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Creation Care

Books & Resources

Please note, this is not a comprehensive list but an introduction to key issues and accessible texts. Inclusion in this list does not indicate that A Rocha endorses all the theological or other assertions in a book. This list will be updated as new resources become available. Do send suggestions for further additions to international@arocha.org, but be aware this list is highly selective, and discretion will be used regarding 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, Miranda & Swinney, Jo. A Place at the Table: Faith, Hope and Hospitality, Hodder, 2022 (*Miranda and Jo, mother and daughter, write movingly and poignantly about food, community, and A Rocha*)
- 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 in Portugal to a global movement*)
- Kostamo, Leah. Planted: A Story of Creation, Calling and Community Eugene: OR, Wifp & Stock, 2013 (*The story of A Rocha Canada told beautifully and honestly*)
- Malcolm, Hannah (ed.). Words for a Dying World: Stories of Grief and Courage from the Global Church, SCM, 2020 (*powerful and often disturbing voices from around the world speaking of the devastation caused by climate and ecosystem collapse and how this affects theology*)
- Naylor, Chris. Postcards from the Middle East: How Our Family Fell in Love with the Arab World. Oxford: Lion, 2015 (*A love-letter to the Middle East, with some deep biblical and personal reflection, and including the story of A Rocha Lebanon.*)
- Purdie, Sylvia. Awahi Mai Awahi Atu: Women in creation care, available online, 2022. *A diverse collection of women from New Zealand / Aotearoa share stories of faith and creation care – produced with A Rocha New Zealand / Aotearoa.*

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, Korean, Spanish translations*).
- Bouma-Prediger, Steven. For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2001. *Excellent, clear and was the standard textbook until Moo & Moo – see below*
- 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 (*The new standard textbook – excellent!*)
- Valerio, Ruth, Saying Yes to Life, SPCK 2020 (*Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, with associated resources, based on Genesis 1*)
- Webb, Bryony & Sleight, Charlotte, God's Green Book, SPCK 2010, £8.99. (*Series of seven well-crafted and 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. (*A clear and convincing look at the eschatological implications of Jesus' resurrection for the whole creation*)

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.
- Blasu, Ebenezer Yaw. African Theocology: Studies in African Religious Creation Care. Wipf & Stock, 2020.
- Bookless, D., 'Let everything that has breath praise the Lord': The Bible and biodiversity, Cambridge Papers, Vol. 23 No. 3, Jubilee Centre, 2014. *Available free to download from: <https://www.cambridgepapers.org/the-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 from this site.*
- 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://theses.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.
- 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.*
- Mander, Rachel. Redeeming all things: Integral Mission and Creation Care. M-Series, Micah Global, 2022. Available from https://d1c2gz5q23tkk0.cloudfront.net/assets/uploads/3390331/asset/3_Red_eeming_All_Things.pdf?1662648122
- Simiyu, Stella, and Peter Harris. Caring for Creation: Part of Our Gospel Calling? Grove Ethics. Cambridge: Grove Books, 2008.
- Yoder, Laura & Berry, Sam. John Stott on Creation Care Nottingham: IVP, 2021 *An invaluable collection of writings on creation care from one of the 20th century's greatest Christian leaders.*

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.*
- Hayhoe, Katharine, Saving Us: a Climate Scientist's case for Hope and Healing in a divided world, One Signal, 2021

- Hodson, M. and M. J. Hodson, Cherishing the Earth: How to Care for God's Creation Oxford, Monarch (2008). *Covers bible, science, and practical advice.*
- Meynaard–Schaap, Kyle, Following Jesus in a Warming World: A Christian call to Climate Action, Intervarsity USA, 2023
- 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 (2nd ed.) *Excellent tool, developed in Africa, and available online from <https://learn.tearfund.org/en/resources/tools-and-guides/cedra>*

Useful online videos / presentations:

- 'Christianity and Climate Change' (9–part video series) Dr Katharine Hayhoe on Climate Change: <https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/christianity-and-climate-change-film-series>
- 'God's word to the Church' (45 mins) Rev Dr Dave Bookless on the biblical basis for creation care: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo-Cuovs4k4>
- 'Caring for God's Wounded World' (19 mins) Rev Dr Dave Bookless https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_-7VHtZXok
- 'All of Life' (4–part series, each 15–20 minutes) Rev Dr Dave Bookless (currently at <https://atyourservice.arocha.org/en/all-of-life>). Links to individual films:
 - The Big Picture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP6SURjnuIY&t=6s>
 - Putting down roots: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6DPL6vttFF&t=82s>
 - All of Life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HaWowiYj4a8&t=111s>
 - Church in the real world: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFVw_aS9lZg&t=126s
- Creation Care: Lausanne Global Classroom (12–part series, each 3–7 minutes) <https://lausanne.org/lausanne-global-classroom/creation-care-episode>