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There is a lot of talk about climate change these days, and protecting the environment. The environment or ecosystems include both plant life and animals – both playing a key role in keeping the air pure and clean. The animals gently prune the trees and distribute the seeds, help the water cycle, and contribute in many ways we are just learning about. Does it make sense, then, to have people rushing to the woods seven days a week to kill animals? Do they get no rest from being targets? Do we get no rest from hearing gunshots with their attendant death and suffering? Please consider the big picture before giving license to kill seven days a week. Only when animals are extinct do we start to care – and then it is either incredibly expensive to "bring back the species" or it is too late. Even plentiful species such as deer should not be living targets through no fault of their own. We need to bring back the balance of nature – reintroduce predators, not rush out seven days a week with weapons. This is the 21st Century. And Mother Earth is in big trouble, thanks to our actions...