The Conceptual Study of Environmental Crisis (A Comparative Study of Religious & Secular Thought)

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One of the leading crises the humanity is severely suffering from today is the issue of environmental crisis. Intellectuals all over the world are engaged in finding out solution to this problem since several decades. What is the specific role that religion can play in formation of environmental ethics for addressing this issue? This is a very significant question of today. The comparative study of religious & secular paradigm on environmental crisis is of immense interest and the same is the focal point of this article.

The conceptual basis of this crisis will also be elaborated in the article. In this context, the works done by John F Hanght, sayyed Hossein Nasr, Lyn White etc. have been cited/analyzed. The conclusion of this article is that the allegation of the Secular Materialistic Theory regarding blaming religion for causing environmental problems is baseless as the whole crisis appeared after emergence of Capitalistic Secular and Materialistic world-view (entitling human being as the sole and absolute owner of their belongings) and its manifestations while the religious world-view emphasizes the concept of "Amanah" of human belongings and his status as a vicegerent in the universe.

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