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Once I took a trip to see a new house that was being built on top of a mountain. It was a rather small mountain, some would call it a hill, but the view was breathtaking. At first I was excited. How cool could it be to live up here? I sat down on the deck of the new house which offered a beautiful view of the North Carolina mountains. There, I could look over the land, seeing small mountains in the foreground, and large ones behind. Then, I saw a house on one other small mountain, obstructing the view, and I saw telephone poles, strung up across the mountains. Sudden sadness washed over me and I started to think. What will happen when there is a house on every mountain top? What view will there be then? I looked around the new house. How many trees were cleared for this to be built? What will happen when we have gone too far and cleared too many trees? Before nature had been destroyed here it must have been beautiful and peaceful. What have we done? What have we done to the Earth as humans? What have we done to nature? Does anyone care anymore? Does anyone really care anymore about having beautiful mountains and beautiful views? It is sad.



On this Earth Day 2002, (which is today in case you didn't know), I ask that you stop and just think. Think about what we as humans have done, or what you have done to hurt the Earth. I ask you only to take the time in whatever way, to preserve nature, preserve the Earth, and enjoy them while we still have the time. Just think about this, **and really think** about these things that I have said.

Thank you for your time.