

Earth Eulogy

Dear friends and fellow beings,

I am the Earth, and I am saying goodbye. I have been your home for billions of years, giving you air, water, food, and all kinds of wonderful things. But now, I am dying because of all the bad things you have done to me. You have polluted my waters and skies and drilled for oil on my body.

I have asked you many times to take care of me, but you haven't listened. I have been ravaged by pollution, deforestation, overexploitation, and climate change. My oceans are filled with plastic, my air is thick with greenhouse gases, and my forests are burning. I have warned you, and suffered with you, but my cries have fallen on deaf ears, as you have pursued your own selfish interests at the expense of my health, and the health of future generations.ⁱ

I bid you farewell and may the memories you made be filled with awe, reverence, and love. I hope that you as a civilization can learn from your mistakes and do better in the future. I wish you the best.

With love,

The Earth.

ⁱ Dahlman, Rebecca Lindsey AND LuAnn. "Climate Change: Global Temperature." NOAA Climate.gov, [https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-temperature#:~:text=According%20to%20NOAA's%202021%20Annual,0.18%20%C2%B0C\)%20per%20decade.](https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-temperature#:~:text=According%20to%20NOAA's%202021%20Annual,0.18%20%C2%B0C)%20per%20decade.)

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