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Maybe it is easy for those who experience the luxury of unlimited water at the cost of a water bill at home to say “Wait.” Maybe it is simple for someone to fill up a glass of ice cold water with a matter of seconds at the comfort of their kitchen. Maybe it is the ones who spend the most on water while using it unwisely that do not have to worry. Those who don’t have the constant panic of what they will drink are the ones who struggle the least. The most important fundamental human right should be free access to clean drinking water. It’s without a doubt that every single organism living on our planet needs water to survive. We should be able to provide for everyone as new technologies continue to evolve and advance.

The five million children with thirsty throats and 829,000 people drinking dirty water till death should be of concern to our humanity. Nobody should have to tell their 8 year old children that they won’t have anything to drink at home due to having a low paying job. Sometimes, we forget how desperate we are for water because of how easily accessible it is for some of us to just flip a lever. On the other hand, it is not as easy as we thought it could be. Many people around the world living in third world countries or even in poverty run out of water quickly.

Everyone should play their role in something that our civilization needs to have. As clean water becomes more accessible to everyone, it is our duty to preserve that privilege. Purified water is something that we should cherish without wasting. If everyone can obtain water, then there would be greater life expectancies for people of all ages. Our health would increase physical and mental health since water is one of the very first things we need to survive as stated in Abraham Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs. Our mouth cleansed with the refreshing taste of nothingness is the best taste of hydration in the world after a long day of work.

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