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# Science, Environment, Scripture: Faith and the ‘Problem with Humans’

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**Lunch provided; first come, first served.**

Religion has famously been accused of being the “historical root” of our current ecological crisis, symbolized now powerfully – and for Miamians all-too-presently – in global climate disruption. The theological privileging of the human species above of all others, such as the biblical accounts of Creation have been understood to portray, have indeed promoted human abuse and exploitation of the non-human world. A deeper and arguably more faithful approach to Scripture, however, puts the truly faithful human in a posture of love for and service to non-human creation. Such a stance links faith, science and conservation.

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