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Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on 22\textsuperscript{nd} April of each year. It is a worldwide event and is celebrated in more than one hundred ninety two (192) countries. This special day was chosen purposely for showing support for environmental protection.

As a part of the environment, I see this event to be a very important one in our daily lives regardless the status of each individual.

\textit{How significant is this day in our daily lives?}

Earth is a third planet among the nine planets. On this beautiful planet one may find living and non-living organisms, hills, mountains and forests including the mighty and beautiful ones like Amazon and Congo forests. Also there are different kinds of animals, some of them are preyed by other animals like lions, leopards etc. On Earth one can also find birds of different types.

The oceans form the largest part of the Earth. The Earth is mostly occupied by water.

So there are a lot of things that are naturally found on Earth, making it look very beautiful. Also man added the artificial beauty to Earth by building cities, inventing machines etc on it. This makes the Planet Earth to be even more beautiful.

Man is the master of all these things on Earth. He controls nature and animals. He names food, fruits, animals, etc.

Therefore, we should be thankful to the Creator of Earth for the favorable opportunity he gave us to be not only a part of, but also controllers of Earth.

So let us take the Earth Day seriously and celebrate it by thanking the Creator.

The first significance of this event is to remind us to clean and protect the surroundings. In protection of our environment we need the whole community to change their attitude in the way of preservation and
destruction of the waste products. Throwing waste products everywhere is not proper.

The Government must see it as a challenge and work on it through local government authorities by instructing and monitoring. Moreover, each household should /must have a place to preserve waste products and every member of the family must use proper ways of destroying them. Each house must have a clean toilet.

To implement this, the authorities must educate the society first, and where a person refuses or ignores to follow the directives, severe punishments must be imposed. By doing that the society will also be protected from rapid spread of diseases like cholera which usually arise from the dirty environment. By doing this, people will be protected from the epidemics.

Secondly, people must use this day to preserve and protect water sources. We must ensure that water sources do not dry. People must take this seriously and act reasonably.

Some of the ways to protect water sources is by avoiding cutting natural trees around water source, also by avoiding farming very close to the water source and by avoid planting new trees with unknown habit which can absorb large amount of water and dry the sources.

The concerned authorities must work on this by providing knowledge to the people because many water sources dry due to lack of knowledge to the people around water sources. As I am writing now many water sources are about to dry soon.

Therefore I take this Earth Day event as a mirror to each person, including the government in all levels, to look upon it and correct him / herself.

Thirdly, let this event remind us on the prevention of soil erosion. Soil erosion may be prevented through protection of our environment. Perhaps you may ask yourself: how can this be done? Normally soil erosion is caused by flowing water or wind, and it is normally the upper part that is eroded. So
one of the solution is to reduce the number of livestock. A lot of livestock passing in the same place can soften the upper part of soil which in turn cause soil erosion leading to environmental destruction. Therefore people should be advised thoroughly to have a certain reasonable number of livestock.

Fourthly, let this event remind us on the importance of reducing global warming or climate change. Global warming is caused by human activities. Therefore, a human being is the major cause of global warming. People do cut trees. This leads to deforestation which is among the causes of global warming / climate change. So this particular event (Earth Day) can be used to change peoples’ behavior to protect the environment instead of destroying it.

Hence we, as masters of the earth, should apply the rule: “plant two trees before you cut one tree”. This must be supervised by Government itself since the situation is too critical to direct while seated in the office. They (authorities) have to act urgently in response to the situation. By doing that that the environment will be protected and we shall expect the best outcomes as per our action taken against the issue.

Lastly, the Earth Day is significant for our health. If we protect the environment most people will be very healthy. How can we do this? People should do what is better for their bodies. For example people should reduce alcohol consumption, if not stop totally. Also people can reduce the use of fat found in such foods as chips or roast. Excessive fats destroy bodies slowly. Also this should be a national campaign by providing seminars within societies, in the working places or through radios and televisions. This is important because there is no meaning for the government without health people.

If we do all the above, the Earth Day will be meaningful and we will have a hopeful tomorrow. Life will be full of hope and joy. This will for sure go on for generations. Let us not be selfish. Rather, we should give better and more than we received.