

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْعَلِيمِ الْقَدِيرِ، الْعَلِيِّ الْخَبِيرِ، لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْبَصِيرُ، نَحْمَدُهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى نِعَمِهِ وَأَلَانِهِ، وَنَشْكُرُهُ عَلَى أَفْضَالِهِ وَعَطَائِهِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، أَبَانَ الْحَلَالَ وَالْحَرَامَ

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، خَيْرٌ مَنْ بَيْنَ طُرُقِ الرِّشَادِ مِنَ الضَّلَالِ، وَدَعَا إِلَى
حِفْظِ الْأَعْرَاضِ وَالْأَمْوَالِ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَعَلَى أَصْحَابِهِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْحَشْرِ وَالْمَأَلِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Sublime, the All Aware. Nothing is hidden from Him, whether on earth or in heaven. He is the All Hearing, the All Seeing. We do praise Him for His blessings and favours. I testify that there is no deity save Allah, having no partners. He has made all what is Halal and Haram clear to us. I also bear witness that Muhammad is Allah's Servant and Messenger. He is the best who informed between the ways of guidance and delusion and called for preserving people's dignity and property. May Allah's peace and blessings be on His Prophet Muhammad and on his pure family and pious Companions as well as on all those who follow them perfectly until the Day of Resurrection and Fate.

Islam is a religion of love; mercy; worship; submission & justice.

“O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor (4:135)

“Whoever of you sees an evil must then change it with his hand. If he is not able to do so, then with his tongue. And if he is not able to do so, then with his heart. And that is the slightest [effect of] faith.” (Muslim)

The planet is going through a time, pollution is increasing, global temperature is warming the earth, sea levels are rising, and natural disasters are becoming more frequent and more intense.

It is **OUR** over use of fossil fuels and excessive consumption that is greatly contributing to these things. Moreover, **OUR** actions can prevent the harshness of these effects

We are failing our **AMAANAH** from Allah ﷻ. We are failing in our stewardship of the planet, and upsetting the balance of the environment.

There are over 750 verses in the Qur'an where Allah ﷻ describes the magnificence, and balance of the environment around us. Allah ﷻ tells us to reflect on His wondrous creation, from the *“alternation of night and day,”*; *“in the water which God sends down from the sky to give life to the earth when it has been barren,”*; (2:164) *“in the changing of the winds,”*; *“in the mountains over you”* (2:63); *“in the birds with wings outspread,”* (24:41); *“in the gardens, springs”* (26:147) – we cannot help but be completely awe struck by His marvellous creation, yet we are the ones destroying it.

Our actions are not only threatening our health and quality of life, but also those of our children and all future generations. **ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ**

We need to turn back to the Qur'an, and the teachings of our own Prophet ﷺ to recalibrate our relationship with the Earth and Allah's creation

Allah ﷻ condemns excessiveness in the Qur'an time and time again. We are a **"Middle Nation"** (2:143) who should never go to extremes (7:31)

The environmental crisis is the result of a deep, inner crisis of the soul...

6 ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE / SUSTAINABILITY

1. Tawheed (Oneness) The understanding that everything comes from Allah ﷻ and the inter-connection of all living things and their systems.

"To Him belongs what is in the heavens and what is on the earth and what is between them and what is under the soil." (20:6)

2. Aayat (Sign) The ability to see everything in the natural world as a sign of Allah / God / Supreme Being / interconnectedness.

"Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding." (3:190)

3. Khaleefah (Steward) The responsibility we have to protecting the natural world and managing it in a sustainable way.

"And it is He who has made you successors upon the earth." (6:165)

4. Amaanah (Trust) Acting as stewards of the natural world & preserving it.

“Indeed, we offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth” (33:72)

5. Adl (Justice) Simply, treating the world with justice & respect. Recognising that everyone can make a difference by changing the way we live.

“Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct” (16:90)

6. Mizaan (Balance) The world exists in a natural balance, which is thrown off by pollution, consumption, exploitation, & must be restored.

“ And the heaven He raised and imposed the balance. That you not transgress within the balance.” (55:5-10)

“The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind.”

We all have a common cause; to save the planet. The Prophet ﷺ life was simple, balanced, never extravagant, but sustainable and caring.

Consume less - Conserve more, Care for the environment, Clean Up

Resist the consumerist culture, refrain from being greedy.

“Removing anything that can harm anyone from the path, is part of Imaan. “

“If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (Sadaqah) for him.”