Topic 7

Environmental Value Systems

What is an Environmental Value System?

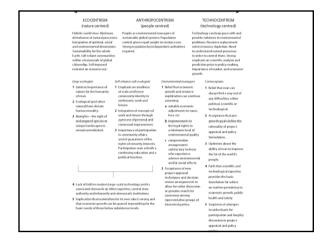
- Particular world view that shapes the way that people perceive and evaluate environmental issues.
 - Influence by:
 - Culture (ex: Religion)
 - Economics
 - Politics

How is it a system?

- System An assemblage of parts and the relationships between them, which together constitutes an entity or whole.
 - Ex: Body's temperature regulation system
 - Gulf of Mexico
 - Water Cycle
 - Biomes (Desert, forest, grassland)

Systems have inputs/outputs

- Inputs-education, cultural influences, religious doctrine, media.
- Outputs-Decisions, perspectives, courses of action.



- Get into three groups.
- Pick 5 most pressing environmental problems.
- How does your philosophy handle each of the five problems?