

Table of Contents

Chapter	Contents	Page
	Preface	i-viii
	Acknowledgement	ix-xi
1. Chapter One: General Introduction:		1 -19
	• <i>Global problem</i>	1-3
	• <i>Population growth and related environmental crisis</i>	3-4
	<i>Deforestation and its impact on environment</i>	4-5
	• <i>Agricultural practice and associated degradation of the environment</i>	5-7
	• <i>Industrialisation and environmental crisis</i>	7-8
	• <i>Urbanisation and associated pollution</i>	8-10
	• <i>Objective of the thesis</i>	10-19
2. Chapter Two: Humans' Attitude towards Nature		20-54
	• <i>Introductory</i>	20-22
	• <i>Traditional human approach towards nature</i>	22-26
	• <i>A modified version of anthropocentric approach towards nature</i>	26-29
	• <i>What ought to be human attitude towards nature</i>	29-30
	• <i>The concept of good of a being</i>	30-33
	• <i>Intrinsic value</i>	33-34
	• <i>Inherent value</i>	34
	• <i>Inherent worth</i>	34-36
	• <i>Different dimensions of an attitude of respect for non-human nature</i>	36-38
	• <i>What ought to be the attitude of respect for nature</i>	38-43
	• <i>Buddhist approach towards nature</i>	43-54

3. Chapter Three: The Value of Life: A Biocentric Approach	55-83
• <i>Introductory</i>	55-62
• <i>A plea for teleological centres of life</i>	62-64
• <i>Non-acceptance of human superiority in biocentrism</i>	64-66
• <i>Past philosophical background of human superiority: A reflection</i>	66
• <i>The view of classical Greek humanism</i>	66-68
• <i>The view of traditional Christian monotheism</i>	68-69
• <i>The mind-body dualism of Descartes</i>	69-72
• <i>A comparative outlook</i>	72-83
4. Chapter Four: Searching Intrinsic Value in Nature	84-108
• <i>Introductory</i>	84-85
• <i>The concept of intrinsic value</i>	85-88
• <i>Understanding various senses of intrinsic value in environmental ethics</i>	88-95
• <i>The source of intrinsic value</i>	96-108
5. Chapter Five: Ecofeminism	109-136
• <i>Introductory</i>	109-110
• <i>Feminist ethics and ecofeminism</i>	110-112
• <i>Logical foundation of female domination</i>	112-116
• <i>Maldevelopment in the name of development</i>	116-117
• <i>Ecofeminism and deep ecology</i>	117-120
• <i>Ecofeminism and its connection to social ecology</i>	120-122
• <i>The relevance of environmental justice in social ecology and ecofeminism</i>	122-123
• <i>Necessity of social justice</i>	123-124
• <i>Ecofeminism: Making connections</i>	125-130
• <i>Transformative feminism</i>	130-131
• <i>Ecofeminism and its relation to the value of nature</i>	132-134
• <i>Observation</i>	134-136

6. Chapter Six: Deep Ecological Movement	137-163
• <i>Introductory</i>	137
• <i>What is deep ecology</i>	137-142
• <i>The platform of deep ecological movement</i>	142-146
• <i>A Contrast between deep and shallow ecology</i>	146-152
• <i>Is deep ecology a derivational system</i>	152
• <i>Two layers of deep ecology: Metaphysical and Ethical</i>	152-157
• <i>Universal holism and the extension of realisation of the self</i>	157-159
• <i>Extension and realisation of the self in deep ecology</i>	160-163
7. Chapter Seven: A Spiritual Approach of Non-anthropocentrism from Religious Perspective	164-191
• <i>Introductory</i>	164-172
• <i>The position of environment in the eyes of Dharma</i>	172-176
• <i>Religion and Environment</i>	176-177
• <i>Hinduism</i>	177-178
• <i>Man-Nature relationship in the Vedic period</i>	178-185
• <i>Christianity</i>	185-186
• <i>Islam</i>	186-188
• <i>Buddhism</i>	188-190
• <i>Jainism</i>	190-191
8. Chapter Eight: Concluding Remarks	192-214
Selected Bibliography:	215-223