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Review

Dr. Tarik Quadir's present work on environmentalism is perhaps one of the best studies on the subject to have appeared in recent years. Through his thorough exposition of the environmental philosophy of Seyyed Hossein Nasr . . . and his spiritual approach to the contemporary environmental crisis, Dr. Quadir has succeeded in articulating a veritable alternative to mainstream approaches to environmentalism. (Osman Bakar, chair professor and director, Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Centre of Islamic Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam)

Quadir has produced a brilliant work of research far transcending the book's focus on technology, science, and environmentalism. . . . Accompanied by a plethora of notes [from] diverse sources, Quadir offers us a highly nuanced, intricately crafted investigation of the philosophical and ethical thinking underlying the environmentalist issue in modern Islam and the contemporary West. (Leonard Lewisohn, PhD, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter)

[Regarding] the disclosure of the spiritual roots of the environmental crisis, it is no exaggeration to say that Seyyed Hossein Nasr is a visionary: for over half a century, he has been calling out on behalf of Mother Nature, articulating a vision of ecological harmony, and eliciting from many who share that vision a spiritual change of direction, a metanoia. . . . [R]ecommended reading for those wishing to know what they can do, at the deepest level, about the environmental crisis. (Reza Shah-Kazemi, PhD, author of *The Other in the Light of the One and Paths to Transcendence*)

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