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### How Can We Live Without the Elixir of Life?

Ever since the beginning of human civilization, water has been fought over and killed for. Water is vital to every town, city, state, and nation. Without water a civilization cannot flourish, so it is important to have water that is one hundred percent pure and have it in abundance. It is also a necessity to have an efficient way to distribute and to protect the water throughout our communities.

Although water makes up over half of the Earth, most of it is not drinkable. Having water that is polluted can cause sickness to the citizens of America and to the people of other nations. It is vital to keep water quality as wholesome as possible. Citizens can take a part in this by protecting the rivers and lakes of their towns and cities. The people can also fight against the dumping of waste materials which leads to contamination in their water sources.

Another factor in having a good source of water is conserving it. The amount of water that goes to waste is tremendous. All this water can be used and purified again to be able to distribute it around the world. Having laws prohibiting the waste of water is a way to save our precious water. Conserving water is a major issue in cities and all rules and laws related to it should be enforced.

If I were in charge, I would create a plan in which we use a certain percentage of water for a given amount of time and store the rest in tanks and reservoirs. Another plan would be to use filters throughout the pipes, further purifying the water so that it would be as fresh as possible for our citizens to enjoy. My last act would be to convince the people of my community to help keep the waters of our towns clean and plentiful. These problems can be solved if we put effort into the equation. In the end, having clean and abundant water can decide whether you have a successful or failing nation. It is for this reason we should all come together as a people to

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protect not only the waters of America but the waters of the world. Without water the human race will not survive. Water is the elixir of life!