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**Ecological issues in the context of Orthodox theology and social doctrine
(by the example of Russian Orthodox Church)**

Orthodox Churches are involved in discourse about environmental problems. It's confirmed by the inclusion of environmental issues to the theological studies and the social doctrine that clearly traced on the example of the Russian Orthodox Church. The purpose of the article is analysis of ecotheological position of Russian Orthodox Church, which reveals in theological works and social doctrine, and it is the theoretical basis for the environmental activities of believers. The merit of the Orthodox hierarchs is the elaboration of theoretical theses that suggest a broad

program of environmental education by the Christian ethics and morality. Environmental problems are discussed by orthodox theorists in the context of moral and ethical issues, and therefore the solution of the environmental problems is associated with moral and spiritual renovation and improvement of mankind, which is impossible without faith in God.

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