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The objectives of this research were to study the Theravada Buddhist Philosophy. And  
to study about Global Warming including an analytical study Theravada Buddhist Philosophy  
and Global Warming.

The result of research shows that. Theravada Buddhist philosophy believes that the all  
things which are controlled by The Natural Law of Causes and Effects which is align with The  
Law of Three Characteristics and having the Ultimate Reality called Nibbana (Nirvana). Human  
can have potentials to reach this condition by creating a real knowledge which comes from the  
six senses and need practicing not to be motivated in the wrong way for providing the access to  
the ultimate goal by following The Noble Eightfold Path. Global warming is caused mainly by  
human activities which are based on the ideas of Western civilization that separate human being  
from nature, raising the values of human above all else together with the idea that happiness  
comes from the possession of the object. These basic ideas make human love to exploit nature  
especially from the development of industries, it has caused global warming and has affected  
human subsistence afterwards. The main access to the truth of nature, all this sort of things is to  
eliminate human wrong view and lead to right habit that does not destroy the environment and  
co-exist harmoniously with nature. Although the principles of Buddhist philosophy cannot  
reduce a global warming apparently because condensing the concentration of greenhouse gases  
may take a long time. Anyhow, the principles of Buddhist philosophy will help cultivate the  
human minds and modify human behaviors in a better way which can be said that they help  
human develop himself or herself to be closer to the Ultimate Reality together with creating  
sustainable nature to benefit all the living organisms on earth.

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