

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ...

Luke 5 : 1 - 11



4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."
5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ...

Luke 5 : 1 - 11



⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5 : 1 - 11



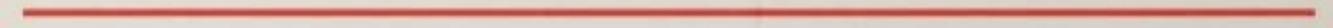
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Creation is good, and meant to be kept that way



“Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.”

Genesis 2 : 15

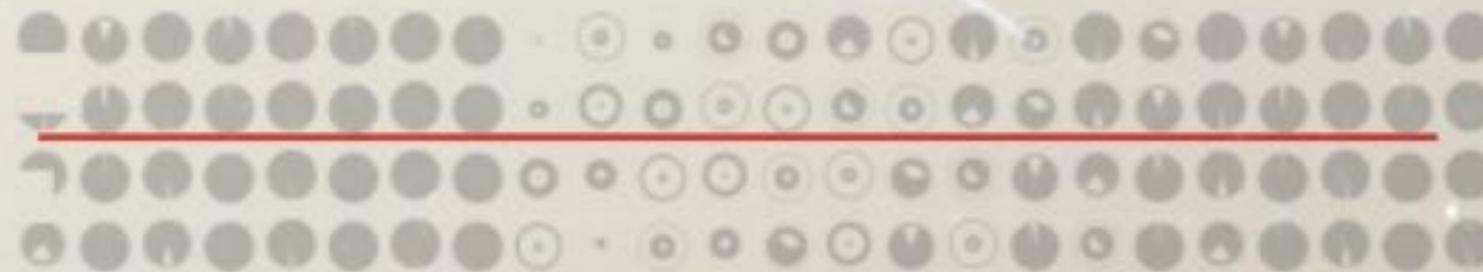






“That’s an injunction from the Gospel of St. John. To me, this means that Christians have an obligation to look after the world. We have been given a stewardship, and we cannot pointlessly drive species to extinction and destroy the forests and oceans. That would be unfaithful to God. When we do that, we destroy the creation God gave us.”

Stuart Pimm



“The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.”

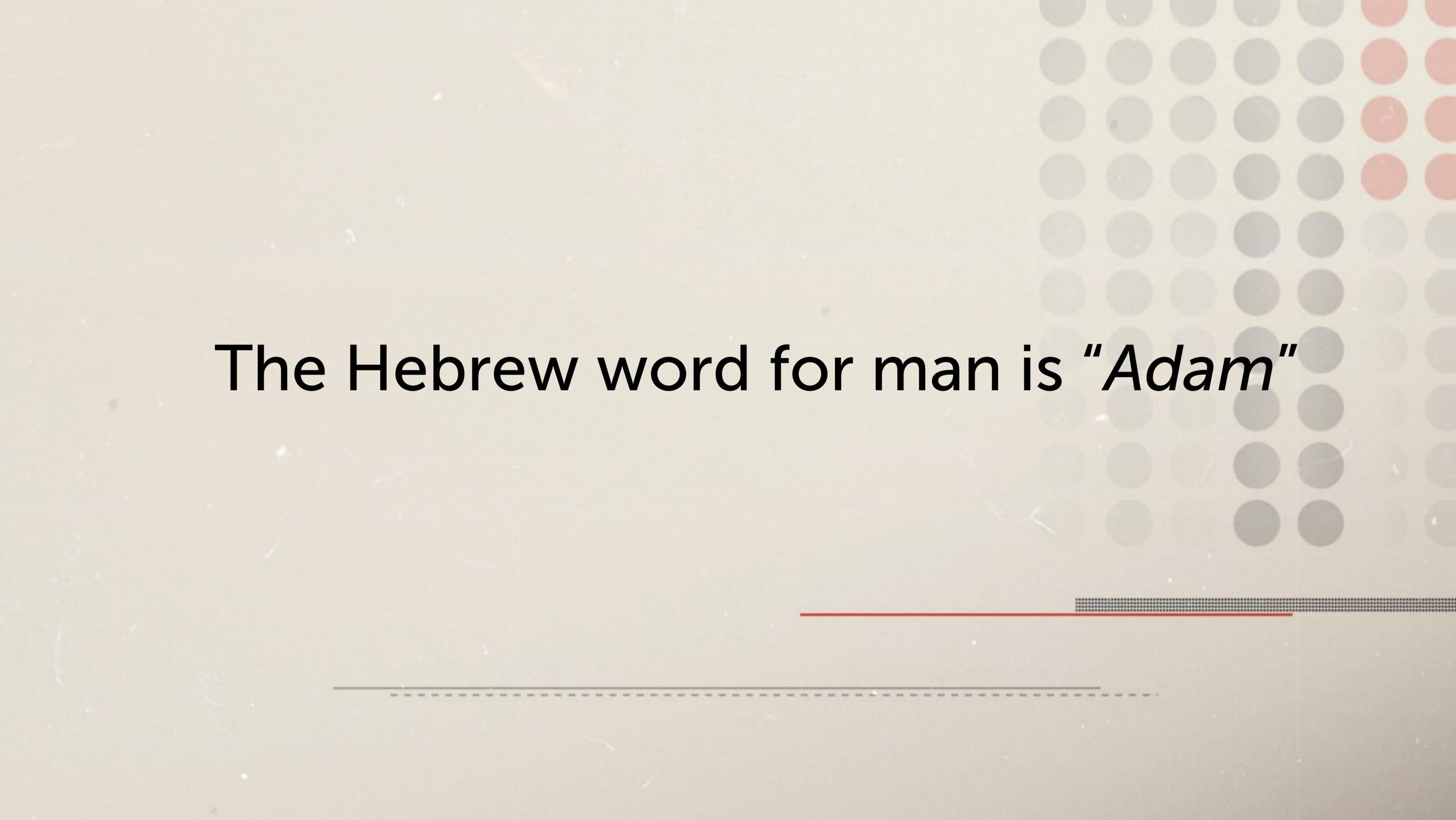
Psalm 145 : 9

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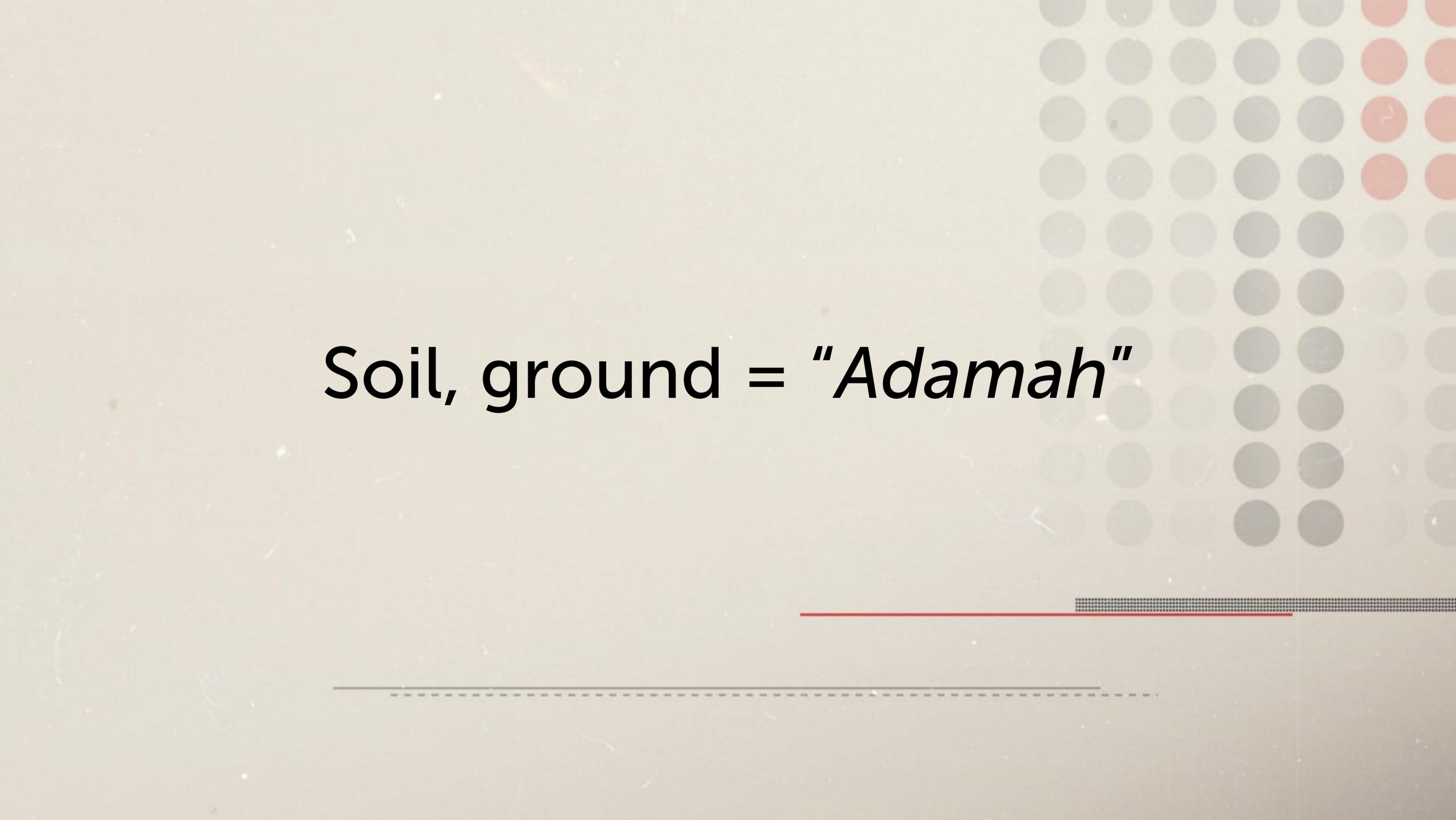
Creation and people are interconnected



The Hebrew word for man is "*Adam*"



Soil, ground = *“Adamah”*

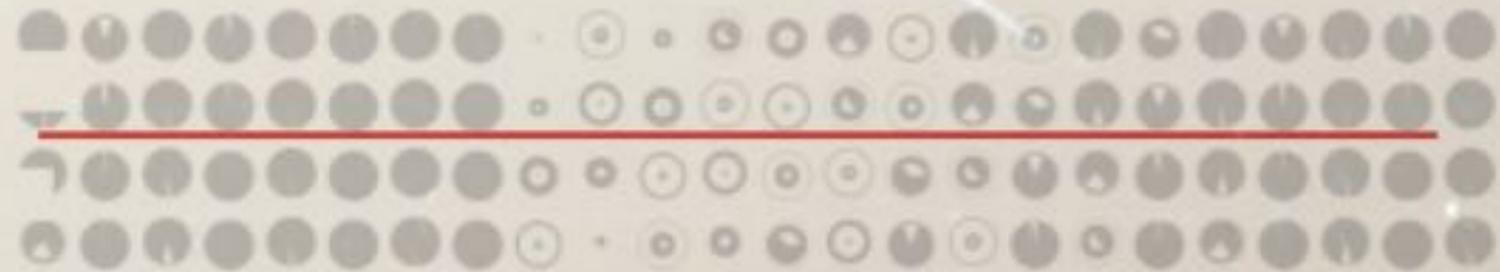
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“The righteous care for the
needs of his animals.”

Proverbs 12 : 10

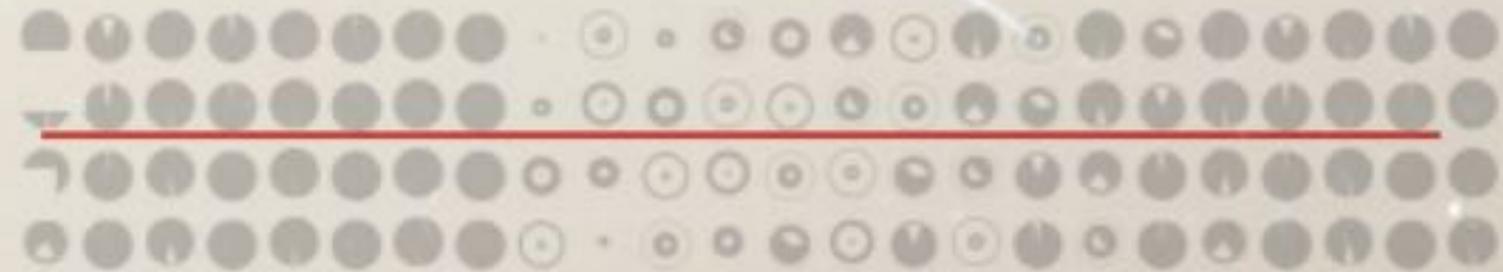
"Forgiveness Farming"

Joel Salatin



“Industrial food production has no room for kindness or mercy. It’s all about maximizing the bottom line. Fields and animals are put through the stresses of confinement and forced feeding. Fields are subjected to a regiment of fertilizer and pesticide, all of which take a huge toll on creation. But in the dance of creation that is Polyface farms, the fields and the animals play off each other’s strengths. There’s room for failure and acceptance because each member of the dance can be itself.”

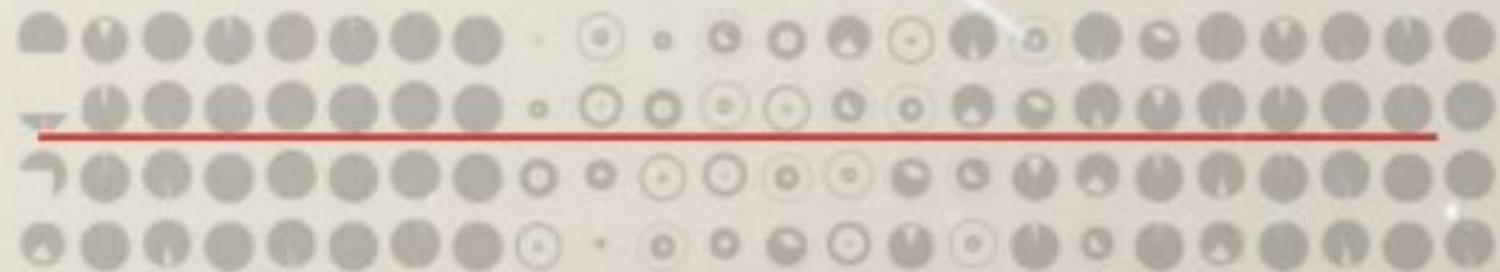
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“[Joel Salatin] admits that his views are way too Christian for most environmentalists and way too liberal for most conservatives.”

New York Times Magazine

“The High Priest of the Pasture”



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Creation suffers with us



“Hear the word of the Lord, you Israelites,
because the Lord has a charge to bring
against you who live in the land:
“There is no faithfulness, no love,
no acknowledgment of God in the land.
There is only cursing, lying and murder,
stealing and adultery; ...”

Hosea 4 : 1 - 3



“they break all bounds,
and bloodshed follows bloodshed.
Because of this the land dries up,
and all who live in it waste away;
the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky
and the fish in the sea are swept away.”



Hosea 4 : 1 - 3



“Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain.”



Deuteronomy 25 : 4

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"Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;
let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth."

Psalm 98 : 7 - 9

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Creation has a covenant with God

“Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.”

Genesis 9 : 8 - 10

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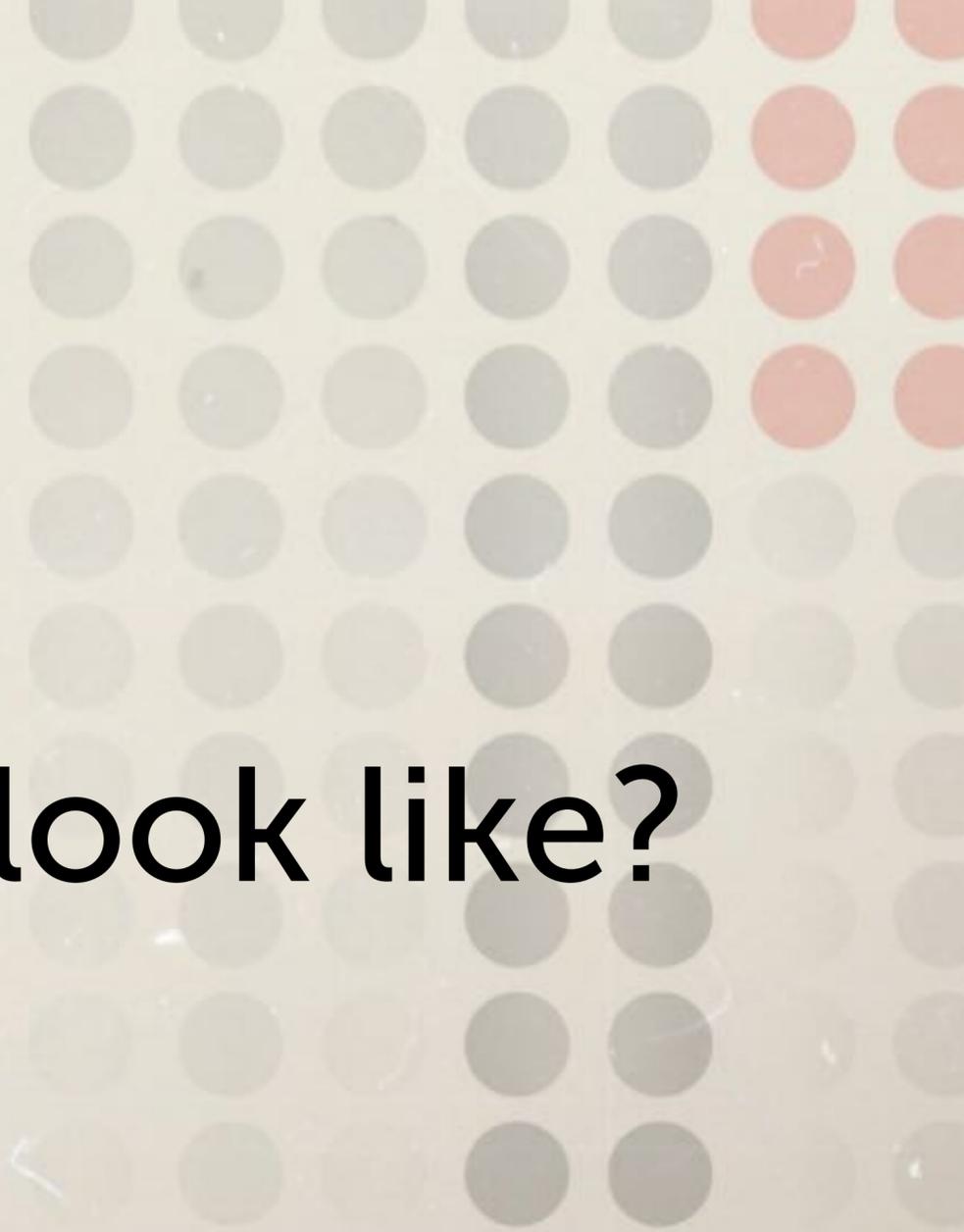
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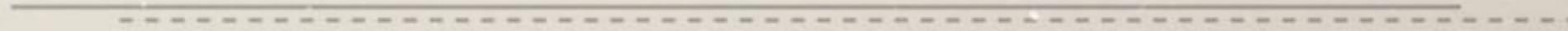
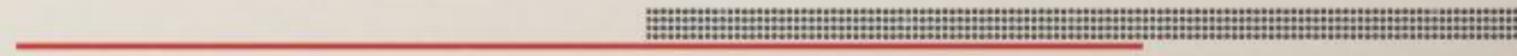
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Creation Care is part of the Mission of God in the World



What does God's salvation look like?



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Luke 5 : 5

"Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

Luke 5 : 8

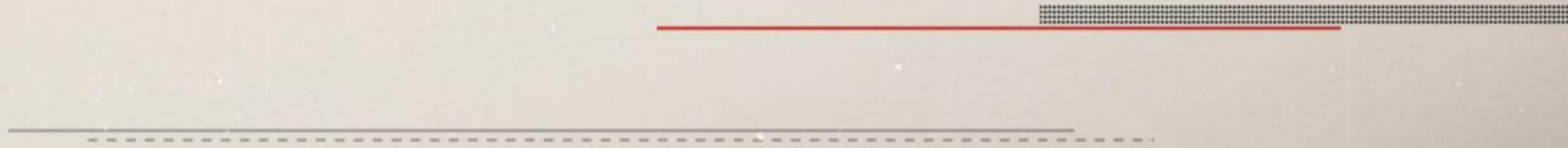


“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him [Jesus], and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”



Colossians 1 : 19-20

What's your part to play?



- Support Christian environmental advocates and ministries;
 - use sustainable forms of energy;
 - switch off unneeded appliances;
- purchase necessities from companies with ethically-sound environmental policies;
 - join local conservation societies;
 - avoid overconsumption;
 - recycle as much as possible

John Stott

The Radical Disciple: Some
Neglected Aspects of Our Calling

