

Humanist

A humanist sees society (and its individual members) as the most important thing. Everything that happens does so within the context of human society, and human society sets the rules for how everything else works. The limits to existence, in the eyes of a humanist, are the limits of human society, so this is where we must place our focus in the fight for sustainability.

A humanist sees the environment as encompassed by society – human society controls, designs, and contains the natural world. The natural world exists in the way that it does because human society has made it in this way. For many humanists, this thought process also includes a feeling of responsibility for maintaining or being a steward of the environment. Many humanists would also argue that the economic and environmental problems facing society can be traced back to the breakdown of our social norms and cultures, and to failures in the way that we interact with one another.

A humanist sees the economy as a subset of the environment. The economy is dependent upon the environment and its limits. Like some environmentalists, humanists often believe that there are many economic alternatives to market capitalism that should be explored.

Most pressing issues facing the world today: Terrorism, discrimination, inequality, and the erosion of cultures

Examples: Ban Ki Moon, Nelson Mandela

