

Environment



- ☹ **Greenhouse Effect** – burning fossil fuels leads to increase Carbon Dioxide which makes a barrier in the atmosphere, trapping heat in. This leads to **global warming**.
- ☹ **Acid rain** – fossil fuels release nitric and sulphuric acid into rain. This burns things when it falls as rain.
- ☹ **Eutrophication** – Increased nitrates in rivers leads to a lack of oxygen causing fish to die and it allows poison to enter water supplies.
- ☹ **Deforestation** – cutting down trees leads to less oxygen, soil erosion, loss of animal homes
- ☹ **Radioactive Pollution** – nuclear waste causes cancer and death.

Types of Resources ☺ Renewable e.g. solar, wind ☹ Non-renewable e.g. wood, coal, gas

Reactions to the Environment:

| Non-religious | Christian | Muslim |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some feel science should find a solution e.g. alternative sources of electricity • Some say the government should set levels for pollution e.g. Kyoto protocol • Encourage alternative lifestyles | <p>Should look after it because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created the universe • Creation seen as a gift • Humans are stewards as told in story of Adam and Eve and Story of the Talents where Jesus said God expects us to pass on the earth to next generation • Stewardship is also sharing resources fairly • Sanctity of life • Love to your neighbour in the future means that you should look after the world today. <p>BUT humans also seen as in control due to differing interpretations of Stewardship - so can use it as please.</p> | <p>Should look after it because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allah created universe • Is a unity in creation (TAWHID) which means we are all one with creation • Universe seen in balance so should maintain it • “There is no altering the laws of Allah’s creation” (Qur’an) • Adam was a khalifah and so we all are. They have the same understanding of Stewardship as Christians • Judgement - Part of test of life is to look after world. If fail, go to hell. • Sanctity of life |

Christian Aid – Religious Organisation working to help the Environment

Their work includes: preventing deforestation, encouraging land developers and farmers to use environmentally friendly farming methods, sustainable development. They believe that in helping the environment they will be helping the poor as fewer people would be affected by environmental disasters. This is done of Christian teachings regarding the environment and helping the poor

Jewish National Fund – Religious Organisation working to help the Environment

Work mainly in Israel, as this is the holy land for Jews. As such they want to remove pollution from it. They take donations from Jews all over the world to improve the environment in Israel. So far they have planted 200 million trees which has improved the air quality and halted desertification (process whereby land becomes desert due to soil erosion). It also helps reclaim land from the desert (savannisation) along with capturing water in surface holes. They have developed techniques for controlling forest fires and have built reservoirs and dams. They do this due to Jewish teachings on stewardship and creation (see Christian views above)

Animal Rights & Christianity



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| <p>Can use animals (so against animal rights) because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created all animals and humans • God gave humans control of animals, so we can use them as we wish • Bible assumes people will kill and eat animals • Animals have no rights because they weren't created in image of God • Jesus ate fish and declared all foods to be clean (including meat) | <p>Cannot use animals (for animal rights) because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God created everything • Humans have a duty to care for animals as God's stewards • Christians should not be cruel because Jesus said he was the good shepherd who will lay his life for his sheep. • Animals have the same rights as humans. • In the Bible it says that God knows even when one sparrow is killed – implies all of creation is important • "Thou shalt not kill" – extend to animals? |
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Animal rights and Islam

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| <p>Cannot use animals because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals can only be used for experiments when necessary • As Khalifahs we should look after animals • Unity of creation – which means animals are one with humans. • Judgement day – is it part of the test? • Allah knows every animal – " he knows it dwelling and resting place" (Qur'an) • Islam forbids factory farming and killing for sport – only legitimate use of animals is for food. | <p>Can use animals because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qur'an talks about dedicating animals to God when they're slaughtered. • Shari'ah says we can use animals for human benefit • Qur'an states which animals can be used. • Qur'an lays down what can be eaten (halal) which includes some meats. |
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