



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

<i>Faith Perspective</i>	<i>Islam</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>The Five Pillars of Wisdom, which include Charity and Fasting</p> <p>God made Man [human beings] and he made the Earth as a place for him to live (Q40.64)</p>
<p>Application of the Principle to the Motion of the debate</p> <p><i>What</i></p>	<p>Charity can be interpreted as achieving balance and growth, i.e. caring for the environment. Human beings are described as being steward of the earth, and therefore must care for it.</p> <p>Fasting includes gratitude to God for all that He gives us,</p>





<p><i>responsibility the faith tradition's teaching passes to individuals</i></p>	<p>and restraint (having self-control) in how we consume the world's resources.</p>
<p>Implications for the debate</p> <p><i>Things to think about when preparing for the debate</i></p>	<p>Man [human life] has been entrusted to look after the Earth (Q33.72)</p> <p>In the Qur'an, God uses the analogy of life and death for Muslims to recognise the value of water (Q6.99).</p> <p>God uses the word 'community' (<i>umma</i>) to describe the similarity between people and animals. We have our social groups, animals have theirs. There is a beauty and majesty in these (Q6.38).</p> <p>We must respect the goodness of the earth and not abuse it as we eat from it and breath its air or use its water (Q2.60, Q39.21, 30.48)</p>
<p>Documentary references and interpretations</p> <p><i>Useful references from sacred text(s)</i></p>	<p>As above</p>





Examples of faith-based environmental protection organisations and activities

Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change (http://www.ifees.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/climate_declarationmMWB.pdf)
Islamic Relief Worldwide (<https://www.islamic-relief.org>)
GreenFaith (<https://greenfaith.org>)

