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Our Relation with God's Creation: The Act of Abolishing Pollution from our Worldwide Ecosystems to Prevent Harm

In Ayah 29 of Surah Sad, Allah says:

كِتَابٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَارَكٌ لِيَدَّبَّرُوا آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ

'This is' a blessed Book which We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' so that they may contemplate its verses, and people of reason may be mindful. In the Quran it talks about God's existence and greatness. Now we live in a time where people sometimes are distracted from reflection. Allah says: "And how many a sign within the heavens and earth do they pass by yet they turn away from it." In Surah Yusuf 105 it says: "Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding." Our relation to Allah's creation should be in the manner Allah requested us to do. Have we ever taken a moment to think about the cause of death towards animals, humans as a result of the unhealthy environment caused by contamination? Causing pollution is the act of putting harmful materials in our ecosystems. According to the National Geographic website, creating pollution can cause long term health effects including heart disease, lung cancer, and respiratory diseases, causing fatality to animals and humans. Making the environment filthy can cause damage to our nerves, brain, kidneys, liver, and other organs. If everyone in the world stopped damaging the environment, the lives of many would be saved today. When we pollute the clean land that Allah (SWT) gave us, it shows that we don't take care of the blessing. Pollution has a bad impact on society and creatures, is caused by different types of contamination, and we need to stop the act

of promoting adulteration. If all of us use less running fuels and throw less trash, our environment will be safe and beautiful just as Allah (SWT) created it.

Did you know that more than 9 million people die each year due to adulteration! This is only in one year and the amount has not changed since 2015. By multiplying the number of years by 9 million, that is about 81 million deaths in 9 years! Also, 100 million animals die each year due to filthiness! Contamination can be caused from gasses, fires, and plastic trash thrown into ecosystems. Causing pollution can reduce the ecosystem's ability to adapt to climate changes. Abhorring adulteration maintains an existing relationship with Allah (SWT). Creating pollution is damaging the area Allah created for us to take care of. Not only does creating a dirty area affect the Earth, it affects us and animals too. Every year a large number of individuals die just from the waste people throw and harmful gasses and radiation get dispersed into the air. According to the Global Carbon Budget, 11 billion tons of carbon dioxide was added to the air in 1960, and increased to an estimated 36.6 billion tons in 2022. That is a vast amount of pollution just caused by humans. In surah Al - Qasas Ayah 77 Allah says:

وَأَتَّبِعْ فِيمَا ءَاتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ ۖ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا ۖ وَأَحْسِنَ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ ۖ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفُسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۖ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

“But seek, through that which Allāh has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allāh has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allāh does not like corrupters." The previous ayah is talking about how we should not corrupt the land that Allah (SWT) gave us. Corrupting the land also affects humans and animals because we live in that environment. This teaches us that we should not throw waste or any harmful gasses into the world because it affects ecosystems where animals

and humans were brought to live. There are several types of pollution that affect Allah's creations which include air, soil, thermal, water, and light pollution.

Air pollution: Air pollution is releasing pollutants into the air that cause harm to human health and animals. Driving a car on gasoline, heating a home with oil, etc. are all burning fuels that go into the air causing the air to become dirty. Air pollution gets divided into two parts. These parts consist of smog and soot. Smog occurs when fossil fuels, usually vehicle exhaust, combine with sunlight to form an unclear layer of pollution. Conversely, soot typically comes from power plants or any type of heavy industry. We should try our best to not waste and use running fuels that go in the air so Allah (SWT) can be happy from our way of responsibility towards his creations.

Water pollution: Water pollution is when a body of water has microorganisms or dangerous chemicals in it. This occurs in water bodies such as rivers, lakes, oceans, streams, etc. Water is vulnerable to any type of substance. This causes water to be polluted more often. Just a squirt of a chemical or a piece of trash placed in the water, can pollute the water in a blink of an eye. Animals and agriculture consume about 70 percent of the Earth's surface water supplies, but at the same time they are considered serious water polluters. For example, every time it rains in the United States, fertilizers, pesticides, and animal wastes from farms and livestock operations washes nutrients, bacterias, and viruses into the water. These contaminants allow the growth of algae which can be harmful to people and wildlife. Putting chemicals and waste into the alluring waters is not something that Allah (SWT) would like and we should always try our best to reduce this so we can show our good relation to Allah (SWT)'s creation. Allah (SWT) gave everybody a life to live with, and created everything in the universe including the universe. Putting garbage and ruining the environment with waste is like ruining Allah's creation and not

taking care of what Allah (SWT) granted us. Alhamdulillah Allah (SWT) blessed us with nature where we could get food from, grow crops, enjoy beautiful scenery, etc. We should always strive to take care of Allah's creation. Taking care of the environment is included in taking care of Allah's creation.

In conclusion as narrated in a hadith, Abu Sa'id al-Khudri r.a. reported that the Prophet s.a.w. said,

إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُسْتَخْلِفُكُمْ فِيهَا فَيَنْظُرُ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ

“The world is sweet and green, and verily Allah is going to install you as vicegerents in it in order to see how you act.” This hadith says that Allah (SWT) gave us a beautiful, luxurious, and clean environment to live in and He will put you in it to see how you will respond to it and what you will do to it. We should always tend to keep the environment healthy just like we should do to our bodies because Allah (SWT) blessed us with all of these things.

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