

Respect the Ocean

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What do we know about the definition of respect? It can be used in many ways but there is a way of respect that people have forgotten about. The respect for our ocean. What does that mean. Some may ask what it looks like, or what does it sound like or feel like.

To me, the ocean is being mistreated. An example of this is when factories and other large companies are built... Where do you think the sewage drainage and industrial waste go? And when there's a storm and when the garbage is piled up everywhere... Where do you think all that goes? All these things have one thing in common... they are destroying the ocean. The ocean is something we need, it's the thing that give sea creatures life. Like the beauty of the clown fish, the cool but the majestic sea turtle, and the dangerous of them all.... the many varieties of sharks. The animals aren't the only thing that live in the ocean, down there is the colorful and beautiful coral reef, (which is the home of many animals). And if the coral reefs died then more and more animals would go extinct. Its not just pollution killing our sea animals, many people are abandoning their fishing nets and are endangering more and more animals, mostly whales. (fact: a whale can hold its breath for 90 minutes). It only takes 90 minutes to take the life of an innocent animal.

But I am going to leave you with one question, How would you like it if someone came into your home and destroyed it? Like the way we are destroying the ocean. The next time you throw something in the ocean, think to yourself 'I should treat the ocean like it was my home'.

That is why we must respect our ocean before another 90 minutes kills another innocent animal.

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