



**“Religion is an essential factor in motivating individuals to protect the environment and address climate change”**

<i><b>Faith Perspective</b></i>	<i><b>Hinduism</b></i>
<p>Fundamental Principle of the Faith</p> <p><i>What the faith teaches about taking care of the environment (sacred texts)</i></p>	<p>Hinduism teaches the five great elements[Space, Air , Fire ,Water and Earth] that constitute (make up) the environment are derived from the Prakriti, the primal [original, ancient] energy, the creator.---UPANISHADS</p> <p>Hindus worship and accept the presence of God in the nature.... Isharvasyam Upanishad</p> <p>The whole universe, living and the non - living, are created by the creator for a purpose. They are interdependent (reliant) of each other for their care and they are in harmony. Human beings should respect and value the nature.</p> <p>Hindus believe that harmony in nature</p>





	brings peace to the human beings.
<p>Application of the Principle to the Motion of the debate</p> <p><i>What responsibility the faith tradition's teaching passes to individuals</i></p>	<p>Protecting and looking after the environment is part of Hindu DHARMA. [Duty or Virtue]</p> <p>Hindus refer to the Earth as 'Mother Earth'. Mother nourishes us. Hindus respect the earth like our own biological mother.</p> <p>Human bodies are also made up of the 5 elements.</p>
<p>Implications for the debate</p> <p><i>Things to think about when preparing for the debate</i></p>	<p>Human beings' misadventures (disasters) have created several problems for the entire human race. Humans have polluted the 5 elements causing havoc (chaos and mess) on the earth. There is pollution everywhere - in the air, water, food and so on. The water level under the earth is depleting (getting smaller), because the noble virtues like love and compassion have dried up in the human heart. The five elements are sore with the offensive</p>





	<p>conduct of man.</p> <p>.....Sathya Sai Baba.</p> <p>The Principles and teachings are there to value the nature, but in the present time, the following have to be considered seriously:</p> <p>Not to cut trees .Plant more trees.</p> <p>Save water .Don't waste water.</p> <p>Avoid pollution. Walk , cycle , use eco friendly methods.</p> <p>Everything should start at home and in the immediate environment first.</p> <p>Reduce, reuse and recycle.</p> <p>Simple living and do not waste.....Mahadma Gandhi</p> <p>Public awareness</p>
<p>Documentary references and interpretations</p> <p><i>Useful references from sacred</i></p>	<p>Bhagavat Gita.</p> <p>Bhagavata Purana</p> <p>Upanishads</p>





<i>text(s)</i>	<p>Pancha Maha yajnas</p> <p>Discourses of Sathya Sai Baba</p>
<p>Examples of faith-based environmental protection organisations and activities</p>	<p>Sathya Sai International org.UK.</p> <p>Tree Planting, Conservation of the forests, Litter picking, Beach cleaning etc.</p> <p>Rugby centre of this org. has taken part in the tree planting service only.</p> <p>SHAKA in Rugby.Shaka is one of the branches of</p> <p>HINDU SWAYAM SEVAK UK.</p> <p>Planted trees near the crematorium</p> <p>Helping to clear the disused railway tracts in Rugby</p>

