

# ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS



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# ANTHROPOGENTRIC AND ECOCENTRIC VIEWS

- Idea that acknowledges humans as the only rational, conscious and therefore most important entities, disregarding other living organisms unless they provide with our necessities.
  - The idea that acknowledges that the value of all living organisms is equal, it encourages respect and care for nature.



### Why You Shouldn't Eat Meat

- Non-anthropocentric
  - Animals are morally considerable; that is, they can be wronged and they have a moral claim on those who can recognize such claims.
- Anthropocentric
  - Eating meat is bad for us and the environment



## HISTORY

- Environmental Ethics appeared during the 1970s (Earth Day), but developed during 1973 in Scandinavia, thanks to Kvaloy, Faarlund and Naess. They admired the mountains and learned the ways of the Sherpa (sacred mountains).
- Then, Naess develops the concept of "Shallow Ecology Movement" which is "fight against pollution and resource depletion" with an objective of promoting "the health and affluence of people in the developed countries." He also creates the concept of "Deep Ecology Movement" that claims that all living things have their value independent of their usefulness for others, and that we should therefore care and respect them.

He also thought of a possibility; Identification. This means the human ego with nature. That oneself can identify himself with nature, that we can "enlarge the boundaries of Self beyond our skin". That we have an ecological side to this Self and that we deserve respect and to show us that respect is to respect the natural environment.