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**Environmental Science Worldviews**

**ANTHROPOCENTRIC**: regarding **humankind** as the central or most important element of existence, especially as opposed to animals or environment.

**BIOCENTRIC**: considering **all forms** **of life** as having intrinsic value; ethical perspective holding that all life deserves **equal** moral consideration or has **equal** moral standing.

**ECOCENTRIC**: **nature-centered**, as opposed to human-centered (i.e. anthropocentric), system. Focus on the protection and preservation of undisturbed nature as it relates to full ecosystems- both biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) components are considered.

**INDUSTROCENTRIC:** sees all things on earth as **resources to be utilized** by humans or to be commodified. This view is the opposite of anthropocentrism and ecocentrism. It negatively affects humans, nonhumans, and the environment in the long run in that it only focuses on short term economic gratification.