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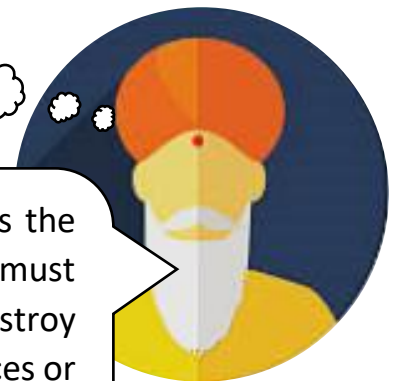
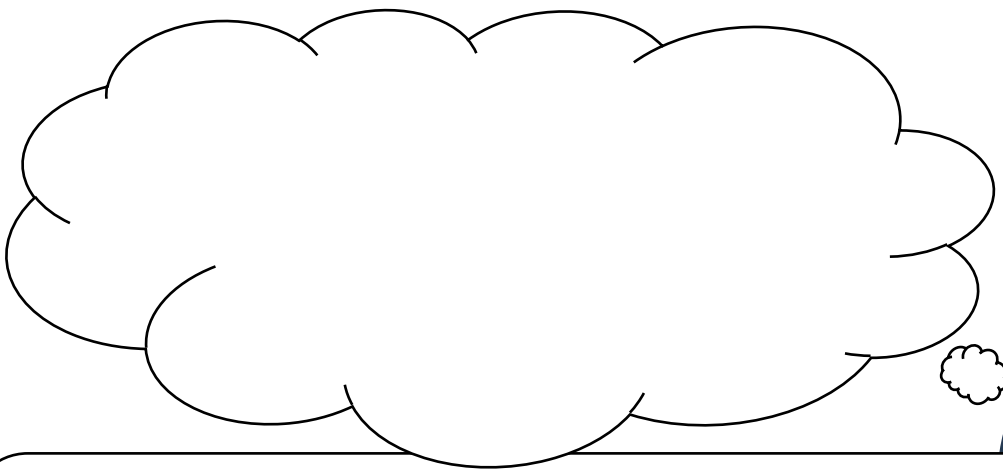
Conservation – ‘...Protect Nature Because...’

Some people wonder why we should bother protecting animals. Even if it is humanity’s fault that animals are disappearing, or that natural areas are destroyed, should we have to fix it? However, many of the world’s religions agree that it is the responsibility of humanity to protect the natural world.

Four religious people are explaining their reasons for protecting nature. Draw their reasons in their thought bubbles.



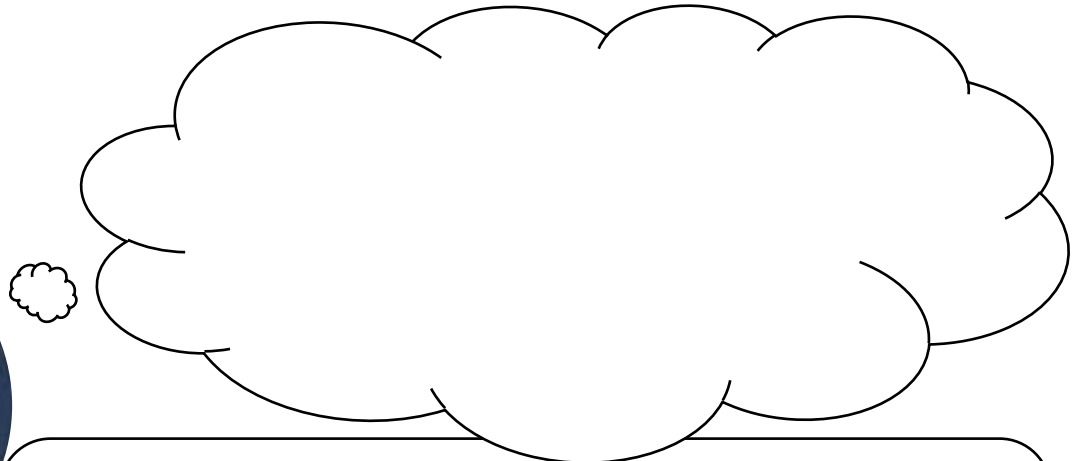
I’m a Christian priest. In the Bible, it says that God gave us ‘stewardship’ over nature. That means we are responsible for it and have to look after the plants and animals properly. In my sermons, I encourage people to make choices such as recycling, to preserve natural resources.



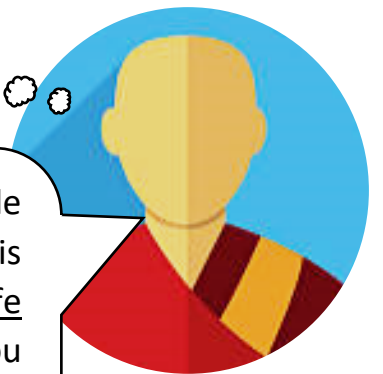
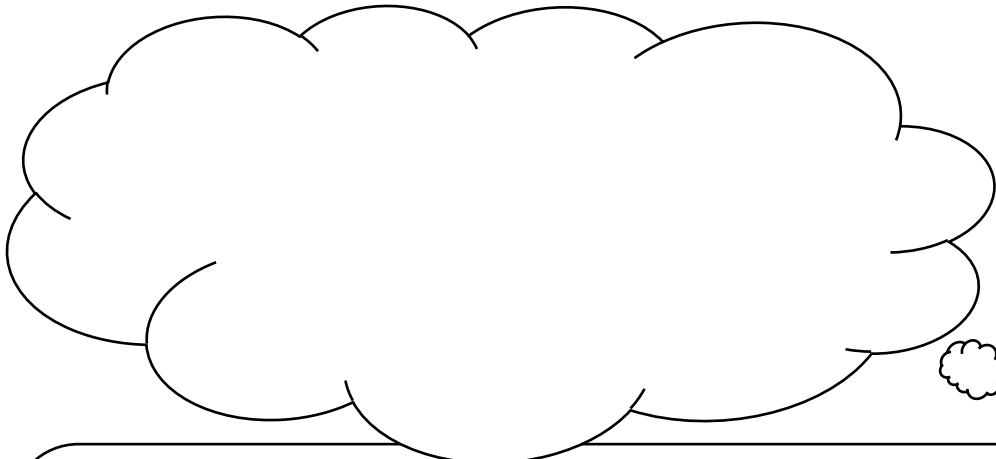
I’m a Hindu sadhu. Hindus believe that everything is linked. As the supreme spirit of life or Brahman can be found in all things, we must show respect for nature. Destroying nature in any way will destroy people too (as we rely on it to survive) and bring bad consequences or karma. Those who waste resources and harm the environment may have a less pleasant next life after being reincarnated.

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I'm a Muslim Imam. We are the guardians of God's world. The resources we find all around us are a gift from God and are there to be used, but not overused. The pursuit of too much money and resources turns people away from God and breaks the trust put in us. I advise Muslims to live sustainably and not wastefully.



I'm a Buddhist bhikku. I live in a monastery and try to lead a simple life, limiting the resources I use and eating a vegetarian diet. This is because in Buddhism, we believe that you must not take the life of another living thing. All life is linked by reincarnation: when you are reincarnated you may be reborn as an animal, so their lives are just as precious as a human's. We should have compassion and be mindful of our impact on the world and nature.

Are any of these reasons similar to each other? What do they share?

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What do you think?

Cross out 'should' or 'should not' as appropriate. Draw yourself and your thought bubble. Then explain your thoughts using the speech bubble. What is your reasoning and why?

"I think we should/should not try to protect the nature because..."

