

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Given all the references in the media concerning natural disasters, extinction of species and climate change and its effects upon our world I have been wondering what impact the church has had on these issues.

While we may or may not agree with some of the information that confronts us surely there is here a wakeup call, or at least an invitation for us to evaluate our relationship to God's creation.

This implies some questions:

- What contribution does our worldview and theology (positively or negatively) have towards these issues?
- How does our view of God, salvation, and our relationship with creation compare with how much God cares for it?
- Is the planet a means to an end or does it have sufficient value in its own right?
- Do we have a voice concerning these changes in the world?
- Do we have a voice in our community?
- If not why not?
- What changes can we make, economically, socially and spiritually to combat the greed and accumulative western lifestyle that poisons our atmosphere and drains the resources of the world faster than it can provide - at the expense of the poor?
- Are we part of the problem or the solution?

- Is an ecologically sustainable lifestyle an important issue as a Christian?
- If so what changes in our lifestyle need to take place?
- Also, could our relationship with our community be enhanced if we took these issues more seriously?
- From a divine perspective, could we make a unique contribution?
- How could all this be implemented?
- Are there tried and tested models we could follow that in this respect could enable us to connect with our communities with God's Love?

If you are also interested in these issues, I'm wondering if you would like to explore them with me. We could meet regularly, pray and see where God leads us! Just let me know and we could set up a social media group and arrange meetings.

Thanks

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