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Caring for Creation

A Spiritual Mandate Across Religions

Introduction:

Caring for the Earth is a shared responsibility emphasized in many traditions. Christians view humanity as stewards of God's creation (Genesis 2:15), while Islam emphasizes balance and avoiding waste (Quran 6:141). Hinduism's principle of ahimsa (non-violence) extends to all living beings, encouraging harmony with nature.

Discussion Points:

1. How does your faith tradition encourage care for the environment?
2. Are there specific rituals or teachings that connect to environmental stewardship?
3. What environmental issues concern your community, and how can faith groups address them?

References:

- Christianity: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." – Genesis 2:15
- Islam: "Do not waste, for God does not love the wasteful." – Quran 6:141
- Hinduism: Ahimsa and the interconnectedness of all life

Reflection Activity:

Organize an interfaith environmental project, such as planting trees, cleaning up a local park, or starting a recycling drive. Reflect on how small actions collectively honor the Earth.

