

***An Introduction to Qur'anic Ecology and Resonances with Laudato Si'*, by  
Farhana Mayer:  
A Response by Dr. Iyad Abumoghli**

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Brothers and sisters,

I am honored to have been invited to make a few remarks on the book *An Introduction to Qur'anic Ecology and its Resonances with Laudato Si'*, by Farhana Mayer.

While we cannot give the book its deserved recognition in a few minutes of reflection, I would like to use this opportunity to connect the essence of the book with our contemporary context and to reflect on how the book resonates with scientific discussions around the triple planetary crisis in several significant ways:

1. The publication stresses the profound interconnectivity inherent in the entirety of creation, echoing a perspective increasingly acknowledged within contemporary ecological science. Eminent scientists underscore the intricate web of dependencies within ecosystems, where actions affecting one constituent part can trigger impacts throughout the entire system. This interconnectedness stands as a cornerstone for addressing the triple planetary crisis, necessitating solutions that account for the intricate tapestry of relationships intertwined within Earth's ecosystems.
2. The publication sheds light on the ethical obligations incumbent upon humanity in relation to the natural world, encompassing principles of compassion, justice, and equity. Present-day scientific discourses concerning the planetary crisis prominently emphasize the moral dimensions of environmental dilemmas, including the disproportionate implications of climate change on vulnerable communities and future generations. Ethical considerations serve as a pivotal axis around which dialogues on sustainability and judicious resource management revolve.
3. The notion of humans as stewards of the Earth resonates profoundly with contemporary environmental science, which underscores the imperative of prudent custodianship of natural resources. Sustainable practices and vigilant conservation endeavors emerge as quintessential

constituents of the response to the environmental facets of the triple planetary crisis, demanding acknowledgment of our pivotal role as managers of the planet.

4. The book delves into the subject of climate justice and its historical underpinnings, harmonizing with ongoing scientific discussions regarding the disparate allocation of environmental burdens and benefits. Climate justice emerges as an indispensable facet of mitigating the triple planetary crisis, given the disproportionate impact of environmental degradation and climate change on marginalized and vulnerable communities. Scientific endeavors and advocacy efforts are increasingly centered on rectifying these inherent injustices.
5. The document offers a pointed critique of materialistic expansion and the exploitation of resources, aligning seamlessly with contemporary scientific discussions on the unsustainable depletion of natural resources. Scientific assessments often underscore overconsumption, habitat degradation, and resource exhaustion as pivotal catalysts for environmental predicaments, necessitating a re-evaluation of our economic paradigms and consumption patterns to address these perils.
6. The publication underscores the pivotal role of ethical tenets in shaping human conduct and decision-making, a fundamental element of contemporary environmental ethics. Ethical frameworks find utility in the realm of scientific inquiry and policymaking, providing guidance for sustainable practices and advocating responsible behavior in the face of environmental challenges.

I am profoundly grateful to Farhana Mayer for her crucial work. As you know, we are in the process of launching *Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth*. We hope in due course a similar comparison will be undertaken between *Laudato Si'* and *Al-Mizan*, not only to further deepen our understanding of the commonality between religions, but also to help in bringing humanity together in our fight against environmental challenges.

Thank you very much.