

Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink

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Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink. So wrote English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the contemporary of William Wordsworth, in his poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.

Water, water everywhere...well, is it? In reality, water is a scarce resource. But how many people on earth realise it? Perhaps only those who live in water-scarce areas. Do they have not a drop to drink? Well, not really.

But the moral of the immortal lines penned by Coleridge, who put it in a maritime setting, is that water is not as abundant as many people think it to be and that we are better off treating water as a scarce resource in need of preservation. That is the raison d'être of the United Nations World Water Day.

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