Al-Mizan: A Covenant with the Earth Core Team's Letter to Women



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Honorable Women on World Women's Day,

As we commemorate World Women's Day on March 8th, let us reflect on the profound significance of **Al-Mizan:** A Covenant with the Earth. This key document not only holds academic value but acts as a manifesto for the conservation and care of our world, a legacy for us and our children.

"Al-Mizan" distinguishes itself by acknowledging women's vital role in the environmental sphere. This was made clear when Aishah Ali Abdullah, a key member of "Al-Mizan," presented the work at the UNEP in Nairobi, exemplifying women's pivotal engagement from the outset.

When you read al-Mizan, you would see that it highlights the importance of women's roles in environmental stewardship and the Prophet Muhammad's emphasis on ethical treatment and mutual respect between genders. It also underlines the historical example of inclusive decision-making from early Islamic governance as a model for contemporary environmental consultations, emphasizing the need for diverse contributions to address environmental challenges.

Today, we celebrate the societal contributions of women and their irreplaceable role as life's nurturers and shapers. We acknowledge the direct link between women's welfare, who watch over future generations, and the health of our planet. Environmental degradation and climate change pose significant risks that disproportionately affect the most vulnerable among us, especially women and children, whose resilience is crucial to the Earth's quest for balance and renewal.

Our Earth is under siege from pollution, exploitation, and climate crisis. These threats transcend environmental concerns, affecting our families' and communities' health, safety, and prosperity. Women and children often face the brunt of these challenges, being the most exposed and least shielded. As mothers, daughters, and sisters, our responsibilities extend beyond our homes. We are guardians of the Earth and caretakers of life's fabric. The need for action to preserve the balance of our planet's ecosystems is urgent.

"Al-Mizan" urges us to do this vital duty as an expression of our love for life and justice. It implores us to advocate for sustainable policies and practices, to stand against the degradation of our home, and to preserve the natural heritage for our children. Our actions today will shape the future.

Let this World Women's Day be a day of renewed commitment to environmental responsibility rooted in compassion and determination. This day shall reinforce our dedication to leaving behind a thriving world with pristine air, clean waters, and fertile lands. Inspired by the principles of "Al-Mizan," we pledge to honor our duty to the Earth. As we empower ourselves with wisdom, knowledge, and action, let us enable our communities to join this sacred mission, for our choices today lay the groundwork for the future.

With Respect and Solidarity,

Al-Mizan: A Covenant with the Earth Core Team

P.S.: For more information about Al-Mizan, please visit our Al Mizan website.