

Cultural movements that deceive nations

The purpose of which is to establish a counter religious faith to hasten the demise of Christianity in the End Times

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Introduction

There are many modern social, political, scientific and cultural movements that have arisen since the beginning of the 20th century which have all tended towards establishing a counter-Christianity power in the world. Some of these are obvious, such as evolution or Marxism, but some are less evident to most people, such as 'Climate Change'. The truth is that all of them are faiths and are designed to deceive; some have been spectacularly successful in altering government policy, educational axioms and cultural thinking.

They are all based upon lies and the intention is to deceive. As such they are clearly strategies promoted by the devil in order to prosper his plans of world domination through a submitted global government that is in opposition to Christ. Some attempt to do this by political leverage (such as Marxism) while others just dumb-down the people to make them submissive and easier to manipulate. In this paper I propose to mention a few of these to make the point and to urge readers to be more diligent in checking the facts before they submit to a new consensus.

I will deal in a cursory way with some of these since I have treated the subjects fully elsewhere, but give more attention to others that are perhaps less well understood. There are many deceiving movements in the world but only some have radically dominated many nations and deeply affected the thinking of people at large.

Extreme right and left wing politics

Marxism

We need not spend a great deal of time evaluating this system since that has been done to death in many literary works. But it cannot be ignored since it is a political way of thinking that has not only dominated continents but has provoked many protracted wars. Indeed, decades of world history in the 20th century were defined by the Cold War, which was the fraught balance between western capitalist nations and eastern communist states.

Marxism is the root theory of economics and politics behind communism. The root of Marxism was a fundamental opposition to God and an antagonism to the social structures established by God, such as the family, a free market, fair rewards for hard work leading to

personal advancement and so on and the elevation of materialistic humanism. The key mistake it made was to ignore the Biblical teaching on human sinful nature. While positing ideals that have some merit (e.g. a classless society and a state working for the good of all) in reality all communist nations resort to elitism and hegemonic rule that is more despotic than many monarchies and very much worse than even bad democracies.

The heart of Marxism is a materialist conception of history, which led to the idea of the development of economic production being the organisational principle of society. Previous production systems (e.g. feudalism, slavery, capitalism) ultimately led to the organisation of society in social life, religion and philosophy. Being stimulated by evolutionary theory, Marx (and his associates) proposed the next stage of social evolution – communism or a classless society working together with no elite to corporately own production. As feudalism had been followed by capitalism, so capitalism was to be swallowed up by communism. All capitalist societies were viewed simplistically as an exploitative upper class and an impoverished working class. Workers grew ever poorer and the power elite aggrandised more and more capital wealth. While this may have been the case in Tsarist Russia, it was certainly not the case in capitalist societies where working class people had the chance of upward mobility to become affluent.

Marx and Engels hoped that the development of industry (remember the Victorian industrial revolution was then in full swing) would make capitalism obsolete and a revolution of the people would overthrow the elite to establish a socialist society. The effects of this in political and economic areas were later developed by Lenin and others in Russia to create Marxism-Leninist communism; other Marxists were critical of the Russian Revolution.

But the proof of the pudding is in the eating and all the nations that adopted a form of Marxism utterly failed, producing worse power elites than those they destroyed, frequently adopting genocidal policies (Stalin, Pol Pot, Mao). The only possible exception to this is Castro's Cuba; though Cuba is not under as totalitarian a government as that once found in the Soviet Union, it is, however, very poor and degraded. But, excepting Cuba and a few remaining totalitarian states like North Korea, the large scale Marxist projects (e.g. USSR and China) ended up resorting to a free market economic system because that is how life is.

Despite this, Marxist sympathies continue widely, in principle, where people support the original humanist idealism of the early Marx of *Das Kapital*, even though it can never work in practice. Modern examples would be the Hungarian (Slovenian) philosopher Slavoj Žižek (see his recent book *Living in the End Times*) or the master of Balliol College and historian Christopher Hill. Some societies developed a sort of chimerical union between capitalism and a centralised controlling Marxist bureaucracy, such as that of the UK under New Labour – combining the worst of left and right extremes [under Labour the rich got much richer while centralised bureaucracy reached near Stalinist proportions].

Even in a weakened form, such as New Labour, the result of humanist Marxism is always a tendency to attack the institutions established by God. Family life is damaged, regulatory structures run riot, bureaucracy mushrooms, statistics dominate political strategy, one-sided moral viewpoints are legalised, immoral behaviour sanctioned, lying becomes institutionalised, independent thinking diminished, civil liberties eroded and the state gets bigger and bigger until financial collapse beckons. This is a deceit and it is fundamentally designed to damage the interests of God and control the minds of men.

Unbridled Capitalism

The criticism of Marxism/Communism does not imply that all forms of capitalism are therefore acceptable. Indeed, there is much in capitalism that has the tendency to promote selfishness, greed and oppression. While the free market is an economic axiom that must be accepted, the way this is managed requires righteousness. God may have established a free market system by default in the normal function of nations, but he also requires the rules of justice, fairness, decency and provision for the poor. There is never any excuse for exploiting workers and making the quality of life worse for the weakest in society.

The proper working of capitalism is seen in the religious industrialists of the late Victorian society. A good example is the development of the Quaker Cadbury family who quickly exploited the universal delight of chocolate. After building an effective, and yet not unpleasant factory to produce chocolate in a southern suburb of Birmingham (it even has a cricket field and pavilion in front of it) the Cadbury family set about erecting decent quality homes for their workers. These became a template for the later development of garden cities and suburbia. As the Cadbury family made more money, a large proportion was siphoned off in town planning, where cheap and efficient homes (that still stand) were situated in areas dominated by parks, pools, schools, community centres, recreation grounds and trees. Each home had a front and back garden with fruit trees to aid health. Tree-lined streets were punctuated with grass verges and public houses were banned. For these reasons Bournville remains one of the most attractive and sought after areas of Birmingham to this day.

The worst of capitalism is seen in the squalid back-to-back houses of industrialised urban estates, where sickness was rife and life expectancy low. This reveals the problem of capitalism; when dominated by altruistic righteousness the result is socially beneficial, when ruled by a greedy elite the result is social degradation. The worst effects of capitalism are not to be met with Marxism Communism but with reform. If bridled properly, and dominated by altruism, capitalism works well for society and pleases God with its order; however, if dominated by greed capitalism wrecks society, stimulates revolt and displeases God.

The policies of Thatcherite capitalism clearly stimulated greed and caused much social distress, while even the economic benefits were not long-lived. The stimulus for a good capitalist society must not be Monetarism but social order undergirding economic production. Monetarism ignores people and the social impact of its economic strategies damages the social order, but righteous government, working on free market principles, establishes good society.

What then is the best way to govern?

Modern British political history is summarised as a continual pendulum effect; first the left has power then the right. Over time the nation gets fed up with the decisions of one and then the other, but tolerates this continual shift since it works over decades. As one views the long-term, it is clearly dissatisfactory. What then is the answer?

In a word, 'righteousness'. It is righteousness that exalts a nation not a particular political theory (Prov 14:34). There are aspects of the right that are correct (such as small government, free market, stimulation of commercialism) and aspects of the left that are also correct (nationalised utilities, care for the genuine poor, working class representation to prevent feudalism). When one principle is emphasised more than the other there is failure. For example, the free market principle is generally axiomatic; economies work this way. However, regarding the fundamentals of national security, the utilities must be protected, and if necessary subsidised, by the government. Privatising utilities is a recipe

for disaster; just examine the British rail system to see that (which is still being subsidized despite fat cat big bonuses!).

To learn what is righteous we must not look to the various (contradictory) ideas of economists or political theorists; none of these have helped us in history. Indeed, a definition of an economist is someone who can tell you why a nation's finances went wrong after the event but not before. To find out what makes good policy we must go to God's word and discover how to rule under his authority. What God says works.

Now I am not advocating a Christian Parliament, that would be a mistake and it is an impossible wish (note the absolute trashing of Christian parties in the recent election). There were kings in Israel who were said to have done right in the eyes of God and who were yet not saved people (Jehoash, Jehu and Amaziah [there is a possibility Amaziah was saved but imperfect]: 2 Kg 10:29, 30, 12:2, 14:3; 2 Chron 25:2). Kings can do right in the sense of governing according to divine principles, and yet be unrighteous in their personal lives. They may fulfil God's will (like Cyrus) despite doing it for selfish, altruistic or national ends and not from a pure heart submitted to God

Governing a country is a delegated task under God and he expects governments to obey his laws. The more a government defies God and imposes unrighteous laws (i.e. legalising unrighteousness, as so evident in the New Labour years) the more it is judged and committed to stupidity – nothing they plan will work [**'God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear', Rm 11:8**].

A government, even one that is not composed of Christians, can govern relatively successfully if it follows God's law; if it pursues righteousness.

Another point is that the government must follow wise counsel and not wicked advice.

Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness.

Prov 25:5

One of the great problems in modern government is the proliferation of wicked counsellors with vested interest. The prior agendas followed by these men are usually a certain nation's security (say Israel) or the aggrandisement of riches for commercial partnerships. In America, under GW Bush, foreign policies were dominated by two things represented in his Neocon advisors: a) the interests of Israel, and b) gaining huge contracts for corporations, mainly in the defence industry or reconstruction projects. These interests led directly to illegal strategies, such as the invasion of Iraq. This was not only an unrighteous action with no justification, but it also made billions of dollars for corporations associated with the president and his staff, such as Halliburton. [See: 'Advocates of War Now Profit from Iraq's Reconstruction', Walter F. Roche Jr. and Ken Silverste, *Los Angeles Times*, Wednesday 14 July 2004.] This is to say nothing of illegal expenses, such as vanished millions, or overcharging. To note just one case, the US Defence Department auditors determined, in a report withheld from Congress, that Halliburton overcharged by more than \$100 million under its no-bid contract for oil work in Iraq.

The UK fared no better under Tony Blair. Un-elected advisors dominated his thinking and had enormous power over government policy, even determining the road to war without any justification. Alistair Campbell had the audacity to botch up a very distorted dossier to gain Parliamentary support for the war, which led to Parliament believing a lie and making a decision on bad evidence. Many government policies arose from the advice and lobbying of wicked advisors close to the PM which led to the nation hating New Labour and trouncing them in the next election. The National Audit Office statistics (2010) show examples of bad policy, including:

- The number of hospitals and clinics fell by 580 since 1997.
- 2,380 schools have closed since 1997.
- 7,500 Post Offices have closed since 1997.
- 196 libraries have closed since 1997.
- 1,310 public lavatories have shut since 1997.
- 150 swimming pools have closed since 1997.
- There are 276 more lapdancing clubs since 1997.
- There are 1,270 more bookmakers.
- There are 1,060 more supermarkets.
- In 1997 the NHS had 12 hospital beds per manager; now it has four.
- Labour's repeated restructuring of Whitehall departments has cost £1bn in four years, with no discernible benefit to the taxpayer, according to the National Audit Office.
- Since 1997, the number of council staff earning more than £50,000 per annum multiplied nearly 12-fold, from 3,300 to 38,000. 141,000 senior civil servants and quango chiefs earned almost £1bn in expenses in 2009 on government issued credit cards. Writers have claimed that trillions of pounds have been wasted by Quangos. [See: *Squandered*, by David Craig, Constable.]
- Britain became the most spied on nation on Earth; the average person was captured on CCTV more than 300 times a day.

This is to say nothing of the avid promotion of homosexual interests by New Labour. Wicked people with unrighteous agendas will do terrific damage if they are given counselling opportunities in high office.

Evolution

Religion

Before we consider evolutionary theory we must comment on what constitutes science and religion. Religion is a cause, a principle, or an activity pursued with zeal or conscientious devotion; a particular system of faith; a pursuit or interest to which someone ascribes supreme importance; a belief in a controlling power which may or may not include a concept of a personal God. Thus a person may be a religious zealot and yet not worship a particular God. Indeed several major faith systems do not have a single personal God, such as Buddhism, Taoism or Zen while Hinduism has three million gods of various importance.

Science

A dictionary definition of science is 'the observation, identification, description, experimental investigation, and theoretical explanation of phenomena', or 'the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical world through observation and experiment'. Different dictionaries frame this slightly differently but the answer to the question, 'What is science', regards the observation of how things work and establishing laws by repeatable experiments.

Historical science

Historical science is using these same tools of observation but applying them to the past. The first thing to say, then, is that scientists today can only make assumptions on the past based on modern evidence. Evolutionary theory is the proposition of the development of molecules to man based on the premise that mutations and natural selection serve animals to become more complex over billions of years. Evolution of species has never been observed and cannot be proved; it is an educated guess at best. It is thus impossible to

establish scientific certainty about evolution; evolutionists hold their viewpoint by faith in certain assumptions.

Evolutionary theory

The facts relative to this subject are well rehearsed in many books and papers by creationist authors. It is easy to show that the position of most evolutionists is both arrogant and borders on religious frenzy (especially in the case of Richard Dawkins who approaches a near Spanish Inquisition mentality). This is due to the fact that gradual evolutionary change from one species to another by natural processes is only a hypothesis that has never been proved. There is no science undergirding this assumption; that is, there have been no repeatable experiments to demonstrate that the thesis is true, and no tested observations to give absolute evidence for it. Indeed, some of the fundamental assumptions of Darwinistic evolutionary theory, such as beneficial changes by mutation, are demonstrably false. Almost all mutations have negative effects on life-forms and none add information to the genome but diminish its information. Only by adding information to the genome can one life form change into another.

Neither is the earlier evolutionary assumption that life forms change from the very simple to the very complex sustainable. It is now understood (as a result of improved technology) that there is no such thing as a simple life form. The very 'simplest' of single-celled animals demonstrate incredibly complex, well-designed, structures that were formerly unobserved.

Everywhere that careful examination is made of all sorts of creatures, the clear conclusion is that the animal was designed according to an individual specification. It is impossible for lizards with a certain bone structure, vascular structure and breathing system to gradually change into birds with completely different structures, no matter how long the time period; any half-formed link species would die. In any case, not a single fossilised missing link between species has ever been found in the last 150 years, despite the discovery of millions of fossils and, as Darwin himself observed, this would disprove his theory.

Faced with no observable processes to prove evolution and no historical documentary proof that it occurred, the zealous faith by which some scientists states evolution is a fact is a religious statement; not a scientific one. The fanaticism by which Dawkins seeks to squash all creationist publications and provide a continual evolutionary commentary to dominate the media is an example of inquisitorial religious fervour that has even led to criticism by his own scientist colleagues. Evolutionary theory worldview is a religious faith based upon assumptions.

Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion—a full-fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality. . . . Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning, and it is true of evolution still today. [Dr. Michael Ruse, Department of Philosophy at the University of Guelph in Ontario; Saving Darwinism from the Darwinians," *National Post*, May 13, 2000, p. B-3.]

But this faith is hopeless and ill-conceived. Evolutionists are to be pitied since their religion is,

There are no gods, no purposes, no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That's the end for me. There is no ultimate foundation for ethics, no ultimate meaning to life, and no free will for humans, either. [William B Provine, *Origins Research* 16, no. 1 (1994): 9.]

This is a poor foundation on which to build a moral existence. The chief attraction of evolutionary theory is that it posits no God and therefore no judge to whom one is accountable for sin. Other than this the proposition of a meaningless disordered life with no purpose and no beauty ending in disorder and heat death has no attraction at all. What it does do is to focus the purpose of life as based on mindless selfishness.

We could say much more on this, from the overt propagandising and control of the media and education, to the multiple frauds which sought to offer proof for evolution. [See my paper, *'Confronting Evolutionary Theory'*.] But what is the point?

The point is that schools, colleges and universities have been hijacked by evolutionist thinking over the last 100 years so that most academics consider evolutionary theory to be an established fact and teach children this lie. All forms of the media, especially the BBC natural history programmes, have parroted it so much that a universal consensus was formed in society. The default position of most people is that Darwinian evolutionary theory is a scientific fact. Yet evolution is not based on good science, or even decent observation, and the growing number of discrepancies discovered have led to increasing numbers of real scientists abandoning Darwinian theory. Some have proposed other forms of evolutionary theory (e.g. 'Punctuated Equilibrianism') while others just remain open-minded.

The evil social effects of evolutionary theory have utterly permeated society. Fundamental to it is the idea of the 'survival of the fittest', which is used to excuse all sorts of moral laxity. Evolution leads to the very opposite of good society, which should always be where the weakest and most vulnerable people are cherished. Where evolutionary theory has flourished there has often been a resultant racism where certain racial stereotypes are considered sub-human and are then discriminated against. A list of the bad effects of evolutionism would occupy a whole book (and has done), but the simple fact that it led directly to the false science of eugenics, which helped support Hitler's genocidal programmes, is evidence enough. The adoption of evolutionary ideas has had terrible effects on society, not least that it directly attacks Christianity and the idea of a creator God. Whether it be the dehumanising of people by positing their evolution from simple primates or the mind-control established by evolutionary propaganda, evolution is a deceit that directly confronts God, reduces man to brute animal status and gives credence to oppressive polices. It is a false religion.

'Global Warming' or 'Climate Change'

The Green movement, which champions human-caused global warming, is a religion! It flows out of the general environmental movement, which is a religion and a left-wing cause. Why is the modern climate change theory a religion? Because it is not scientific in any way; it is not based on factual evidence and it promotes blind passionate, even self-sacrificial, actions by its proponents.

Global Warming (meaning human-caused global warming) as a term for this movement was dropped in February 2005 because the facts made it an embarrassing title.¹ The facts were that for the last decade the 'average' (if there is such a thing) global temperature declined. The nightmare scenario of a world getting hotter and hotter until much of the

¹ 'Climate Change' was adopted instead, though it had appeared earlier, by the 'Avoiding Dangerous Climate Change' meeting in Exeter sponsored by the UK Meteorological Office's Hadley Centre and several green NGOs.

globe becomes arid and civilisation crumbles is clearly not an imminent likelihood. Indeed, there is a growing amount of evidence that the world is approaching a mini ice-age.

None of this is surprising to scientific thinking climatologists because the earth has gone through many cycles of getting hotter and then colder since it was created. Some of these are recorded in human history (such as the Medieval Warm Period and the Roman period, much hotter than today) but hard evidence is found in the fossil record (such as tropical plant life found in Iceland, Greenland and Antarctica).² However, the best evidence is measurable in the ice-core samples taken from deep sea drilling, and ice-core samples from Antarctica, Iceland and other places, which provide incontrovertible proof that global warming and then cooling is normal, is not caused by carbon dioxide and therefore not by humans. Indeed carbon dioxide is only a minor greenhouse gas and its build up in history has always followed a period of warming; it did not provoke it.

Now the climate change enthusiasts managed to hoodwink the world by media manipulation, deceit, exaggerated or false evidence and gaining the support of politicians. As a result billions of taxes have been raised and many changes made to social responsibility sanctioned by law (e.g. recycle bins, which generate greater CO₂ emissions overall). At a time of recession when economic growth needs to be stimulated, damaging restrictions have been placed upon people affecting their finances and mobility based upon false science. Some countries, such as Africa, have had their economic development hindered and poverty increased by climate change polices impose on them.

Shocking and unacceptable, however, is the denigration faced by those who try to bring some sanity to the argument by explaining the actual scientific facts. Universally they are castigated, slandered and mocked. If the global warming cause were true, there would be no need for such scurrilous behaviour. What is scandalous is that extremely eminent climatologists have been lampooned and derided when they are far more qualified and experienced experts in this field than those who attack them. A consensus was formed by second rate scientists who managed to garner political support, mainly through the UN, and manipulate the media which always seeks a gigantic scare story to sell newspapers. With financial backing, the movement rolled along producing such emotive and senseless films as the one made by Al Gore, which is so full of false information and exaggeration that the UK High Court attached a warning to it drawing attention to nine specific errors. Yet most people knew nothing of this and saw the film in droves. A counter-position documentary aired on Channel 4 was attacked and removed from circulation with all the tactics of a witch-hunt.

These are evidences of a consensus religion seeking to become the axiomatic global norm and ruthlessly persecuting any who disagree with the false orthodoxy. The level of blind faith and self-deceit in this is almost Medieval.

² The Medieval warm period was one of great prosperity, enabling the building of great cathedrals. The Romans were able to grow grapes in York. Fig trees (a tropical plant) once grew on the Isle of Wight. Parrots (*Mopsitta tanta*) once thrived in Denmark. A 27-year warming and cooling cycle has been observed in ice-core samples by Prof. Don Easterbrook. He said, '*Global warming (i.e. the warming since 1977) is over. The minute increase of anthropogenic (man made) CO₂ in the atmosphere (0.008%) was not the cause of the warming-it was a continuation of natural cycles that occurred over the past 500 years.*' DNA samples found in Greenland's ice-core samples show the presence of many trees (alders, spruce, pine and yew) plus much insect life where the land is today covered in 2 km of ice. Vikings settled Greenland because it was green and good for farming. We could supply much more evidence.

Certain facts

- *Fraudulent formal statements.* The UN's IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) allowed a single activist scientist (Ben Santer) to re-write parts of the key chapter 8 of its second assessment report changing previous wording that had been agreed amongst the other scientific authors. This was to make it agree with a previous politically contrived statement that human generated climate change was proved. This was opposite to the conclusion drawn in the original chapter 8 text. The IPCC pronouncements, therefore, cannot be trusted and do not represent majority scientific views but rather follow a politically generated strategy to create social panic.
- *Restricted data.* The IPCC concentrates its analysis of climate change on only the last 150 years of instrumental records in order to promote its hypothesis that human greenhouse gas emissions are causing dangerous global warming. It has ignored the geological context of this short period. In the geological context there is no evidence that late 20th century temperatures increases were unusually rapid or high. The greenhouse hypothesis fails. No human-caused greenhouse signal has been measured or identified, despite the waste of billions of dollars to find it. Global temperature peaked in 1998 and has been declining ever since, despite increases in CO₂ emissions.
- *Refusal to face facts.* Recognition of the post-1998 cooling has been resisted by climate change fanatics since it became self-evident in 2006. Mainstream journals, such as *Geophysical Research Letters*, acknowledge this cooling; '*Doubts on the science of human-induced climate change have been cast by recent cooling. Noteworthy has been a decade-long decline (1998-2007) in globally averaged temperatures.*' [Judith Perlwitz, et. al. GRL 36, L23706]
- *Restricted disciplines.* The scientific campaign for global warming was mostly driven by scientists in the meteorological and computer-modelling group; these people are interested in weather processes over short time periods. It is generally not advocated by geological scientists (those who actually study climate history). So the people who cannot even tell us what the weather will be in two weeks time have driven the global warming scare, but most of the actual scientists who deal with global climate throughout history do not agree with it.
- *Useless computer simulations.* The computer models are hopeless. Not only are they based upon false assumptions but when tested they fail. Yet these have driven the consensus that human caused global warming is real. The IPCC computer models are based on basic mathematical equations derived from physical laws; but many parts of the climate (e.g. cloud processes) are not understood and guesswork is used for them. Consequently these models have not made successful climate predictions. – none were able to forecast the actual temperature statistics between 1990 and 2006. They also predicted that greenhouse warming trends should increase with altitude but actual observations show the opposite. This is not science. In fact these same models can predict billions of future alternative simulated scenarios but the IPCC has chosen a selected few for a political purpose. Computer models are, therefore, unsuitable for formulating policy and are inappropriate for social planning because they are inaccurate forecasts of future climate.
- *Promotion of lies.* Some statements by global warming enthusiasts based in the inaccurate IPCC models are, ipso facto, lies. For instance, '*The case for climate change, from a scientific point of view, has been made.*' *We're persuaded of the need for action.*' [Martin Perry, Nature magazine, quoted in Carter, *Climate: The Counter Consensus*, p32.]
- *Normal climate cycles.* Over time long time periods average global temperature is not static but fluctuates in cycles. Between 1965 –1998 the instrumental record suggests that global temperature increased by a only few tenths of a degree, but this cannot be shown to have a human cause.

- *The use of selected evidence since average global temperature hard to establish.* There is argument over the accuracy of ‘average’ global temperatures since there is no physical existence of such a thing. Data has to be selected and collated and statistically manipulated. Different people use this process in different ways. Real changes to climate are not imposed by global averages anyway but are driven by local conditions and the sun cycles.

Quotes

- *The current public ‘debate’ on climate is not so much a debate as it is an incessant and shrill campaign to scare the global citizenry into accepting dramatic changes in their way of life in pursuit of the god of preventing a dangerous global warming. Furthermore, this debate is persistently misrepresented by the media.* [Robert M Carter, *Climate: The Counter Consensus*, p22.]
- *The science reality in 2009 was that the IPCC’s hypothesis of dangerous, human-caused global warming had been repeatedly tested and failed. In contrast ... the global climate changes that we observe today are natural in origin.* [Robert M Carter, *Climate: The Counter Consensus*, p30.]
- *To simply assert, as many do, that global warming is going to take place and that its impact is everywhere going to be negative is to make neither a scientifically based nor a sensible statement. Rather, it is a statement of devotion to the green religion that has been aptly called eco-salvation.* [Robert M Carter, *Climate: The Counter Consensus*, p37.]

I acknowledge a debt to the work of Robert Carter in this section and recommend his book. Carter is a professor with 40 years of research and study into historic climate, having served at Cambridge University, Otago University, the University of Adelaide and James Cook University, Queensland. He has advised national governments, global organisations and international panels and is an honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand. He is one of the most qualified people in the world to talk about this matter. Two more detailed papers on Climate Change (one concise, one more full) can be obtained from the author of this paper.

Environmentalism, Gaia theory, Green Movement

Decline of institutional western religions

After the 1960s the attraction of institutional religion for teenagers and young people began to seriously dwindle. Though this was initially stemmed for a while by the Charismatic Movement in evangelical circles, in general the situation in the UK is that paganism is growing and Christianity diminishing. Many young people initially opted for eastern religions, particularly eastern cults (such as Rajneesh’s cult or Mahara Ji’s Divine Light Mission, now discredited and reformed as ‘Elan Vital’) but over time this faded. Instead, the majority began to be attracted to the various New Age cults that sprang up, and from this a large proportion went into witchcraft, which became mainstream after the 1950s change in the law. Later, many feminists joined the witchcraft movement, especially in America, due to the feminising of Wicca cults.

Religion and Socialism replaced by Green³ activism

However, a great number of initially religious people began to distrust any form of religion, even New Age forms, and these began to be more and more attracted to commitment to ‘Green’ issues. This also affected politically minded people; gradually, as left-wing young people became disaffected with the Socialists, now compromised in power, many committed themselves to environmentalism, which became the new zealous left wing. The passion and zeal that in former centuries may have been devoted to church was now centred upon the planet, and the hope of saving it. In its turn this notion fragmented into

³ ‘Green’ here is used in the sense of ‘ecologically friendly political zeal’.

myriad forms, only united under the general heading of 'Environmentalism'. A cultic extreme form is found in the Gaia Movement, which is principally a religion in its own right. This is basically a mixture of Green zeal with New Age religion centred upon goddess worship (Gaia, or Gaea, Ge, the Earth mother goddess, based on Greek mythology). However, most Greens are people founded upon practical ecological issues and changing society to fit their expectations.

Precursors of environmentalism

The movement can be traced back to Wordsworth and Goethe in principal, but it is the nature worshippers of the 19th century who really shaped it, such as Ralph W Emerson, John Muir and HD Thoreau. Various theological and ethical beliefs assisted these people, Hinduism, Native American Indian notions, Greek mythology, and so on, but pantheism was the bedrock belief. Some of these men rose to significant political influence and began to focus the US government on preservation of large tracts of land rather than wise conservation, which included its utilitarian benefits as well.

In the 60s there was a new development. In 1965 James Lovelock began to flesh out the Gaia hypothesis, which is that the Earth is a living organism. Everything on the earth is regarded as a single living entity. It consisted of the biosphere (where living things exist), the biota (the collection of living organisms, rocks, air and oceans) then the atmosphere, which encloses it. It is a comprehensive, interconnected interdependent being, which he called Gaia, the earth goddess. For Lovelock, the Earth is alive, with no distinction between living and non-living matter; no separation between organisms and their environment; a product of evolution. There is no overseeing God, not even a Deist one; no greater purpose for the Earth; no divine plan involving mankind; and not even a necessity for purposeful life – this just emerged from Gaia by natural evolutionary processes.

Lovelock was dominated by mysticism and not science. He was a worshipper of Gaia, despite claiming to be a positive agnostic. As Gaia was just a part of the universe, his ideas also had traces of Hinduism's karma (cause and effect in nature) and atman (universal soul). He believed that the idea of an omnipotent personal God was a late development in human thought, more modern than nature worship. He also identified Mary, the mother of Jesus, with Gaia; a way of worshipping the goddess in different terms. Lovelock is united to the environmentalists but criticised their focus upon survival rather than the threat to Gaia herself. To both, the greatest threat to Gaia, or the earth, is man and his activities.

There is no accredited science underlying Lovelock's theories about how systems interact, but modern environmentalists, such as Jonathan Porritt, accept it as a basis for calling for action on environmental matters. As Otter Zell claimed, who also promoted a form of the Gaia hypothesis before Lovelock, environmentalists are Neo-Pagans, '*implying an eclectic reconstruction of ancient nature religions*' [*Eco-logic*, March-April, 1996, p19].

Zell commended Al Gore's book ('*Earth in the Balance*') as being in line with his vision. Despite making some statements that sound acceptable to his Baptist forbears, Gore rejects Christianity as a religion to motivate people to deal with the environment and instead calls for attention to Native American shamanism,⁴ Islam, Hinduism and Baha'i.

⁴ In fact there is a great deal of romanticism in Green thinking about Native American tribes. Ecologist William M Donovan, having studied this area, claims that by 1492 they caused more environmental devastation than the European culture which followed them. Forests were turned into grasslands and fields. The Mayan and Post-Mayan cultures cause massive erosion according to archaeologist Sarah O'Hara of Sheffield University, who calls the idea of these indigenous people living in harmony with the environment a 'myth'. Grasslands were fired to spook buffalo herds over cliffs and they even hunted the wild horse to extinction for food before the white man arrived with Spanish horses. They were not at peace with each

[*Earth in the Balance*, p11.] After criticising churches for failing to see the importance of the environment, he calls on believers to open their minds to teaching in other faiths, seeking a pantheistic, 'pan-religious perspective' and particularly quoting Chief Seattle (Native American leader of the Suquamish tribe) which in fact were the words of a film scriptwriter called Ted Perry. He even quotes a prayer of the Onondaga tribe from New York State, as well as Hindus and Sikhs, endorsing the mother goddess worship, which supposedly preceded Biblical revelation. The *World News Daily* [July 1999] said that Al Gore was the point man in the campaign to kill American churches. Gore also has no qualms in telling lies or using fraudulent information to make his point, as demonstrated in his climate change film.

This environmental focus on Earth goddess worship is in tandem with a wider movement within witchcraft cults (e.g. Wicca) to restore ancient goddess worship. The growth in witchcraft has widened to embrace numerous feminists. Many who were attracted by feminism found themselves in time seduced into goddess worship and witchcraft; there has even been a large number of nuns convert to witchcraft via this deception. Claims of environmentalists that earth goddess worship is more ancient than Christianity are false. Goddess worship (of the moon goddess in fact, consort of the sun god) origins lie in the false worship developed by Nimrod in ancient Sumeria (Babel, thence Babylon). This was in direct opposition to the God of the first patriarchs (Adam, Enoch etc.) and the God of Noah. The Gospel promise to Adam (Gen 3:15), the teaching of Enoch, and the Covenant with Noah and nature after the flood all preceded any form of ancient goddess worship and prefigured the Gospel brought by Christ, the fulfilment of the promises made to these people. Goddess worship was rebellion to the moral law of God already revealed to man for many centuries.

We could deal with more aspects of the development of the Green Movement and Gaia, and the premises of its advocates, but enough has been stated for this short paper. But what is the nature of its danger to Christians and society in general?

Features of environmentalism

A chief feature of zealous environmentalists is hostility towards Christianity. This is evidenced in:

- *A heretical view of God:* The Green Movement is pantheistic; that is, God is identified with nature not as a personal Supreme Being above nature. It is nature that is worshipped, not God.
- *An unbiblical view of man:* Greens advocate that the moral community is extended to include non-human life-forms. An example of this is granting legal rights to Orangutans. The argument for this began with Aldo Leopold's 'Land Ethic' concept in his 1949 '*Sand County Almanac*' proposing that man is just another mere animal (shades of evolutionary theory). This concept is today termed 'biocentrism' (see later).
- *A reliance upon evolutionary theory:* the notion of the unity of all animals and nature leads to the proposition of equal legal rights to all creatures with no distinction given to man, on the one hand, and the devaluing of human life on the other. This has led to ...
- *Restriction of development:* Green policies are causing great damage to human societies, especially in the Third, or developing, World. The enforcement of economic and development restrictions in countries in Africa (based on climate change worries) ensures the continuation of poverty, poor sanitation and smoke-filled huts causing sickness. Even more modern countries like India and China, are targets for economic restriction to prevent them getting the benefits already enjoyed by western societies.

other; inter-tribal warfare and raiding was universal. The Iroquois massacred the entire Huron population and were themselves destroyed in their attempt to invade the Algonquin.

Why should the Green ideas of affluent Americans and Brits ensure that poor people in China never get electricity?

- *Unity with the occult*: Al Gore is typical of environmental spokesmen who focus attention on false religions and shamanism, seeking to create a pantheistic and monistic (all things are one) worldview. Willis Harman, (Director for the study of Social Policy at Stanford Research Centre), in addressing the elite of the environmental movement in 1983, urged them to learn from the world's shamans (i.e. witchdoctors); other writers have equally championed shamanism. It is not uncommon for environmentalist writers to encourage the use of Buddhist meditation, Hopi rituals, visualisation and autosuggestion (all occult practices) as a means of establishing contact with the Earth as a living entity [e.g. *Well Body, Well Earth*, Samuels & Bennett, Sierra Club, p68-69, 73].
- *Connection to Theosophy*: We cannot outline the teachings and history of Theosophy here, suffice to say that it is a mystical, occult religion, founded by Helen Blavatsky, based upon the sayings of demonic entities or Ascended Masters - such as one called Djwal Khul passed clairvoyantly through Alice Bailey. Annie Besant continued to develop Theosophy in Europe while Bailey seceded to form the Lucifer Trust in the US in 1922, now called the Lucis Trust to be more acceptable. Key people involved with the Green elite and the UN have been openly in favour of Theosophy, Robert Muller's schools used Theosophical material and Donald Keys (co founder with Muller of Planetary Citizens) dedicated a book to Djwal Khul. The Rio Summit invoked the Great Invocation of Theosophy – the repeated recital of which is supposed to bring men to divinity. The intention of the Ascended Masters is to create a global single religion and kingdom of God with men becoming spiritual entities through gradual evolution and reincarnation. The UN is a partner in this, indeed Theosophy is an accredited UN NGO (Non Governmental Organisation) and many wealthy American men with political clout became Theosophists. Environmentalists seek to unify the world in commitment to Green issues based upon political enforcement and acceptance of a new religion. Theosophy is a means to that end. Like Theosophy, the environmental religion hates monotheistic faiths which separate God from nature (Christianity, Islam, Judaism). Bailey was a precursor of New Age cults and called for a New World Order early in the 20th century.
- *Foundation upon Satan's lie*: THE lie of the devil is that man can be as God, this was the basis of the temptation of Adam and it undergirds all false religion and mysticism. Environmentalists affirm this over and over, *'Nature is, in fact, us. The world is Our Body ... Mother Earth is not passive. To align oneself with her energies is to liberate The godhead within you to be lifted to a higher state of being.'* [Bob Hunter, founder of Greenpeace, *Greenpeace Chronicles*, 18 August, 1979, p3.] This statement is pure mysticism, which is typical of those found in the Green movement.
- *Affirmation of a matriarchal society*: it is frequently claimed (falsely) that a matriarchal, organic, agricultural society nurtured the ancient world until overthrown by a patriarchal, organised, political society, which exploited the Earth. Consequently there is an inherent feminism in Green thinking.
- *An overt attack on Christianity*: The modern ecological crisis is blamed upon Christianity. It was seen as focused upon man and the exploitation of nature, whereas paganism is believed to be one with nature. *'We [must] find a new religion ... We shall continue to have a worsening ecological crisis until we reject the Christian axiom.'* [Lynn White, 'The Historical Roots of our Ecological Crisis', *Science*, Vol 155, p1201-1207.] Greens cannot accept the Christian God because they see themselves as god with a Hinduistic or animistic view of union with the universe.
- *Biodiversity and biocentrism*: Biodiversity refers to the wide variety of life forms on Earth and biocentrism, in practice, is the actions taken to preserve and enhance this

biodiversity. However, biocentrism, as a religion, is a pantheistic and monist neo-paganism based upon hostility towards the Biblical teaching that God is separate and above the universe he created.⁵ ‘Conservation biology’ and the concept of small ecosystems have become part of this programme, despite having no scientific support for the fundamental assumptions regarding a ‘web of life’. In fact ecosystems have no boundaries which enable singular study; all ecosystems are connected in the one ecosystem of the Earth. Yet the unproved conclusions of conservation biology have led to great damage to human populations; landowners lose land and workers lose their jobs in preference for another species (see footnote on Spotted owls). Biodiversity takes precedence over human welfare after law and policy was changed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 with the authority of the UN. Unproved principles of biocentrism are already causing restrictive laws and upheavals to local economies and communities. Some people falling foul of biocentrism have been imprisoned on longer sentences than murderers. The US now has 200,000 environmental regulations. Whole tracts of land in the US are being taken over to become wild and ripped from the hands of landowners; in fact the ‘Wildlands Project’ seeks to turn more than 50% of the US to wilderness areas where human activity is banned.⁶ Many environmentalists want nothing less than the demise of western civilisation and the ruining of world economics. To achieve this they are seeking to assert the authority of the UN over that of sovereign nations. [See Maurice Strong’s speech at the Rio Summit, *Eco-logic*, Nov-Dec 1995, p4-5.]

- *Overruling of democracy*: Environmentalists, like Maurice Strong, want to see the establishment of local bio-regional councils (Green Advocacy Groups) become a new mechanism of governance. These will develop rules for controlling resources, education, monitoring and oversight over which national government has no power. These groups will be led by elite environmentalists who are un-elected. The timescale for completing this international system was set for 2012.
- *Lack of concern for human affairs*: some environmentalists, based on flawed assumptions about global population, are suggesting enforced abortions, infanticide and restricting child-bearing (such as Paul Ehrlich). In 1994 Jacques Cousteau called for the elimination of 350,000 people per day. [*Eco-logic*, ‘The rise of global green religion’, p19.]
- *Socialism or worse*: Green leaders’ plans for a unified world government implementing their policies does not have a place for democracy. Indeed, it proposes a form of feudalism with working peasants and baron leaders. The environmental elite forms a ruling class over an underclass with all wealth and resources being distributed globally. They have even had the audacity to say that their system will be like the Indian Hindu caste system – the rich get richer and the poor get poorer [W I Thompson, of the Lindisfarne Assoc., Spring 1991, quoted in Coffman, *Saviours of the Earth*, p218].
- *A despising of science*: William Irwin Thompson of the Lindisfarne Assoc. stated that science fact is really a disguised form of science fiction. Since western industrial civilisation and enlightenment are the cause of the ecological problem, so the science that undergirds it is castigated and a return to nature worship demanded. The declining

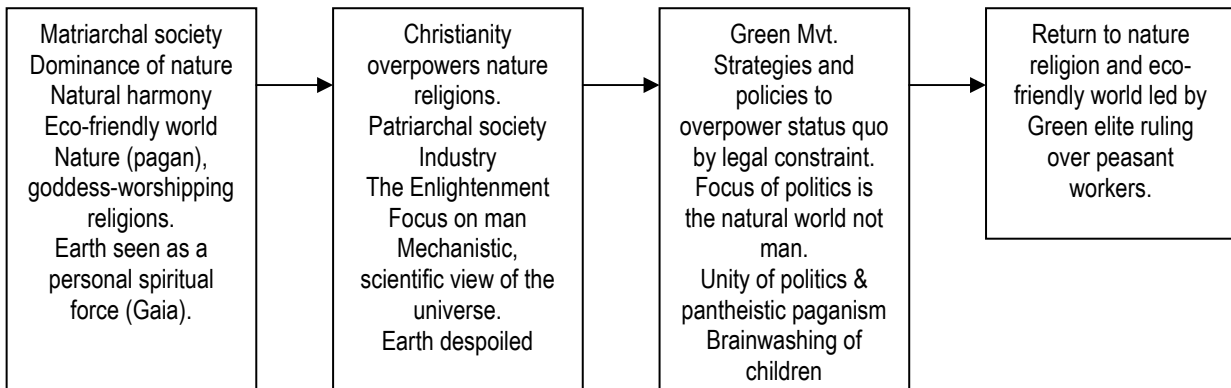
⁵ It should be noted that despite the Green focus on the evils of man, 95% of all species that ever existed became extinct naturally, often due to cyclic changes in climate (e.g. dinosaurs after the flood and resultant ice age). Often Green policies, for reasons other than preservation, secure special rights to animals that are not endangered, such as Spotted owls. These policies cause damage, such as loss of jobs, e.g. to loggers whose jobs were prohibited to preserve the Spotted owls which are not in danger.

⁶ In fact the principles of conservation biology are not only bereft of scientific evidence, but actual cases show that preservation can lead to great damage, if done unwisely. When western US rangelands were protected from overgrazing, the protected ecosystems initially increased in numbers and health, but this was followed by a decline in species complexity and health until the protected systems were poorer than other overgrazed lands. In some cases the protected ecosystems turned into deserts.

interest in science forms part of the Post-Modern dissatisfaction with an industrial society.

- *Deep ecologists*: So called ‘deep ecology’ ignores scientific data and gives man no place in biocentrism, considering him the chief problem. Shallow ecologists seek a new enlightened man who will co-operate with nature. Deep ecologists (such as Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Earth First) want to ‘wage war’ to pursue their aims.

Summary of environmentalism’s world view and proposal



Promotion of policies

As in other errors, such as climate change, it was the UN which led to the widespread promotion of environmentalism as a religious force. Examples would be the UN Earth Charter and the UN Conference on Environment in Rio in June 1992. This Earth Summit was attended by representatives from 178 nations to work out measures to implement Green policies. The essential position is that the industrialised world is undermining nature and to continue would mean the end of civilisation. It seeks to change this by sustainable development through fundamental changes in economics and international relations.

All Christians accept the fact that man has stewardship of the Earth and must be sensitive to human development so that the balance of nature is not ruined. Therefore the environmentalist concepts of biocentrism (acting to preserve biodiversity – the variety of living creatures) and sustainable development are merely another way of stating God’s mandate to man. But biocentrism as a religion is to be shunned.

Sensible policies, such as genuine recycling (which does not happen now, but used to⁷), are to be applauded; but the false strategies being proposed universally today are deceptions forming part of the general pantheistic movement of the Greens. What happens is that a false proposal is floated, false science is garnered to support this proposal, massive government propaganda is fed to the public regarding it and then vested interests make a great deal of money from implementing the proposal. The Green Movement is often

⁷ For instance, in the 50s and 60s all bottles were re-captured, cleaned and re-used. Bottles of ‘pop’ were taken back to the shop for the reward of 3d (3 pence or about 1p in decimal money, but 3d had more buying power than 1p today). All milk bottles were collected after use and re-used with no additional transport being involved in the collection. Cleaning old bottles and using them again is genuine recycling. Collected multiple bottles of varying colours, making new recycling vans, using petrol to transport broken glass back and forth, collating the glass types, crushing them, smelting them and reshaping them, uses far more carbon dioxide than just making new glass from plentiful sources. Genuine recycling occurred in the past, false recycling occurs now and is big business.

hijacked by entrepreneurs who use it as a commercial springboard; projects are initiated and foisted upon the non-consulted electorate that are not sensible but make money.

An example of environmentalist bad strategies: Wind turbines

An example of a Green issue that is held by faith as axiomatic, but is really useless and expensive, is the beneficial use of wind turbines. As in other cases, this is not supported by science but the population was fed lying propaganda. The truth about wind turbines is as follows:

- The intermittent nature of wind power cannot generate a sustained output, which is generally a quarter of what the wind farm companies claim. The 2,400 turbines in Britain at the moment only provide 1.3% of our national needs, less than the output of even one medium conventional power station.
- They cannot generate enough power to significantly reduce CO₂ to any meaningful degree. Savings in CO₂ claimed by turbine developers are greatly exaggerated. One gas-fired power station, compared to coal-fired one, saves more CO₂ than all the turbines in England added together.
- Wind farm turbines cost twice as much to provide energy as normal power stations. The only reason for developers to build them is the large government subsidy granted, often 100% of costs. This is gained through customer electricity bills.
- Coal fired and gas generated power back up plants are required.
- There are ecological drawbacks – considerable damage to plant and bird life and other wild life. There is substantial documented evidence of damage to birds, bats and peat bogs.
- There is the assault on natural beauty of the land by multiple turbines up to 600ft tall, higher than the spire of Salisbury Cathedral (the largest in Britain).
- There is now evidence that the droning sounds and ‘flicker’ causes damage to the health of residents nearby.
- Wind power is being excessively financed by taxpayers without their consent, despite the industry not being cost inefficient.
- Denmark had more wind turbines than any other EU nation but is now cutting back on their use. They did not produce much electricity and what they did produce was the most expensive in Europe.
- Turbines pose a major radar problem. They appear as aircraft on radar screens and compromise both military and civil air traffic control. Military aeronautical firms are working on stealth technology to overcome this. Even if successful the cost of replacing all turbine blades is astronomical and every subsequent turbine will cost far more to be radar friendly – at taxpayers expense. This must put them beyond any practical use at all.

Wind turbines are not free, clean or Green but a few (foreign) companies have made a great deal of money out of them from public funds. Strategies that could be Green and useful include wave-power, harnessing river flow and fluctuations or hydro-electricity. Why is it that none of these are being promoted? Is it not that there are few profits to be made and expensive initial capital costs?

Examples of dangerous results of environmentalism and its strategies

In 1997 the State of Colorado classified the nurture of children in the Biblical faith as child abuse. Politically incorrect child-rearing is considered a threat to the planet, ‘emotional abuse’ and a ‘substantial risk’; social services were given the power to prosecute parents. This sanction arose from senior environmentalist leaders. [‘The UN Plan for Your Mental Health’, Berit Kjos, *Eco-logic*, journal of the Environmental Conservation Organisation, Tennessee, summer 1999,

p10 & July-Aug 1996, p25.] There are already polices in place, and some aspects of hate crime laws, which ensure the brainwashing of children in the US to ensure future compliance with environmental policies. Children are encouraged to hate their parents, to inform on hate crimes committed at home and children who refuse to conform would be considered as mentally handicapped. The teaching of churches was specifically stated to be damaging. [Berit Kjos, *Eco-logic*, Summer 1999, p10 & <http://www.crossroad>] This is straight out of Orwell's 1984. Beware, environmentalists want to control the bringing up of your child; wrong upbringing is considered a major threat to the world!

A man owned a piece of land littered with debris, He cleaned this up, covered it with soil and planted grass on it. For this defilement of the environment he was given a three-year jail sentence. [P Robertson, *The New World Order*, Word Pub. (1991) p210.]

In Florida a man called Ocie Mills was ordered by the Dept. of Environmental Regulations to mark off a half-acre plot on which to place clean building sand. Assured he was within the law and not on a wetland he complied. For this he was arrested for violating the Clean Water Act. He and his son were imprisoned for 21 months and fined \$5,000 each. [Michael S Coffman, *Saviours of the Earth? The Politics and Religion of the Environmental Movement*, Northfield Pub. Chicago (1994), p263-264.]

Environmentalists want a unified world with no separation of opinion. Elite representatives will occupy seats of major local governance and the education of children dominated by Green policies, no matter how unscientific. Biblical principles are to be especially outlawed. This is clearly one major strand of the devil's attempt to develop a global government that is antichristian in nature.

Examples of 'Christian' confusion caused by this

Churches and Christians who were concerned about the conservation of the environment found themselves led into associations with environmental bodies that are actually committed to destroying Christianity, but which keep this quiet. One group is the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE). This was originally various interfaith forums and bodies emerging from conferences. It disguises its biocentrism and produces starter kits for evangelical churches. Materials supplied for use in worship includes prayers to Mother Earth and seeking forgiveness from the earth. Some churches have become thoroughly committed to the Gaia cause (such as St John the Divine Cathedral in New York). There have been many conferences seeking to promote Gaia religion in churches; sadly evangelicals have been caught up in these. Also new evangelical bodies have been established to co-operate with the Green vision, such as The Christian Environmental Association, Target Earth and the Evangelical Environmental Network; some of these are formally linked to occult groups, despite having famous evangelical leaders affiliated with them.

The Church of Scotland's 'Science, Religion and Technology Project' issued a neo-pagan statement that nature was, '*not to be tampered with lest she strike us back.*' [*Christian Herald*, 15 June 2002] This is the typical Gaia language of environmentalists where nature is personified as a vengeful female.

A supposed conservative church had the youth group sing, '*I bring to our Mother, the Earth ...*', repeated three times, after a woman minister danced the creation story (?) to the accompaniment of a narrator describing a female deity, referred to as 'she'. The dancer then crouched and gave birth to a globe!!! [Berit Kjos, *Under the Spell of Mother Earth*, p14-15.]

Another church initiated a 'Howl-e-lu-ia Chorus' where a musician made a wolf sound and 200 people howled back to express unity with the wolf. [*Eco-logic*, Feb 1997, p10-11.]

Many Green-type Christians follow the teachings of heretic Teilhard de Chardin whose evolutionary ideas include:

- Describing the universe as a spiritual as well as physical being.
- He explained man's presence in the universe in scientific not religious terms; positing a spiritual development by gradual evolution to become a spiritual being.
- He abandoned the need to expound themes of atonement and instead placed greater emphasis on creation.

Environmentalists from a religious background, such as Thomas Berry (a Romanist priest), seek to pervert Christian doctrine by making subtle compromises with Green issues and pantheistic ideas. But Berry is also against democracy and particularly attacks the US Constitution for focusing on the rights of men not the world. With other Greens he seeks to push the pendulum from anthropomorphism to biocentrism and from democracy to 'biocracy'. Berry's purpose is to justify this theologically. He also proposes a focus upon feminism and allies with the eco-feminism of Charlene Spretnak and Joanna Macy. Berry is especially hostile to the doctrine of a transcendent God (being a pantheist) and absolutely hates particular election, which he calls a 'scandal'. Berry also has similarities with New Age views, notably the idea of the world being in transition to a new epoch. For New Agers and Theosophists this is the Age of Aquarius where man becomes spiritual; for Berry this is from the Cenozoic (the last 65m years, till recently ruled by nature) to the Ecozoic (focus on environmentalism by man) age. As to be expected, Berry has no time for the Bible, other than to provide symbolic object lessons, preferring to see 'divine' revelation from the natural world. Despite all this, Berry describes himself as a very conservative Christian!

Conclusion

Satan intends to deceive in order to capture the minds of men; he cares not how this is done and uses myriad forms. Witchcraft is one angle (with many variants) which focuses on goddess worship, but environmentalism is a trap to lead people into an equally iniquitous form of goddess worship, though more moderately stated than dancing 'skylad' (i.e. naked) in the woods. The history of the Green movement is closely connected with occult movements, such as Theosophy and is deeply rooted in neo-paganism. Those Greens who don't actively promote goddess religion are equally religious in their passionate zeal for ecological issues (often misplaced) to the degree of condemning western religious movements that are not openly ecologically friendly and which worship a supreme creator God.

Ironically, it is Biblical commands that offer the best solution to environmental problems. The earth is under God's curse and creation is not fruitful without man's capacity for hard work. As man works the earth it becomes a place of abundance. Abandoning the earth to become a wilderness will not allow it to be fruitful. As man works he obeys the divine command to, '**be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth**' (Gen 1:28). On the contrary, the call for sustainability, and its corollary of destroying industry, would produce an economy that does not flourish. Even many of the problems highlighted by Greens are exaggerations; the rate of species extinction is grossly exaggerated, agricultural land is much more productive than in ancient times; forests are being planted to replace what was cut down earlier and so on. People are producers as well as polluters and the average person produces more in a lifetime than he consumes. The wise approach to creation is to be a good steward of what God has provided; penalise polluters, clean up and improve industry, avoid wasteful production (as with EU subsidies); utilise sensible power generating methods; share wealth with the poor and encourage local production for local requirements.

The paradise of nature, symbolised in Eden at the start of creation, that Greens want the world to become, was a garden of which God was the gardener. It was not a wilderness at all but was a place that was cultivated, designed, tilled and managed. It is from the Christian Reformation that the idea of man working interdependently with nature under God really begins. Before that nature was often regarded as evil (e.g. Gnosticism, Manichaeism), or at least, not of spiritual good (Greek philosophy). The Reformers saw nature as good, having been created 'good' by God and for a purpose. Man was to nurture and discover more about this creation in order to glorify God. In this way he fulfils the divine command to dress and keep the garden (Gen 2:15). Note Calvin, much derided by Greens,

Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence; but let him endeavour to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. [John Calvin, *Commentary on Genesis*, Banner of Truth, (1965) p125.]

This is the best kind of environmentalism 500 years before the Green Movement.

There is no permission in Christian doctrine to exploit the Earth to the point of devastation but there is a command to use it responsibly for the good of all by proper management. Provisions in the Mosaic Law show details of this (e.g. Lev 19:19, 23-25; Ex 23:4-5, 11; Deut 20:19, 25:4). Some of the Green proposals are not proper management, being based on flawed, unscientific ideas.

Ironically, the Green movement, while castigating Christianity, cosies up to national governments, global bodies, big corporations, politicians, the UN and rich individuals who are the very people who are responsible for despoiling the earth through rampant capitalism, something Christianity has no power over. It is also hypocritical. Just the Rio Summit alone was responsible for a huge amount of waste and CO₂ emissions. Hundreds of people got there by aircraft and were great consumers while in Rio. Thousands (if not millions) of sheets of paper were produced by this while they protested about the devastation to the rain forest nearby.

Environmentalism is a religion, comprising of some zealous fanatics and some more subdued pew sitters. It seeks to implement policies which are neither democratic nor godly and, in some cases, are not ecologically sound either. It proposes a world led by an elite ruling over a brainwashed working community with no human rights, with no individuality, no Biblical religion and where an insect has a much moral rights as humans. In all this it forms a part of the process of establishing a global antichristian government that will arise in the future. Be warned. A final comment,

The environmental movement, along with its occult spirituality, its powerful political organisation and massive financial resources in addition to the backing of the United Nations, is plotting a worldwide social revolution under the guise of a concern for the oppressed and is perhaps the greatest threat to Christianity since the persecution it suffered in its infancy. It has a hatred for God and his truth. [Herbert Pollitt, *Environmentalism as a Religion*, Bury House Books, p138.]

I acknowledge a large debt, for some of this section, to my late school divinity teacher and friend Herbert J Pollitt and his unpublished work which I have, virtually, summarised, '*Environmentalism as a Religion*'. [Available as a bound manuscript from: Bury House Christian Books, Clows Top, Kidderminster, Worcs., DY14 9HX at £12.50].

Promotion of false health scares and the hiding of real health dangers

It is to a totalitarian government's advantage to have a fearful, submissive population (I develop this in the next section). One way to frighten the nation and keep them dependent on the state during peacetime is to panic them with dire warnings of new pandemics.

A historic pandemic

A pandemic is a disease that is prevalent over a whole country or a wider area; it stems from the Greek words *pan* (meaning all) and *demos* (meaning people). The most well known example of this is the 1918-19 influenza pandemic which killed hundreds of thousands of people across the world. This is regularly held up as the prime example of a modern plague and new flu variants are compared to it when the scaremongering is at its peak.

In fact, the actual flu virus involved is now thought not to be the chief cause of the many deaths. Many were badly affected due to degraded health caused by the recent 1914-1918 First World War. Millions of soldiers were already greatly weakened by their conditions in the trenches and gas attacks. People at home were less healthy due to lack of availability of good food and the hardship of supporting a long war. In addition, it is certain that strep diseases killed more people than the flu virus, and these are now able to be medically treated with antibiotics. Finally, there is good evidence that the recently developed drug, aspirin, was frequently given in very high doses. Indeed, there was little other effective treatment in those days for flu; there were no IV fluids and no respirators – just a warm bed and aspirin. The high doses of aspirin are thought to have actually killed more people than the flu virus itself. Deaths from flu are usually caused by the resultant pneumonia, but deaths from the 1918 pandemic were mostly caused by lung complications, and this has been linked to aspirin overdoses. Overdoses of aspirin are toxic and even small doses can cause complications; modern doctors believe that if being brought forward today aspirin would not be accepted as a safe drug for public use. Side effects include: risk of pancreatic cancer, kidney failure, cataracts, stomach ulcers, haemorrhagic stroke, allergic reactions, hearing loss, fatigue, rapid heart beat and rapid breathing.

So, the historical truth is that in the last great pandemic, more deaths were caused by the medical treatment than by the virus itself. Yet this catastrophe remains a pungent scaremongering example to panic less well-informed people.

In recent years there have been many virus panics including swine flu (H1N1), bird flu (avian flu) and sars. Millions of deaths were predicted and nations scared into accepting very dodgy vaccines (some of which killed and maimed people); but the pandemic never occurred. President Bush declared that 2 million Americans would die of bird flu – not one actually died.

The unnecessary panic over swine flu

In the case of swine flu the disease was less serious than normal flu, killed less people than normal flu world-wide, and yet the treatment was more dangerous than the flu, caused more harm and in fact was almost completely useless – but it made a great deal of money for drug companies. In fact most supposed deaths from swine flu turned out to be from other causes; usually respiratory infection. In the UK alone the cost of treatment was 1.2 billion pounds for a drug which, at the very best projection, only shortened the flu by 24 hours. But in fact the vaccine had the potential to kill certain people and actually increased your chances of catching H1N1. Actual results of the vaccine are multiple cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS), a known side-effect of the drug, which cause paralysis. Cases were

reported in the US, France, Sweden, Japan and China. Deaths were also reported; two died in China hours after their inoculation while in Quebec a woman died two days after receiving the vaccine and then an 80-year-old man followed. Other known reactions include: convulsions, fainting, blood and lymphatic system disorders, and immune disorders such as anaphylaxis. Some of these conditions are life-threatening.

Scientists had already warned of the dangers of the swine flu vaccine, such as Sucharit Bhakdi, a professor of medical microbiology at the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz in Germany. He co-authored a paper in the journal 'Medical Microbiology', where he warned of a potential rise in heart problems due to mass H1N1 vaccination. In Manitoba the vaccine was withdrawn after causing too many life-threatening reactions while Turkey issued a warning about the risk of an anaphylactic reaction after a doctor went into a coma after his vaccination. Cases like these occurred all over the world but most were not reported in the press. While the mortality of swine flu is very low, the effects of the vaccine has ruined thousands of lives. In the original swine flu panic in 1976 it killed 14 people in the US and resulted in litigation against the federal government to the tune of billions of dollars – which is why a law was passed to protect the more recent vaccine from prosecution before it was dispensed. The drug companies cannot be sued for damaging health!

The 1976 Swine flu massacre

In the earlier American case, now known as 'the Great Swine Flu Massacre', President Ford sponsored a swine flu campaign and persuaded the public to undergo a national vaccination programme to provide a windfall for the drug companies. Not one single person had ever contracted this disease but Ford urged all Americans to save their lives by getting vaccinated. This vaccine had been rejected by pig farmers since pigs given it had collapsed and died; so the drug was offered to the public to save losing money, despite it being of no use anyway. Furthermore, Dr Anthony Morris, Director of the Virus Bureau at the FDA, warned that there could be no effective swine flu vaccine since there had never been any cases on which to test it. After issuing a public statement that swine flu vaccines were not effective, he was sacked. His test animals (proving his point) were destroyed and all his research records for three years were burned. But the vaccine was more than ineffective; it was toxic. It contained alien viral protein particles, formaldehyde, residues of chicken and egg embryo substances, sucrose, Theimorosal (a derivative of mercury), polysorbate and eighty other substances.

In April 1976 Congress passed Public Law 94-266 to provide \$135 million to pay for a national vaccination programme. Insurance companies refused to indemnify drug firms against possible suits from the results of swine flu inoculation, because no studies on side-effects had been carried out. Immediately there were casualties. Within a few months claims totalling \$1.3. billion were filed by victims and their families; some had died while most others suffered paralysis. To offset blame the medical bureaucracy labelled this epidemic as a new disease, 'Guillain-Barre Syndrome'. There has even been speculation that the following epidemic of AIDS was a viral variation of the vaccine. Ford was defeated at the upcoming election.

This shows the level of subterfuge which governments will actually go to in order to foist false medical practices on the public and to scare them by false epidemics. There is not only much to gain from having a subdued, frightened population, but there is much money to be made by pharmaceutical companies, hand-in-hand with a government, and which, by law, are the only companies not forced to provide publicly accountable financial records.

As society deteriorates in the fulfilment of Biblical prophecy expect to see more and more international health scares, along with more and more pressure to submit to new medical treatments associated with these scares. But there will also be genuine epidemics since the Biblical prophetic record warns of pestilences that plague mankind in the end times. These are inevitable as a result of the appalling way that mankind treats the fine ecological balance of this planet. Not only is the Earth threatened by man's greed but humans are treated badly, even by the health services.

Drugs

Do not believe that all drugs prescribed by doctors are automatically safe; some are but some are not. Doctors mean well but are often unable, through lack of time, to do necessary research other than what they are fed by the government and drug companies. Most doctors, for instance, believe that statins are effective against heart disease. In fact they are of limited use since the real problem is not cholesterol but other body systems (cholesterol is a necessary repair agent for blood vessels, your brain is made of it and saturated fat). Statins do a vast amount of damage posing serious risk of muscle wastage, loss of memory, nerve damage, inhibiting vital enzymes, liver damage and worse, and yet they are the world's most popular (and lucrative) drug, even though Sweden has banned them. In fact, studies reveal that lowering cholesterol into the recommended range is correlated with an increased risk of dying, especially of cancer. [See "high cholesterol scare".]

The fact is that many drugs, licensed for use, have been subsequently banned after it was made public that they killed and maimed people. The most recent is Mylotarg, a leukemia medicine. This was recently found to kill four times more people than if they had no drug at all [the fatality rate was 5.7 percent for Mylotarg patients, compared with 1.4 percent without the drug]. The osteoarthritis drug Tanezumab was suspended after reports that patients' conditions worsened. Before it was withdrawn, the Vioxx drug initiated 7,000 lawsuit litigations. The maker, Merck & Co, concealed the fact that three patients died from heart attacks during clinical trials. There have been multiple cases of fraudulent research hiding the dangerous nature of drugs released to the public, most of which only comes to light after the damage has been done. Drug companies spend \$18.5 billion per year promoting their drugs to doctors. That amounts to \$30,000 per year for every physician in the U. S.! In 2000, Rezulin (troglitazone) was withdrawn from the American market because it was found to cause liver toxicity. In 2007, Avandia was found to dramatically increase the risk of bone fractures in women, and then researchers discovered that Actos had exactly the same effect. We could continue ad infinitum. Many drugs have been given to the public that cause death and physiological damage due to the greed and fraudulent practices of drug companies.

Though usually protected by governments, occasionally drug companies are caught out. Pfizer, the world's largest pharmaceutical company, suffered the largest health care fraud settlement in history. The company was ordered to pay \$2.3 billion for illegally promoting four of its drugs, including Bextra, a painkiller that was linked to an increased risk of heart attacks and stroke. However, this merely represented a quarter-year profits.

The high cholesterol scare

The myth was promoted that low fat diets stop heart disease and the world produced all sorts of products to avoid animal fat (such as butter). Red meat was demonised and there were cases where brainwashed school children tried to prosecute parents who gave them a fried breakfast. The alternative products offered (such as polyunsaturated spreads) almost equate to plastic and are now known to cause more damage than butter. In fact butter is good for you in moderation giving you vital vitamins (A, E, D), anti-fungal fatty acids,

omega 3 and omega 6 fatty acids and iodine; the saturated fats in it (myristic acid and lauric acid) also improve immune health.

Your body needs cholesterol to survive; it produces cell membranes, hormones, vitamin D and bile acids for digestion. Low cholesterol levels increase risk of depression, stroke, and violent behaviour. 75% of cholesterol is made by the body, only 25% comes from food. Eating too much sugar (especially in concentrated fruit juices) and grains will do far more damage than meat. These raise triglycerides which can lead to atherosclerosis and heart damage. One study found that people with the highest ratio of triglycerides to HDL cholesterol had 16 times the risk of heart attack as those with the lowest ratio of triglycerides to HDL. The cholesterol levels claimed to be necessary have never been proven to be healthy; they are another assumption.

Cholesterol is not the major culprit in heart disease or any disease ... The fixation on cholesterol as a major cause of heart disease defies the last 15 years of science and deflects from real causes such as the damage (via glycation) that sugars such as glucose and fructose inflict on tissues, including the lining of arteries, causing chronic inflammation and resultant plaque. Hundreds of excellent scientific articles have linked insulin resistance and more recently leptin resistance to cardiovascular disease much more strongly than cholesterol, and they are in fact at least partially responsible for cholesterol abnormalities. For instance, insulin and leptin resistance result in "small dense" LDL particles and a greater number of particles. This is much more important than the total cholesterol number. ... Cholesterol does not cause heart disease, but improper metabolic signals including improper signals to cholesterol (causing it to oxidize) and perhaps to the liver that manufactures the cholesterol, will cause heart and vascular disease and hypertension. Removing cholesterol will do nothing to improve the underlying problems, the real roots of chronic disease, which will always have to do with improper communication, and the generals of metabolic communication are insulin and leptin. They are really what must be treated to reverse heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity, and to some extent aging itself. [Ron Rosedale MD, *Science*, November 9, 2001;294:1354-1357.]

Cholesterol is transported to tissues as part of an inflammatory response that is there to repair damage; it is a necessary part of the body's defence system. Low cholesterol levels actually cause more damage, sometimes leading to Parkinson's Disease and stroke and low cholesterol levels have been shown to worsen patients with congestive heart failure.

Because the correlation of total cholesterol with heart disease is so weak, many years ago a stronger correlation was sought. It was found that there is so-called "good cholesterol" called HDL, and that the so-called "bad cholesterol" was LDL. HDL stands for high-density lipoprotein, and LDL stands for low-density lipoprotein. Notice please that LDL and HDL are lipoproteins -- fats combined with proteins. There is only one cholesterol. There is no such thing as a good or a bad cholesterol. Cholesterol is just cholesterol. It combines with other fats and proteins to be carried through the bloodstream, since fat and our watery blood do not mix very well. [Ron Rosedale MD. *Science*, November 9, 2001;294:1354-1357.]

In fact, red meat is necessary for the body to synthesise vitamins. In an analysis, which combined the results of 21 previous studies, researchers found no clear evidence that

higher saturated fat intakes led to higher risks of heart disease or stroke. The real suspect is not the red meat in western diets but the sugar and refined carbohydrates. The mistake was made in 1953 with Dr. Ancel Keys' publication of a paper comparing fat intake and heart disease mortality and the lie has continued ever since, making money for statin producers and supposed healthy food products. In fact trans-fats, which were boosted by the red meat scare, are far more dangerous products. Trans fat, found in margarine, vegetable shortening, and partially hydrogenated vegetable oils, is the true villain, causing far more damage than saturated fat. Chips and fried food are much worse than eating a good steak. Saturated fats from animal and vegetable sources provide a concentrated source of energy in your diet, and they provide the building blocks for cell membranes and a variety of hormones. Saturated fat keeps the lungs and brain healthy, improves nerve signalling, and makes a strong immune system.

Vaccines

Most people think that vaccines are universally safe, having swallowed government propaganda. In fact, vaccines can be very dangerous and have a troubling record. What is iniquitous is that vaccines are routinely given to young infants who are most at risk of side effects. These effects are worsened when a cocktail of drugs is in the vaccination.

When PCV (pneumococcal conjugate) was introduced it was hailed by Britain's chief medical officer, Sir Liam Donaldson, as a lifesaver. Yet, in the first two years of its use in the USA there were 4,154 reports of serious side effects, including 117 deaths. Overall, serious side effects were reported in 15 per cent of all children given the vaccine. However, only 11 children died of pneumococcal meningitis, 2 died of pneumonia, and 10 died of septicaemia in 2004; thus the drug caused more deaths than the diseases it was meant to counter. This is a common result with vaccines.

Another example is an anti-hepatitis B drug used between 1994 and 1998. Most of the French population, and all new-born babies received this shot, but the vaccination campaign was stopped after 35 families launched a civil action against the drug firms. At least five people died. Yet hepatitis B is very difficult to catch, requiring blood or sexual contact. Also the vaccine effect is known to be short-lived, lasting, at most, seven years. There is the likelihood that these vaccines damaged the central nervous system of infants, which are sensitive to toxic influences. In addition, side-effects include increased risk of multiple sclerosis and rheumatoid diseases. So it makes no sense to apply this vaccine to children and it has few benefits, with major disbenefits.

The danger to children is severe; indeed, one vaccine injected into a 13-pound, 2-month-old infant is equivalent to 10 doses of the same in a 130-pound adult. Yet the US government demands that children get 48 doses of 14 vaccines by the age of 6. By 18 they have received 69 doses of 16 vaccines. There is no proof that this level of medication is safe for anyone, let alone children. During the period of high vaccinations there has been an explosion of neurological and immune system disorders in American children, a known result of vaccination. Aluminium compounds in vaccines accumulate in the brain and enter neurons and glial cells, causing the microglia to overreact. Further vaccines exacerbate inflammation. The end result is a neurodegenerative disease.

Trying to get data regarding the safety of vaccines is very difficult, even under the Freedom of Information Act, because the government says that the data is commercially sensitive. If medicines are genuinely beneficial, there is no need for this level of secrecy.

If vaccines worked, why are many childhood diseases coming back to life. Tuberculosis is now becoming a serious threat in the north of England for instance. If the MMR jab is safe

and effective, why are children who have had it getting measles? Over 4,900 US families filed lawsuits after their children became autistic within days of getting this vaccination. In America, 6,000 infants die every year from vaccines.⁸

Vaccinations developed a good reputation in the early to mid years of the 20th century; but this was at the same time period as the greater development of sanitation, clean drinking water, reduction in river pollution, reduction in smoke pollution and better food supplies, including year-round supply of imported fruit and vegetables. These conditions led to a better quality of life and better health, but vaccines took much of the credit. In Australia there was no compulsory smallpox vaccination, but improvements to sanitation brought about a more rapid decrease in smallpox than in England where it was compulsory. Today vaccines are given even when there is little need for them, such as to combat influenza.

Why is Tamiflu prescribed when it can do no more good than reduce the flu symptoms by 24 hours. Boosted levels of vitamin D do far more good and pose no health danger. Tamiflu has been discontinued in Japan because it led to many deaths from sudden psychiatric disorders. Gardasil, in its first year of use, resulted in 3,500 adverse events; no wonder since it contains 675 micrograms of toxic aluminium and it was never tested on young girls before being issued to them.

Facts about vaccinations

- They often don't work: there are many cases where epidemics have followed mass inoculation for that specific disease, with greater numbers of sufferers having been inoculated.⁹
- They frequently make people sick: there is often a 'normal reaction' mimicking the disease itself, and other symptoms. Sometimes this is severe causing disablement and death.¹⁰
- They damage the immune system - especially when given to children under 6 before their immune systems are developed.
- Vaccines often contain material from aborted fetuses.
- Vaccines frequently contain severe toxins which are used as preservatives or germicides (e.g. heavy metals such as mercury in thimerosal, formaldehyde [a carcinogen], aluminium compounds & glycols).
- There is the very real danger of flawed science and testing, or even fraudulent claims, behind the promotion of a vaccine in order to make money. Many cases of this have arisen already. A great deal of money is spent on promotions to doctors.
- There can be mutation of viruses in the vaccine into damaging or lethal strains.

⁸ <http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2008/06/21/rebel-scientist-battles-dangerous-vaccines-and-antibiotics.aspx>

⁹ In 1967, Ghana was declared free of measles by the World Health Organisation after 96% of its population was vaccinated. Yet in 1972, Ghana experienced one of its worst measles outbreaks with its highest ever mortality rate. (Dr H Albonico, MMR Vaccine Campaign in Switzerland, March 1990). In 1871-2, England, with 98% of the population aged between 2 and 50 vaccinated against smallpox, experienced its worst ever smallpox outbreak with 45,000 deaths. Smallpox is five times as likely to be fatal in the vaccinated as in the unvaccinated? In the UK between 1970 and 1990, over 200,000 cases of whooping cough occurred in fully vaccinated children. (Community Disease Surveillance Centre, UK). There are many more examples.

¹⁰ In October 1971, Dr. Samuel Katz of Duke University Medical Centre, spoke at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics, stating that an average of 6-9 children die each year from smallpox vaccinations. Three hundred children died from complications of the smallpox vaccine since 1948, which was ceased in 1972. There is no proof that vaccination ever saved one person from smallpox. '*It is nonsense to think that you can inject pus, usually from the pustule end of the dead smallpox victim, into a little child and in anyway improve its health*', [Dr. William Howard, speech, 25 June 1937].

- Many dangerous errors have arisen in the preparation of vaccines, often coming to light only after extensive immunisation programmes; e.g. the Polio vaccine contaminated with carcinogenic SV40 virus.

While some vaccines may be of some use, there are very many dangers involved with vaccines and quite a few that should be outlawed now. At the very least the public should be told the truth about vaccines and given all the information regarding a certain inoculation before it is administered to their children. For example, the known dangers of the MMR cocktail should be openly discussed with parents and the lie that it is absolutely safe should cease. At the very least the three constituents could be administered individually (normally available outside the UK), which is a safer practice than using the cocktail.

Many vaccines have thimerosal in them, which is a mercury preservative. A study in October 2009 revealed that just one vaccination containing this substance caused significant neurological impairment – but the public receives many shots containing this poison over a lifetime. Vaccines containing thimerosal are given to new-born infants in developing countries such as Brazil, and most influenza vaccines contain it which are often administered to pregnant women and infants. Despite this (and other dangerous side-effects) flu vaccines make a global \$20 billion a year.

Other harmful strategies and products

While dangerous drugs and food products are promoted as healthy, there are many other modern items which have gained wide acceptance which are even worse.

Water is contaminated by industrial fluoride which has no scientifically proved benefit but does much scientifically proved damage. What else could occur when industrial toxic waste, forbidden from local disposal since it is a by-product of aluminium production, is pumped into drinking water. To save money, the aluminium firms successfully lobbied the US government¹¹ with flawed reports to allow the waste to be pumped into drinking water supplies. Genuine science shows that there is some benefit to fluoride applied topically (i.e. in toothpaste) but none at all if ingested (as in water). The very minimum damage is mottled and discoloured teeth, found in many Americans. In 1944 the American Dental Association stated harm from fluoridation far outweighed any public good, observing that fluoride in concentrations as low as 1 PPM could cause osteosclerosis, spondylitis, osteoporosis, and goitre (they changed on this later). Despite all this, Alan Johnson, then Secretary of State for Health, announced in 2008 that the government would make £42 million available to Health Authorities to fluoridate their water supply, with no local consultation. Six million Britains have already had their water fluoridated.

The seas are so contaminated that it is now suggested that all fish contain mercury due to the terrible pollution of the seas. In addition to mercury, eating too much fish can expose you to high levels of industrial pollutants and toxins like PCBs, heavy metals and radioactive poisons. One Hollywood actor, seeking to live more healthily, decided to eat

¹¹ In the 1930 Dr Gerald Cox proposed that fluoride in small amounts could prevent tooth decay. Cox was on the staff of the Mellon Institute, and the Mellon family owned the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA). In the 1940s ALCOA had a problem. Its smelting process polluted the atmosphere with fluoride waste causing dental fluorosis (where teeth become brown and mottled). As a result, people were suing Alcoa for damages. Getting rid of fluoride safely is very expensive, so Alcoa decided to promote the idea that adding fluoride to the water supply would actually benefit people's teeth, and convinced the government. Andrew Mellon, the founder of Alcoa, was also the Treasury Secretary, and in 1930 the US Department of Public Health was under the direct control of the Treasury Secretary. To cut a long disgraceful story short, the toxic waste was dumped in the water supplies. However, there is no scientific evidence that water fluoridation prevents tooth decay.

only fish. After a long period doing this he was paralysed by heavy metal poisoning and his condition only improved after he ceased eating fish.

Prolonged use of mobile 'phones are now known to significantly increase the risk of brain tumours. In 2008 two told the US House Subcommittee on Domestic Policy that use of cell phones can raise the risk of brain cancer. The concern came from Dr. Ronald Herberman, director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, and Dr. David Carpenter, director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at the University of Albany. A major study (led by Dr. Lennart Hardell of Örebro University in Sweden) stated that people using cell phones doubled their risk of developing brain cancer and acoustic neuromas, a tumour that damages the hearing nerve and that people who started using cell phones before the age of 20 years were more than five times as likely to develop brain cancer. In 2008 the European Parliament recently voted 522 to 16 to urge ministers across Europe to impose stricter limits for exposure to radiation from mobile and cordless phones, wi-fi and other radiation-generating devices. [*Food Consumer*, 26 Sept 2008.] There is further evidence from more recent studies that cell 'phones and wireless handsets can cause brain tumours, harm blood cells, cause cellular changes, damage your DNA, cause nerve-cell damage, accelerate and contribute to onset of autism, trigger Alzheimer's disease, damage your eyes, cause sleep disruptions, cause fatigue and headaches. We cannot develop this further here but there is now hard evidence that an epidemic of brain tumours is on the horizon. When were you warned by the government that your children were at serious risk?

Microwave ovens have been known to be extremely dangerous since the 1940s, which is why the USSR banned their use (until they became a capitalist society). Apart from the danger of radiation leakage (which is now less of a risk than formerly) there is the problem of 'hot-spots' (hence not to be used for baby bottles), the problems of leaching toxins from containers [polyethylene terphthalate (PET), bisphenol A, benzene, toluene, and xylene] and the change they make to the food cooked. Proteins are turned into prions and dioxins which are carcinogenic. Food is not just heated but the molecular constituents are actually altered by the radiation. Microwaves heat food by causing water molecules to resonate at high frequencies turning to steam, which also changes the chemical structure of the food. Microwaving blood products damages the blood components; which is why a woman died after receiving a transfusion of microwaved blood in 1992, which led to the prohibition of warming blood by this method and a lawsuit. One of the key scientists involved in the early manufacture of microwave ovens is now an ardent campaigner against them. The government has known of these dangers for decades; why has the nation not been appraised so that they have a choice?

We could continue ad infinitum; modern life is filled with dangerous side-effects of man's greed and the desire for convenience. People are deceived into believing that these are all safe. They are not. There is a massive amount of deception and plain lies in the field of modern health and health care. While not a religion as such, the field of health care and health hazards occupies a great deal of people's time and, in some cases, dominates their life. Your state of health is going to have a great influence on your ability to follow your religion.

The purposes in these deceptions

To destroy and pervert truth

God is truth (Deut 32:4) and he works by establishing truth; everything he does is true and perfect (Ps 33:4). His word is truth (Jn 17:17) and thus is the means of establishing what is perfect and in accordance with the mind of God. Christ is the truth (Jn 14:6), as the embodiment of the eternal Word and the one who brings the true message of God to men.

If there is no truth in something, then Christ is not present. Anything developed by God in the world will be based on truth; anything appearing in the world that is based upon lies, obfuscation and confusion is authored, ultimately, by Satan – the enemy of God and opposer of the truth.

What the devil seeks to do in society is to draw it away from the truth. His prime strategy is the use of deception and he is a master at it after centuries of practice and knowing men. The point of deception is to get people to accept lies believing that they are the truth, and thus leading them astray. Well meaning, passionate people are often easier to pervert than cold, hard, distrusting people.

The items that we have briefly examined are deceptions; they are deceits used by the enemy to lead men into bondage to his will. The more he can fool men into following his lies, the more he can turn people away from observing God's truth. Sometimes he uses a sprat to catch a mackerel. An example is the issue of climate change; even Christians can be drawn away after this, believing it to be scientific and good stewardship of the earth. As with all temptations, it is merely a hook to lead one further and further astray. Folk who become zealous about climate change can more easily be turned into accepting environmentalism as a passion. From there it is easier to lead a person astray into deeper errors and ultimately to abandon God.¹²

On all the modern issues affecting society, the fundamental issue is the truth. How did the Vietnam War begin? It began with a lie. How did an appalling illegal war against Iraq begin? It began with a lie. Why did the western military coalition invade Afghanistan? It did so on the basis of lies; not least that the nation was a threat to Britain. Several other lies include:

- *The west can successfully impose western democracy on a disparate tribal population.* This is impossible and not even desirable to Afghans in general.
- *The nation wants western style democracy.* It does not; it is used to the rule by local elders in villages and the domination of areas by warlike tribal chiefs. The nearest Afghanistan had to a national efficient government was the Taliban.
- *The Kabul puppet government is not corrupt and can govern the country successfully.* In fact it is universally hated, is very corrupt, does not represent the nation and can never successfully wield power over the tribal chiefdoms.
- *An incursive war in Afghanistan can be successful.* History shows this has never been possible.
- *Afghanistan was the seed-bed for the 9/11 attacks.* Untrue; most 9/11 terrorists came from Saudi Arabia.
- *Afghanistan is where most Islamist fanatics are trained.* Untrue. Many are trained in Pakistan (an ally) and the Yemen. A key centre for fundamentalist training and rearing of fanatics is actually in London.
- *NATO can be successful.* It cannot. The truth is that it is not a war between the US, NATO and the Taliban, but an ongoing civil war between the Pashtuns in the south and the Kabul government, which is controlled by the northern Tajiks, Uzbeks and Hazaras, that began in the 1970s. President Karzai is already negotiating a deal with Pakistani military to continue in power in Kabul but yielding the south to the Haqqani network, a

¹² The same process is active in any unorthodox teaching. People are led into sincerely accepting a flawed method of Biblical interpretation, say following the Jewish Root ideas, and from there they adopt more and more Jewish notions until they put more faith in rabbinic teaching than Scripture. In time they begin to neglect the NT and only read the OT, or even just the Torah, and from there they ultimately reject Christ and become openly Jewish or Noahide, and are thus completely apostate. Falling from grace begins in a small way and ends in destruction (Heb 6:1-8).

Pakistan-backed Taliban group. This is of great military significance to Pakistan as a buffer to India.

- *The death of over 300 British soldiers is worthwhile.* It is not; the truth (which no one dare speak of) is that they have died for nothing. It has nothing to do with British security but the conflict is based tribal rivalries, which only local leadership can resolve. It was, originally a US imperialist incursion to secure an eastern power base and protect oil and gas supply lines.

We could continue, but the point is made.

In all the issues that badly damage society, some of which we have covered in this essay, the root problem is a lie. Evolution is based on a lie; anthropogenic climate change is based on several lies; Marxism is based on several lies and so on. Lies fundamentally undergird the way modern life works in the world, and always have done since the Fall of Adam, which was based on the lie that man can be like God.

To create fear in society

Induced fear and panic makes a society more susceptible to government strategies. By inducing fear the populace will generally trust the government to deal with the problem on the nation's behalf. In this way laws can be passed that erode civil liberties in a way which would never be possible in a time of peace and contentment (note the US Patriot Act & Homeland Security policies, and the UK's multiple erosions of civil liberty under Blair).

A fearful society is a susceptible society, which more easily allows the development of totalitarianism by degrees.

To develop a coalesced herd mentality

The last thing a government wants is a plethora of strong-minded mavericks that question the status quo. It wants an ordered subdued populace that does as it is told. Therefore, anything which tends to develop a herd mentality, a common point of union, is beneficial to strong government. If everyone is thinking on the same level then it is much more simple to pass unpopular laws.

For instance, the recycling polices adopted by most councils are pointless. They do not help the reduction of carbon emissions (which is their stated purpose) but, in fact, usually increase them when measured properly. [For example far less energy is used to make glass from silica, which is plentiful, than to recycle used glass.] They are also deeply unpopular (large bins cluttering up pavements etc.) and in some towns have led to the increase of vermin due to fewer collections. Ordinarily, the people would never have allowed this since this is a service which we pay for in council taxes. But because the people have been led to believe that it is for the better good of the world, they have swallowed a bitter pill. The herd mentality accepted these changes believing the lies that they were beneficial.

To attack Christianity

The strategy of the devil is to attack the church and the preaching of the Gospel because his message is the opposite. Satan is the enemy of God and the accuser of the brethren, his work to develop submission to his will in the world, of necessity, involves attacking Christianity. To establish his empire in opposition to God, he must attack the kingdom of Christ. The church is a real threat to the proliferation of the enemy's territory and thus it is subject to desperate Satanic attacks. The mode of these attacks changes in different times and places; for instance, it sometimes involves persecution. However, the most universal method is to use deception and subversion to make Christians ineffective. Believing his lies, in one form or another whether religious or social, is the basis of Satan's method.

When Christians are deceived, they are effectively attacking their own citadel and are being subversive to Christ's kingdom and authority.

To manifest the hubris of man

The suggestion that mere mortals, even if the whole world were united in action, could dramatically alter global climate is one of the most arrogant in world history. The processes of climate are both huge and complex and thus are not fully understood. It can be shown that the sun has a very powerful effect on global climate and the idea that man can change this is insane. Yet politicians are frequently making statements that are more arrogant and stupid than anything pronounced by King Canute addressing the waves. One such example is the hubris of Gordon Brown at the Copenhagen Earth Summit in December 2009 promising to restrict the rise in global temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius. His dramatic and humiliating downfall (the worst ever Labour leader) at the recent election is suitable divine judgment for his pride and bad governance.

Hubris and lies are frequent bed-partners; conversely meekness and truth are fundamental Christian graces.

What do we do in the face of all this?

The first thing is to realise that lies undergird modern society; do not be surprised as you find them. The more our enemy moulds global society according to his image, by controlling men through their sin and lust, the more society will be full of lies. The amount of lies is a watermark of how far Satan is deceiving the world. The fact that governments lie and global corporations lie to make money should not be a surprise.

The second thing is not to fear these lies and not to hide them. Some believers act as if everything is OK in the world and care nothing as long as they are happy in their little space. Well happiness is not a Christian goal in this world and the state of it should not make us happy – like Lot we should be grieved at the unrighteousness; like Solomon we should see that it is full of vanity; like the prophets we should be angry that it is in rebellion against God; like David we should hate the extent of sin and the damage it causes.

Then we should make sure that we are not overtaken by the global lies and deceptive movements that abound. If anthropogenic climate change is a lie, then we should not be supporting projects that arise from its deception. If evolution is a lie then we should make no place for religious compromises, such as theistic evolution. If a government is active in promoting lies then we should never support it or vote for it.

We should expose lies whenever we have the opportunity (Eph 5:11) and we should make it our special vocation to speak and live in truth, avoiding even the tiniest convenient lie. Be known for your truth; stand out from the crowd.

Finally, we must speak the truth of the Gospel at every opportunity. Seek to reveal Christ, who is the truth, in all that you say and do. The way to diminish lies is to see Christ magnified and his truth prevail. May it be so.

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