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Do not blow up bombs and stuff like that, don't dump a whole batch of toxic stuff into the water, don't pollute the air so that it is not breathable, and do not put so many poisons in the earth that you wonder what you are preserving. Usually most medical people say the best thing you can do is eat good food, drink clean water, breath clean air, little things like that. But if we are, on a species basis, messing up, it gets harder and harder to find that clean food and good water and the clear air. A lot of people do not, they have the feeling that things are going wrong with nature but they feel the pressures and the pushing to exploit so strong that it just does not slow them up it, seems like. This is an acknowledgement that Earth is our mother and our sustainer of life and we ought to respect her and do not do things to her that could really piss her off and give us a good strong virus one of these days - get rid of mankind because we are a blight upon her, so to speak. If you personalize Earth it makes it easier to respect and try to protect her. It is not that we really think of her as a personality as such, but it is better, more respectful, to act like it is a personality. **-Virginia Lee Smith**

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