

Global religious approaches to climate change and sustainability

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Introduction

This research observes different global religious responses to climate change. We wanted to learn how different faiths educate their members and act for climate change and sustainability.

Research Question:

How have different world religions taken different approaches to climate change and sustainability?

Methodology

We did literature analyses of scholarly articles pertaining to the disciplines of psychology, sociology, and anthropology



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Findings/Analysis

- Different religious leaders across the globe each have begun to acknowledge climate change as never before. (Reuter).
- How one's religion portrays the issue is a major indicator of whether one will take action against climate change.
- We found that eastern and indigenous religions are more likely to take action against climate change (Parker).
- Christianity can either be used as a tool for or against climate change action depending on its messages (Shin).

