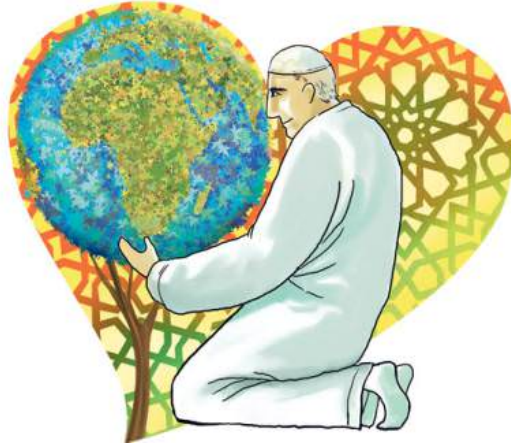


Islam and Our Environment



Understand the principles of environmental conservation in Islam.

In this lesson, we will explore how Islamic principles teach us to conserve the environment. Environmental conservation is not only a global concern but also deeply rooted in Islamic teachings. The Quran and the Hadiths provide guidance on how Muslims should approach environmental stewardship.

According to a Hadith narrated by Ibn Majah, the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'The world is beautiful and verdant, and Allah has appointed you as His stewards over it. He sees how you acquit yourselves...' This Hadith highlights the responsibility Muslims have been given by Allah to act as stewards of the Earth.

Another Hadith, narrated by Abu Dawud, states that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm.' This teaching emphasizes the principle of avoiding harm to the environment and promoting its well-being.

Throughout the lesson, we will explore additional Quranic verses and Hadiths that provide guidance on responsible resource management, sustainable practices, and the importance of preserving the Earth as a sacred trust."

Recognize the importance of environmental stewardship in Islam.

As Muslims, we believe that the Earth is a sacred trust given to us by Allah (God). It is our responsibility to protect and preserve it for future generations. The concept of environmental stewardship emphasizes the importance of taking care of the environment, avoiding waste, and promoting sustainability.

In Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 60, the Quran mentions the story of Prophet Musa (Moses) and his people, where they were commanded by Allah to 'live in this land and eat thereof as we may desire but touch not those things which cause harm to the environment.'

This verse highlights the importance of avoiding actions that harm the environment. It teaches us the principle of responsible consumption and emphasizes the need to maintain a balance between our needs and the well-being of the Earth.

We will further explore Quranic teachings and Hadiths that emphasize the significance of environmental stewardship and how they guide Muslims in their actions and choices."

Analyze how Islamic teachings guide believers to conserve the environment.

Islamic teachings provide guidance on how believers can actively engage in environmental conservation. By examining selected Quranic verses and Hadiths, we will explore how these teachings guide Muslims to conserve the environment.

One of the fundamental teachings of Islam is the concept of 'Ihsan,' which means to do things excellently or in the best possible way. This teaching can be applied to our relationship with the environment, inspiring us to treat it with care, respect, and preservation.

In Surah Al-An'am, verse 165, the Quran states, 'It is He who has made you successors (khala'ifa) upon the Earth...' This verse highlights that humans are appointed as successors (khala'ifa) upon the Earth, implying that we have a responsibility to maintain and protect it. Islamic teachings guide believers to conserve the environment through various principles, including:

1. **Preservation of natural resources:** Islam emphasizes the responsible use and preservation of natural resources. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds and then a bird, a person, or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (sadaqah) for them.' This teaching encourages believers to actively participate in the preservation and restoration of ecosystems.
2. **Avoidance of waste and extravagance:** Islam promotes the principle of moderation and discourages wastefulness. The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, 'Eat and drink, but not to excess, for Allah does not like the extravagant.' This teaching encourages believers to use resources wisely, avoid overconsumption, and minimize waste generation.
3. **Sustainable practices:** Islamic teachings emphasize the importance of sustainable practices such as water conservation, energy efficiency, and land stewardship. The Quran mentions the concept of

'balance' (mizan) in various contexts, highlighting the need for harmony and equilibrium in the natural world.

By analyzing these teachings, we can gain insight into how Islam guides believers to conserve the environment. We will explore practical examples and case studies that illustrate how these teachings can be applied in our daily lives to promote environmental conservation.