





Goodbye 2017! We will miss you.





Lately we have been seeing the works of the elements in a tantrum. Water, fire, wind and the earth are protesting, voicing out on behalf of Mother Nature against mankind. We cannot discount the fact that all these are due to our human activities resulting in the imbalance of our ecosystem and atmosphere, which comes as a reaction by nature itself to balance out its conditions to continue the survival of the Earth.

# Sorry. Mother Earth: Nature's Anger in the midst of Human Greed

### What have we done to ourselves?

The hurricanes are not coincidental. Neither are they the norms of a monsoon season. Many years ago, there had already been the discovery of global warming and the depletion of the ozone layer. In recent years, the polar caps melted significantly, and summer becomes warmer and warmer. Sea tides are high everywhere, and earthquakes became pretty regular. The moment it rains, the rainfall would be tremendous, causing flash floods with the water rising possibly waist-high. In fact, scientist found the Earth's axis shifting its position to find a new center.

It is not surprising. Mother Earth will have its way to find her center without our permission. It is similar to our human nature, to shift our thoughts and our hearts to find the center when we feel lost and disturbed. It is fair for Mother Earth to regain her center through a series of changes because we, humans, have exploited her for

# Our Greed, Our Fault

When humans started to become greedy for money and caused the famous Industrial Revolution, things started to spiral downwards. Yes, humans have more money, but humans are also losing humanity. There was the least respect to the environment when we started killing trees rampantly in the name of development, and killing wild animals for the sake of luxuries.

Humans started to look at foods as gourmet, instead of as a need for sustaining life. Even our bodies protest to this. Our ancestors' diet are mostly vegetables with some meat as a means of obtaining energy. They kept a healthy lifestyle, as work was more physically demanding. Today, our bodies do not move as much, but we are constantly robbing off animal lives to fulfill that small need for satisfaction. The result is a body that refuses to stay healthy, always rioting against our wishes for health and longevity.

The Remedy
Is it too late yet for us to repent and to change our ways to make our Earth better? Not at all. Some people may speak about the end of the world being near, but there is a lack of evidence that this will happen within our current lifetime.

The first thing that we should do is to change our mindset to "think good". Think good means to get rid of all that thoughts of greed, anger and hatred that will create disputes and arguments with others. Think good means to fill up our thoughts, words and actions with goodness, genuine words of kindness and to care for others with sincerity. It is not the duty of a nurse to care for your elderly parents, it is your duty as a child to care for them just like how they cared for you when you were young.

Think good will also mean that we should dispel intentions of greed, anger and hatred. Mother Earth has abundance of resources, enough for everyone if we only use what is enough for us. Waste not, want not. This is a very important mantra for us especially in this modern world to prevent us from being lost in the race of greed. When we are not greedy for things, we eventually understand that our emotions of anger and hatred comes just because we were greedy. Anger happens when there are people trying to compete with us for something, for example we get angry with a child for not being able to obtain straight A's for his exams, because in our mind we have set a target and we see the child as a competitor to not allow this achievement. We may not realise this, but when we do, we call it "expectations". When this happens, we get this anger to the next level of hatred, hating the obstacle, the person or the people that stops our interest for the child to score straight A's.

This is how it is in reality. Widen the scope to our adult world, and you will see a lot of greed followed by anger and hatred in corporate offices. In effect, we harvest more than we need from Mother Earth. We did not treat her well.

## Conclusion

It is time for us to change for the better. There are many motivation gurus out there encouraging changes for more greed. Higher position. Higher social status. Higher enjoyment. Higher scores. Higher everything! How high can we go, ultimately, when we will all end up 6 feet under one day?















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The home is located very near to the Penang Hill station at the foot of this tourist destination, hidden within a residential area that is not visible from the main road. It experienced a sad history that was pretty dramatic, and its owner Timothy, is also an OKU who recently passed his OKU driving license. His leg was amputated after a motorcycle crash which, miraculously, did not claim his life.

The elderly in the home are not well-to-do people. They are mostly parents abandoned by their children just because they are senile. They suffer from hard hearing, memory loss and loneliness. Timothy has 3 staff members helping him, but one is 70 years old and the other two are hired mostly for their physical strength to help with all the carrying and physical works because Timothy himself is not able to do these anymore.

We hope that the elderly will live a better life here. In Timothy's own words, "When they come here, they will stay here and my job is to cover for them including the end of their lives."

















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