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Monday April 22 is Earth Day.

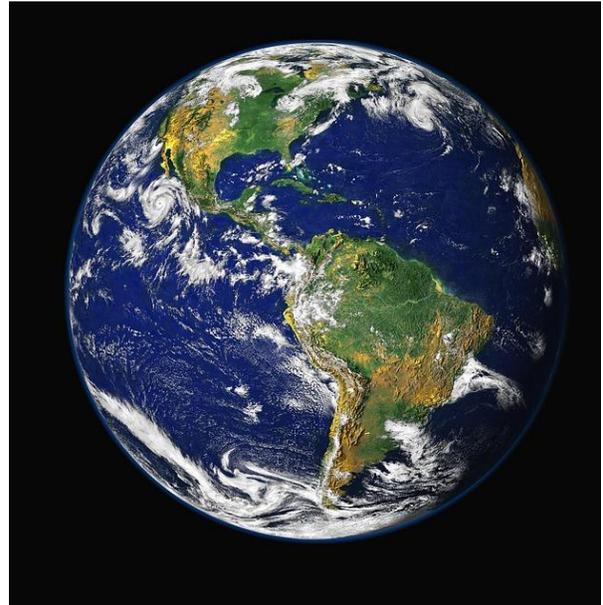
The daily news is filled with grim reports of what is happening to the earth we live on - climate change, deforestation, pollution, plastics clogging up the oceans and killing sea life, and many other issues.

As Muslims, are we paying attention? Are we part of the problem or the solution?

The preservation of our world should be something we focus on daily for Allah has made us its stewards, saying in Surah Al-An'am 6:165 *"And it is He who has made you successors upon the earth and has raised some of you above others in degrees [of rank] that He may try you through what He has given you."*

Our own beloved Prophet (saw) was a prime example of environmental responsibility. He encouraged cleanliness, he wasted neither food nor water, he promoted the planting of trees and the caring of animals, and the picking of harmful objects from the road. In fact, some of these acts were considered a sadaqah. The Prophet (saw) said, *"If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (sadaqah) for him."* (Bukhari).

We should be adopting the same mindset in our homes, masjid and wider community. We should remind ourselves that our religion is one of moderation in all actions, and it is one that discourages harm and corruption. It should be part of our worship of Allah (swt) that we show gratitude for the world He has created for us by taking excellent care of it.



This Ramadan, for instance, consider how you might make your masjid or community center's iftar dinners more environmentally friendly and less wasteful. Indeed our Rabb tells us, "O children of Adam, take your adornment at every masjid, and eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess. (Surah Al-Araf 7:31) Perhaps you could encourage everyone to bring their own water bottle, or start a recycling program, or find ways to compost food waste. Work together to make your community clean and green - for example, some masajid are now creating community gardens. Others regularly organize clean-up days for their neighborhoods. Of course, start implementing change in your own homes, finding ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. For example, by carefully monitoring yourself when you make wudhu, you may discover that you're still capable of making wudhu properly with far less water than you're using now.



Are we part of the problem or solution?

Alhamdulillah there are now many resources to help us become more conscious of the environmental problems that exist - many of them brought about by human actions - and how we can make a difference. Let us be part of the solution. It's the Islamic thing to do.

WE'RE READY FOR CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON D.C.

InshaAllah starting TOMORROW, **Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21** we'll be in Washington D.C. for the [ICNA -MAS convention](#), as well as in Chicago for the [ISNA Education Forum](#).

Please see the fliers below for more details.

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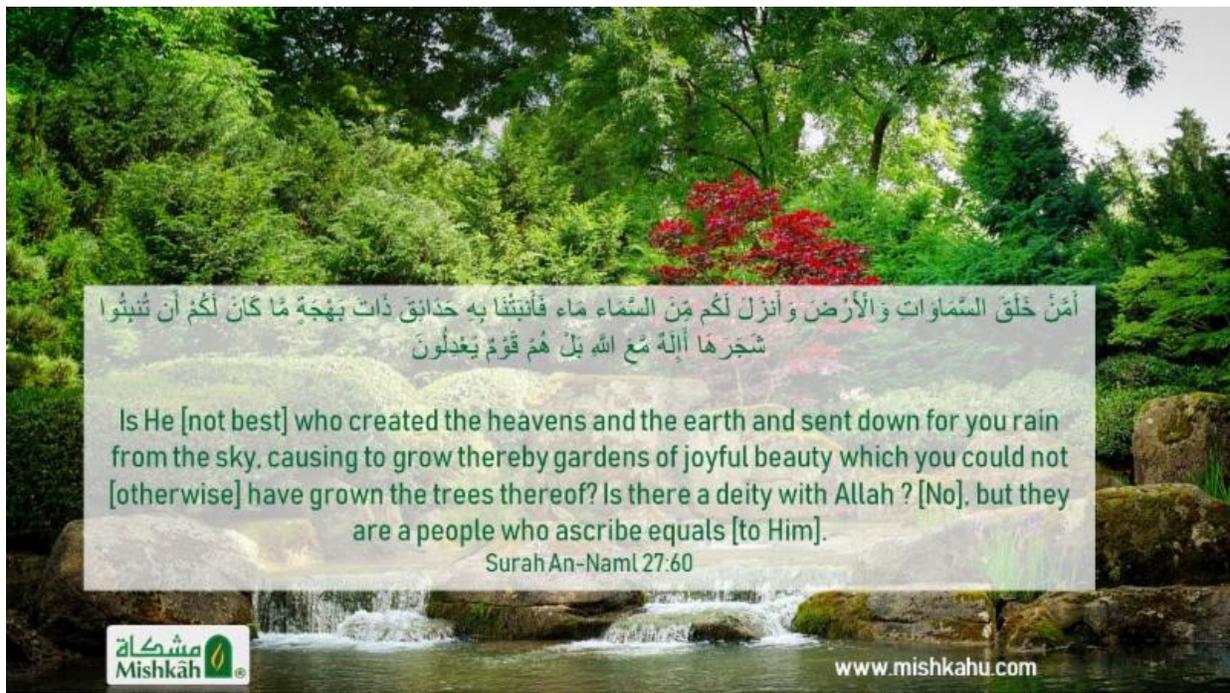
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Is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with Allah ? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].

Surah An-Naml 27:60



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All praise is due to Allah. We are moving to week 10 of the "Expedition for Success" with Sh Haitham Barazanji. Our next session is on Sunday April 21st at 7:55 PM EST.

You can watch last week's session by clicking on the video below. We continued covering the Prophets and the Messengers, including the story of Prophet Ibrahim (as) and Prophet Musa (as) and his experiences with Banu Israel.

All our past episodes are also available on our [Facebook page](#) or [Youtube Channel](#).

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Episode 9: Expedition for Success with Sh. Haitham Barazanji
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