

# Green Muslims Khutbah Guide

## Facts, Figures, Fiqh, and Fard

### SOME FACTS TO GET YOU STARTED

#### FOOD

Americans discard 40% of the food supply every year and the average American family of four ends up throwing away an equivalent of \$2,200 annually in food. 55 square feet of tropical rain forest are destroyed for the production of each fast-food hamburger made from rain forest beef.



#### WATER

70% of the earth is covered in water, but less than 1% is available for human use. The average American uses more than 100 gallons of water every day. Just one pound of beef takes more than 7,000 gallons of water to produce-- from farm to table.



#### ENERGY

Even though Americans constitute only 5% of the world's population, we consume 24% of the world's energy. Air pollution killed 7 million people across the globe in 2012, making it the world's largest single environmental health risk, according to the World Health Organization.



#### WASTE

If a Styrofoam cup was used at an iftar meal during the time of the Prophet (SAWS), it would still be here today. Styrofoam, a type of foamed plastic, never decomposes. Once it enters the environment it stays there forever. Americans use enough Styrofoam cups each year to wrap around Earth 436 times.



# QURAN AND SUNNAH

## AYAT FOR THOSE WHO REFLECT...

Truly, God does not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves. (13:11)

And We granted you dominion on Earth, and made for you in it a habitat; little do you give thanks! (7:10)

Corruption has appeared on the land and in the sea because of what the hands of humans have wrought. This is in order that we have given them a taste of the consequences of their misdeeds that perhaps they will turn to the path of right guidance. (30:41)

And eat and drink and be not extravagant, surely He does not love the extravagant; And do not squander wastefully. Surely the squanderers are friends of Satan's and Satan is ever ungrateful to his Lord. (7:31)

The servants of the Lord of Mercy are those who walk lightly on the earth, and who, when the foolish address them, reply, 'Peace' (25:63)

When your Lord told the angels, 'I am putting a successor on earth,' they said, 'How can You put someone there who will cause damage and bloodshed, when we celebrate Your praise and proclaim Your holiness?' but He said, 'I know things you do not.' (2:30)

He it is Who hath placed you as viceroys of the earth and hath exalted some of you in rank above others, that He may try you by (the test of) that which He hath given you. Lo! Thy Lord is swift in prosecution, and Lo! He verily is Forgiving, Merciful. (6:165)

## FROM TRADITION...

"The world is beautiful and verdant, and verily God, be He exalted, has made you His stewards in it, and He sees how you acquit yourselves."

Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq is reported to have said: There is no joy in life unless three things are available: clean fresh air, abundant pure water, and fertile land.

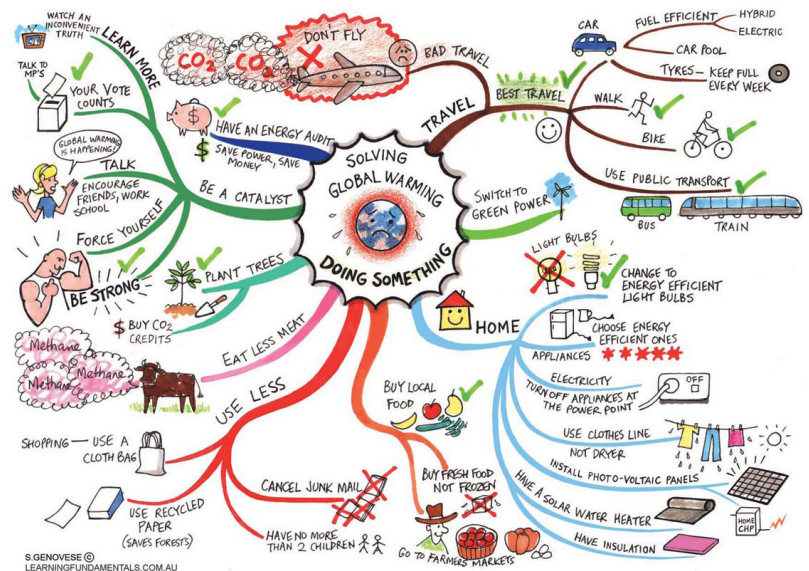
Hurr Amli Wasaa'il al-Shi'a Imam Hasan is quoted as saying: 'In respect to your worldly affairs, act as if you are going to live here forever, and in respect to your after life act as if you are going to die tomorrow!'

"Fear God regarding His servants and lands! You are responsible for the lands and the animals."

Ibn Umar recorded that the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "Beware, every one of you is a shepherd and every one is answerable with regard to his flock. Beware, every one of you is a guardian and every one of you shall be questioned with regard to his trust."

For additional resources related to environmental stewardship in Islam, please visit: [www.greenmuslims.org/greenscripture](http://www.greenmuslims.org/greenscripture)

# COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE



## ONE KHUTBAH AT A TIME

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