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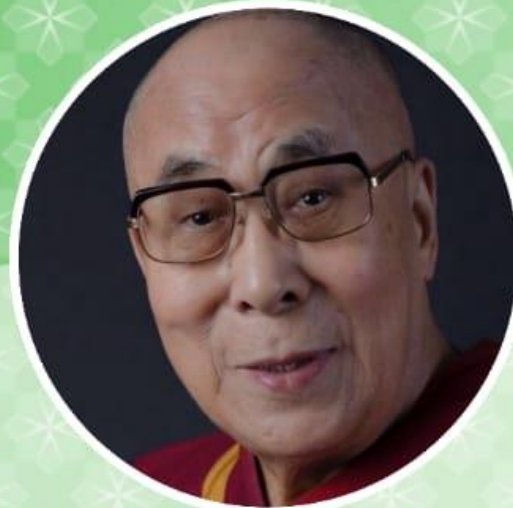
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QURANIC ECOLOGY

Idea 1

*Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 30:
Behold, your Lord said to the angels:
"I will create a vicegerent on earth."*

*Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 31:
And He taught Adam the names of all things.*

- ❖ **Man as a divine appointee [*khalifah*] to take care of, administer and govern, and manage the planet on behalf of God. The fundamental condition of vicegerency is unitive knowledge.**

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Idea 2

Chapter 33 (The Confederates), Verse 72:

*We did indeed offer the trust (amanah)
to the heavens and the earth and the mountains;
but they refused to undertake it, being afraid thereof;
but man undertook it –
he was indeed unjust and foolish.*

- ❖ **Vicegerency is a trust from God: man is a trustee to take good care of the planet Earth.**

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Idea 3

Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 36:

*We said: "Get you down, all you people, with enmity
Between yourselves.*

*On earth will be your dwelling-place
and your means of livelihood – for a time."*

- ❖ **The planet Earth as man's temporary home; but a secure and comfortable one; sufficient for human needs.**

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Idea 4

Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 38:

*We said: "Get you down all from here;
and if, as is sure, there comes guidance to you from Me,
whosoever follows My guidance,
on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve."*

- ◆ Divine message to guide man's sojourn on earth.

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Idea 5

Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 22:

*[Your Lord] who has made the earth your couch,
and the heavens your canopy;
and sent down rains from the heavens;
and brought forth therewith fruits for your sustenance;
then do not set up rivals unto God when you know [the truth].*

- ◆ The Earth as comfortable home; sufficiency.

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Idea 6

Chapter 67 (The Dominion), Verses 3-4:

*He who created the seven heavens one above another,
no want of proportion will you see
in the creation of the Most Gracious.*

So, turn your vision again: do you see any flaw?

Again, turn your vision a second time:

*Your vision will come back to you
dull and discomfited, in a state worn out.*

- ◆ The Earth as a home with perfect roof.

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Idea 7

Chapter 50 (Qaf), Verses 7-11:

And the earth – We have spread it out, and set thereon mountains standing firm, and produced therein every kind of beautiful growth [in pairs] – to be observed and commemorated by every devotee turning [to God]. And We send down from the sky rain charged with blessing, and We produced therewith gardens and grain for harvests; and tall [and stately] palm-trees, with shoots of fruit-stalks, piled one over another – as sustenance for [God's] servants – and We give life therewith to land that is dead: thus, will be the Resurrection.

QURANIC ECOLOGY

Idea 8

Chapter 13 (The Thunder), Verses 3-4:

*And He is who spread out the earth,
and set thereon mountains standing firm and
flowing rivers: and fruit of every kind He made
in pairs, two and two. And in the earth are
tracts neighbouring, and gardens of vines and
fields sown with corn, and palm trees –
growing out.*

- ◆ The Biophysical ecology.

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Idea 9

Chapter 23 (The Believers), Verse 18:

*And We send down water from the sky in due measure
and We lodge it in the ground;
and We certainly are able to drain it off.*

- ❖ **Water cycle; abundant supply of water to the planetary home; retention in ground storage; water crisis is possible.**

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Idea 10

Chapter 6 (The Cattle), Verse 38

*There is not an animal [that lives] on the earth,
nor a being that flies on its wings,
but [forms part of] communities like you.*

- ❖ Biodiversity, inter-species harmony, and biophysical ecology, integral ecology.

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Idea 11

Chapter 6 (The Cattle), Verse 141:

It is He who produced gardens, with trellises and without, and dates, and tilth with produce of all kinds, and olives and pomegranates, similar and yet different;

*Eat of their fruit in their season,
but render the dues that are proper
on the day that the harvest is gathered.*

But waste not by excess (tasrif): for God does not love the wasters.

- ❖ **The green Planet; vegetal diversity: symbol of the Earth's sustainability as a source of legitimate human needs.**

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Idea 12

Chapter 22 (The Pilgrimage), Verse 63:

*Do you not see that God sends down from the sky,
and forthwith the earth becomes clothed
with green (mukhdarratan)?*

*For God is He who understands the finest mysteries,
and is well-acquainted [with them].*

- ❖ **The Green Earth: Symbol of Divine Mercy for the planet Earth.**

QURANIC ECOLOGY

Idea 13

Chapter 2 (The Heifer), Verse 11:

When it is said to them:

"Do not make mischief on the earth,"

they say: "Why, we only want to be peacemakers!"

*Of a surety, they are the ones who make mischief,
but do not realise it.*

❖ **Civilisational hypocrisy! The enemy of Nature!**

QURANIC ECOLOGY

Idea 14

Chapter 30 (The Romans), Verse 41:

*Corruption has appeared on land and sea
as an outcome of what the hands of men have wrought:
and so, He will let them taste [the evil of]
some of their doings,
so that they might return [to the right path].*

- ❖ A befitting description of the modern environmental and ecological crisis!

