

A Typology of Environmental Virtue

Environmentally Responsive, Environmentally Justified, Environmentally Productive

Land Virtues	Virtues of Sustainability	Virtues of Communion With Nature	Virtues of Respect for Nature	Virtues of Environmental Activism	Virtues of Environmental Stewardship
Love	Temperance	Wonder	Care	Cooperativeness	Benevolence
Considerateness	Frugality	Openness	Compassion	Perseverance	Loyalty
Attunement	Farsightedness	Aesthetic sensibility	Restitutive justice	Commitment	Justice
Ecological sensitivity	Attunement	Attentiveness	Nonmaleficence	Optimism	Honesty
Gratitude	Humility	Love	Ecological sensitivity	Creativity	Diligence

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Attunement: to bring a harmonious relationship

Nonmaleficence: to do no harm

Benevolence: a disposition to do good, kind acts, good will

Restitutive justice: to return to an original state

Environmental Sphere	Vice Deficiency	Virtue Mean	Vice Excess
Land virtues	Disregard/Apathy	Love *<	Excessive commitment
	Indifference/Apathy	Considerateness *<	Hurtful/Arrogance
	Unappreciative	Gratitude *>	Dissatisfied (insatiable)
	Disconnected	Attunement^>	Too connected
	Unresponsive/Arrogant	Ecological sensitivity Humility^>	Over sensitive/Too humble
Sustainability	Insensitive/Lacking in passion	Temperance *>	Indulgent/Gluttony/ Avarice/ Greed/Intemperance
	Detached/Indifference	Aesthetic sensibility *>	Overly receptive
	Disregard	Love *<	Excessive commitment
	Conservative/Resistant to change/Inflexible	Openness ^>	Changeable/Unreliable
	Unseeing/Apathy	Attentiveness ^>	Overly alert
Communion with nature	Disrespect	Wonder *	Excessive admiration/Fear/Anger
	Disregard	Love *<	Excessive commitment
	Detached	Aesthetic sensibility *>	Overly receptive
	Unseeing	Attentiveness ^>	Overly alert
	Conservative	Openness ^>	Changeable/Unreliable
Respect for nature	Inattention/Callousness	Care *<	Intrusiveness/Paternalism/Mawkishness
	Insensitivity/Cruelty, Callousness/	Compassion *>	Excessive empathy/Sentimentality

Environmental Sphere	Vice Deficiency	Virtue Mean	Vice Excess
Environmental activism	Indifference		
	Inaction	Restitutive Justice ^<	Retribution
	Take no action	Nonmaleficence (do no harm) ^<	Do harm
	Unresponsive	Ecological sensitivity ^>	Over sensitive
	Unobligated	Commitment *>	Excessive obligation
	Impatience/Easy resignation/ Unwillingness to try	Perseverance ^ (Patience)	Stubborn
	Unhopeful /Apathy	Optimism ^>	Despair
	Unimaginative/Stuck in the mire	Creativity ^>	Over-imaginative
	Too agreeable (flexible) Spinelessness/Loss of autonomy	Cooperativeness ^< (flexible)	Disagreeable (Inflexible) Rigid/Competitive
	Environmental stewardship	Greedy/Miserly	Benevolence *<
Disloyal/Betrayal		Loyalty *<	Excessive duty/Fanaticism
Deceptive/Liar		Honesty *	Hurtful
Inaction/Injustice/Greed		Justice ^<	Retribution/Fear/Anger/Disgust
Negligent		Diligence ^>	Too conscientious

**Environmental
Sphere**

**Vice
Deficiency**

**Virtue
Mean**

**Vice
Excess**

Typology of ecological virtues includes traits that are responsive to environmental concerns, justified by environmental concerns, or productive of environmental benefits, (Sandler 2007). Within this framework, virtues also do different kinds of work: some enhance character traits (symbol *; traditionally called moral virtues), other virtues enhance prudence (intellectual virtues, symbol ^); relational virtues (enhances relationships and social cohesion, encourages empathy, symbol<); and/or personal virtues (enhances personal well-being, symbol, >). Virtues are means (centre column). Sources: ((American Psychological Association, 2007; Held, 2006; Honderich, 2005; Hursthouse, 2009; Ophuls, 2011; Robinson, 1995; Sandler, 2007a, 2007b; Sandler & Cafaro, 2005; B. Schwartz & Sharpe, 2010; Solomon, 1999; Stafford, 2010; R. L. Walker & Ivanhoe, 2009; Wensveen, 2000).

