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“WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTALISM ?” – PART 3

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORLDVIEW

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Introduction to the Text:

Acts 17:28

Acts 17:28 NKJV

for in Him we **live** and **move** and have our **being**,



Live zaɔw **zao**, dzah'-o; to be given life. To receive life. To be quickened.



Move kine÷w **kineo**, kin-eh'-o; to be stirred or aroused or awakened.



Being ejsme÷n **esmen**, es-men'; existence of personality, our individuality,

And the very One that Paul is Introducing them to is **the Great-Creator God of All Things** – The God of the Bible.

The Apostle Paul is Challenging Their Worldview Model.

**THIS WORLDVIEW SERIES IS INTENDED
TO GET YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS BELIEVERS IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
– WE HOLD TO A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW.**

**SO WE APPLY OUR BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW TO EVERY ISSUE
THAT COMES TO US IN OUR DAY TO DAY LIVES.**

“WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTALISM ?”

(I AM NOT SPEAKING OF BEING RESPONSIBLE WITH THE ENVIRONMENT)

Genesis 1:1, 11, 20-21, 25-27

In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. :11 Then **God said**, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth”; and it was so. :20 Then **God said**, “Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.” :21 **So God created** great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And **God saw** that it was good...:25 And **God made** the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*. :26 Then **God said**, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” :27 **So God created** man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 2:15

Then the LORD God took the man and **put him in the garden** of Eden to *(his mission)* **tend** and **keep** it.

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was **very good**.

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Historically - in the collective sense, it is the combination of all the gods of the Babylonian worship system – a vast array of gods and goddesses that control the heavens, the earth – the world and underworld

Earth-gods and **Sea-gods**, **Sun-gods** and **Wind-gods**,
Celestial-gods and **Deities**

**VERY MUCH LIKE WHAT PAUL ENCOUNTERED
IN GREECE 2,000 YEARS AGO**

“WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTALISM ?”

DEVELOPING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

1.) The **Meaning** of Environmentalism

2.) The **Origin** of Environmentalism

3.) The **Cause** of Environmentalism

The Cause of Environmentalism is to **Lessen the Value** of Mankind's Worth
And to **reduce man** to the level of an animal.

They teach that man is an animal but he's the one responsible.
Global warming / trash disposal / the oceans / over population

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4.) The **Fallacy** of Environmentalism

“ We ' re All On Our Own ”

(It leaves out the God Who made it all)

What Does The Data Say?

We looked at that last time

The Facts Are:

God is in control. *He set His laws – the Laws of nature and natures God in motion and His creation will obey His laws of science.*

God knows what He's doing. *If we would just use our heads and develop the resources He has given us then technology would serve us.*

God is about to shake things up: *the Bible warns of a coming time of global judgments that will devastate the earth's current eco-system – the tribulation period. Not to worry – Jesus is Coming to His creation.*

1 Corinthians 2:14-15

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. :15
But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one.

This Issue has been allowed to plague
your students and this generation – the deception is thick and it goes
unchallenged.

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5.) The **Effects** of Environmentalism

- (1) the economic effect upon **the poor** is staggering
- (2) decreased **living standards** and healthcare
- (3) independent freedoms **lost**
- (4) increase in the costs of food
- (5) rise in airborne and insect related **diseases**
- (6) shortening of **life spans** in underdeveloped nations
- (7) increased death rates among the **young and elderly**

In total, a false worship system that has caused untold suffering and poverty worldwide and it's increasing.

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6.) The **Reality** of Environmentalism

The reality of the **secular altar of environmentalism** is that; it's not so secular but is in fact an ancient pagan religion and it's enjoying a revival.

Humanistic Environmentalism Is

The worship of Gaia, The Mother Earth of Greek mythology. Gaia, or **Terra** in the Roman culture is the mother of all. She calls upon her worshippers, her children to gather about her and to guard her for posterity. She needs the protection of her offspring to promote her future.

1 Kings 14:23

For they also built for themselves high places, **sacred** pillars, and wooden images on every high hill and under every green tree.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

??? When Should Indoctrination Begin ???

(It begins the moment a child is born)

**WARNING: an ANIMAL PLANET clip –
you're about to be lied to**

Isaiah 45:18

For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be **inhabited**:

!!! Get People To Believe It – Say It's So !!!

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As Students,

You need to know what your Bible says about the days you're living in and that deception is deception, meaning it's hard to uncover deception so watch out.

Answer with an **asterisk**.

As Parents,

You need to be teaching your children how to analyze and think and judge things in light of God's Word.

As Teachers,

You need to know your rights and liberties and teach what is against your faith in the third person –

Genesis 8:21b-22

Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. :22 **"While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease."**

Let me give you a little bit of **history in advance.**

On this issue of environmentalism, Christianity, logic, reason, science will lose this battle in the short term. – that's right. We will lose this battle in the short term. But in the end, the Biblical reality does win and environmentalism as we know it – will be destroyed when the Creator returns to make good again what man has messed up.

There is a Day coming when... Paradise will be Restored

Isaiah 35:1

The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; :2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.

Amos 9:13-15

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow *with it*. :14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. :15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them,” Says the LORD your God.

Isaiah 27:6

Those who come He shall cause to take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness.

Luke 1:31-33

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. :32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. :33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

So What Does The Future Hold for Environmentalism?

We know from Bible Prophecy that the earth is going to be devastated by wars and massive natural disasters

There is a Day coming when... *Paradise will be Restored*

Romans 8:22-23

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. :23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Let's Wrap This Up

Let's Turn to Job 38

Let's Wrap This Up Toward **The Cross**

The Question Is;

What Does The Future Hold for The Environmentalist?

What about your eternal soul? / The Bible says there is a heaven and hell. The Bible says that Jesus Christ went to the cross and was crucified there for our sins – God who is Holy must have a payment for sins – Jesus Christ was the payment.

Did you know that many people, when they get the news

That they're going to die, will book their last trip to some paradise location in the world. – why ?

They're thinking that it's their last trip – their last chance to experience paradise. It doesn't have to be...

You Need a Ticket to Paradise

John 14:6, John 11:25-26

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.... **John 11:25-26** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **:26** And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus Christ has come to set us free

and living your life for His glory is the most liberating and rewarding, logical, sensible thing to do with your life tonight...

Come Forward for Prayer Tonight

End of Study

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