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Imagine

Imagine a puddle, tiny and small, outside your house on a rainy day. Imagine that same puddle, tiny and small with chunks of debris and trash inside. Does a small puddle really matter, compared to the huge world?

Now, imagine an ocean, large and vast, filled with various aquatic life and blue as the eye can see, and imagine that same ocean, under oil spills and garbage spills and littered trash, decaying animals and plants piling up on the shores.

It is an image of pollution in this world and how ugly and defiling its effects can be. We may not think of ourselves harming the planet whenever we decide to throw a candy wrapper on the ground; a wrapper is so small, its effect seems almost negligible to the entire scheme of the world, just like a dirty puddle. And yet, a dirty puddle begets an entire polluted ocean, and it is the accumulation of all our small, combined actions that has created the mess we are in today.

Individually, there's no way we could ever end pollution. However, just as our combined carelessness has caused pollution, our combined efforts can help reduce and even improve the state of our planet. Recycling is thus the only action we can take in this society to make a difference in the world, no matter how small. It is a way to make up for the past and to ensure that our future is better for ourselves, for our children for all of humanity to come. Recycling is a means to right the wrongs of our pasts and something we can undertake to ensure the natural beauty of our planet can be preserved for others to enjoy.

Recycling is not only something we should do out of guilt, but out of the hope that it will make a difference in the world. It is something that should be undertaken not to just make up for past actions, but for keeping in the world. It is something that should be undertaken not just make up for past actions, but for keeping the planet beautiful and clean for the sake of keeping it beautiful and clean. The world is ridden with enough dirt and grime as it is – violence, prejudice, hate, bigotry. Yet, with as many things wrong with the world as there are, humanity is still inherently good and that common, basic regard for righteousness and truth still prevails and keeps the wheels of civilization turning. Because of this, recycling is something good and basic that people must realize must be sustained and practiced constantly for the good of the world, of others, of ourselves.