else Has to be brought in and WHERE everything becomes
something else
often useful But including things That are not wanted
and cannot
Be used
Such as WASTES

MAN is supposed to run all this All these environments
so that
He and his family have Always
Greater opportunities To grow and To be happy

And because there are MANY people And they all want Different things At different times
But often In the same place

It is important to have GOOD GUIDES
If we know
What we want We
should be able to know
How
We are going to get it
Making sure that
We don't upset NATURE
We don't upset our
FELLOW MAN

How we do this is talked about
With everybody
AGREED to and Put on
paper

AND it is called
ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY or The rules of
the game
as All people
should play it

NOW we
Are going to go over
All this again and
again
In greater and
greater detail
Talking about the subject
  Agreeing on some rules
  Recommending what to do

And what should be DONE
  By whom
  how
  When and Where
AND Seeing that it gets done
  Fair and square
This means that
  We should talk
AboutHow TO KEEP NATURE
  IN BUSINESS

And that is both for
  What we use in Products And
  What we use in Enjoyment
ONE has to do with
  Our Standard of Living THE
OTHER with
  Our Quality of Life

Some things need not be discussed
(Because their truth is
  SELF EVIDENT or should be
Even if sometimes we seem to forget it)

Such as

Nature must be helped to stay our friend Because in the long run and perhaps also in the not-so-long-run Nature does not care which Plant OR Animal Seems to be dominant Even IF it is not man anymore

SOMETIMES we can get a lot of Things at the same time from Our Environment Such as water wildlife timber

And then we have to discuss What Mix of Uses we want and How to obtain it

SOMETIMES we have to decide Exactly what we want because Some Things prevent us from Obtaining others at the same time And

We need to discuss Which First Use we prefer
Somet\text{hings Man can't do much About Such as Earthquakes Volcanoes Floods Pests and Diseases}

Sometimes He CAN but doesn't Because he is thoughtless or Careless or simply ignorant of The effects Such as

\begin{itemize}
  \item Overgrazing of Pastures
  \item Clearing steep slopes
  \item BLOCKING rivers
  \item Overkilling wildlife and fish
  \item Felling too many trees
  \item Draining swamps
\end{itemize}

We should remember That is We should keep Nature in business

It is because we need its Resources to keep people alive and living
Therefore we must discuss How to Keep Our Communities in Business

And that is
How to keep them viable
stable
growing

Whether it is Human Communities
OR Natural Communities

We have to preserve VARIETY and DIVERSITY

Recognising that everyone and Everything can play useful meaningful and fulfilling Roles

IN Searching for and securing Greater Opportunities There is a need for a Wide variety of Communities From Villages to Cities
One is not better than another
No more than agriculture is
Better than fishing

All are needed

Because they are different
Because they play different roles
In the SEARCH for different
Opportunities

In all of these matters there is
Much choice available To choose
well We must Compare To b e
a b l e t o c o m p a r e We must
c o n o w w h a t e a c h i s A n d t h a t
needs Information

Sometimes it doesn't exist and
We need INVESTIGATION

Or it exists elsewhere and
We need COMMUNICATION

If we don't know what to look for
We need EDUCATION
What we do not need is people sitting on information for their own gain. We must agree that information is available to all.

So man and nature work together to obtain resources the communities of man and of nature must have protection to keep in production to get a number of resources for work and for enjoyment. Sometimes nature must have first choice. Sometimes man.

It is a matter of discussion and decision for which we need information and agreement.
So to keep everybody happy
(Nature too)
We must sometimes Change
what we do
where and when we do it
And how we do it
In making resources and
in using them
We also change them

Sometimes they can be used again
By somebody else for
say
Manufacturing
Sometimes not
through any process they suffer
Degradation
which causes Wastes
Degradation of Nature
causes Loss of Environment Quality

To catch up with wastes
And with loss of enjoyment
We usually have to spend a lot
of ENERGY
Which is often Work like picking up empties

And that's no fun
OR Money like for rubbish trucks which we can use for better things
OR Fuel like for sewage plants which is expensive

All this Energy eventually
Comes from our Work

So we should agree that
The Best Choice About Energy is Not to Use it
Unless we have to
That is because just about Everything that works including Man needs Energy
and the only Free energy we have

is Sun Wind Rain

Or what Sun gave us in the Past in making Firewood Petroleum and Geothermal sources
All other Energy takes Energy to Get And that means
Food Fertilisers
Wood Petroleum
Water
Grains Education
For man and machines
Man is a big Problem Because of numbers and of his Many needs in Food and Clothing Shelter Protection Health Care and Culture Education Enjoyment Freedom from Work Plus many other things He thinks he requires but Maybe doesn't need and are expensive Consumer Goods these are often by-products of machines

There is nothing really wrong they save Great and Industry

Health and Clothing But they NEED Energy Lots of Energy
So we need to talk and agree Where Energy Should Come From and What It Should Do Is it better for Food Communication Education so man Can live to be Healthy and Smart and together OR

For Science Technology Machines so man Can go Farther and faster and consume more And likely make more Wastes THIS is not a YES NO Question Just like your environment Is not a Yes or No Question As a matter of fact There are no Real yes or no questions in this World though it would be Simpler but less fun
All questions including Energy and knowledge need Different answers depending on How, How Much Where When and Such like And it all takes discussion Before agreement and even then Agreements may CHANGE over time

But That is WHAT Living is all ABOUT

What we must Avoid is PROBLEMS we don't need And create Problems These are usually found When Somewhere Sometime Somehow Some people do not relate With themselves and others Or with Nature Who doesn't care in the end who wins BECAUSE she Will win just the same

This is what it is all About
So we don't need more
People
Than can be healthy
happy
More Energy
More Machines
More Technology
More Cities
More wealth
More More More
Than we need
To keep things Balanced
Stable
Efficient
Co-ordinated
Equitable
And go the same way
And this is what
Environmental Policies
Are to DO

It really is simple
But it gets complex
Because Man is a complex
ANIMAL

Some people are chosen to
keep things Balanced
Growing
And Just
And hopefully as Simple as possible

They make Government
  Because problems Always
Get more complex as they Are
allowed to GROW
  And more Expensive to solve

They should be
  Anticipated
  And
  Prevented
much as possible
  before they occur And
  where they occur
That is At the source That
  is with You and
  with Me as
Individuals Not as
Governments
  Picking up the pieces afterwards

But even then it is clear That better
government is More Local Government
  And that is
First of all You
  then your family
  your clan
  your Society
The bigger it gets  
The more complex it gets if  
Together we want our Nation  
Our Super-Clan to live and be one  
We must allow  
Each of us to have as much  
Opportunity to live and grow  
And be happy  
But for this  
We must take each of us  
Responsibility for what we do to Nature and Each other  
That is
To the Environment of Man
Which is precious
if only because it is

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