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## Reflections on the Concept of Sustainability, its Adjectives and Human Unity Idea

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### Abstract

Using of the term sustainability appears in our times as one of the words most in vogue in society. The term appears in various branches of society and spreads itself by various social, political and economic sectors. It can also find a clear correlation between sustainability and practices that protect the environment. Also, there is the correlation between sustainability and the discussion of the improvement of human and social relations, with a focus on reducing poverty and marginalization. The term also has ample space in the theoretical constructions of the natural sciences. Ultimately, what is sustainability? In order to contribute to the elucidation of this issue, this paper, through the descriptive, historical and normative methods, seeks to understand epistemologically the term sustainability. Then, it finds out the evolution of the adjectives over time, as well as its content in the context of the physical limitations of the earth. Finally, the paper makes up a reflection on human integrity and sustainability.

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