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The Impact of Anthropocentrism on Natural Environment from the Perspective of Margaret Atwood

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ABSTRACT Normally labeled as a nationalist and feminist, Atwood is also a scholar with keen ecological consciousness. For the contemporary readers, the realistic significance of studying Atwood's attitude towards the impact of anthropocentrism on natural Environment is to awake the ecological consciousness, generate the feelings of awe and enlightenment as well as promote a more ecological lifestyle that humans live harmoniously with nature. Atwood's great concern is over the deterioration of nature. She shows her opposition's attitude towards anthropocentrism through the vivid depiction of the narrator's simple animal-like lifestyle. For Atwood, humans must abandon the conquest of nature and return to the embrace of the earth-mother. In this regard, she takes advantage of literature as a tool to warn the readers against possibly fatal deviations. By applying Atwood's attitudes towards anthropocentrism, the authors of this paper aim to analyze the deleterious effects of anthropocentrism on natural environment in Oryx and Crake.