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- Read this extract from *Laudato Si'*

"Science and religion, with their distinctive approaches to understanding reality, can enter into an intense dialogue fruitful for both.

Given the complexity of the ecological crisis and its multiple causes, we need to realise that the solutions will not emerge from just one way of interpreting and transforming reality. Respect must also be shown for the various cultural riches of different peoples, their art and poetry, their interior life and spirituality.

If we are truly concerned to develop an ecology capable of remedying the damage we have done, no branch of the sciences and no form of wisdom can be left out, and that includes religion and the language particular to it." (LS, 62-3)

- What is Pope Francis saying here? Summarise his argument in your own words.

- Reflect on the role of your beliefs in responding to climate change

- Is religion important in addressing climate change? Why/why not?