

## Let's return to our Nature its innocent smile

The modern society is under great influence of global warming. Having in mind that it is in the human nature to always look to blame someone else for its problems, we are aware of the fact that in this case the guilty one can be seen in ourselves. The question is: why we dehumanized ourselves and why we allowed, by ruining the nature, we ruin our life? This is the question of the universal character and the whole world is facing this problem.

The development of science and technology created easier way of living. We don't live in dark anymore, there is light everywhere, we are not thirsty, there is so many drinks to choose from, there is plenty of food. It seems that the 21<sup>st</sup> century is the century of human carefreeness. We are going to Mars soon! We will become perfect!

Human race advanced, it came to its perfection. Is it? What happened to people? We became destructive. Men, for its benefit destroyed everything around him. In my town, at the banks of the river Grahovača many weekend houses were built that are not in the function of quiet place for vacation, but they turned into place for night life. It is easy to guess how much the river ecosystem will be destroyed because the nightlife. The forests are destroyed everyday by cutting of trees and inadequate building. Sometimes ago, the basic cause of erosion was the natural hazard, but today it is due to anthropogenic cause. Our rivers are full of garbage. Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, plastic bags, remains of animal bones, plastic packages and other garbage found its place in the waters that would look like ponds if they were not running.

It is more important to man to be stylish, drink expensive drinks, to have fun thinking that is the glow he needs. Under this glow of so-call boon living there is the dark side that slowly ruins the human health, and ozone holes are fed by the poisons and are threatening to kill us. Mother Nature is losing its glow and beauty.

There is a big task in front of the mankind. To keep the healthy nature for itself, but also to keep it for future generations. Human conscience is advancing. Men with its (non) knowledge created that the way of living is the sword with two sides. Same as he has the potential to ruin the nature and natural resources, he has the potential to use its creativity, knowledge and skills to prevent the destruction of the Nature, and his health at the same time.

Famous French writer, Charles Baudelaire said: "Everything is a symbol of what you see around". This phrase of his might remind man that all he sees, and what he,, desecrated " by his actions can be amended.

One of those human skills is recycling of waste that every day occupies a large surface area on which man dwells. There are so many plastic bottles that end up first on the landfill, and then is burned with man inhaling that smoke. Instead of a man cutting the tree for Christmas and New Year, it is preferable to make the Christmas tree by recycling of plastic bottles, which along with the skills and creativity can be a real decoration of the house. Also, plastic bottles, colored various shades of color, with the top of the neck removed filled with soil and planted flowers can be improvised fence around the yard. . Also, empty plastic bottles can find its place on the tables inside the house as flower pots. It is enough to drill holes in several places and wrap them with cones. They serve as a delightful ornament.

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Running waters, rivers, streams are full of plastic bags, with some effort and skills their recycling can be done, and the ornaments produced by recycling can have aesthetic and functional values. From this garbage one can make rugs for bathrooms and artistic wall decorations.

Also, from plastic bags and inner foil from cigarette boxes one can make lining for sun umbrella that can enhance the protection from sun rays. Glass jars can be recycled to have great aesthetic values. If a glass jar is decorated by shells and fine sand, it can become a decorative item. The myth about the Phoenix raising from the ashes and again transforms into the bird can be the guiding idea to many that the Nature can be revived and that this myth can become our reality when recycling is in question.

The environment can also be protected with different education through seminars and workshops in which the participants can learn about the values of environmental protection. It should start with institutions that allow erosion in nature by allowing the building of objects in places where the nature should remain intact. We should organize eco-corners, eco-patrols. We need more strict laws for those that destroy the nature.

Every country in the world has the hymn of its land. The time has come that all world create one common eco-hymn that would unite us in the fight for nature protection. We should become conscious, we should educate ourselves, we should recycle. Let's protect the nature because by its protection we protect ourselves and the life of people on the Earth. **Let's return the innocent smile to it.**

The example of how recycling can look like is shown in the following photographs. These items were presented on the occasion of the March 8<sup>th</sup> to the mothers of children with special needs and members of NGO "Let's help the children with special needs" from Rožaje.



Recycling of the decorative foil that is used for flowers and the bottle caps. This item was used by actors in the theatre play by students of Gymnasium "30.September" in Rožaje. (Blouse, skirt, necklace and ring)

Recycling of plastic bags, table cloth, plastic bottles, metal jar lid, aluminum foil, ash (in bottom part of bottle for the weight). (Candleholder)





Recycling of glass jar in combination with sea sand, shells and aluminum foil. (Flower vase)

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Recycling of glass jar and aluminum foil. (Flower vase)

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