

Earth Day

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Saturday is Earth Day. It's a sort of an odd holiday – we live on earth 365 days a year, or at least most of us do.

On Earth Day, we should celebrate all the wonderful things we can extract from the earth.

Our civilization runs on the energy provided by coal, oil, and natural gas. These substances are extracted in enormous quantities from beneath the surface of the earth. Without them, civilization as we know it would not exist.

Burning coal, oil, and natural gas also releases carbon dioxide. Plants cannot grow without carbon dioxide. Higher concentrations of carbon dioxide increase the growth rates of trees and other plants.

Carbon dioxide levels increase from ocean outgassing as the temperature rises for other reasons. But we do raise CO₂ levels by burning hydrocarbons too.

On earth day we should also celebrate the many metals and other elements which are mined from the earth. All of these are critical for our civilization as well.

Perhaps we will eventually be able to mine the moon. But until then, earth is the sole source of the materials our society needs.

God placed these things within easy reach for us.

We should be grateful to Him for their abundance.