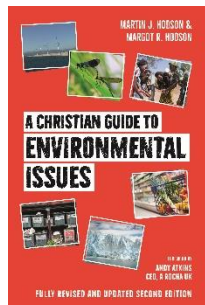


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A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues

Fully revised and updated second edition

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In this extensively updated second edition of *A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues*, Martin and Margot Hodson consider eight key environmental issues in light of the major changes and developments that have taken place since the book first appeared in 2015. Covering biodiversity, climate change, water, energy, soil, food, population and consumption and environment and sustainable development, the theological reflections remain similar but the issues section has been extensively rewritten to reflect the rising and widening concern for the environment within the church. President Biden's invitation to 40 world leaders to an historic online environment summit, beginning on 22 April, is indicative of the scale of change in recent years.

Is there hope?

Our growing awareness of the environmental crisis we face leaves many people feeling overwhelmed and paralysed. But challenging though the situation is, there is still hope, and often what people need is the confidence to know where to start. Leading environmentalist Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha (UK), writes in his Foreword: 'Margot and Martin's engaging book is a great place to start to build confidence, as well as a timely refresher for seasoned "creation carers". It combines practical theology and the latest science with years of experience teaching and living care for the environment. Reading it will provide any individual, home group or church with a solid foundation for effective action for all of God's creation in the critical decade ahead. Read it and pass it on!'

This accessible guide includes ethical reflections, Bible studies focusing on a different biblical doctrine for each chapter and eco-tips to enable a practical response. It will be invaluable in helping Christians prepare for the major UN environmental conference, COP26.

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