

CLIMATE CHANGE

Topic: Climate Change

Discuss and Summarize the Secular Worldview:

Sample Summary: Climate change is an existential threat. The science is settled. Humans are causing it. The population of humans must be reduced and behaviors changed. We must stop eating meat, eat a plant-based diet, walk or bicycle, use mass transit, drive only EV vehicles, use Green Energy, eliminate fossil fuels, recycle, limit our travel, live in 15 minute cities, etc. Governments must take an active role in changing human behavior to save the planet.

Discuss and Summarize the Christian Worldview:

Sample Summary: God is our Creator and charged man with dominion of the Earth and to take care of it by being good stewards through wise use of the Earth's resources. Pre-Flood, people only ate plants. Post-Flood, people could eat plants and also animals. God is in control and will destroy the Earth on God the Father's timetable. Climate change alarmism is one means of man's rebellion to unseat God and rule the earth. Because of this we are experiencing opportunistic climate alarmism resulting in reduced personal freedoms and increased governmental control and power.

Why This is Important:

To fight human caused climate change, large sums of money and social engineering of human populations will be required through government action. Questions linger if the science is truly settled. Could the cure for climate change be worse than the disease?

Scripture Says:

Genesis 1:26-31, Genesis 8:22, Genesis 9:3, Matthew 24:35-39, 2 Peter 3:3-13

Worth Considering:

- There is value in environmental conscientiousness. People are sinful and we live in a sin-cursed world. We are to be good stewards of the earth, using wise conservation techniques for the land, sea, and air to keep them clean and productive. God cares about plants, animals, and particularly people that are made in His

image and likeness. But ultimately, the destiny of the Earth is in God's hands and not ours.

- The sun and volcanic activity greatly impact our climate.
- Climate change alarmism allows mankind to play God. We are in control and in charge of our destiny and the planet.
- Climate anxiety is the number one anxiety issue of children, teens, and college students. Young adults are deciding to forgo having children to help save the climate. People are vulnerable to fear.
- Debate about climate change is rarely allowed. "Climate Deniers" are belittled and repeatedly told 97% of scientists (debunked) agree that humans are responsible for climate change. If action isn't taken soon, the damage to the climate is irreversible.
- People used to farm in Greenland and grow grapes in the northern part of the UK. The climate is currently too cold to do so. A warming world and CO2 has many benefits for crop production.
- In the 1970's global cooling was of great concern. Later the concern was global warming. Today it is global climate change.
- Scientists studying ice ages claim we are in an ice age now, that climate changes all the time, and the Earth has been nearly covered in ice at times and nearly ice free at times. The mechanism that causes an ice age isn't understood.
- The primary greenhouse gasses are water vapor, carbon dioxide, and methane. Carbon dioxide is vital for photosynthesis and plant growth. Plants release water vapor through transpiration. Belching cows emit methane, but all ruminant animals do, including deer, elk, sheep, bison, cape buffalo, goats, and giraffe.
- The United States and Europe are implementing Carbon Neutral climate policies, yet much of Asia (China and India) are not.

Questions to Consider:

- Do you see climate as more of a political or scientific issue?
- Many people agree that climates change all the time. An unanswered question is what portion of climate change is human caused and what portion is naturally occurring? What amount is natural variation? Thoughts?
- World population is currently 8 billion. Some say a population of 500 million is ideal. Others say we'll experience population collapse if more babies are not born. Thoughts?
- Are we experiencing opportunistic climate alarmism to reduce personal freedoms and increase governmental control and power or an altruistic government concerned for longevity of the human race? Which viewpoint is more likely? Is there a middle ground?
- Has today's discussion made you reconsider any of your views?