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Moral living in an immoral world

## The Christian and creation

### THE PLACE OF MEN AND WOMEN

What are the differences between human beings and the rest of creation?

Gen.1:24-28; Gen.2:19-20; Ps.8:4-8

Are humans intrinsically of more worth than other living things? Is there “speciesism” in the bible?

Mt.12:12; Mt.6:26

What is the nature of mankind’s authority over the rest of creation?

Ps.24:1; Ps.50:10-12; Ps.115:16; Lev.25:23

Is there a Christian perspective on dominion?

Gen.2:15; Mk.10:45; Phil.2:5-8; Jn.13:12-17

LANDLORD ↔ TENANT

What has upset this balance? What is the result?

Gen.3:17-19; Is.5:8; Mic.2:1-2; Eph.5:3,5; Col.3:5

### VIEWS OF THE “NATURAL” WORLD

MATERIALISM ↔ PANTHEISM

What is the Christian perspective?

a) Gen.1:1; Jn.1:1-3; Col.1:15-17

b) Is.34:4; 2Pet.3:10-13; Rev.21:1

## THE ANIMAL WORLD



Does society consider all animals of equal value? How do people decide the value of particular animals? Give examples.

Do animals have “rights”? On what basis? (eg. do the white rhino and the cockroach have equal rights?)

How should Christians treat animals? Why?  
Pr.12:10; Ex.23:12; Gen.1:24-25; Mt.10:29; Ps.148:7-10

Should Christians hold a view on hunting, shooting, sport-fishing, seal-culling etc?

## THE PLANT WORLD



Why should we care about plant life?  
Gen.1:11-12; Ps.148:7-10; Dt.20:19-20; Is.5:8-10

What reasons do people give for being vegetarians?

What does the bible say about eating meat?  
Gen.9:1-3; Mk.7:14-19; 1Tim.4:1-5

Compare Gen.1:29-30 with Gen.9:3. Why the difference?  
What do we understand from Is.65:17,25; Is.11:6-9?

## THE ENVIRONMENT



What principles can we derive from the scriptures about care for the environment? Ps.148:1-6; Ps.19:1-4

Do we have any clues about the causes of some natural disasters? Gen.6:6-7; Ezek.14:12-23; Is.45:7