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## O 48. INTER-RELIGIOUS ADVOCACY IN THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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ABSTRACT: The reality of rapid climatic changes in global scale has made the contributions of environmental science to the future of our 'common homeland' very critical to the survival of human race. However, its contribution is not enough considering the alarming effects of climatic disasters. Hence, multidimensional approach to global environmental crises has been widely accepted among environmentalists as holistic strategy towards 'saving' the earth. Thus, the tasks of religions as regards controlling the degradation of the earth are taken be taken seriously. This work explores the hierocratic functions of religions in promoting veritable discoveries of environmental scientists to their adherents in view creating sustainable environment-friendly consciousness among them. Inter-religious advocacy in the promotion of environmental science is aimed at making the religions 'speak' with one voice with regard to climatic remedies that are in dire need today. The collaborative learning theory will be used as heuristic tool for highlighting how the inter-religious approach to global advocacy in favour the dissemination of progress made in environmental science can aid in the 'healing' of the environment. Descriptive research method will be applied in this work because the hierocratic resources related to the environment from selected sacred texts (Bible, Koran, Torah, Sanskrit) will be collated for global interreligious advocacy towards making the world more habitable.

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