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**Ecological Problems & Teachings of Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allahu alaihe wasallam)**

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**Abstract:**

*This research article provides a review of the Islamic principles of environmental protection, especially the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (Salla Allahu alaihe wasallam). The environmental crisis and climate change have become a global problem, for which various theories and practical measures are being considered. This study analyzes the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH) to understand how to treat the earth, water, air, plants, and animals. In this article, we can study how the Prophet (PBUH) encouraged planting trees, avoiding waste, and being gentle with animals. From these teachings, we also emphasize cleaning the environment from pollution. In this research paper, we will find answers to the questions: Did the Holy Prophet (PBUH) promote an environmentally friendly lifestyle at the individual and societal levels? Also, what are his teachings on preventing deforestation and limiting the use of unnecessary resources? What teachings did the Holy Prophet (PBUH) offer regarding the environment during the war and how can his teachings be used in the present era? In this paper, we can see the modern environmental science and its principles, concludes that the teachings of the Prophet (PBUH). This research article adopts a research and analytical approach to understand the ecosystem and gain insight into maintaining ecological balance in the light of the teachings of the Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet (PBUH).*

**Keywords:** Ecology, Climate change, Global Warming, Islamic Teachings, Pollution, Deforestation

**• Introduction:**

*The universe created by Allah Almighty and all the creatures in it are interconnected and dependent on each other under an ecological system. Allah Almighty considers the destruction of this ecosystem a "crime" and considers the perpetrators of corruption as criminals. Allah Almighty has honoured man with great honor by making him the vicegerent on earth, but unfortunately, man is the one responsible for "destroying the ecosystem of the environment."*

*Or is the one who destroys the balance. In the modern era, the meaning of development is taken to be that the country that has the most weapons to destroy the planet is the most developed. At present, the whole world is in the grip of air, water, land, sound and radiation pollution, and the protective ozone layer of the earth is being affected.*

*Climate change and global warming have become the biggest challenge of the world due to wars, weapons manufacturing and industrial development. Its major causes include wars, radioactive waste, nuclear plants, production of dangerous weapons, increase in gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere, indiscriminate cutting of forests and trees, crushing of mountains for various needs, indiscriminate use and waste of resources, migration from villages to cities, continuous increase in population, indiscriminate hunting of wildlife, spraying of toxic chemicals on crops, pollution and toxic substances entering the water due to industries and human populations, millions of factories of multinational companies, luxurious life and many other reasons.*

*According to global reports, China, America, Russia, Japan and India are in the top five countries that are causing global warming and climate change by emitting carbon dioxide. While Pakistan is among the countries that are most affected with climate change and global warming. This article attempts to find out how humanity can overcome these contemporary problems in the light of the teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).*

- ***Methodology:***

*This research article adopts a research and analytical approach to understand the ecosystem and gain insight into maintaining ecological balance in the light of the teachings of the Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet (PBUH). It also attempts to understand how the nations of the world can seek guidance from the Quran and Sūnnah to solve these problems in the present era.*

- ***Definition of Environment:***

*Ecology is the scientific study of the relationship between living things (such as plants, animals, and humans) and their surrounding environment. Its purpose is to understand how things live in their natural environment and interact with each other. The following definition of the environment was adopted at a conference held by the United Nations in Stockholm (Sweden) on 5 June 1972.*

*"Environment is the broad area in which humans and other living beings live and from which they obtain their living conditions and carry out their activities." <sup>1</sup> If we think more carefully, during the day the sun also becomes*

*part of the atmosphere, while at night the moon, stars, planets, including stars that are trillions of light-years away, are also part of the atmosphere.*

- ***Effects of the environment on humans:***

*Like other creatures, humans are also connected to the ecosystem. From day one, aquatic life, animals, plants, trees, inanimate objects, even the stars and planets in the sky have been companions of humans. The environment is an integral part of humans, and humans are part of the environment. In addition to genes, education, experience, profession, religion, and other factors, the environment also has a huge impact on humans. A good environment has a very positive effect on mental and physical health. They have more understanding and compassion, and service, while those living in a polluted environment suffer from various types of psychological, emotional, and physical disorders.*

- ***Wars, dangerous weapons & environmental balance:***

*Since the decline of the Islamic caliphates, the whole world, in general, and Western countries in particular, have been experiencing a reverse development. The country that has the most weapons to spread destruction and devastation on earth is considered more developed. Due to the production and use of nuclear, chemical, biological, and other dangerous weapons, the environmental balance is deteriorating, for which these so-called developed countries are responsible, which have become a threat to the survival of the planet.*

- 1. In the First and Second World Wars, millions of people were killed and the environment was irreparably damaged due to dangerous weapons.<sup>2</sup>*
- 2. In the Vietnam War, millions of acres of forests were destroyed due to toxic spray. Due to chemical weapons; the inner layers of the earth and the rivers and seas were also affected.<sup>3</sup>*
- 3. During the destruction of Iraq, one million tons of crude oil was spilled into the Persian Gulf. Due to the pollution of which not only humans but also animals and plants were destroyed and thousands of tons of gases were emitted, global warming increased.<sup>4</sup>*
- 4. The long war in Afghanistan has not only resulted in a huge increase in air pollution but also in various mental and physical diseases among the people there.<sup>5</sup>*
- 5. The teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) prohibit the use of weapons in wars that may harm non-combatants, women, children, the elderly, animals, trees, crops,*

vegetation and the environment, and war is fought only with combatants, as detailed in the following pages.

- ***Industrial development & environmental balance:***

*The industrial revolution has changed the world. There is a flood of development and inventions that does not stop, but as a result of industrial development and excessive use of coal and petroleum products, the environment has been greatly damaged due to the huge emission of gases like carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and chlorofluorocarbons. According to global reports, the five countries emitting the most carbon dioxide in the world are China, America, India, Russia and Japan.<sup>6</sup>*

*Due to industrial development and the inordinate use of fuel!*

- 1) There has been a huge increase in land, air, water, and noise pollution, due to which the existence of the planet is in danger.*
- 2) Global warming is continuously increasing, climate change is taking place, and the balance of the planet is deteriorating, which is a threat to the survival of the planet.*
- 3) The protective ozone layer of the Earth is being affected. Due to this, the ultraviolet rays of the sun have started coming directly to the earth, which is increasing the incidence of many diseases, including cancer and skin diseases.*
- 4) Due to the melting of glaciers and the occurrence of floods, the sea level has risen by nineteen (19) centimetres since 1850, as a result of which many islands have disappeared, and in the next few years, many more islands and coastal areas will be submerged by the sea.<sup>7</sup>*
- 5) Industrial development has also caused widespread water and noise pollution. Due to industry, a large amount of water has become toxic. Due to this water pollution, rivers, streams, and marine creatures have been immensely damaged, and many creatures are becoming extinct.*
- 6) Due to global warming and climate change, crops are being affected. There are concerns about the scarcity of commodities.*

*The teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) have prohibited waste and unnecessary use of resources. The details of which are available in the following pages.*

- ***Deforestation & ecological balance:***

*Forests, plants, wildlife and humans have always been close friends. Trees are the ones that absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, thus playing a significant role in keeping the earth's temperature moderate. The destruction of forests and wildlife (animals, birds, and insects) is disrupting the ecological balance of the planet. Deterioration of ecological balance; is an irreparable loss*

*for humans. Due to the continuous decline in forests, breathing in clean air is becoming a dream. Global warming is increasing, the land is becoming barren and desolate, and land erosion is increasing. Due to ignorance of the benefits of trees, farmers consider trees as poison for their crops and do not tolerate trees in any field, for which all responsibility lies with the authorities and educational institutions.*

- ***Massive increase in population & ecological balance:***

*In the twentieth century, due to the treatment of many diseases and especially the vaccination of children, there was a huge decrease in maternal and child mortality. Due to the reduction in mortality rates and control of diseases, the world's population increased rapidly. Due to the measures taken to meet the living and food needs of the human population, the ecological balance is continuously deteriorating. Colonies are being created by destroying forests and agricultural areas, and wildlife and domestic animals are decreasing. Humans are losing touch with animals, birds, trees, plants, and vegetation, and the environment or ecosystem is continuously being destroyed. Due to the uncontrolled increase in the human population, fuel consumption is also increasing, to global warming is also increasing.*

- ***Poor agricultural practices & ecological balance:***

*Cutting down trees in fields, killing insects, butterflies, bees, and eco-friendly insects, small birds, and fertility-enhancing bacteria with fertilizers and toxic sprays are also causing serious damage to the environment. Except for a few countries, for the rulers of the world, agriculture is just a business and a means of earning money, which is a big threat to the environment. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has taught not to harm the surrounding environment. In his teachings, agriculture, horticulture, and forestry are not just business and commerce but also a source of goodness, goodwill, and reward, which is explained in detail in the following pages.*

- ***Poor agricultural practices & ecological balance:***

*Farmers cutting down trees from their fields, using fertilizers and toxic sprays and other poor agricultural practices are also causing severe damage to the environment, causing the extinction of earthworms, butterflies, bees, fireflies, environmentally friendly insects, small birds and fertility-enhancing bacteria. Except for a few countries; for the rulers of the world, agriculture is just a business and a means of earning money, which is a great threat to the environment.*

*The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) has taught not to harm the surrounding environment. In his teachings, agriculture, horticulture*

*and forestry are not just business and commerce, but also a source of goodness, goodwill and reward, which is described in detail in the following pages.*

- ***Mountain collapse & ecological balance:***

*Mountains are constantly being collapsed and hollowed out to obtain minerals, precious stones, roads and buildings and gravel. Even in wars, mountain collapse is being adopted as a war tactic in modern times, as was done with “Tora Bora” in Afghanistan. The ecological balance is also deteriorating by hollowing out or erasing mountains. Mountains are the habitat of many plants, insects, animals and birds. They hold the soil firmly; reduce the speed of flood channels. Moisture-laden winds collide with them and cause rain. Mountains are also used to build dams. In fact, mountains are indispensable for the environment. Damage to mountains causes irreparable damage to the environment. Allah Almighty has described mountains as the pegs of the earth that hold the earth and has mentioned mountains at several places in the Holy Quran.*

- ***Multinational companies & environmental balance:***

*Multinational companies have also played a huge role in disrupting the environmental balance. Before the storm of multinational companies, man was connected to his natural environment. He used to get all his food and drink from his pets, crops, and trees. Even for occasional indulgences, various types of sweets and baked goods were prepared at home. Similarly, clothes were also prepared by home industries, in the preparation of which no fuel was used. Multinational companies, playing with the psychology of humans, distanced humans from their natural life through their colourful advertisements and propaganda. Drinks prepared without fuel in homes were replaced by cola drinks and energy drinks, juices mixed with chemicals, and tetra packs of artificial milk became common. Various types of soaps, shampoos, and creams became common. In fact, influenced by the advertisements and propaganda of multinational companies, humans have become increasingly distant from the natural environment, domesticated animals, natural herbs, flowers, and fruit trees, and millions of industries of multinational companies have become a source of global warming by emitting dangerous.*

- ***Protection of the environment in Qur’ān & Sūnnah:***

*Humans do not get into such a dilemma at any point or stage of their lives in which Islam has not guided them. At present, the whole world is suffering from air, water, land, sea, sound and radiation pollution, which has become a real threat to the existence and continuity of life on planet Earth. Allah Almighty sent the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) as a mercy to all the worlds, as Allah Almighty says!*

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ<sup>8</sup>

*And we have sent you as a mercy to all the worlds.*

*The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) is a mercy to all the worlds. He taught all creatures, including animals, plants and inanimate objects, to behave well. Allah made man His vicegerent and subjected the entire universe to him. Allah Almighty says :*

أَلَمْ تَرَوْا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سَخَّرَ لَكُم مَّا فِي السَّمُوتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعَمَهُ  
ظَاهِرَةً وَبَاطِنَةً- وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَنْ يُجَادِلُ فِي اللَّهِ بِغَيْرِ عِلْمٍ وَلَا هُدًى وَلَا كِتَابٍ  
مُّنِيرٍ<sup>9</sup>

*Have you not seen that Allah has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and the earth, and has bestowed upon you His blessings, both manifest and hidden? Yet some people dispute about Allah, having neither knowledge nor reason nor a clear book. This is the work of Allah, who has established everything in proper balance<sup>10</sup>.*

*The Holy Quran clearly conveys a message to all humanity that humans should use the blessings that have been given to them, maintain moderation, and not transgress. Allah Almighty says!*

وَأَنْفِقُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا تُلْقُوا بِأَيْدِيكُمْ إِلَى التَّهْلُكَةِ - وَأَحْسِنُوا- إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ  
الْمُحْسِنِينَ-<sup>11</sup>

*And spend in the way of Allah, and do not throw yourselves into destruction with your own hands, and do good. Indeed, Allah loves those who do good.*

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُم بَيْنَكُم بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَنْ تَرَاضٍ  
مِّنْكُمْ -وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ- إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ بِكُمْ رَحِيمًا-<sup>12</sup>

*O you who believe, do not consume one another's wealth unjustly, except by mutual consent, and do not kill yourselves.*

*Indeed, Allah is Merciful to you.*

*From the above verse, commentators conclude that all such actions that are against individual and collective safety are harmful and that cause damage to the environment, whether it is by cutting down trees or adding toxic elements to the air, water or land, all of them are considered as destructive. Therefore, all such actions and actions are prohibited.*

يَبْنَئِ أَدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ لَا  
يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ-<sup>13</sup>

*Eat and drink from the provision of Allah and do not spread corruption on the earth.*

*The messenger of Allah Said:*

إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا حُلْوَةٌ خَضِرَةٌ ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُسْتَخْلِفُكُمْ فِيهَا ، فَنَظَرْتُ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ ، أَلَا فَاتَّقُوا الدُّنْيَا وَاتَّقُوا النِّسَاءَ .<sup>14</sup>

*The world is sweet and lush, and Allah will surely make you vicegerents in it to see how you act. Beware of the world and women.*

*The above verse and verse 60 of Surah Al-Baqar'ah show that if a person transgresses the limits, he will enter into corruption and mischief, and Allah has forbidden this. Allah Almighty has placed balance and harmony in the manifestations of nature. When man uses natural resources and resources indiscriminately to fulfil his desires for comfort and ease, then chaos and corruption arise on land and sea, as Allah Almighty has said!*

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ.<sup>15</sup>

*Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of the evils that the hands of men have earned, so that Allah may make them taste some of their deeds, so that they may repent.*

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَ طَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ.<sup>16</sup>

*And do not spread corruption on the earth after it has been set in order, and call upon Allah with fear and hope. Indeed, the mercy of Allah is near to the righteous.*

*The natural environment is a great blessing from Allah, and disrupting the balance of the environment is a change in that blessing and a corruption on earth.*

*Your ﷺ words regarding water pollution and frugality are esteemed!*

لَا يَبُولَنَّ أَحَدُكُمْ فِي الْمَاءِ الدَّائِمِ، ثُمَّ يَغْتَسِلُ مِنْهُ.<sup>17</sup>

*One should never urinate in stagnant water, for then he will bathe in it.*

*The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) passed by Hazrat Sa'ād while he was performing ablution. He said, "What kind of extravagance is this?" Hazrat Sa'ād said, "Is there extravagance in*



ablution?" He said, "Yes! even if you perform ablution in a flowing stream<sup>18</sup>".

### • **Quran and Sūnnah & Tree Planting:**

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) taught the people to plant trees and not to cut them down. As a result of his training, the Companions paid attention to tree planting and non-settlement.

Allama Qūrtubi has stated in his commentary on verse 261 of Surah Al-Baqar'āh: Agriculture is a sufficient obligation and it is obligatory on the Imam (the government of the time) to force people to plant trees and do gardening.<sup>19</sup>

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: "مَا مَنَ مُسْلِمٍ يَغْرِسُ غَرْسًا أَوْ يَزْرَعُ زَرْعًا فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ طَيْرٌ أَوْ إِنْسَانٌ أَوْ بَهِيمَةٌ إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ بِهِ صَدَقَةٌ".<sup>20</sup>

It is narrated from Hazrat Anas that any Muslim who plants or cultivates a crop and a bird, human or animal eats from it will be considered charity for him.

أَخْبَرَنِي أَبُو الزُّبَيْرِ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ جَابِرَ بْنَ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، يَقُولُ: "لَا يَغْرِسُ رَجُلٌ مُسْلِمٌ غَرْسًا، وَلَا زَرْعًا، فَيَأْكُلُ مِنْهُ سَبْعٌ، أَوْ طَائِرٌ، أَوْ شَيْءٌ، إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ فِيهِ أَجْرٌ".<sup>21</sup>

Abu Zūbair reported that he heard Jabir bin Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him) say: I heard the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) say: "Any Muslim who plants a tree and cultivates it, and then a wild animal, bird or anything else eats from it, there is a reward for him." Imam Nowwī writes in his commentary on this hadith!

These hadiths describe the virtues of planting trees and cultivating it, and it is stated that the reward of the planter and cultivator will continue as long as the plants and seeds remain, and they will continue to receive their reward on the Day of Judgment.<sup>22</sup>

عَنْ أَنَسِ بْنِ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ قَامَتْ عَلَى أَحَدِكُمُ الْقِيَامَةُ وَفِي يَدِهِ فُسْلَةٌ فَلْيَغْرِسْهَا.<sup>23</sup>

It is narrated from Hazrat Anas that the Messenger of Allah said! If the Hour is established and one of you has a small date palm branch in his hand and can plant it before he gets up, then plant it.

*In the blessed hadiths, not only is it encouraged to plant trees, but it is forbidden to cut down trees unnecessarily and a warning is given against cutting down trees. The Prophet (ﷺ) said that whoever cuts down a tree, Allah will cast his head into Hell. In his explanation of this hadith, Imam Abu Dawud said that this tree refers to a shady tree. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said:*

*مَنْ قَطَعَ سِدْرَةَ صُوبَ اللَّهِ رَأْسَهُ فِي النَّارِ.*<sup>24</sup>

*Whoever cuts a be'rry tree (a tree on the path), Allah will cast him into Hell.*

*Allama Habashi has written that Hazrat Abu Hūairah, despite being one of the ascetics of this Ummāh and not caring at all about earning money or livelihood, used to plant trees with his own hands, cultivate crops, and consider it a source of reward. He used to sow his crops early in the morning<sup>25</sup>.*

- *The companions used to advise each other on farming and tree planting, and this is the truth: This is the reason why in Islamic history, during the era of the Prophet, the era of the Companions and the Tabi'een, and the Umayyad and Abbasid dynasties, and Muslims during their reigns, took a deep interest in gardening and tree planting and turned it into a science and art.*

- ***Protection of the natural environment in times of war:***

*The Prophet (peace be upon him) has forbidden harming women, children, non-combatants, plants, animals, and the environment even in times of war. The Islamic army is only allowed to fight against combatants, and they cannot use any weapons that kill innocent people. All the details in this regard are available in Raqim's research article "The Practical Jihad of the Prophet (peace be upon him) against Terrorism and Violence: A Research Study<sup>26</sup>" Allah Almighty Says:*

*وَقَاتِلُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ الَّذِينَ يُقَاتِلُونَكُمْ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ.*<sup>27</sup>

*"Fight in the way of Allah only against those who fight you, but do not transgress against those who fight you, for Allah does not like transgressors".*

*حَدَّثَنِي أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: "أَنْطَلَقُوا بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ وَعَلَى مِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا شَيْخًا فَإِنِ*

وَلَا طِفْلًا وَلَا صَغِيرًا وَلَا امْرَأَةً وَلَا تَغْلُوا وَضَمُّوا غَنَائِمَكُمْ وَاصْلَحُوا وَاحْسِنُوا إِنَّ  
اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُحْسِنِينَ -<sup>28</sup>

Anas bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said (while sending the Mujahideen away): "Go in the name of Allah, with Allah's support and guidance, on the religion of the Messenger of Allah, and do not kill the old man who is about to die, nor the child, nor the little boy, nor the woman, and do not betray the spoils, and collect the spoils, and make peace and do good, for Allah loves the doers of good".

Hazrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique (may Allah be pleased with him) gave the following ten (10) pieces of advice to the commander of the army when he was sending his army to Syria.

1. Be sincere to Allah and fight only for His pleasure.
2. Do not oppress the weak.
3. Do not kill women, children and the elderly.
4. Do not cut down date palms, grapes and other fruit trees.
5. Do not burn and destroy crops.
6. Do not demolish houses.
7. Do not kill broken animals.
8. Do not kill monks.
9. Do not commit injustice.
10. Keep promises and agreements<sup>29</sup>.

The teachings of the Holy Quran and the Hadiths of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) specifically command the protection of the environment. If humanity follows these teachings, all the environmental problems of the present era will be solved.

#### • Summary:

The universe created by Allah Almighty and all the creatures in it are interconnected under an ecological system (Eco System) and depend on each other. Allah Almighty calls the disruption of this ecological balance "corruption" and calls the corruptors guilty. At present, the whole world is in the grip of air, water, land, sound, radiation and radiation pollution, the earth's protective ozone layer is being affected. Since the rise of industrial development, the inordinate use of fuel and the First and Second World Wars, the biggest challenge of this world has become climate change and global warming. Its major causes include wars, radioactive waste, nuclear plants, the

*production of dangerous weapons, the increase in gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere, the wanton cutting of forests and trees, the wanton extraction of water from the ground, the crashing of mountains for various needs, the wanton use and waste of resources, migration from villages to cities, the continuous increase in population, the wanton hunting of wildlife, the spraying of toxic chemicals on crops, poor agricultural practices, millions of industries of multinational companies, the luxurious life of humans, and the pollution and toxic substances in water due to industries and human populations.*

*According to global reports, China, the United States, Russia, Japan and India are emitting the most carbon dioxide in the world, causing global warming and climate change.*

*Like other creatures, humans are also connected to the ecosystem. From day one, aquatic life, animals, plants, trees, inanimate objects, even the stars and planets in the sky have been companions of humans, the environment is an integral part of humans and humans are part of the environment. In the present era, the balance of the environment is constantly deteriorating due to the above-mentioned reasons. The protective ozone layer of the earth is being affected. Due to the melting of glaciers and floods, the sea has raised its level by nineteen (19) centimetres since 1850, as a result of which many islands have disappeared and in the next few years, many more islands and coastal areas are likely to be submerged. Due to water pollution caused by toxic water from industries, rivers, canals and marine creatures have been immensely damaged and many creatures are disappearing. The destruction of forests and wildlife (animals, birds & insects) is destroying the ecosystem of the planet. The destruction of the ecosystem is an irreparable loss for humans.*

*Allah the Almighty sent the Messenger of Allah as a mercy to all the worlds. The Holy Quran clearly conveys a message to all humanity that the blessings that have been given to humans should be used by humans and that they should maintain moderation and not exceed the limits. Allah the Almighty has called the destruction of the ecological balance a mischief on earth and its spread a way for the hypocrites. In the article under consideration, many teachings of the Messenger of Allah has been written in detail with regard to air, water and noise pollution. The Messenger of Allah gave teachings about planting trees and not cutting them down. The result of his training was that the companions paid attention to planting trees and depopulation. The article under consideration has mentioned many such hadiths that contain orders to plant trees and forests.*

*The Messenger of Allah has forbidden harming women, children, non-combatants, plants, animals and the environment even in a state of war. The*

*Islamic army is only allowed to fight with combatants; they cannot use any weapon that kills innocent people. The article under consideration mentions many teachings of the Holy Quran and the Messenger of Allah that contain commands not to harm the environment even in times of war .*

### ***Conclusions:***

- *The universe created by Allah Almighty and all the creatures in it are interconnected and dependent on each other under an ecological system. Allah Almighty calls the disruption of the ecological balance "corruption" and holds those who commit corruption guilty.*
- *Since the rise of industrial development and the First and Second World Wars, the greatest challenge of this world has become climate change and global warming. Its major causes include wars, radioactive waste and nuclear plants, the production of dangerous weapons, the increase in gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide and chlorofluorocarbons in the atmosphere, the spread of air, land, water and noise pollution, the indiscriminate cutting of forests and trees, the crashing of mountains for various needs, the indiscriminate use and waste of resources, migration from villages to cities, continuous increase in population, the indiscriminate hunting of wildlife, the spraying of toxic chemicals on crops, pollution and toxic substances entering the water due to industries and human populations, luxury, millions of industries of multinational companies and many other reasons.*
- *According to global reports, China, the United States, Russia, Japan, and India are emitting the most carbon dioxide in the world, causing global warming and climate change. Pakistan is among the countries that are most affected by the losses caused by climate change and global warming. The teachings of the Holy Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) show that Islam has given special orders for the protection of the environment. There are orders to treat animals with kindness. Planting trees and farming has been described as charity until the Day of Judgment. Extravagance, especially wasting water, is prohibited. Land, air, water and noise pollution are prohibited. Even in a state of war, killing animals and cutting trees is prohibited. This is the distinction of Islam and such examples are not found in any other religion, sect or law other than Islam.*

### ***Suggestions and recommendations:***

- *There is a need to highlight the teachings of the Quran and Hadith such as maintaining environmental balance around the world, not spreading corruption, living in a natural environment, adopting simplicity and frugality, planting trees and forests, not using too much*

*fuel, not spreading air, water, land and noise pollution and serving humanity, so that the public is created with the idea of maintaining natural environmental balance.*

- *China, America, India, Russia, Japan and other developed countries that are the biggest causes of global warming and climate change. They should be pressured by the international community to take steps that can reduce the production of dangerous weapons, reduce the emission of toxic gases from industries, vehicles, air conditioners and refrigerators.*
- *Countries like Pakistan, which are the most vulnerable to climate change and global warming, should increase forests rapidly, stop crashing and hollowing out mountains, and educate and train the public to maintain environmental balance.*

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