

NATURE AND US

I still remember the time when I was sitting on the heights of Switzerland, overlooking the beauty. I just couldn't believe the breathtaking view. The Spring Gentians were swaying in the light wind. The enormous glacial turquoise lake was placid as a few areas of it were glistening orange. The sun, far in the horizon, was behind the snow-capped alpine mountains, as if it was trying to hide from the mysterious world. The fluffy clouds flew together in the sky. The wind became colder and colder as night was closing in. I could feel the chill on my back as the mist was starting to settle.

Trees were shaking side to side, trying to catch my attention. I could hear the leaves. The soil was moist from the rain that took place the day before. Small yellow lights were beaming from a village nearby. The smell of rain and flowers was lingering around. I wrapped my arms around myself trying to warm myself up. I wanted to sit longer. This was inconceivable. I knew that this scene wouldn't come again for years. The day I left Switzerland, it was as if I was stabbed in the heart.

I still recall this day every time I see a sunset. I want to live it again. Now that I am back, I am caught in the web of incessant routines. When I travel in my car, I look outside and see gigantic glass buildings touching the sky instead of trees. People have their phone in one hand and briefcase in the other. With no time to see nature and be among the chirping birds, they get hypnotised by the city rush. They have no time to stand and stare beyond the horizon, no time to look and observe the nature. They forget the favours of nature.

Nature has embodied us for many years. With unconditional love and care, it has provided us with everything we needed for survival. "Nature fulfils our needs, not our greed," is a famous quote that we should incorporate in our hearts. Despite the fact that we should care for nature, we are recklessly deforesting and polluting it. We can't understand the value of this priceless gift.

Perhaps one day, the turquoise rivers will stop flowing, the lush green trees will become bare and lands would be barren. The day will come when Earth and everything in it, including humanity, will die because we failed to return nature's favour. We are not living up to the expectations of nature, are we?

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