

The Letter: A Message for our Earth

Read and annotate (markup) these **two sections of *Laudato Si.***

 # 2 *Our common home is like a sister who now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts… is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor... We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.*

 # 202 *Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone. This basic awareness would enable the development of new convictions, attitudes and forms of life. A great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge stands before us, and it will demand that we set out on the long path of renewal.*

Take notes on the film's main characters. **Choose 3 key quotes/ ideas** from each section to write down.

The Poor: Arouna Kande- Senegal

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The Indigenous: Chief Dada Borari- The Amazon

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Young People: Ridhima Padney- India

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Wildlife: Drs. Robin Martin & Greg Asner- Hawaii

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Assisi (write down three important quotes/ ideas from the final section of the film):_____

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"The cries of the earth and the cries of the poor cannot go on...." – Pope Francis