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Robb's book explores ecological ethics in a theological perspective

SAN ANSELMO, Calif., Jan. 28 – Dr. Carol Robb, Margaret Dollar Professor of Christian Social Ethics at San Francisco Theological Seminary, shines new light on the most complex problems involved in climate change and relates it to the biblical world in her latest book *Wind, Sun, Soil, Spirit: Biblical Ethics and Climate Change* (Fortress, 2010).

How can Christians contribute to the debates about climate change and global warming? What ethical criteria do they bring to the conversation? How does the Bible figure in their deliberation?

Robb brings together the several dimensions of this one overarching issue of our lifetimes: hers is an ecological ethics in theological perspective, and it integrates economic theory, environmental policy, and most distinctively New Testament studies.

Alongside deliberation on scenarios for the future in light of climate change and assessing criteria for ethical policy in this area, she reflects on implications of the New Testament worldview for ethics now. Relating Jesus' life, ministry, and teachings to the resurrection, then probing how Paul and other early followers of Jesus related to the empire, Robb provides a surprisingly fruitful fund of ideas for Christian responsibility in this area.

"This book breaks new ground," said Mary Evelyn Tucker of Yale University and the Forum on Religion and Ecology. "Carol Robb has done a remarkable job of elucidating some of the most complex problems involved in climate change discussion. In addition, she skillfully brings forward a biblical ethics for reflecting on issues of climate justice and equity."

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