

Over 66 million years ago, a notable year for most archaeologists, 75% of all species got wiped out, by a colossal meteor hurtling towards Earth creating a crater in what we now know as Mexico. At the time of impact, Earth shuddered in terror, as the meteorite claimed the lives of many. The Earth darkened, shrouded by the soot of raging wildfires. Plants, the base of the food chain, starved from no sunlight to photosynthesize. Everything else slowly decayed into nothing, and only a few creatures could survive. This was the last, and most infamous mass extinction out of the five Earth has already faced. This extinction was fully natural and random, yet brought death to many species. Back to 2024, where life seems serene and peaceful, but behind the houses we live in, the nuclear power plants we use, and the cars we drive in, there is always an animal stripped of its habitat. The sixth mass extinction has already started, though it is not natural this time, and as Charles Darwin once said "Only the fittest will survive".

Individual families have made the switch from cars to bikes, and non vegetarian to vegetarian. But is this enough when swarms of planes fly above us, dropping tonnes of Co2 on earth, and when giant factories pump out carbon dioxide out of their smoke stacks? Individual action isn't enough, and big companies will never realise the damage they are doing, because of how unsuspecting the carbon dioxide is. They compare today to tomorrow, instead of 2024 to 2025, and though this looks like a problem of the future, we can only solve it now. These companies are blinded by greed for money, counting each dollar note they get, instead of each tonne of Co2 they emit.

Laws must be enforced by the government so that we can save the world from the apocalypse we created. These systemic changes are our only chance to revert to green energy. Take for example China's EV policy, so that only electric vehicles are allowed. This was largely successful because of the power of the government. Another alternative are incentives towards sustainable practices, so that more people feel inclined to preserve the wildlife. Even just one law, one change or one statement, could truly flip the problem.

People often buy things from companies calling themselves eco-friendly, but most of the time this is all a facade, and if you went to where their offices are, you will see cruel procedures, like animal testing. The chances are that the company you just bought from, adopts these inhumane methods, and are labelling their products "green" for more sales. These corrupt forms of advertising, make their company emit more Co2 every time you buy from it, because as demand goes higher, more products will be made, releasing a number of greenhouse gases. The only way to avoid buying from these demonic companies, is to check if they are responsibly sourced, and if they show how they achieve eco-friendliness in great detail.

Humanity as a whole must respond to the billions of tonnes of Co2 released every year, behind our backs. For this not only affects nature, but us as well. The existence of life on planet Earth as we know it, depends solely on our impact. If we become carbon neutral, all of life will be cherished for millennia onward. If we continue annihilating Earth, we all will be homeless on an astronomical scale.

