

Environmental Conservation in Ethical Worldview

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Abstracts

The development of environmental concepts related to human life since daily life is called the ethical worldview which is diverse. Here, only the ethical worldview relating environment is to be discussed. It is caused by human actions or occurs naturally. The said environment is always changing. Particularly, human beings are extremely important factors to change the environment, both in the path of empowerment and destruction, while the environment is closely related to humanity. Oppositely, the environment includes everything around and also can benefit human beings somehow. For that reason, environmental conservation in ethical worldview is a comprehensive conservation integrating ethics that encourages everyone to treat the environment with ethics and to preserve and restore it properly.

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Introduction

The environmental degradation does not due to lack of information, manpower or research budget. This decline is due to the way of life in the modern world based on some beliefs. Accordingly, it is meant that current environmental crisis is rooted in the worldview and ethics that exist in the economy. People in most industrial societies have a worldview called "Throwaway worldview" based on several beliefs that can sometimes be seen by behavior as follows:

- human being is separated from nature.
- human being is always above other creatures.
- human's role is to conquer and force nature to be under their power and use nature to benefit them.
- resources are unlimited and can always be increased. And if any some scarce, we can find new things to replace.
- the more we consume and produce, the more comfortable we are. The material possession becomes greater and boundless, the more likely it is that we have economic and technological prosperity. All growth is good. It is more prosperous.
- important persons or important nation is meant the person or nation that can control and use the resources as much as possible.

The said worldview is backed by another belief that we are in the information age which is the most important resource for our wealth and power. Information dominance is the main tool that encourages mankind to overwhelm the earth. The quickest and most efficient use of nature is in the world of industrial dynamics, so that the industrialism worldview might be taken place from the worldview known as Techno centrism which is based on the belief that humans are highly skilled in the use of scientific techniques and management to

seek for benefits of nature with boundless. The tremendous technological power enables mankind to manage and control natural resources.

New Environmental Ethics

As long as we look at the world with the Techno centrism we will never get out of environmental crisis. It is regarded as the beginning of a new way of worldview with belief that "The world is a living system. Human beings are living things that cannot be separated from nature; human beings are one with nature and also a member of the global nature community, which is full of diverse creatures that are interconnected." We may refer to this new term as "Sustainable Earth Worldview." As in Thai the word "Sustainable Natural World" can be summarized into 4 topics.

According to this it is important to learn ecological rules systematically in order to understand the basic phenomena of nature and to behave in accordance with natural law harmoniously. It is the most important condition of the existence of various and stable nature. The Important ecological rules are as follows:

- 1) Everything that humans did would effect to society and all living things in the natural world unpredictably.
- 2) Humans are a part of nature. All living things interrelate and rely on one another.
- 3) Nature has a tricky nature and most complicated that human being cannot understand deeply and entirely.
- 4) The natural world does not belong to human, but human belongs to nature and is just a small part of life and only a member of the natural world.
- 5) Human's role is to understand and work together with nature and not to conquer nature. Here, it can be seen that these five ecological rules are the

foundation to create a new environmental ethic to guide us to a lifestyle that is in harmony with nature.

Respect the natural rights of all living things

The sustainable natural worldview gives priority to the rights and duties of the individual in society. Besides, it also extends the scope of human rights to all living things. The key principles of these rights are as follows:

1) All living things have right to live or at least the right to fight for a living with a simple reason that having been born it must be to existence.

2) Any action taken to safeguard the stability, sustainability, and diversity of the ecosystem can be considered as valid, but if doing away to destroy is considered as wrong.

3) All human beings must be responsible for their actions; in the case of causing pollution and decay to nature as well as removing waste in nature is a serious offense.

4) The natural world should be a property of later generations in a decayed state or in better condition and the next generations should have the right to equal environmental quality.

Nature Conservation

The new paradigm has the notion that the best things in life are not things, but it is love, concern, compassion and happiness, it is based on

1) actions that cause extinction and the destruction of living things in nature is wrong.

2) we will need to protect remaining natural areas, do not to precede any activity to destruct nature and to restore the degraded nature due to nature is the place where we started.

3) to protect nature we have to go beyond the legal regulations.

4) share love, care, caring environment in our community and live in harmony with nature.

5) have mercy and love for the poor and the environment of the poor as much as possible. Above all peace and environmental justice cannot be achieved as long as the majority of masses in society are still poor.

6) love and appreciate nature directly contact. It will be the best way to teach us to conserve the natural environment.

Create Ethics for Green Economics

1) To meet humans' needs for existence, resources and environment should also be used most carefully, not to cause damage into extremely serious.

2) Having changes, the nature must be changed in a sustainable manner conforming to the natural way.

3) Resources are limited. It must be economical, not devastating or extravagant.

4) The world's resources must be properly used.

5) It is wrong if we look at people and other beings as a factor that is measured by currency.

6) Everything we have in the economic system is born of the natural world and the sun. If the natural world collapses, the economy also collapses.

7) Do not do anything that destroys the balance in the natural world, undermining "natural capital," which is the basis for supporting the economic system. Meanwhile, natural equilibrium is a great lack of balance and most serious somehow.

Miller states that as we can have a sustainable world, we need to go through elevation "the Environmental Awareness" in 4 levels as follows:

Level 1: on the beginning to see phenomena and perceive the problem, we began to feel that there are some problems like pollution. Having faced a

pollution problem we need to solve it by controlling or solving, but still not look for the system.

Level 2 : it begins to see the relationship of factors that systematically linked, like to start feeling the pollution problem, environmental degradation and the depletion of resources are all about the population problem, industrial development, consumerism and poverty in society. So that the more alertness at this level calls for systematic solutions as well, but we cannot see that how do environmental problems relate to the political and economic systems?

Level 3 : the level of awareness will allow us to see more systematically environmental links and to seek new alternatives to organize the socio-economic system. For example, to look for new ways of economic development is called Sustainable Development. At the same time, it develops more complex and effective environmental management methods.

Level 4: it is the highest level of awareness that humans will have to think about if nature's survival is not a humans' survival, too. Accordingly, the environmental ethic would take place only if we have a relationship with nature by seeing, feeling, touching, understanding, loving, and caring it; and also the most important is that the faith in new worldview is born, which is a new way of thinking and feeling caused by natural access. That is meant new way of life must be simple, reject the popularism, not obsessed with the object, and live meaningfully (<http://www.rmuti.ac.th>, 2017).

Environment Quality in Community

The development of environment quality means to change or improve from the original to be better with a variety of different approaches, including participation, rehabilitation, reparation and use of sustainable resources. The use of technology being friendly to environment helps to reduce environmental

problems in the community and allow community to take part in environmental development for the highest quality and benefit of the community.

The similar way of life with a good interaction with each other under the same rules is called environmental community that refers to the development of environment quality focused on "quality of life" and "environmental quality" in which human beings are in harmony with nature and environment. It is based on the principle that humans must live in harmony with the environment and the environment with humans by changing their habits to have good relationships with the environment, helping to maintain environmental quality and community to take use of the environment.

1. Air quality of community.
2. Solid waste in the community.
3. Sound quality.
4. Quality of health.
5. Landscape or scenery of community.
6. Quality of life can be determined by safety in life and property.
7. Life and property security.

It can be seen that the environment and the concept of ethical worldview environmental development mean process of education, understand and strive for learning as well as environmental responsibility. It is to learn about key concepts to develop skills and attitudes to understand and appreciate the relationship between humans and the environment including the development of ethical worldview environment and learn to make decisions as well as have the right expression (Hongpan, 1999). The key destination is to provide an understanding of environment and environmental problems and realize to analyze impact of environment with change of behavior as a result of a person's

self-determination, as well as to share responsibility and maintain environment for the best and the longest as follows:

1 . To have knowledge about environment and changes that took place including impact on living both direct and indirect.

2 . To have knowledge and understanding the relationship between humans and environment, and international relations in regions of the world regarding the use of resources and environment.

3 . To have knowledge and skills to use resources by avoiding problems arising from the use of resources and environment.

4. To realize mutual awareness and benefit in the use and conservation of environment.

5 . To know how to cooperate in solving problems or improve environmental quality with other people peacefully.

6 . To how to think, criticize and make decisions about environmental problems.

7. To know how to think and criticize environment harmoniously.

Sombunsilp Rungham stated that the process was aimed at all three human and environment as well as technology development to be integrated for learning and applying as well, and also treat, rehabilitate the degraded parts of nature and understand nature at all (Silprungham, 2004). Additionally, the education can provide knowledge about the environment, with a focus on community awareness and attitudes, values and skills, and can make decisions about conservation and environmental development. And also there should be responsibility for the cooperation and maintenance of environment for rest of the world (Teptasaeng, 2005).

Currently, the environmental management is very important due to country's development into the industrial economy. Accordingly, resource usage is

increasing, at the same time, pollution from economic development, especially in the industrial sector, is beginning to show that there are serious and widespread problems. In addition, the economic development in the past has paid attention to only economic growth rate by leveraging resources, but there is no proper management plan to handle the problem that make the remaining natural resources to be degraded. In accordance with Sufficiency Economy Philosophy, the environmental management is a simple environmental management by using techniques, methods, and resources that are already inherent in nature, designing minimal environmental impact, with emphasis on the social and local knowledge to build a network between state and organizations as well as communities work together to protect and restore the natural environment and create the green atmosphere back to the nature (Phrakhrusangharak Chakkrit Bhuripanyo, 2015).

Here, it can be summarized that the development of ethical worldview environment has faith that humans are in the information age in which information possession is the main tool to support humanity to be able to use nature quickly and most effectively. Humans are highly skillful in the use of scientific techniques and management to seek as well as ethical reasoning, i.e. as people use reason to choose to act or not to behave some, and show motivations behind action and also represent development of individual's ethical worldview environment. It can be seen that the use of moral reason related to the ethical principles of society, including religion, law, tradition and values.

The Environmental quality contributes to people's life quality in community resulting from a part of cooperation, give priority to environment, help to restore and adjust the environmental landscape such as garbage collection, treatment of wastewater, tree planting, flooring, resting places and community fitness facilities, and encourage people in community to share responsibility for environment together as well as common use of the

community. It will make the community benefit from quality of environment directly resulting quality of life in the community.

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