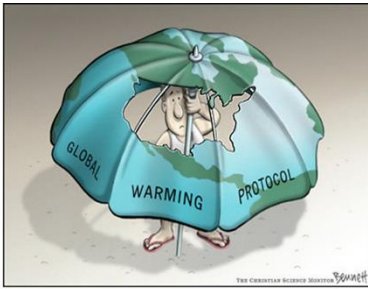


CLIMATE CHANGE POEM



Blessed be the Mother Land.

Blessed be Our Nation

Blessed be the people standing upon the blessing.

It's undeniable that we are blessed from the roots to the branches,

From the soil to the sky.

Let us protect our pregnant mother.

Let us show love and care for her.

Trees and grasses are the blankets that keep mother-land warm

fertile to sustain each and every life upon it's face.

We practice sustainable agriculture.

We unite in soil conservation

We unite in water conservation.

We unite in Afforestation/Reforestation.

We educate our sons and daughters.

We recycle our energies.

We stop veld fires.

We practice crop rotation.

We practice water harvesting.

We keep surviving and create a clean

safe and productive environment for the future generations.

We stop climate change

It's a blessing that we stand upon our blessings.

If we protect this environment.

If we fight for environmental Justice.

We have not disturbed the lives of the upcoming generation.

With one hand, one mind, one soul together we fight.

If we become brutal, violent and careless

we lose all the beauty that we have always cherished

and make our mother land barren.

Let us show empathy, love and that kind to the upcoming generation.

Let us create a comfortable space for them not a desert.

We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors,

We borrow it from our children.

Let us retain it to them in good form.

Let us pledge to conserve the natural resources of our mother.

Let us protect it from degradation.

Let us make our mother land a greener place to live once again.

We are blessed!

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Today and every day

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I'm grateful for sunrise and sunset

Animals and birds living together in harmony

Why must you chop down trees

What did they ever do to you?

Who do you think provides you with oxygen?

The earth weeps crying with tears of blood and we have to make a choice

Save her or let her die

Only when the last tree has died and the last river has stopped flowing

We will realize we cannot eat money

The human spirit needs places where nature

has not been rearranged by the hands of man

The earth is my mother

I will love and protect her

Marlon Kumire

Dear Mother-Nature

O' mother nature
For how long shall you groan?
The very life you support;
Is the very life you should dread
The very mouths you feed;
Are the ones that bite your hand!

O' dear earth;
How much more can you take.
You choke on the smoke we produce;
Yet the industries don't even notice.
You die because of the trees we chop,
For how long shall we go on though.

I hear tales of back then; how you used to be.
When the forests where dense thickets full of life,
Now there are just shells of what they used to be.

If really this is the future;
Then where are we headed?
This wasteland we are creating;
Is it our intention?

How I long for the garden of Eden once more!
How I wish to see you flourish like before.



As we do away with chemicals from animals to crops our water is free from harmful residues

As we strengthen our natural ecosystems into agroecosystems.

We are trying to correct purposely disturbed system to produce food and fibre among many things.

In turn we raise beneficial insects which help fight pests and diseases so that we shun the harmful pesticides.

From this soil which is life we also do away with herbicides.

When we reduce tillage, our soil will improve.

Erosion will be history,

As we improve soil fertility, mulching becomes our victory.

From this soil another resource is also purified that is water.

Water is life,

As we do away with chemicals from animals to crops our water is free from harmful residues.

Our trees will preserve the soil structure from the deep roots

animals will find habitats from them.

No to herbicides, the animals will graze the weeds.

No to pesticides, the beneficial insects will help.

No to synthetic fertilizers, we will use manure.

No to unnecessary soil disturbance, we will use zero tillage.

In the end we will mimic a natural ecosystem which is possible to achieve.

But this is not easy, we need to do away with demand of energy from crops such as ethanol and we embrace clean energies.

Waste such as cow dung must not be used for energy if we are to have ecological food production.

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