The 1619 Project

Ecowomanism
African American Women and Earth-Honoring Faiths

Bee Movie

The Solution Revolution
How Business, Government, and Social Enterprises Are Teamming Up to Solve Society's Toughest Problems

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A Divine Duty
Consciousness and Care
Gen 1:28-31
A Theology of Ecology

Our concern and care for creation is rooted in how we understand who God is and what God has given us charge over as stewards. Our stewardship or lack thereof is reflected in our intentional care for and collaboration with creation. Our growing awareness of the intersectionality of these issues (e.g. climate change, access to healthy food, growing lack of clean air and clean water, supreme court appointments, city budgets, the growing footprint of corporations etc..) which are about justice for all but also about our survival as a human race!
The increase in more dangerous hurricanes.
The increase in wildfires and their longevity.
Dwindling Bee population
Polar ice caps melting.

The 2019 wildfire season is the current-running fire season in California. So far, over 4,927 fires have been recorded according to Cal Fire and the US Forest Service, totaling an estimated of 117,586 acres of burned land as of September 8.
According to National Geographic’s map, yes, Florida would be swamped out. We’d lose a lot of coastal cities, but would it really be the end of the world? After all, we’d still retain most of our land masses and we could just move inland… Right? No. Sea ice is important because it’s highly reflective. This means that it reflects excess radiation from the sun back into space and keeps our planet from overheating – not in the little way that it has been, but in a big way. A very dangerous way.

According to the National Snow and Ice Data Center, sea ice reflects 80 percent of the sunlight that hits it, whereas the dark ocean water absorbs 90 percent of the sunlight that shines on it. That is quite a serious trade off. This is also a clear explanation for why the rate of the arctic polar ice caps melting doubled over the past few years. As ocean temperatures increase from this changing dynamic, we could face some very extreme climate change. It will make the past two decades look like a cake walk.
For the entire year -- April 1, 2018, to April 1, 2019 -- the managed bee population decreased by 40.7%, according to the report. The overall loss rate is around the average of what researchers and beekeepers have seen since 2006, McArt said. "Honey bees are one of the most important agricultural commodities in the country," Geoff Williams, an assistant professor of entomology at Auburn University who also serves on the board of directors for the Bee Informed Partnership, told ABC News. Honey bees are essential for the pollination of flowers, fruits and vegetables, and support about $20 billion worth of crop production in the U.S. annually, Matthew Mulica, senior project manager at the Keystone Policy Center, a consulting company that works with the Honey Bee Health Coalition, told ABC News.

Much of the produce seen in grocery stores -- watermelon, apples, peppers, cucumbers -- and nuts are pollinated by millions of European honey bees, or Apis mellifera, that travel across the country and are managed by commercial beekeepers, Mulica said.
What do you think are some of the causes of these growing earth issues?
Robert Moses

For 44 years, from 1924 until 1968, Mr. Moses constructed public works in the city and state costing - in a recent estimate adjusting currency to 1968 value -$27 billion. Mr. Moses built parks, highways, bridges, playgrounds, housing, tunnels, beaches, zoos, civic centers, exhibition halls and the 1964-65 New York World's Fair.
To do so, he held several appointive offices and once occupied 12 positions simultaneously, including that of New York City Parks Commissioner, head of the State Parks Council, head of the State Power Commission and chairman of the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

Robert Caro- Moses Biographer- “His racism—he was the most racist human being I had ever really encountered” “They expect me to build playgrounds for that scum floating up from Puerto Rico.”
“The Cross-Bronx Expressway was clearly designed to link New Jersey to Long Island, New York, communities and to facilitate suburban commutation into New York City. Although he could have modified his route slightly to bypass densely populated working class ethnic residential communities, he elected a path that required the demolition of hundreds of residential and commercial buildings. In addition, throughout the 1960’s and early 1970’s, some 60,000 Bronx homes were razed. Designating these old blue-collar housing units as “slums” Moses Title I Slum Clearance program forced the relocation of 170,000 people.” Rose pg. 31

The newly “relocated” Black and Hispanic residents in the South Bronx were left with few city resources, fragmented leadership, and limited political power.” Rose pg. 32
Dominion vs Domination

“To be masters over something is to have absolute authority and control over it. God has ultimate rule over the earth, and God exercises God’s authority with loving care. When God delegated some of that authority to the human race, God expected us to take responsibility for the environment and the other creatures that share our planet. We must not be careless and wasteful as we fulfill this charge. God was careful in making the earth. We must not be careless about how we take care of it.” Life Application Study Bible Gen 1 Footnotes

An intentional effort to not take on the lens and language of empire.

A willingness to embrace our African identity as people of the earth.
“Henry Mitchell has expressed a contrasting view that comes from Western thought. Mitchell sees the Western world-view as one where humanity being the enemy of all things in the natural world, naturally strives to control and exploit both the environment and fellow human beings. This is to be contrasted with the “sunny” African existence, for despite the hard work required of him, and despite such nuisances as tsetse flies, the African had external as well as internal reason to be less hostile and more trustful of the universe and its Creator.” Asa Hillard The Maroon Within Us pg. 16
A willingness to view the earth and what it produces as a divine gift!
Broaden our perspectives on our relationships with the plant and animal kingdoms. As we are created by the same creator.
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