



Rachel Carson once said, "In an age when man has forgotten his origins and is blind even to his most essential needs for survival, water along with other resources has become the victim of his indifference."

Life as we know it, cannot live without water, and where there is water, there is almost always life. And yet the indifference we earthlings have developed towards this life source is at a catastrophic level.

As we near the end of the most unusual year, let us remind ourselves that water is not a resource but a relation. It shapes our culture and identity, it purifies and preserves, it binds communities and sustains livelihoods. Water is us and therefore we need to take care of ourselves. The year also taught us that water is hope, health and resilience.

Let's end this year with awareness and belief that no matter how challenging the circumstances, one can still make a difference. Pick up any endeavor of your own, draw lessons, make notes to self or perhaps resolutions in reverse. Learn more about the water heritage, adopt a pond, fix a tap leak, make a five minute playlist to take shorter baths, protect your lakes and waterways, read Subhash Vyam's exquisitely illustrated book Water...do whatever it takes to ensure that you value this resource. Because we all know that 'Indifference Kills.'

Let's all continue to do our part so we head into a better year. May 2021 be your best year yet.

