

Should Faith & Environmentalism Intersect?

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Faith: belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion; a system of religious belief; Christian Theology.

Environmentalism: a broad philosophy and social movement centered on a concern for the conservation and improvement of the natural environment, both for its own sake as well as its importance to civilization; advocating or working to protect the air, water, animals, plants, and other natural resources from pollution or its effects.

God's Primary Posture Toward Creation is _____ & _____.

God Has Set People And Creation In A _____
_____ To Provide For Our _____ And Our _____.

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

Tend: awbad – to serve
Watch Over: shawmar – to keep or protect

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Why Is Creation Care Important?

...the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! (MSG) ...ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. (NLT) Romans 1:19-20

Creation _____ God to Us.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. Psalm 19:1-4 (NLT)

Creation Gives Us Ultimate _____.

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools...They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise!.. Romans 1:21-25 (NLT)

Perspective:
God is to be _____.
Creation is to be _____ & _____.

Creation Care Is Part Of God's _____

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command... Hebrews 1:3 (NLT)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Creation Care _____ the Great Commission

...go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

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