

2020 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

When love conquered fear

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Dear Isha,

You may not have paid much attention in Ms. Holly's English class when she taught "A Christmas Carol" in which a greedy man learned to love and appreciate life but today I am about to tell you a very similar story of a species that overcame its fears and created a world built on pillars of love and kindness. As they watched their families and loved ones dying painfully, they understood that it was not the money or the stock market that came to our rescue but fellow humans, doctors, and nurses.

The future is not filled with flying cars and space travel, it's filled with ideologies that we have all come to understand are the most important - love and humility. We are not Indians, Americans, or Chinese- we are just human beings. So far we had used our technology and intelligence to fuel our fears of the unknown, to grow hatred amongst each other but we have realized that the same technology, the gift of knowledge could be used to create a world not centered on our greeds but one that is filled with harmony. We no longer torture animals for our economical profits, we have given back to the animals what was rightfully theirs and since then we have discovered the intricate beauty of ecosystems. We have finally harnessed the power of renewable energy. Our home is powered by clean energy and we are conscious of our energy consumptions. Scientists have developed nanotube technology to make seawater drinkable but more importantly, we have learned to value the precious resource of the planet by not wasting or polluting it.

Our cities are not surrounded by skyscrapers and glass towers but vertical gardens and farms on which grow the freshest flowers and juiciest fruits. Plastic is a word you will never in this world, we use a biodegradable material made out of algae plants and 3D printing. We do not practice wildlife farming and poultry housing anymore. We buy our vegetables and fruits from local farms. Food equality has grown as new trade policies ensured that the developing and underdeveloped countries got their share of the global platter.

We have built communities, not industries and our young artists and innovators lead the way. There is free education provided every girl and boy in the world. No more did we flaunt our social status or misuse wealth. Most importantly we have begun to live happily with each other, we stopped spreading hatred or rumors about anyone. Bullying soon became a thing of the past. Schools encourage students to explore nature, marvel at the beauty of nature that surrounds us. Genetic engineering and 3D printing have revolutionized the world of medicine, curing people of deadly diseases. We have created large filtering machines that removed the plastic from the sea. We have created an environment-friendly waste disposal method that is now part of almost every house and enables everyone to recycle their waste to create paper, bags, and other objects.

Of course, I understand you are curious to know how you fit into this beautiful ecosystem of life, you are pursuing a career in medicine in a hospital for the disabled people.

It truly pains me to think of the world you currently live in, the coronavirus filling the streets, choking out our greed, climate change looming over our heads, welcoming us to the hell we had created. We were guilty of crimes against humanity itself. In adverse times like which you are in, we realize that we are the only help we have. It has taught us to appreciate each other, to experience the brilliance of the gift of being alive. To have the eyes to see the exotic colors of the wings of butterflies, ears to hear the beautiful songs of birds and our knowledge to ensure we are not consumed with fear but have the power to appreciate life. We realized the beauty of loving someone, to hold a tiny baby in our arms, to laugh with each other.

Worry not, because the future is bright, a world where LOVE conquered FEAR.

With love,
Your future self