

Fundamental Causes of Environmental Destruction

The single main cause of global warming is attributed to the increase in the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Why can't we reduce these levels? Why can't we abolish the usage of CFCs which destroy the ozone layer? Why don't we collect appliances using CFCs and dispose of them correctly? In Japan we have all the food we need while in Africa 30,000 people starve to death each day. Why don't we send aid to them? What are the fundamental causes of environmental destruction?

- **A cycle of massive-production, massive-consumption and massive-waste:**
 - ➔ Waste of resources and energy, increase in waste, and environmental destruction and pollution.
- **Convenient and comfortable lifestyle:**
 - ➔ Waste of resources and energy, increase in waste.
- **Chemicals, technology and civilization:**
 - ➔ Environmental pollution, development and then further environmental destruction.
- **Overpopulation:**
 - ➔ Increase in consumption of resources and energy, food shortages.

Are these the fundamental causes of environmental destruction?

Why do we produce and consume on such a massive scale?

Why do we increase our population and sacrifice the environment necessary for our survival?

Why do we pursue this convenient and comfortable lifestyle even though it is destroying the environment?

Are there any other living creatures like us?

Economic growth

- Why must we have economic development?
- Can the economy really continue to grow endlessly on this finite earth with its limited resources?
- Is the reason behind the pursuit of economic growth solely "the desire for money"?

Money

Most environmental destruction's cause can be traced back to money, as can the most causes for war, crime and corruption. Academic background, job promotion, sales, wages and savings are also oriented towards money. Certainly money is the problem (environmental destruction, war and crime, etc). So why are we so preoccupied with money? There aren't other fundamental causes to our problems, are there?