

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, 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.
- 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)
- 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'*
- Wiggins, Mike, CEDRA: Climate change and Environmental Degradation Risk and adaptation Assessment. Tearfund UK, 2012 (2nd ed.) *Excellent tool, mainly developed in Africa, and available online from http://tilz.tearfund.org/en/themes/environment_and_climate/cedra*

Web-Based Resources on Environmental Issues:

- World Resources Institute www.wri.org
- IUCN Red List www.iucnredlist.org
- WWF www.wwf.org
- A Rocha 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>

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