

# Topic : Islam and the Environment in Sustainable Development

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# The dominion of Allāh

**And to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth. And Allah Ever Encompasses all things (Qur'ān 4:126).**

# The creation of Allāh

**“...you can see no fault in the creation of the Most Gracious.” ( Qur’ān 67:3).**

# The signs of Allāh

The environment can be seen as the place where the signs of Allāh exist

**"Verily in the heavens and the earth, are Signs for those who believe. And in the creation of yourselves and the fact that animals are scattered (throughout the earth), are Signs for those of assured Faith....."**

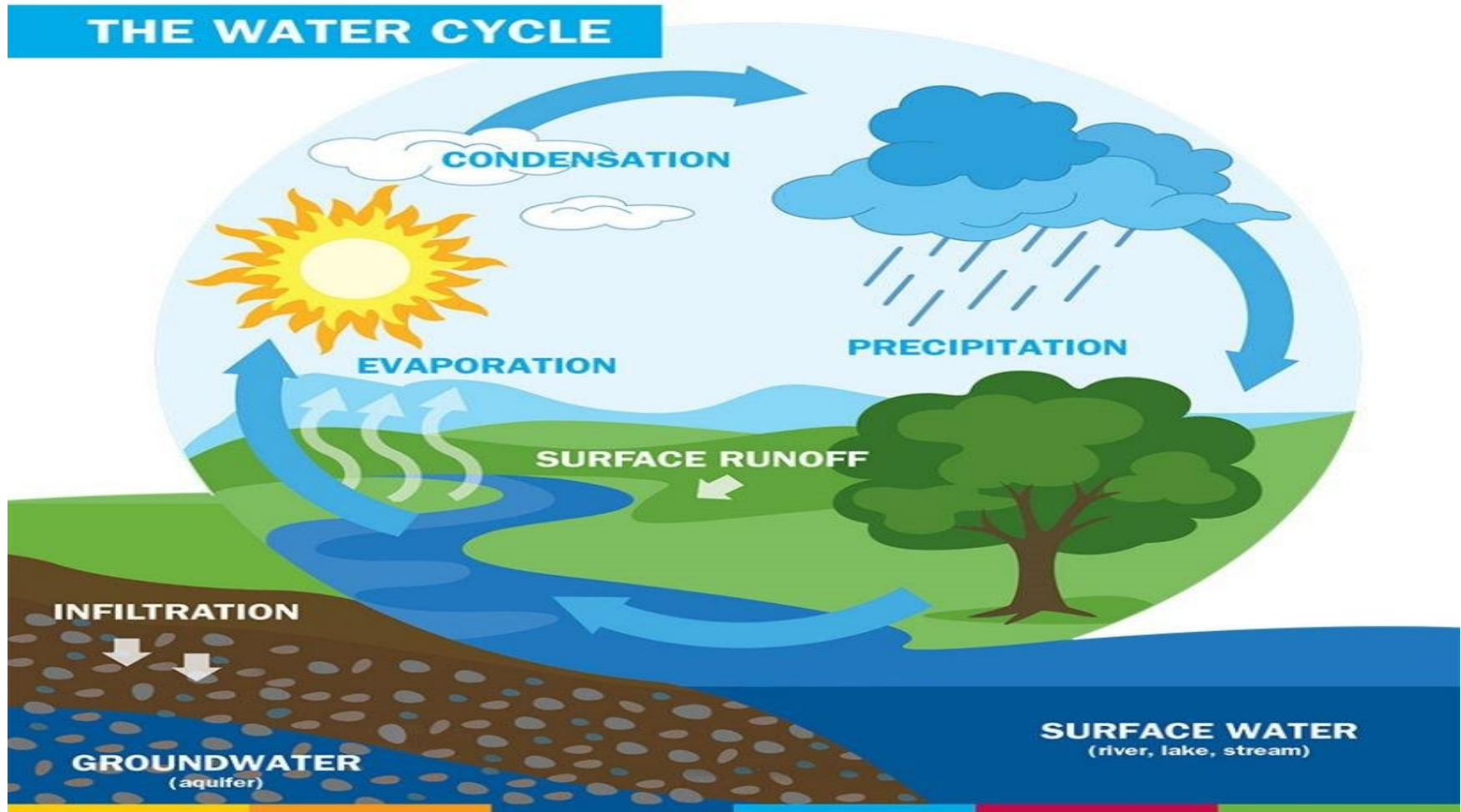
Qur'ān, 45:3-5

# The Balance in Nature

**And the sky He raised, and He set  
the balance**

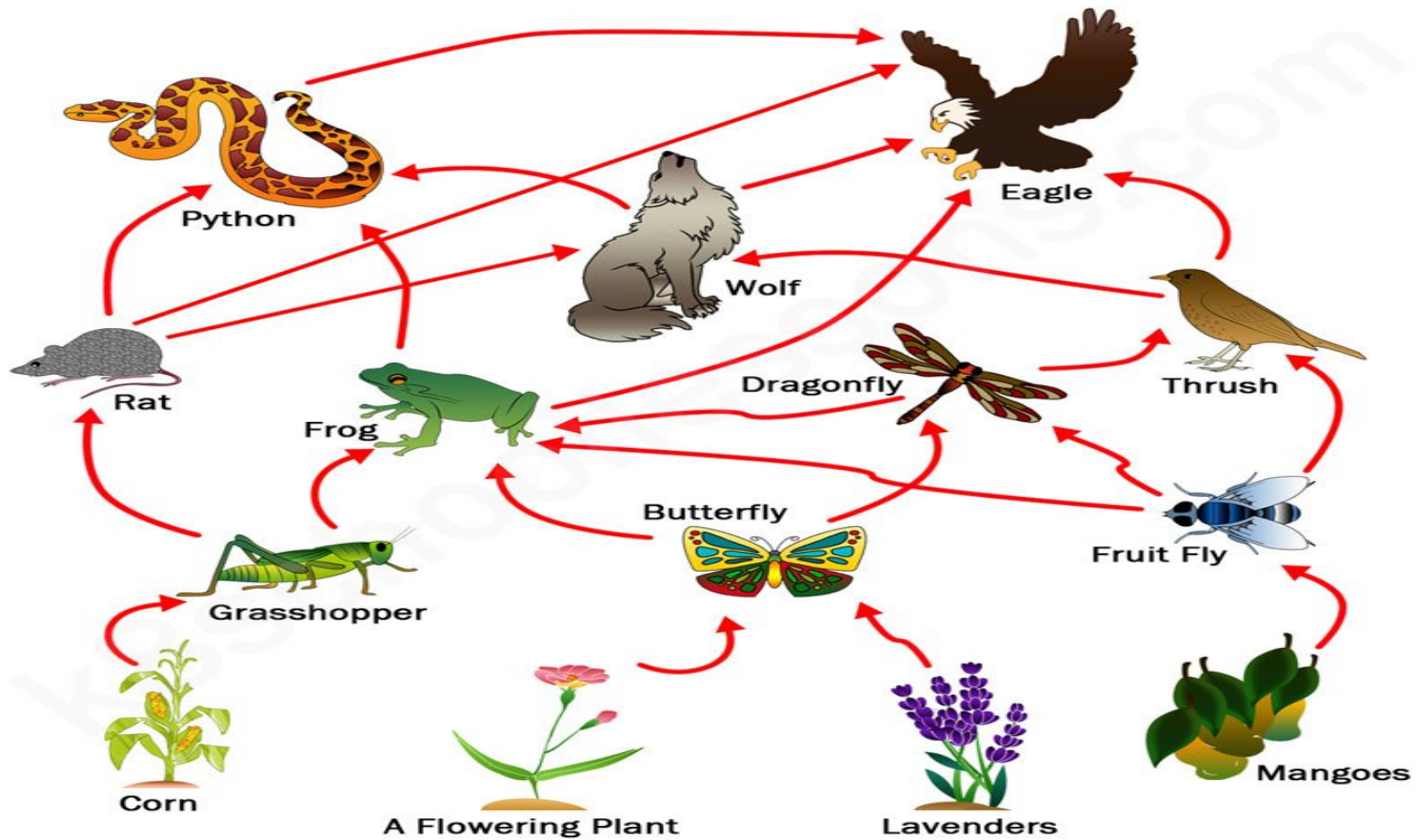
**That you transgress not in the  
balance (Qur'ān 55:7-8)**

# The Water Cycle



# A Food Chain

## A Food Web



# Humankind's damage to the environment

Corruption has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned that Allāh may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allāh)

Qur'ān, 30:41



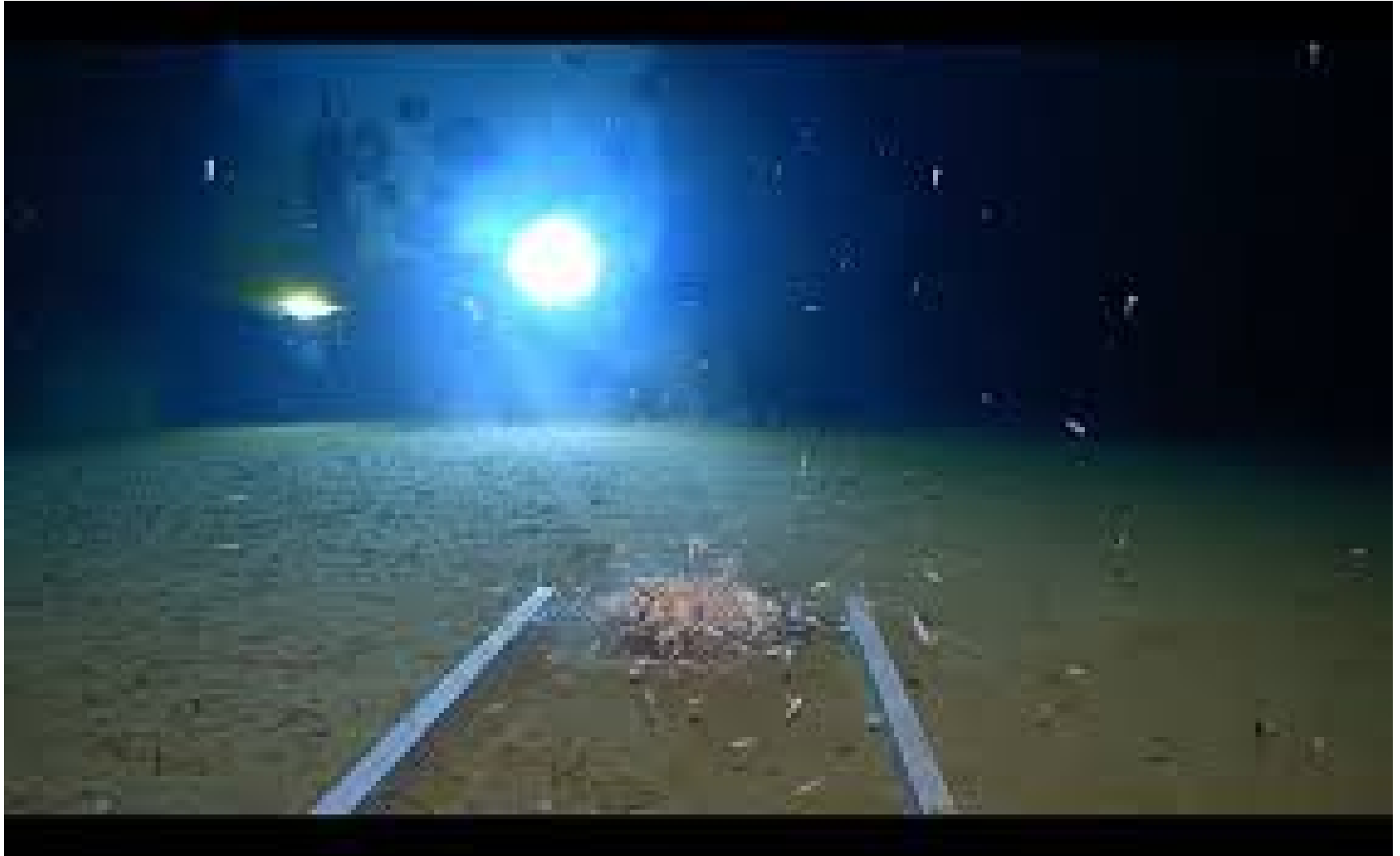
# Sea Coral



# Coral Bleaching



# Plastic in deepest part of the ocean





# Beautiful Green Forest



# Forests/Trees/Plants

Deforestation

Clearing of land

Destruction of habitat of insects, birds and animals

Reduction in O<sub>2</sub> output from trees

Breakdown in ecosystems

Destruction of biodiversity

Logging

# Deforestation





# Forests/Trees/Plants

Prophet Muḥammad (SAW)said: "He who cuts a lote-tree [without justification], Allah will send him to Hellfire." (Abū Dawūd )

: Prophet Muḥammad (SAW)said "There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, but is regarded as a charitable gift for him." ( Bukhāri

# Deforestation and Land Degradation





# Forests/Trees/Plants

**“Then tell me about the seed that you sow in the ground. Is it you that make it grow or are We the Grower?” (Qur’ān: 56: 63-64).**

**And when he turns away, his effort in the land is to make mischief therein and to destroy the crops and the cattle, and Allâh likes not mischief (Qur’ān: 2: 205).**

# Tropical Rainforest



# Forests/Trees/Plants

**“Then let man look at his food, (and how We provide it): For that We pour forth water in abundance, and We split the earth in fragments, and produce therein corn, and grapes and nutritious plants, and olives and dates, and enclosed gardens, dense with lofty trees, and fruits and fodder- for use and convenience to you and your cattle” (Qur’ān 80:24-32).**

# Different forms of life



# Forests/Trees/Plants

**“It is He Who sends down rain from the sky.  
From it you drink, and out of it (grows) the  
vegetation on which you feed your cattle.  
With it He produces for you corn, olives, date  
palms, grapes and every kind of fruit : Verily  
in this is a Sign for those who give thought”  
(Qur’ān : 16:10-11)**

# Fruit from trees



# Animals/Insects

Destruction of Animal and Insect Habitat

Many Animal and Insect species are extinct

Overharvesting in the sea, rivers, lakes

Overhunting and poaching of many animal species

Influence of global warming on insects and animals

# Cost of catching what you don't want





# Animals/Insects

**Prophet Muḥammad (SAW)said: " If you kill a sparrow senselessly, it will hasten to Allah on the Day of Judgment saying : O Rabb! so and so killed me for play and not for use!" ."(An-Nasai )**

**Prophet Muḥammad (SAW)said: Do not ride on silk and tiger fur" (Abu-Dawud )**

# Killing of Rhino



# Dolphin In Fishing Nets





# Animals/Insects

**“There is not an animal ( that lives) on earth, nor a being that flies on its wings, but (forms part of) communities like you” (Qur’ān 6:38**

# Flying birds



# Polar Bears



# Animals/Insects

**And the grazing livestock He has created for you; in them is warmth and [numerous] benefits, and from them you eat (Qur'ān: 16:5).**

# Animals Grazing in the veld





# Animals/Insects

Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) said: "A man suffered from intense thirst while on a journey. He found a well, came to it, drank (water) and then came out. Suddenly a dog appeared lolling its tongue on account of thirst and eating the moistened earth. The man said: This dog has suffered from thirst as I had suffered from it. He reached down the well, filled his shoe with water, caught it in his mouth until he climbed up and let the dog drink. So Allah appreciated this act of his and pardoned him. Then the companions around him asked: O Allah's Messenger, is there reward even for (serving) such animals? He [Allah's Messenger (SAW)] said: Yes, there is a reward (to that one who makes a service) to any living animal. (Muslim

# Animals/Insects

Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) said: “An ant had bitten a Prophet (one of the earlier Prophets) and he ordered that the colony of the ants should be burnt. And Allah revealed to him: ‘Because of an ant’s bite you have burnt a community from amongst the communities which praises My Glory” ‘ (Muslim)

# Colony of ants



# Animals/Insects

**Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) clearly forbade beating (animals) on the face (Bukhari)**

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**Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) prohibited to provoke the beasts for fighting. (Abu-Dawud)**

# Cockfighting



# Animals/Insects

**Prophet Muḥammad (SAW) said: “Fear Allah regarding these dumb animals. Ride them when they are in good condition and feed them when they are in good condition.” ( Abu-Dawud)**

# Horses



# Camels

