

## CREATION CARE

### Books & Resources

Please note, this does not aim to be a comprehensive list but provides an introduction to some of the key issues and aims at providing accessible texts. Inclusion in this list does not indicate that A Rocha endorses all of the theological or other assertions in a book. It is intended to update this list regularly as new resources are constantly becoming available. Please send any suggestions for additions to [dave.bookless@arocha.org](mailto:dave.bookless@arocha.org), but be aware that this aims to be a short list so discretion will be used concerning which materials are included. **Books in bold are particularly recommended.**

#### Stories - with embedded narrative theology

- **Bookless, Dave. God Doesn't do Waste: Redeeming the Whole of Life, Nottingham, IVP, 2010 (The story of one family and of A Rocha UK's beginnings in multiracial London)**
- **Harris, Peter. Under the Bright Wings, Vancouver: Regent Publishing, 2000 (The beautifully written story of how A Rocha began in Portugal in the 1980s)**
- **Harris, Peter. Kingfisher's Fire: A Story of Hope for God's World. Oxford: Monarch, 2008 (A Rocha's growth from a single project to a global movement)**
- **Kostamo, Leah. Planted: A Story of Creation, Calling and Community Eugene: OR, Wipf & Stock, 2013 (The story of A Rocha Canada told beautifully and honestly)**
- **Naylor, Chris. Postcards from the Middle-East: How Our Family Fell in Love with the Arab World. Oxford: Lion, 2015 (Much more than, but including, the story of A Rocha Lebanon!)**

#### Biblical Basis - good places to start:

- **Bookless, Dave. Planetwise: Dare to Care for God's World. Nottingham, IVP, 2008. (Also available as e-book and in Chinese, Dutch, French, German translations).**
- **Bouma-Prediger, Steven. For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2001.**
- **Gnanakan, K. God's World: A Theology of the Environment. London, SPCK. 1999. A good text by an Indian theologian and former Langham scholar.**
- **Marlow, Hilary. The Earth Is the Lord's: A Biblical Response to Environmental Issues. Cambridge: Grove Books, 2008.**
- **Moo, Douglas & Moo, Jonathan, Creation Care: A Biblical Theology of the Natural World, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2018 (Just published, also in e-book and set to become the new standard textbook)**
- **Webb, Bryony & Sleight, Charlotte, God's Green Book, SPCK 2010, £8.99. Series of well-crafted and enjoyable - but very challenging - group bible studies on caring for creation.**
- **Wilson, Jonathan, God's Good World: Reclaiming the Doctrine of Creation. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2013**
- **Wright, N. T. Surprised by Hope. London, SPCK / New York, HarperOne, 2008.**

#### Biblical Theology - going deeper:

- **Bauckham, Richard. Living with Other Creatures: Green Exegesis and Theology. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2011.**
- **Bauckham, Richard. Bible and Ecology: Recovering the Community of Creation. London: DLT, 2010.**

- Bookless, D., **'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord': The Bible and biodiversity**, Cambridge Papers, Vol. 23 No. 3, Jubilee Centre, 2014 Available freely to download from: <http://www.jubilee-centre.org/bible-and-biodiversity>
- Bookless, D., *The Earthly Jesus and the Cosmic Christ*, KLICE Working Papers, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Studies, Cambridge, 2016 Available to download freely from: <http://klice.co.uk/uploads/Working%20Papers/WP1%20Bookless.pdf>
- Brueggemann, W. *The Land: Place and Gift, Promise and Challenge in Biblical Faith*. 2nd ed. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2002.
- Conradie, Ernst M., ed. *Creation and Salvation Volume 1: A Mosaic of Selected Classic Christian Theologies*, Studies in Religion and the Environment, vol. 5. Zurich: Lit Verlag GMBH, 2012.
- Conradie, Ernst M., ed. *Creation and Salvation Volume 2: A Companion on Recent Theological Movements*, Studies in Religion and the Environment, vol. 6. Zurich: Lit Verlag GMBH, 2012.
- Davis, Ellen F. ***Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible***. Cambridge: CUP, 2009.
- Isaac, Munther, *From Land to Lands, from Eden to the Renewed Earth*, Carlisle: Langham, 2015 *A powerful biblical exegesis on land from a Palestinian Christian*.
- Khua Hnin Thang, R. *The Theology of the Land in Amos 7-9*. Carlisle, Langham Partnership, 2014 *Good biblical theology from Myanmar / Burma*.
- Middleton, J. Richard. *The Liberating Image: The Imago Dei in Genesis 1*. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2005.
- Middleton, J. Richard. ***A New Heaven and a New Earth: Reclaiming Biblical Eschatology***. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2014.
- Moltmann, Jürgen. *God in Creation: A New Theology of Creation and the Spirit of God*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993.
- Swoboda, A. J. *Tongues and Trees: Toward a Pentecostal Ecological Theology*. Journal of Pentecostal Theology Supplement 40. Blandford Forum, UK: Deo, 2014. *Important work from leading Pentecostal eco-theologian. PhD thesis this was based on available from <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/3003/1/Swoboda11PhD.pdf>*
- White, Robert S., and Moo, Jonathan. *Hope in an Age of Despair: The Gospel and the Future of Life on Earth*. Nottingham: IVP, 2013.
- Wirzba, Norman. ***Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating***. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- Wright, N. T. *New Heavens, New Earth: The Biblical Picture of Christian Hope*. Cambridge: Grove Publishing, 1999.

#### Missiology:

- White, R. S. and C. Bell, (eds.). ***Creation Care and the Gospel: Reconsidering the Mission of the Church***. Hendrickson, Peabody, MA, 2016. *The official Lausanne creation care book - with contributions and case studies from around the world, several from A Rocha*.
- Bliss, Lowell. *Environmental Missions: Planting Churches and Trees*. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library Publishers, 2013.
- Bookless, David. "***Christian Mission and Environmental Issues: An Evangelical Reflection***." *Mission Studies* 25, (2008).
- Daneel, Inus. "*Earthkeeping in Missiological Perspective: An African Challenge*." *Mission Studies* 13 (1996): 1-2.

- DeWitt, C. B., and Bookless, David. "To Strive to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation and Sustain and Renew the Life of the Earth." In Mission in the Twenty-First Century: Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission, edited by A. Walls and C. Ross, 84-104. London: DLT, 2008.
- Gould, David, ed. Missional Creation Care. Vol. 9.1, Mission Round Table. Singapore: OMF International Ltd., 2014.(available online at [https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/members.echocommunity.org/resource/collection/F6FFA3BF-02EF-4FE3-B180-F391C063E31A/FOR\\_EC MRTVol9-No1 Missional Creation Care.pdf](https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/members.echocommunity.org/resource/collection/F6FFA3BF-02EF-4FE3-B180-F391C063E31A/FOR_EC_MRTVol9-No1_Missional_Creation_Care.pdf))
- Kaoma, J., Ed. Creation Care in Christian Mission. Edinburgh Centenary Series. Regnum Books, Oxford, 2016.. *An African editor and contributions from right across the world – great theological and denominational breadth.*
- Simiyu, Stella, and Peter Harris. Caring for Creation: Part of Our Gospel Calling? Grove Ethics. Cambridge: Grove Books, 2008.

### Practice & Ethics

- Fountain, Dan, Let's Restore Our Land: Church and Community Leaders Working Together to Restore the Land, ECHO Inc., 2016 *available as e-book; written from African context.*
- Nkansah-Obrempong, J. Foundations for African Theological Ethics. Carlisle, Langham Partnership, 2013. *Good chapter on environmental ethics.*
- Sorley, Craig, Farming that brings glory to God and hope to the hungry, Doorlight Publications, 2011. *Written by American who's worked long-term in Kenya 'Farming God's Way'*
- Valerio, Ruth, L is for Lifestyle: Christian Living that Doesn't cost the Earth, IVP, 2008. *Really practical A-Z of ethical lifestyle issues for western consumers.*
- Valerio, Ruth, Just Living: Faith and Community in an Age of Consumerism, Hodder, 2017. *Excellent thoughtful and practical book, particularly useful in a European context.*
- Wiggins, Mike, CEDRA: Climate change and Environmental Degradation Risk and adaptation Assessment, Tearfund UK, 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) *Excellent tool, mainly developed in Africa, and available online from [http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/themes/environment\\_and\\_climate/cedra](http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/themes/environment_and_climate/cedra)*

### Web-Based Resources on Environmental Issues:

- World Resources Institute [www.wri.org](http://www.wri.org)
- IUCN Red List [www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)
- WWF [www.wwf.org](http://www.wwf.org)
- A Rocha [www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org)

### Useful online videos / presentations:

- 'Earthkeeping: A Climate for Change' (25 mins.) Dr Katharine Hayhoe on Climate Change: <http://www.arocha.ca/climate-for-change>
- 'Why Should Christians Care for Creation' (15 mins, with theologians and scientists): <http://www.arocha.org/en/resources/a-rocha-why-should-christians-care-for-creation>
- 'God's word to the Church' (45 mins) Dave Bookless on the biblical basis for creation care: <http://www.arocha.org/en/resources/gods-word-to-the-church-by-dave-bookless>
- 'Ecological Hope in Crisis' (60 mins) Prof. Richard Bauckham <https://www.faraday.st-edmunds.cam.ac.uk/Multimedia.php>