



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

<i><b>Faith Perspective</b></i>	<i><b>Orthodox Christian</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>All things, both visible and invisible, were created by the Goodness of one God and are sustained (kept alive) by the Love of His Creation (Genesis 1v1). Human beings are part of this creation (Gen 1v27).</p>
<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>Nature and human beings were created by God, they did not create themselves (Gen 2v4-6). Humans cannot create life, nor do they have the right to destroy it.</p>
<p>Implications for the debate</p> <p><i>Things to think about when preparing for the debate</i></p>	<p>Nature can exist without human Beings and has done so for billions of years, but humans cannot exist without Nature for more than a few seconds.</p>





	<p>Humans have been given 'dominion' over nature (Gen 1v28)</p> <p>Human beings have no right to destroy that which God created because Nature was given to them (Gen Gen 1v29-31)</p> <p>Human beings have an obligation to God to sustain Nature which God has created because humans have been given 'dominion' over Nature (ie he is responsible for it) (Gen 1v28).</p>
<p>Documentary references and interpretations</p> <p><i>Useful references from sacred text(s)</i></p>	<p>As above +</p> <p>Psalms 8, 19, 104</p>
<p>Examples of faith-based environmental protection organisations and activities</p>	<p>Arocha UK (<a href="https://arocha.org.uk/about-us/">https://arocha.org.uk/about-us/</a>)</p> <p>Operation Noah (<a href="http://operationnoah.org">http://operationnoah.org</a>)</p>

