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**"Creation, Sin, and Debt: A Response to the Papal Encyclical *Laudato si'*"**

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...the encyclical traces the roots of the ecological crisis to the mind-set of a modern civilization that has equally destructive effects on the lives of the poor and the health of the planet. The encyclical adeptly weaves the new perspective of universal connectedness found in ecological thinking with liberationist concerns for economic justice as well as more traditional Catholic social thinking grounded in the idea of the common good. Together, these three perspectives offer a more explicit and emphatic challenges to the politically dominant paradigms of economic liberalism and neoliberalism than ever before. (From author's text)

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