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Theology of the Earth

All things come from God. God created and owns the earth and holds it all together. (Genesis 1:1, Psalm 24, Colossians 1:17)

The earth is an orderly, interdependent system, where plants and animals are adapted to their environment. (Genesis 1, Psalm 104)

The earth is characterized by richness and abundance. (Genesis 2:8, Psalm 65, 104)

All things are created good. (Genesis 1,2)

Humans are part of the earth. (Genesis 1,2)

Humans do not own the earth. (Psalm 24, Leviticus 25:23)

Earth is a gift to us from God. (Genesis 1:20, Psalm 115:16)

We are made caretakers of this gift of creation. (Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15)

Healing of creation is linked to the healing (or salvation) of humankind. (Romans 8:19-23)

Jesus Christ is the firstborn and the center of all creation in which all things hold together. To hurt creation is to hurt Christ. (Colossians 1:15-20)