

## The Religion of Green 10-13-13

### I. God's commandments

#### A. Stewardship Genesis 1:28-30

1. God placed man over the creation
2. Man has DOMINION over nature

#### B. Romans 1:18-32

1. Man has a progression of digression
2. This path substitutes the Creation for the Creator
3. Today we see the ideology of environmentalism as such a reversal

### II. The current atmosphere of environmentalism

#### A. What is "Environmentalism" as an ideology

1. Is it an emerging religion?
2. It is both the newest and oldest religion

### III. Environmentalism as a new/old religion

#### A. The Mother Goddess

1. Al Gore, in his book Earth in the Balance, echoes this view:

*"Prehistoric Europe and much of the world was based on the worship of a single earth goddess, who was assumed to be the fount of all life and who radiated harmony among all living things. Much of the evidence for the existence of this primitive religion comes from the many thousands of artifacts uncovered in ceremonial sites. These sites are so widespread that they seem to confirm the notion that a goddess religion was ubiquitous through much of the world until the antecedents of today's religions, most of which still have a distinctly masculine orientation...swept out of India and the Near East, almost obliterating belief in the goddess. The last vestige of organized goddess worship was eliminated by Christianity as late as the fifteenth century in Lithuania."*

2. Gore then quotes deChardin:

*"The fate of mankind, as well as of religion, depends upon the emergence of a new faith in the future.' Armed with such a faith, we might find it possible to resanctify the earth..."*

3. Gore is also fond of quoting an old Native Indian saying

*"Will you teach your children what we have taught our children? That the earth is our Mother. What befalls the earth, befalls all the sons of the earth. This we know - the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth."* <http://green-agenda.com/gaia.html>

#### B. Man as part of the environment rather than master

1. Earth first, man second
2. The natural path of atheists evolutionists
3. As with paganism, it calls for human sacrifices

*"Earlier this year, the London School of Economics published a paper noting that, by breathing, human beings emit on average 2.3 pounds of carbon dioxide every day. The authors claim that the most efficient way to reduce global warming is to make "family planning" even more widely available in the developing world. In population control circles,*

*family planning can mean forced contraception, coercive sterilization, and even coerced abortions.*

*A writer for Canada's Financial Post has been hailed for her candor in calling for a "planetary law, such as China's one-child policy, [as] the only way to reverse the disastrous global birthrate" and "prevent the destruction of the world's other species, vegetation, resources, oceans, arable land, water supplies and atmosphere."*

*Statisticians at Oregon State University have calculated that "the carbon legacy and greenhouse gas impact of an extra child is almost 20 times more important than some of the other environmentally sensitive practices people might employ their entire lives – things like driving a [fuel-efficient] car, recycling, or using energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs." They urge Americans to take into account the global impact of an "extra child," which they calculate to be five times higher than the impact of a child born in China because of Americans' longer life spans and higher standard of living. Compounding the problem in their eyes, the "extra" American child – whom you should think twice about having – is likely to beget more than one future emitter of carbon dioxide (otherwise known as grandchildren)."*

<http://www.lifenews.com/int1418.html>

C. What is wrong here:

1. We CANNOT save the earth 2 Peter 3:7-13
2. Creation's desire is for our redemption Romans 8:19-22
3. Creation is damaged by SIN Genesis 3:17-19
4. We are the masters of creation, not the servants Psalm 8:5-6

III. Conclusion

A. God desires that we be good stewards of the creation

1. Responsible use

B. Environmentalism as an ideology/religion does not seek this, it seeks man to be submissive to nature

Green Religion denies the Creator

Green Religion denies Man's Dominion

Green Religion denies Man's Divinity

Green Religion denies the Judgment Day