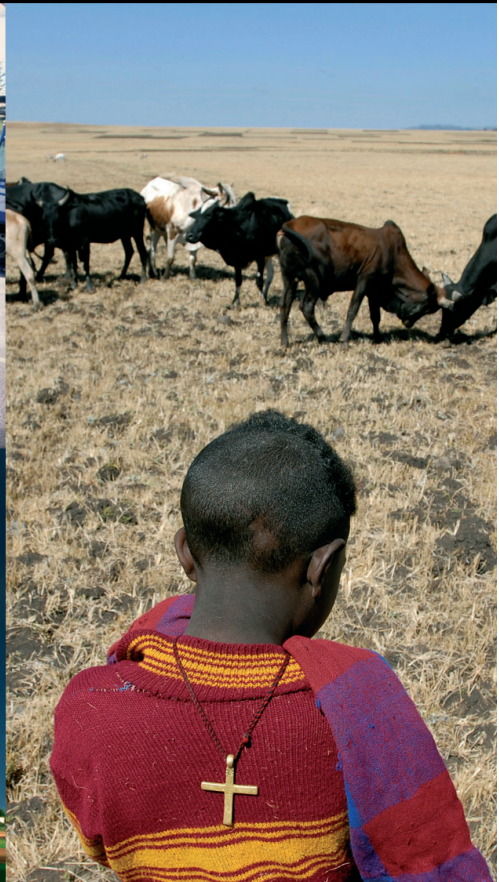




# Christianity, Climate Change and Sustainable Living

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This book represents the first serious Christian engagement with the emerging issue of sustainable consumption and production. Spencer and White analyse the scientific, sociological, economic and theological thinking that makes a Christian response to these trends both imperative and distinctive. Their practical conclusions explore what can be done at the personal, community, national and international levels to make sustainable living a reality. Firmly rooted in the good news of the Christian faith, this is, above all, a constructive and hopeful book that offers a realistic vision of a better future.

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**Sir John Houghton, FRS**, from the Foreword

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