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**(An Ethical Analysis Regarding the Value of Non-Human Entities)**

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**Abstract**

In the technology-based modern world, human beings are indiscriminately using nature's diverse elements. As consequence of the indiscriminate use of nature's diverse elements, many components of nature have already become extinct. As a result, ecological balance is losing its harmony. This phenomenon is more concerning than any other problem as it hampers the entire ecosystem and its impact is noticed not only on humans but also on all components of nature. Indeed, in terms of value, among all the elements of nature human beings only consider themselves to possess intrinsic value whereas they consider the other elements of nature in terms of extrinsic value. This very attitude of human beings is basically regarded as one the fundamental causes of environmental degradation. In this article it has been presented clearly that, as element of nature, not only human beings are the sole possessors of moral value, but also the other elements of nature are possessors of moral value. However, there are differences of opinion among thinkers/intellectuals regarding this issue. Their differences are mainly divided into two opposing views: anthropocentric and non-anthropocentric. The first group claims that among all the elements of nature only humans are the sole possessors of moral value. Humans use the other elements of nature for their daily needs and determine their value in terms of utility. On the contrary, the second group of thinkers claims that all the elements of nature possess moral value. Thus, it is noticed that regarding the question of attributing moral value, thinkers stand in opposition to each other. The aim of this paper is to offer arguments in favour of attributing moral value to non-human entities refuting the arguments for the indiscriminate use of non-human entities, which will play a significant role in building a liveable and sustainable environment.