

Typical representations of the environment

The environment as ...	Type of relationship	Keywords	Ethics
Resource	<i>to manage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water , air, soil • energy • game • wood, ore 	Ethics are strictly anthropocentric.
Problem	<i>to solve</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pollution • destruction • deterioration • nuisances 	Ethics are generally anthropocentric.
Living environment	<i>to know, to grow in</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • around us • house , land • neighborhood, • region, workplace 	Ethics are generally anthropocentric.
Community project	<i>where to engage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our common business • shared responsibility • political subject 	Ethics are above all sociocentric.
Biosphere	<i>where to live together long term</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the planet • the Earth • the Gaia theory • a system 	Ethics are often ecocentric.
Nature	<i>to appreciate, to respect, to preserve</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nature • trees , plants, animals • natural environment 	Ethics are biocentric.
Creation of God	<i>to contemplate</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creator gives life • creatures praise God • human stewardship • communion, fellowship 	Ethics are above all theocentric.

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