



## **Living and living with nature. A need of today's population for the common good**

## **Vivir y convivir con la naturaleza. Una necesidad de la población actual para el bien común**

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We live in complex times, the human being has lost sensitivity for the environment and therefore has become a potential predator, no matter where or how, is to exploit nature, extracting from its entrails everything you can to let it die, if die, and then go to another and another place without stopping.

Hence, forest fires are a way of invading protected territories, whose role is to maintain life on this planet, and its recurrence has become commonplace, annually thousands of hectares of forests are deforested for the sole purpose of exploiting the land, in order to open spaces for mining, agriculture, livestock, and illicit issues.

We should ask ourselves, if someday this will stop, and if those who perform these acts from a desk, or those who do it themselves, are the guilty ones, then the question is, do we want to live, and let future generations live, or will they only continue with the extraction of wealth.

But behind this problem are unscrupulous people with illicit purposes, whose motives are unknown, however, forest fires and deforestation, continue and continue without stopping, if we add to that the high temperatures, the hurricane winds, a breeding ground par excellence to rekindle the flames and therefore the burning of forests in protected areas will continue, as in the Bolivian Amazon.

It seems that we do not understand this problem, and that burning seems to be the only solution for the use of the land for diverse functions, but that, of the biological diversity that a protected area has, such as Madidi and Pílon Lajas, after these fires we will lose plant and animal species, insects, and it will be very unlikely to regenerate, so we should be aware that this will be almost impossible.

The biota, has a diverse role, which, associated in themselves, maintain the balance of ecosystems, and are succumbing to the flames, it would seem that it is in our genes, that if there is no burning, there is no agriculture, livestock, will this be true, or is there something dark behind these fires, or is it just an excuse to do any of these activities, without thinking of the irreversible damage that is being caused to biodiversity and environment. But

not everything remains there, because the dense smoke is reaching the cities, and pollution levels are increasing day by day, which caused the restriction of some social activities and not to mention the health of people who are afflicted with some kind of disease.

This is not only a local problem, it is becoming a regional problem, and perhaps global, because we do not know the level of impact in the future, water resources, air, food, energy sources, agriculture, will be affected, while some only think of their personal benefit.

We must change the laws, not only for personal interest, but because it is becoming a necessity, if we want to leave a world for future generations, it is necessary to become aware of our actions, from different perspectives, the care of nature is our responsibility, either from the generation of solid waste in big cities, such as plastic, which every day we pollute water sources, and all this is reaching rural areas, and therefore is triggering the migration from rural to urban areas.

Now just imagine, if this were to happen, the rural areas abandoned, and the cities saturated, the question is, who will produce the food, and if we add to that the forest fires in tropical areas and in the Altiplano, the contamination with solid waste, there is nowhere to get lost, there will be reasons to trigger social conflicts over water and food, so we must be aware of our actions, If we want or have the interest to take care of the environment, that in the long run we are only tenants on this planet, we are not owners, then let's take care of this house and stop just making political speeches and start doing what we say, because someone has to take the first step, so that the rest can continue with this task.

Finally, as human race we depend on the environment and the environment depends on us, we both must live in harmony conserving and preserving our house, each one from its place of origin and its relevance, if only we would do it with integrity we would keep our house at least fit to live in, since there is no other place to go, unless we have a ticket to another planet, although it sounds ridiculous, there is nowhere else to go as human species, in order to preserve ourselves, but being more aware of what we do and what house we want to have and leave to our future generations.

Now, as a society as a whole we must leave certain privileges that the inventors have bequeathed to this generation, and we must be wise in caring for the environment, our behavior is a fundamental piece for change, a necessary change, but not at the edge of the precipice, when we feel the lack of water, food, fresh air, vegetation to live in peace and harmony with the environment and each other. The time has come and it is necessary to change for the good of humanity, don't you think?...

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