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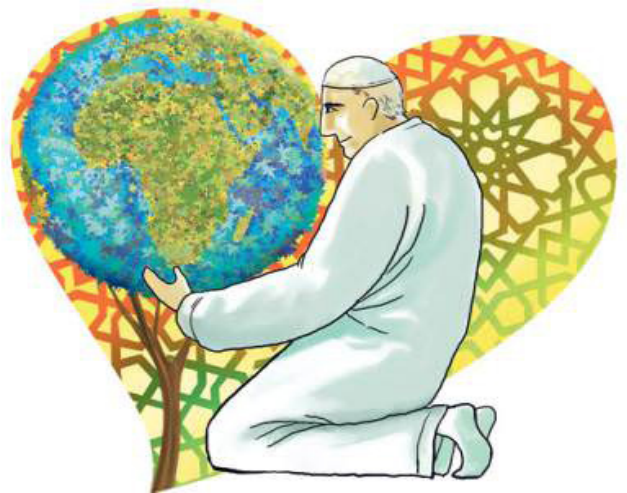
## The Green Deen: Muslim Perspectives on Ecology and the Environment

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Awareness of nature and human responsibility to protect the environment are embedded in the most authoritative sources of the Islamic religion, the Qur'an and the sayings (hadith) and practice (sunnah) of the Prophet Muhammad. There are over two billion Muslims in the world, many dwelling in regions that will be the most devastated by rising oceans or droughts if climate change is not arrested.

In recent decades multiple and diverse Muslim voices and approaches have engaged in theological reflection and social activism to protect the planet. "Deen" means "religion" in Arabic and explorations of the ways in which Islamic teachings can promote environmentally friendly attitudes are to be found across the political and cultural spectrum, for example among Muslim Traditionalists, Islamists, and progressives. This talk will address the series theme of "religion and nature" by introducing and analyzing these Islamic perspectives and discourses on environmentalism, especially those of Muslims living in the US, including Muslim vegetarianism, responsible consumption, and recent government and citizen initiatives and activism.

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