



# Faith Climate Action Week

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## Notes for Buddhist Faith Leaders

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## Outline of a talk on Taking Care of the Earth from a Buddhist perspective

Points one could include:

- Ahimsa: Non-Harming as essential Buddhist Teaching
- Bodhisattva Vow: Living for the Benefit of All Beings
- Interdependence of everything
- Karma: the consequences of our actions in three times (ie., right away, near future, and in the distant future)
- Buddhist iconic connection with nature: Buddha was born under a tree, Enlightened under a tree, lived in the forest and parks, and died between two trees
- Full awareness of actions of Body, Speech and Mind

## What is the Concept of Dharma on Ecology?

Six principles of Dharma Ecology as recognized by environmentalist:

- Protecting and nurturing renewable resources, conserving non-renewable resources and avoiding waste by exercising economy
- Fair sharing of resources amongst various countries of the world
- Creating awareness about concealed social, economic and environmental costs
- Willingly adopting sustainable way of life
- Meeting genuine social needs
- Halting and reversing the arms built-up

<http://www.publishyourarticles.org/knowledge-hub/environmental-studies/what-is-the-concept-of-dharma-on-ecology.html>

## Buddhist Environment Care Book List (partial)

- **Teachings of the Earth: Zen and the Environment**  
John Daido Looi

- **Dharma Rain: Sources of Buddhist Environmentalism**  
by Stephanie Kaza and Kenneth Kraft
- **Buddhism and Deep Ecology**  
by Daniel H. Henning
- **Dharma Gaia: Harvest of Essays in Buddhism and Ecology**  
by Allan Hunt-Badiner
- **Ecological Perspectives in Buddhism**  
by K.C. Pandey
- **Living Affinity: Nurturing the Environment, Our Relationships and the Life of the Spirit**  
by Hsing Yun
- **Engaged Buddhists**  
by Hephaestus Books
- **Buddhism and ecology: The Interconnection of Dharma and Deeds**  
by Mary Evelyn Tucker  
This is the first book in the series on "Religions of the World and Ecology". The aim of the series is to examine the similarities and differences in the attitudes of world religions to ecological issues.

## Online Resources

- **Wisdom Collection**  
What does it mean to be “green” and “Buddhist?”  
By David I. Rome  
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<http://www.tricycle.com/web-exclusive/green-buddha>
- **Sample Dharma Talk**  
<http://dharma.net/mountainrecord/archive/vol-30-1/the-precepts-and-the-environment/>
- **Precepts and Environment**  
Dharma Discourse by John Daido Looi, Roshi  
<http://www.mro.org/zmm/teachings/daido/teisho03.php>
- **Turning Toward Earth Day Video**  
by Eijun Linda Cutts  
<http://sfzc.org/zc/display.asp?catid=1,10&pageid=2225>
- **Talking Trash Video** (first part is a kid’s talk)  
by Eijun Linda Cutts  
<http://sfzc.org/zc/display.asp?catid=1,10&pageid=1929>
- **Responding Elementally to Climate Emergency**  
by Wendy Johnson  
<http://sfzc.org/zc/display.asp?catid=1,10&pageid=2176>