

Religious Perspectives in Environmental Ethics

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1. **What** are the religious perspectives in environmental ethics?

There are numerous religious perspectives in environmental ethics. Christianity and Judaism share some common scriptures, most notably what Jews call "the Hebrew Bible" or "Tanakh" and Christians call "the Old Testament". These scriptures are open to different interpretations about how human beings should treat the environment; some of these interpretations are grouped together under the title of stewardship, whilst others are grouped together under the title of dominion. Make a note about the stewardship and dominion approaches to environmental ethics.

Stewardship

Dominion

2. **How** do the religious perspectives in environmental ethics work?

The religious perspectives in environmental ethics are many and varied. Even among Christians, it is possible to adopt two distinct approaches: stewardship or dominion. Make a note about the perspectives of the Anglican Communion, the Catholic Church, and the Cornwall Alliance.

How the Religious Perspectives in Environmental Ethics Works	
Perspective	How
The Anglican Communion	

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Perspective	How
The Catholic Church	
The Cornwall Alliance	

3. **Why** are the religious perspectives in environmental ethics important?

One significant reason why the religious perspectives in environmental ethics are important is because there are so many religious people on Earth. The numbers involved mean religious leaders are incredibly powerful. Make a note about how the religious perspectives in environmental ethics can effect change.

How the Religious Perspectives in Environmental Ethics Effect Change

Beyond the effect they have on change, the religious perspectives in environmental ethics are important for other reasons related to the scale of the threat posed by environmental issues. Make a note of three additional reasons why the religious perspectives in environmental ethics are important.

Why the Religious Perspectives in Environmental Ethics Are Important

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