

# **Alliance of Religions and Conservation: Educational resource 1e**

## **Links and Bibliography**

This is a list of websites and publications that also contain much relevant material about the relationship between religion and the environment. It includes many sites reporting on the day-to-day environmental work going on within religious traditions as well as more academic/theological sources.

## **Links**

**ARC (Alliance of Religions & Conservation) – Worldwide, Multi-faith** [www.arcworld.org](http://www.arcworld.org)

ARC is a secular body that helps the major religions of the world to develop their own environmental programmes, based on their own core teachings, beliefs and practices. We help the religions link with key environmental organisations – creating powerful alliances between faith communities and conservation groups.

**Hazon – US; Judaism** [www.hazon.org](http://www.hazon.org)

Hazon means vision. We create healthier and more sustainable communities in the Jewish world and beyond.

**Big Green Jewish – UK, Judaism** [www.biggreenjewish.org](http://www.biggreenjewish.org)

The Big Green Jewish Website is a resource for Jewish people. We campaign to raise awareness about environmental issues in the Jewish community. Our aim is to educate about climate change and empower people to make changes in their lives that will make a difference to the world.

**Shrinking The Footprint – UK, Christianity**  
<http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.org/>

Website of the Church of England's ambitious environmental campaign aiming to massively reduce the C of E's energy consumption and carbon footprint. Includes toolkits, news, case studies.

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### **Green Prophet – worldwide; multi-faith**

[www.greenprophet.com](http://www.greenprophet.com)

Green Prophet is a sustainable voice for green news from the Middle East region. Has a 'religion' section with useful news from Muslim, Jewish and Christian writers.

### **Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Science – UK, Islam** <http://www.ifees.org.uk/>

Based in Birmingham, issues a regular newsletter of green/Islam/religion stories.

### **IEF World – worldwide, Bahá'í** <http://www.iefworld.org/>

International Environment Forum: The IEF is a Bahá'í-inspired organisation addressing the environment and sustainable development whose members from the Bahá'í faith and the wider community promote the application of spiritual and ethical principles to the challenges of the environment and sustainable development. Founded in 1997, and now with over 290 members in 56 countries on five continents, the IEF maintains links with many more individuals and groups.

### **International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture – US, Interfaith** <http://www.religionandnature.com>

Academic body, established 2005: The mission of the Society is to promote critical, interdisciplinary inquiry into the relationships among human beings and their diverse cultures, environments, and religious beliefs and practices.

### **Web of Creation: US/Worldwide; Interfaith**

[www.webofcreation.org/links/faithbased.htm](http://www.webofcreation.org/links/faithbased.htm)

Established to facilitate the movement for personal and social transformation to a just and sustainable world-from religious perspectives, the Web of Creation is maintained by the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. This page has an extensive list of links to other organisations, many small US Christian ones but other faiths, interfaith and locations also listed.

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### **Worldwide Faith Network – worldwide/interfaith**

<http://www.wfn.org>

Website administered through the National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA and collecting press releases from all major religions. Searchable for 'environment', 'ecology' etc.

### **Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramata – interfaith (Australia)**

<http://portal.waverley.nsw.edu.au/library/SOR/index.html>

This well laid out religious study course from Australia has 'religious tradition depth study' sections on ethics/environmentalism and Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

### **Bibliography**

*Faith in Conservation: New Approaches to Religion and the Environment*

Martin Palmer and Victoria Finlay  
World Bank, Washington DC

<http://www.religionandnature.com/ern/sample/taylor--religiousstudiesenviconcern.pdf>

This sample from the encyclopaedia by Bron Taylor includes reference to the Assisi conference

'The Historical Roots of our Ecological Crisis', Lynn White Jr, Science, 1967

<http://www.uvm.edu/~gflomenh/ENV-NGO-PA395/articles/Lynn-White.pdf>

Controversial and groundbreaking article that suggested a misunderstanding of Christian values had led to the abuse of natural resources by the West.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecotheology>

A brief historical overview of Christian critique since Professor Lynn White Jr's 1967 paper 'The Historical Roots of our Ecological Crisis'. The article has lots of useful links to other resources about 'ethoecology'

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<http://iefworld.org/bibliog.htm>

Bahá'í organisation website with an extensive bibliography that lists both general and Bahá'í-specific texts

<http://environment-ecology.com/religion-and-ecology/324-ecology-in-islam.html>

US Islamic website page listing links to articles on Islam & environmentalism

<http://books.google.co.uk/books?hl=en&lr>

Google books' link to *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology*  
Roger S. Gottlieb, Oxford Handbooks Online, 9 Nov 2006 - Science -  
662 pages