

Pollution and Climate Change

Aim: To evaluate different opinions on climate change and pollution.

Learning outcomes:

1. I apply my ideas to my own and other peoples lives in issues to do climate change and pollution. (Level 4)
2. I can ask questions and suggest answers to questions of values connected with a range of views on climate change and pollution. (Level 5)
3. I can use reasoning and examples to express insights into a wide range of views including my own on climate change and pollution. (Level 6)



- Draw 3 boxes in your book.
- Choose 3 of the following words and put 1 word in each box.

Conservation

Stewardship

Land pollution

Air pollution

Water pollution

Noise pollution

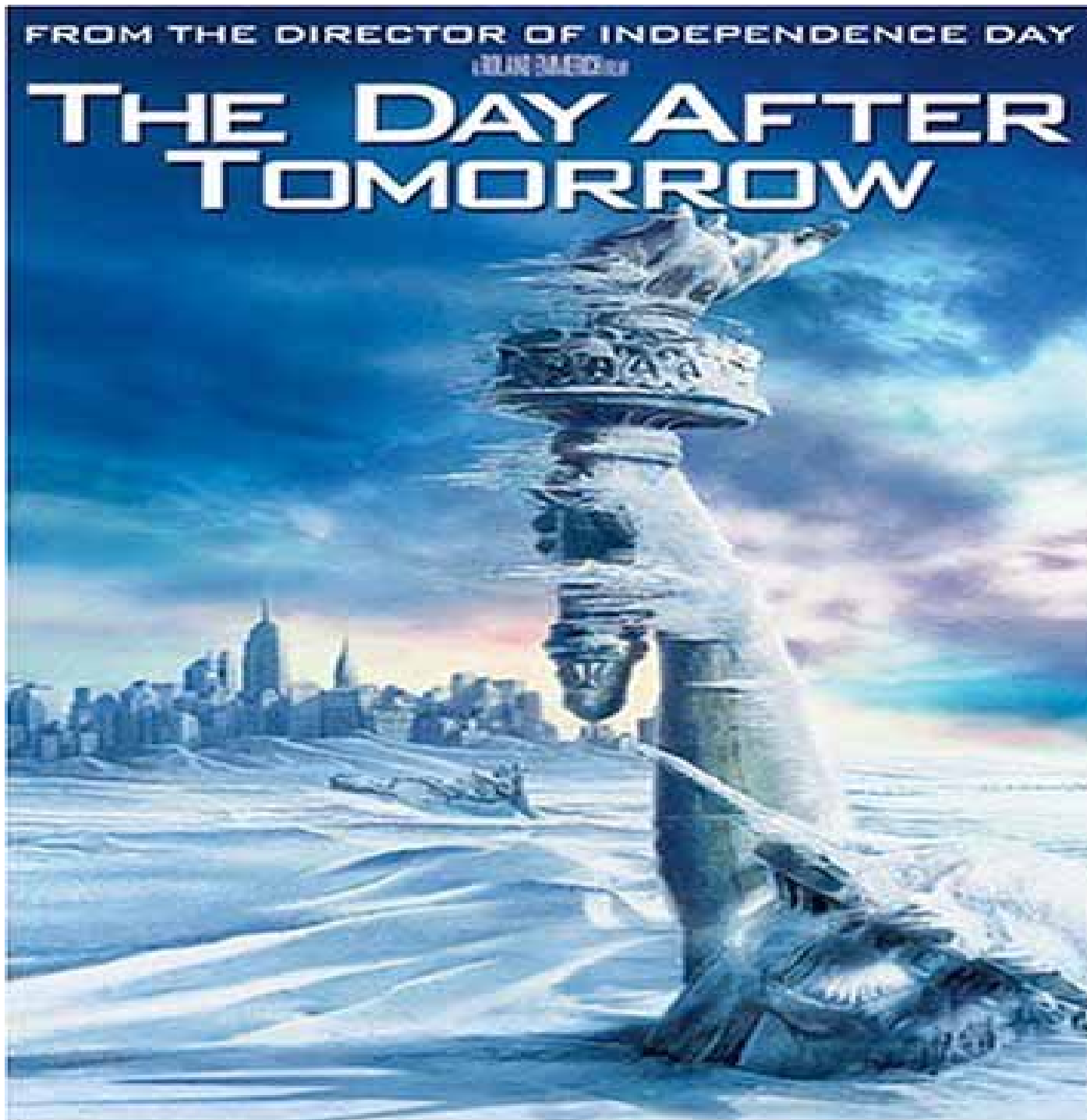
Global warming

Natural resources

Habitats

Non-renewable resources

Sanctity of life



What is climate change?

What effect might climate change have?

What are the views given on climate change in this clip?



Footprint Evaluation


Worldwide, there exists 4.7 biologically productive acres per person. The average footprint per person in the US is 24 acres. What effect do you think this will have on the planet?

Evaluate your own carbon footprint by filling in the Footprint evaluation sheet to get a general idea of how well you are looking after the planet. If you answer yes to any of the questions, your actions may be damaging the planet.

(e.g. Three times more fossil fuels must be burned to produce a meat-centred diet than for a meat-free diet).

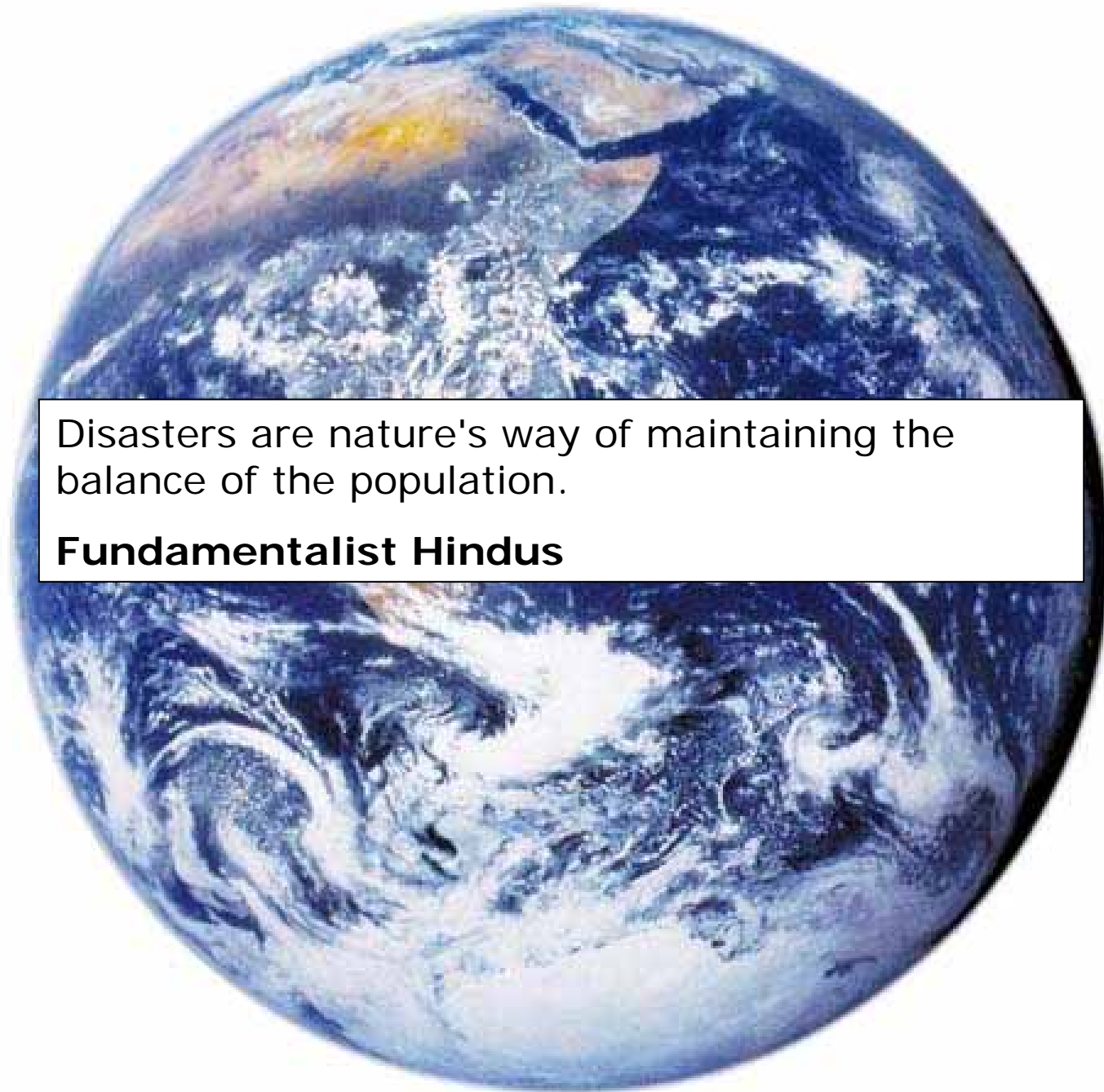


In pairs, read the article on Liz Hurley's wedding and highlight the sections which some people might accuse her of damaging the environment.



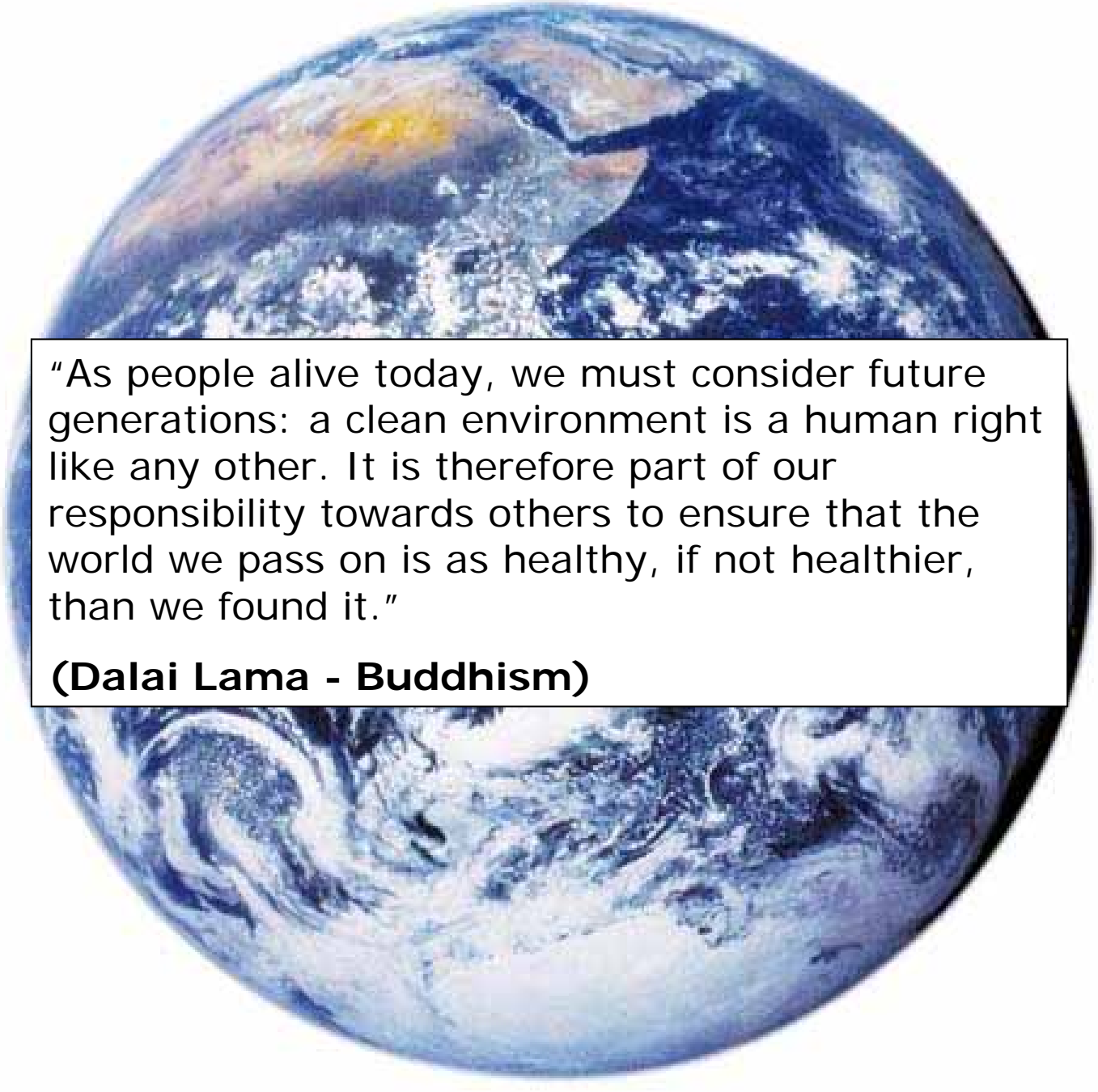
All living and natural things are connected, so if we damage the sky and the trees, this will damage us.

Hindus




Disasters are nature's way of maintaining the balance of the population.

Fundamentalist Hindus



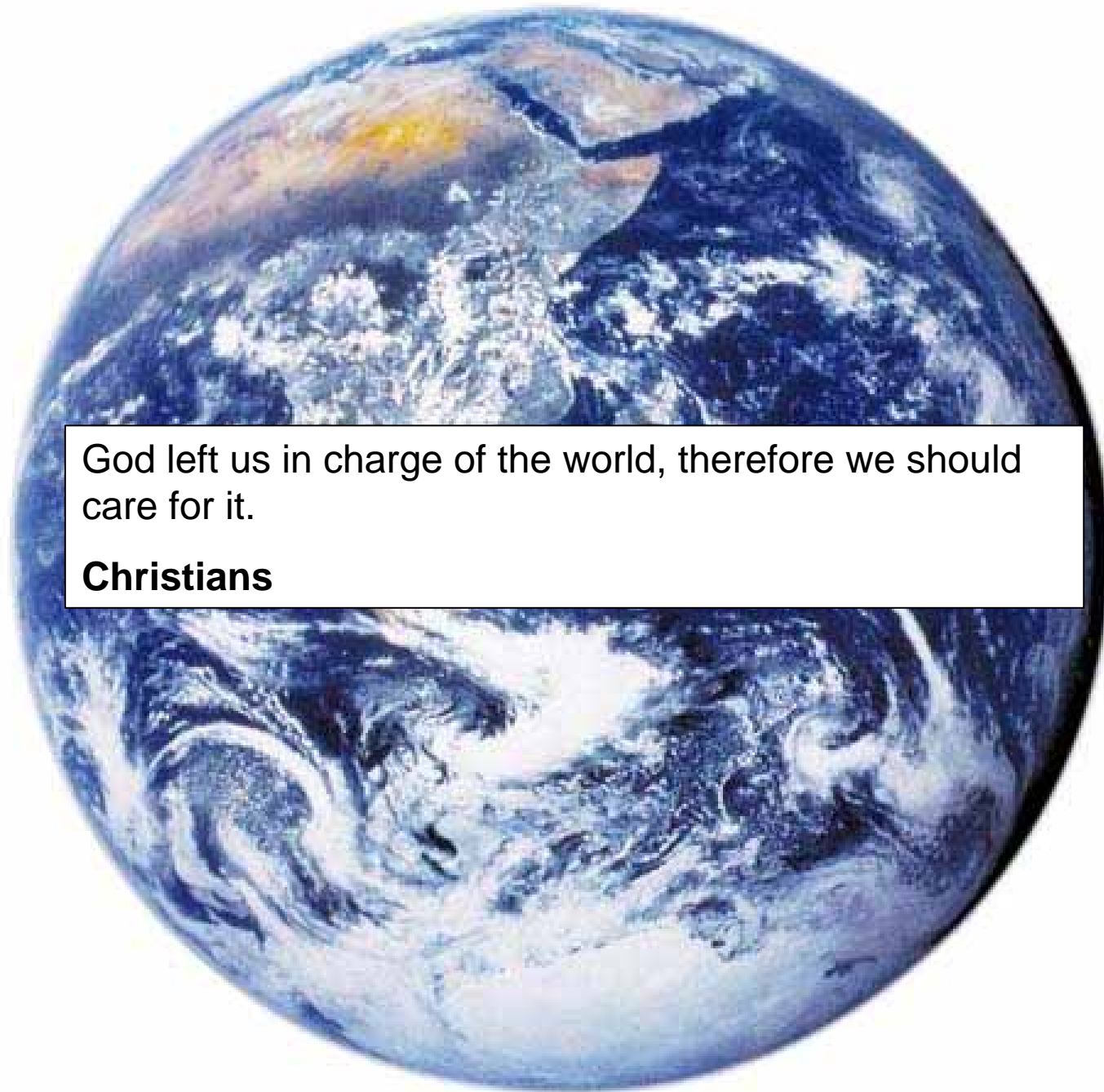
"As people alive today, we must consider future generations: a clean environment is a human right like any other. It is therefore part of our responsibility towards others to ensure that the world we pass on is as healthy, if not healthier, than we found it."

(Dalai Lama - Buddhism)




Humans should 'have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth', which means we are entitled to blow the tops off mountains to get at the coal beneath.

Christian industrialist in Virginia, USA



God left us in charge of the world, therefore we should care for it.

Christians



If China's reliance on fossil fuels continues to grow at the current rate, then the environment will be in severe danger. The countries in the west have no right to criticise as they have been exploiting the environment for years.



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"It is the government's responsibility to protect the environment. There is very little we can do." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer, showing that you have considered more than one point of view.

HOMEWORK

Find out what carbon off-setting is.

