

Title: My Role as a Citizen of Earth

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Many, many years ago, mankind lived closer to nature. Men cared for all the living things which surrounded them and were in harmony with the environment. Today, most of us are living in concrete cities of blocks of flats, surrounded by electronic gadgets away from the peace and quiet nature can offer.

Someday technology will surpass mankind with robots that will be smarter and totally independent of man. Scientists spend huge amounts of money to develop electronic gadgets. The same amounts of money could be used instead to help a lot of people who are in need. We must not rely too much on technology, because we will become totally dependent on it. Of course I don't mean that we must not use technology. What are we going to do if our computer is completely damaged and cannot be repaired?

We, the younger generation is easily brainwashed. But we are the future citizens who will make decisions! So we must learn to live in harmony with nature, with and without technology. After all, thank to our computers and other gadgets we learn and discover things that we would never have thought of, but we need to be able to judge and choose what is right and what is wrong and when we are overdoing it.

What about pollution? The use of technology which contains new kinds of toxic waste leads to worse problems of pollution. Most of the means of transport that we use such as: cars, airplanes, jet engines, etc. emit enormous amounts of harmful gases which remain in the atmosphere for hundreds of years. This causes huge environmental problems such as contamination of the air, sea and soil and the destruction of the ozone layer with disastrous effects.

Let us not forget also about bombs and weapons we produce! Do we really need to use them for killing each other? No! When a bomb falls onto the Earth, it doesn't only kill people; the soil absorbs all the chemicals and toxic substances and is contaminated. For example, instead of destroying lives we can use nuclear power to produce electricity, but we need to make sure that all safety measures are taken in order to avoid accidents which can release radioactive material into the air, soil and the sea.

There are a lot of people who only think about money. They think that money gives meaning to their lives, but, can money buy love? Can it buy peace and harmony? We are the ones who can bring peace and harmony in our lives with our own thoughts, ideas and talents.

What is my role as a citizen of Earth? I'm a fourteen year old girl. I play the violin and the piano and my dream is to become a worldwide famous soloist so I can give my audience love and peace through my music. Whenever I see people smile and be happy after I finish my performance, I get this wonderful feeling flying all over my heart. Anybody can create music. It is enough to have feelings, emotions and

imagination. After you have played your piece, just sit in a comfortable sofa and imagine a world full of love, care, peace, harmony and nature in blossom. Hopefully our future generation will understand the meaning of peace and soon all the hatred and wars will be forgotten forever in history... And man can finally live in harmony with all types of species, in a world of understanding, with respect for life in all its forms.

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