

# How the Empty Deception of Climate Change Entices the Christian Mind

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**Host: David Wheaton 00:08**

How the "Empty Deception" of Climate Change Entices the Christian Mind.

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"Environmentalism" then "global warming" now "climate change" (or "creation care" to some Christians) is one of the most useful means to achieve humanistic ends of global control. Energy is a fundamental aspect of life. Our bodies need energy to survive and therefore we eat animals and plants, which require energy to farm and harvest, which require energy to transport to markets, which require energy to build and cool and heat, which need power plants to produce, which need people to operate, who need energy to live, and well you get the circular cycle here.

So if "the science" can be "settled" that humans' use of fossil fuels (like coal, natural gas, and petroleum) are harming the earth and threatening our very existence, then the powers that be "must act" to save us from self annihilation through restricting the energy we use to live, eat, travel, work, and more. This is why dire predictions of climate catastrophe are constantly being peddled - to create fear, so that people will accept the control government seeks to impose on our lives. Climate change is about control, power, money, and global governance. Otherwise, the scare mongers wouldn't be hypocritically living in large energy sapping estates, and flying here and there on private jets.

There's something even deeper - climate change is, at its core, a religion which rejects worship of the Creator and instead worships the creation and the creature (man). This is exactly what the Bible says about the God-rejecting in Romans 1:25. *"For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator."* Ideologies like climate change that seek to mislead Christians to gain their support will invariably use language and concepts of Scripture to entice them to their side. Climate change plays into Christians' desire to care for God's creation, to

have compassion on those ostensibly harmed by climate change ("to love our neighbors"), to "do good" in our world, and to certainly not be outsiders by questioning "the experts."

This weekend on *The Christian Worldview*, Darrell Harrison, co-host of the Just Thinking podcast, "a long-form, expository podcast that boldly confronts cultural, social, political and theological issues through an orthodox biblical worldview," joins us to discuss How the Empty Deception of Climate Change Entices the Christian Mind. Darrell and his cohost, Virgil Walker, just did an episode on "A Biblical Theology of Climate Change" that reveals how climate change is a religion that Christians need to discern as unbiblical.

Now, in case you're thinking, neither of you are scientists, you're not qualified to talk about this. As Christians, we all are qualified to measure all things against scripture. I Thessalonians 5 says, *But examine everything carefully*. That includes climate change. It goes on to say, *hold fast to that which is good, abstain from every form of evil*. In fact anyone, including scientists, who say there is no God, scripture has a word for them. Psalm 14:1. *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds*. Let's strive to get a biblical worldview, a truthful one, on this issue of climate change. Darrell, it's so good to have you back on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. What motivated you to do this podcast? I think it was your longest podcast ever on this issue of climate change.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 05:19**

We had a similar motivation for this topic, David, that we did in the episodes on Black Lives Matter and Critical Race Theory. We surveyed the evangelical landscape and came to the conclusion that we couldn't find any platform within evangelicalism that was addressing the topic climate change expositionally. No one was really exegeting what that idea, that ideology was comprised of at a very detailed in depth level. That's really what motivated us to spend so much time on this particular topic, which as you just alluded to, is over three and a half hours long.

**Host: David Wheaton 06:00**

Darrell Harrison with us today here on *The Christian Worldview*. At the beginning of the podcast, you spent a lot of time defining terms and how language is so important in all the debates going on today. But specifically for our conversation today, this one, here's how I would simply define climate change in layman's terms. It's the debated assertion, because it is debated, it's not settled science as they'd like you to believe, that humans are catastrophically impacting the earth's temperature and weather patterns through carbon. Carbon dioxide being released into the atmosphere as a result of burning fossil fuels such as gasoline, coal, and natural gas. We burn these for energy, to heat our homes, industry, transportation, planes, trains, automobiles, farming, to feed cattle and so forth. There's lots of burning of fossil fuels. Even the release of gases by cows are suspect to the environmentalists. That's how I define climate changes. The theory is that the carbon being emitted or released in the atmosphere creates a type of greenhouse effect for the sun where the sun rays come down and holds

in the temperature. So the temperature rises and the weather patterns change, they get more extreme because of this human caused release of carbon through burning fossil fuels. Is that in the ballpark of what you're talking about, so we know what we're talking about when we talk about climate change?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 07:39**

Yes, that's definitely in the ballpark, David. As a matter of fact, that definition, if I could use a baseball vernacular, you just hit an inside the park home run with that one. The emphasis has to be on catastrophically, because regardless of who you listen to, everyone who is in the climate change choir, are painting the most apocalyptic, the most doomsaying scenario that anyone could ever think. Just before this interview, I was looking at a video of someone with the United Nations, who was saying that we've now moved from global warming to global boiling, that was the term he used. So the apocalyptic construct of climate change always gets more and more apocalyptic every single time.

What Virgil and I set out to do in this episode on, A Biblical Theology of Climate Change, is to first of all make the distinction and then reinforce that distinction that climate change has nothing to do whatsoever with biblical stewardship of God's creation. As a matter of fact, it's just the opposite. Climate change has to do with the worship of God's creation, not the stewardship of it. We want to make that clear.

**Host: David Wheaton 08:57**

As we talk about the rhetoric of the catastrophe that's coming our way that we've been hearing for decades, here's what Al Gore, former Vice President, the producer of the film, Inconvenient Truth, {which is all about global warming, that's how it was termed back then in the early 2000s, I think it released in 2006}, here's what he said this year at the World Economic Forum Meeting in Davos, Switzerland.

**Audio Sound Bite: Al Gore 09:26**

That's the part of the atmosphere that has oxygen, the troposphere, and it's only five to seven kilometers thick. That's what we're using as an open sewer. If you could drive a car straight up in the air at interstate highway speeds, you get to the top of that blue line in five minutes, and all the greenhouse gas pollution would be below you. We're still putting 162 million tons into it every single day, and the accumulated amount is now trapping as much extra heat as would be released by 600,000 Hiroshima class atomic bombs exploding every single day on the earth.

That's what's boiling the oceans, creating these atmospheric rivers, the rain bombs, and sucking the moisture out of the land, creating the droughts, melting the ice, raising the sea level, and causing these waves of climate refugees, predicted to reach 1 billion in this century. Look at the xenophobia

and political authoritarian trends that have come from just a few million refugees. What about a billion? We would lose our capacity for self governance on this world. We have to act.

**Host: David Wheaton 10:33**

Heated rhetoric wouldn't come close to describing Al Gore in that particular audio clip, Darrell. 162 million tons of greenhouse gas into this troposphere. It's like as much heat as 600,000 Hiroshima class atomic bombs exploding every single day on the earth. Getting beyond that rhetoric for just a second, I think the key question is even before we get to how Christians are enticed by this issue of climate change, and so forth, and they confuse it for biblical stewardship. I think a very key question to ask is this. Is it actually true that humans are causing catastrophic or really even any damage to the climate and ourselves through the burning of fossil fuels?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 11:27**

The simple answer to that question, David, is no. As a matter of fact, Virgil and I make the point in the episode that climate change is a solution looking for a problem. There is no problem. It is ironic that you use the term, heated rhetoric, as Al Gore talks about the oceans boiling and everything burning up. 600,000 Hiroshima bombs every day? As I'm listening to that clip, I'm wondering, Al Gore, are you even listening to yourself? If the statistics that he is rhetorically asserting are reality, he wouldn't even be able to stand there and speak. He would be dead. He would be lying on the floor dead. That clip is one more example of what I said earlier is an apocalyptic worldview. They say fear mongering, fear based ideology that gets people to tap in to a non reality. They'll throw these statistics out, and these numbers out that have no basis in fact, no basis in truth. Even the climate change evangelists don't even agree.

There is no consensus even amongst themselves on what climate change really is. That's why they keep moving the dial. Even since Al Gore's book, An Inconvenient Truth, the dial hasn't moved. Back in the 70's, people were talking about how the Earth was going to ice over. Well, they had to recalibrate that. Now we're with the United Nations where we're all going to burn alive by 2030. I've seen statistics where cities in America are going to be totally underwater by 2050.

The definition of climate change keeps changing because the narrative keeps changing. The narrative keeps changing because the agenda keeps changing. We as Christians, have got to learn to, what I call, "exegete the culture". All of these worldviews begin with words. You have to resist the urge to embrace the terms and the vernacular that the world is using. Stop and ask yourself for a moment, What do they mean by climate change? What does that even mean? You must start there by exegeting that language. Then once you do that, you can form a construct by which you can address these terms and ideologies biblically.

**Host: David Wheaton 13:38**

Darrell Harrison is our guest today here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. He is the co host of the Just Thinking podcast with Virgil Walker. We have that podcast linked at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. Our topic is, How the Empty Deception of Climate Change Entices the Christian Mind. Darrell is also the director of digital platforms for Grace to You. Darrell, if the narrative here is so overblown and overheated, and there's so many predictions that have failed to come true. We'll get to more of those in just a minute here. Why is it so accepted by purportedly educated and smart people and promoted tirelessly and relentlessly by certain scientists, politicians, corporations, academics, the United Nations? What is behind this if it's just so blatantly disputed and false in the rhetoric?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 14:40**

That's a great question, David. I think there are many ways to answer that question. Primarily, I would say, it is because, and we argued this in the episode, that climate change is a religion, it is not about putting litter in its place. It's not about biblical stewardship. It's not about preventing oil spills. It's not about traditionally being called environmentalism in the sense that we don't want to deliberately clutter the planet unnecessarily. Climate change is a worldview. You have it being embraced by the types of people and organizations that you mentioned because underneath all of this is a worldview that those folks have in common.

We argue, and we give evidence of this from firsthand sources, that a lot of this movement is being driven by Darwinian evolution. It is being driven by environmental Marxism, and even driven to certain degrees by Communism. Climate change is a worldview that is embraced by these individuals and organizations, because it is an ideology that they themselves subscribe to. We demonstrate that climate change is fundamentally influenced by population reduction. This goes back decades, and we take our listeners all the way back to the 1960s to connect the idea of population reduction through abortion, primarily, to this idea of saving the planet.

You get all these people embracing climate change, and tethering themselves to this movement, because the ideologies and worldviews that undergird it, are the same ideologies that they themselves have subscribed to in real life. Who doesn't want to keep the oceans clean? Who doesn't want to make sure our water supply is safe? Who doesn't want to find better and more efficient earth friendly ways to industrialize and to build and produce the products, goods, and services that we as a society believe will benefit us as a human race? That's common sense.

But that's not what we're talking about with climate change. Climate change is a religion. It has a theology, it has a soteriology, that is it has a doctrine of salvation, it has a doctrine of God and it also has a hamartiology, it has a doctrine of sin. That doctrine of sin is the use of fossil fuels. The theology is the pagan god Gaia or Mother Earth. The soteriology is it's a way of salvation, is population

reduction. That's why these people and organizations are banding together to promote and propagate this lie. It is because they subscribe to those same ideologies themselves.

**Host: David Wheaton 17:26**

That's exactly the case. It really is a religious system of works righteousness as well that you recycle and you care for the earth and you reduce your carbon footprint and so forth. You earn credits to appease this god of Gaia. Now I want to get into that in just a few minutes. Again, you spend quite a bit of time on that.

This pagan religion of Gaianism, which is worship of the creation, rather than the worship of the Creator. Before we get into that, we'll take a brief pause for some ministry announcements.

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**Host: David Wheaton 20:08**

Welcome back to The Christian Worldview. I'm David Wheaton. Be sure to visit our website, TheChristianWorldview.org where you can subscribe to our free weekly email and annual print letter, order resources for adults and children, and support the ministry. Our guest today is Darrell Harrison. He's the co host of the Just Thinking podcast. Our topic is, How the Empty Deception of Climate Change Entices the Christian Mind. We played the soundbite with Al Gore, spouting off I guess you could say, about how horrible things are going to be. That was this year, 2023. He's made lots of predictions and others have made lots of predictions in the past that just plain haven't come true. Why aren't these people completely discredited after things like this are said?

**Compilation of Audio Sound Bites 20:56**

“What scientists are telling us now is that the threat of an ice age is not as remote as they once thought.”

“In weather stations in the Far North, temperatures have been dropping for 30 years.”

“Sea coasts long free of summer ice are now blocked year round. According to some climatologists, within a lifetime, we might be living in the next Ice Age.”

“Back in 2006, I think you said that within a decade, there'll be no snows on Kilimanjaro. Kilimanjaro today, there's still snow on Kilimanjaro.”

**Audio Sound bite: Al Gore 21:29**

The entire north polar ice cap during summer, during some of the summer months, could be completely ice free within the next five to seven years.

**Audio Sound Bite: News Anchor 21:42**

“Glacier National Park removing those signs around the park stating all the glaciers would be melted by 2020. Glacier National Park spokesperson Gina Kurtzman says since the early 2000s, scientists have reflected and analyzed data stating glaciers would be receding by 2020.”

**Audio Sound bite: Al Gore 21:55**

For the first time, they're finding polar bears that have actually drowned swimming long distances, up to 60 miles to find the ice.

**Audio Sound Bite: News Correspondent 22:06**

The sequence that Al Gore used in his film of drowning polar bears, he was really trying to dramatize an incident of a few bears that were found a few years before that in 2004, that were assumed to have drowned after a major storm.

**Host: David Wheaton 22:27**

They're all false predictions made by these profits of climate change, Al Gore and others. Why doesn't that discredit or at least temper the narrative on climate change? Again, these are ostensibly smart people who "follow the science, follow the evidence." Why doesn't this discredit these people making these predictions or at least temper this apocalyptic narrative?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 22:51**

Because those are the same people who are propagating the narrative. They don't need to establish objectively what they're talking about. They don't, because they're all members of the same choir, singing the same hymns, singing the same climate change apocalyptic hymns, and they see themselves as being part of the same power structures that are going to come out the other side of all this once all their unfounded predictions come to full fruition.

I think it's important, David, that your listeners understand climate change as a movement. This is a movement that is headed towards something. You just demonstrated that with the clips that you just played. It doesn't matter who the climate change evangelist is. They are going to try to establish the most apocalyptic scenario that they possibly can, and they'll never be challenged to prove objectively that what they're saying is true. When Al Gore talks generically, he could just generically say, now we're seeing reports of polar bears drowning. Well, where are we seeing these reports? Where's the evidence of this? But he doesn't have to present any of that.

Now, contrary to that, what Virgil and I do in the episode that we've done on climate change, we have close to 80 citations in this three and a half hour episode, most of which come from people like Al Gore, Greta Thunberg, and others who are making these sort of open ended claims with no objective evidence to prove the veracity of what they're saying at all. We point out as a matter of fact, several organizations who define climate change as simply changes in weather patterns, as if what a historical record establishes for a nation like Italy or the United States or Mexico or somewhere off in sub Sahara. They have shifts in temperatures vary based on a subjective number that they've just plucked out of thin air. That means that we're doomed.

We point out in the episode, that we go back 500 years to a quote from John Calvin, who says the planet is not so regulated as to produce perpetual uniformity of seasons. That's the lie that the climate change evangelists wants you to believe. That the earth should sustain a perpetual uniformity of seasons and when it doesn't do that, then there's something wrong, and we have to fix it. It's absurd.

**Host: David Wheaton 25:14**

It is absurd. You know, even this summer, we're hearing left and right how this is the hottest summer on record and so forth. Of course, that's just not true. People look at a storm and then immediately there's, "this is the result of climate change." It is so simplistic as to defy belief the conclusions that are so quickly made. Darrell Harrison with us today here on The Christian Worldview. He is the co



host of the Just Thinking podcast. We have that excellent podcast linked at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. We're talking about how the empty deception, and that phrase is chosen specifically from Colossians chapter 2, where we're not to believe the empty deception of the world, how that empty deception of climate change is enticing the Christian mind.

Darrell, you've been alluding to the worldview, the religion behind this, almost in every answer today. Let's get into that now. How the worldview of climate change, you talked about Darwinism and Naturalism. Darwinism, that we're here because of the random evolution, that there is no God, and we just evolved from a lower form of life that somehow spontaneously came to be. Naturalism, how only what is in nature exists, there's nothing beyond the natural world. There's no supernatural world. You talked about paganism, but you spent a lot of time on this religion of Gaianism. Explain what that is and how that is so integral to climate change believers.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 26:43**

This is really the heart of what is undergirding the whole climate change movement. It is rooted in a pagan pantheistic religious worldview called Gaianism. Gaianism is taken from the word Gaia or Gi for short, that represents the Mother Earth. So in Gaianism, the Earth is personal. The earth not only is alive, it is life. In Gaianism, the Earth is always referred to as a proper pronoun, so the earth is always capital E, and is always referred to as a feminine pronoun, never a masculine pronoun, which is where you derive the idea of Mother Earth. In Gaianism, it is a religious philosophy that grants the earth living properties, so the earth is equated to a higher status than even human beings. The earth is to be worshipped. It is to be worshipped as a personal entity, wherein humans are not the pinnacle of what they would call evolutions.

Humans are suborned underneath the earth. Everything that humans do or don't do must be for the sake of preserving Gaia. In Gaianism, everything about our existence depends on Gaia. When something goes wrong with the Earth, it upsets Gaia. Gaia is angry so all the tornadoes, all the hurricanes, all the floods, the earthquakes, what we would normally call a natural disaster, or prior to Gaianism, prior to climate change, an act of God. No, this is Gaia responding angrily to how human beings are treating her. This truly is a religiously driven worldview.

**Host: David Wheaton 28:43**

You also hear people who wouldn't even know about Gaianism or wouldn't consider themselves religious, will say something in response to some "natural disaster" that happens, a huge hurricane, "Well look what we're doing to the earth. We almost deserve this." It's we've sinned against the earth and now we're getting repaid by "Mother Earth." There was a website you mentioned. Was it gaianism.org, that people can go to read about this worldview?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 29:10**

That's correct. Gaianism.org. You can read it from the proverbial horse's mouth. It's all laid out there.

**Host: David Wheaton 29:24**

You quoted extensively from that website. Now, this idea of climate change as a religion. What's interesting is that the religion of climate change crosses religious boundaries. It is very ecumenical. Talk about how climate change is the perfect cross religious worldview that can unite people from many different parts of our world.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 29:51**

Even as I contemplate that question, David, I'm thinking about how even in our sinfulness there's something innate to human nature that wants to save us. Even the most sinful human being knows that there's something wrong with how humanity is living, but the default of the unregenerate person is to look to the same person who's causing the problem, to save us from the problem. That's an irony that we have here with climate change. You were very correct earlier. Climate change is a very ecumenical worldview. It is the worldview whereby we are self-salvific. Where the problem is us, but then the Savior is us at the same time.

What makes this so dangerous for the evangelical church is that it taps into, climate change taps into, the ecumenical aspect of it, into a moralistic view that many professing Christians have of Christianity. They see Christianity as a moralistic faith where you do good, you don't do bad and as we do good, we ingratiate ourselves more to God. They don't recognize that within climate change, this is heresy. Climate change is heresy.

As well intentioned as a professing Christian might be in wanting to tether themselves to an idea that takes better care of the creation, and again, climate change isn't that. Just for the sake of conversation, they might want to tether themselves to the idea that professes anyway, to want to motivate humanity to take better care of the earth. Even that desire is misplaced, because climate change is not that. Climate change is worship of the creation, not the creator. It is Romans 1. As Christians, we cannot attach ourselves, we cannot identify, even to the most minute degree, we cannot identify ourselves with a movement like this that is fundamentally about exchanging or inverting the Creator creation dynamic. Climate change inverts that. It puts the creation above the creator and then it replaces the true creator of the Earth with a false god named Gaia.

**Host: David Wheaton 32:15**

Darrell, explain how this issue of climate change is yet another issue like the LGBTQ movement, and the social justice movement, how it's an intersectional issue where these purportedly oppressed people band together to advocate and push toward a Marxist change to our society.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 32:36**

The pride movement began as a movement that was exclusively or at least purportedly to be about homosexual rights, lesbian rights. What you're seeing now, as the pride movement gains traction

politically, you're seeing other ideologies bleed into the pride movement, and climate change is one of those ideologies. As it relates to the church, you're hearing, you're seeing more and more, especially mainline denominations, embrace the pride flag in a broader construct than just LGBTQ. Pride now has to do with LGBTQ, it has to do with climate change, it has to do with social justice. It has to do with equitable redistribution of wealth. It has to do with all those things. All those things are now represented within that sort of rainbow flag that used to be exclusive to just one group of people.

That's one of the more surreptitious ways that this idea of climate change is starting to bleed in to the evangelical church. Virgil and I make this point in the episode, that climate change has become the latest bandwagon, "gospel issue," that the church has to be concerned about. Whenever these sort of Trojan horses are coming at the church, it's always framed within "well, that's a gospel issue. Climate change is a gospel issue." Then the next thing you know, the church is piling right on. They're following it like the pied piper. Beware of that pride flag because it is more than just an LGBTQ symbol. It is now a universal representation of many, many ideologies, of which climate change is just one.

**Host: David Wheaton** 34:27

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Darrell, the great veil that is held up that hardly anyone gets to see behind is "the data." How is the data collected for climate change? What is accepted,? What is not accepted? How is it interpreted? What kind of data is cherry picked? All the variabilities of data. You mentioned that between all the different scientific organizations, they don't even agree with one another. The fact that we have very limited historical data. How long have we been collecting weather data? 150 years maximum. The Earth has been around for 1000s of years. According to them, millions of years. So how would you know?

The other issue that doesn't get often discussed is the profitability of being on the right side of this climate change issue. With the government narrative side, or the United Nations side, you get huge multimillion dollar grants and so forth if you push this narrative. This is nearly impossible even trying to discuss this issue. It is so big and so all encompassing and so international, that It's nearly impossible for anyone, let alone just a regular person to wade through and understand. This really protects those pushing the narrative because it seems like this tsunami of "data" is overwhelming you. It is being parroted and repeated everywhere. How can biblical christians get around this relentless narrative?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 38:58**

That's a great question, that's the goal. To encourage biblical Christians not to fall for this narrative and know how to navigate it. Again, going back to my point earlier in our conversation David, we have to be exegetes of the culture. We have to be willing to ask questions. As professing Christians, and I've always argued that every Christian is an apologist, 1 Peter 3:15, *You need to be ready to give a defense for what you believe*. I think there's so much emphasis placed on this idea that we have to be so nice and polite, which we have bought into, that we don't even ask questions.

The first response to the lie of climate change is that Christians have to know and not be afraid to ask questions. We need to push back on these terms and ideas. Say, “hold on a second. What do you mean by that?” Your point about the data, they're not pressed on the data because the data is all subjective.

Facts remain facts regardless of the situation or the scenario. As I said earlier, these climate change alarmists, they keep changing the narrative, the agenda, and the data points that matter. It is always changing, because their agenda is changing. This is why you have the people who are advocating this from the top down, and this is where ESG, Environmental Social Governance, comes in. The whole idea of ESG, whereby those who buy into this, they're going to be protected as you said. They're the ones that are going to benefit from this. You'll be able to get loans. They won't debank you or close your bank accounts. You'll be able to bank and be able to shop. You'll be able to travel everywhere, and have no restrictions placed on you whatsoever. So there is a benefit to a class of people, if I may use that term.

There's a class of people who will benefit from this, but people like me and you, we're going to be made subservient to this sort of socially Marxist, environmental Marxist worldview. We're seeing that right now. For example, within the Biden administration, what seems like every couple of weeks, they're coming out with new restrictions on what types of home appliances you can use. That's a manifestation of how this ESG system is going to be applied and is being applied. You're going to be limited the type of appliances you can use, the type of cars you can drive, even to the type of food you can eat.

We point this out in the episode. We've got people like former Senator John Kerry, who was out here advocating that farmers stop growing food. This is absurd. They really do want you to eat bugs. They really do want that. This is all under the guise of protecting Gaia. They want families to have less children or no children. They don't want farmers growing food. They want the cows killed. David, the more we talk about this, and listen, I was there when we did this almost four hour episode, but even as I rehash a lot of this with you, it is mind boggling.

**Host: David Wheaton 42:14**

It is mind boggling! Darrell Harrison with us today here on The Christian Worldview. He's the co host of The Just Thinking podcast. We have it linked at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org). You talked about in the episode how scientists of the past and you specifically mentioned Isaac Newton, that these scientists were guided primarily by theology. They would do scientific inquiry. You and Virgil said something to the effect that it's so important that we have an understanding of the starting point and the ending point of all things when considering this issue of climate change. What do you mean by that?

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 42:55**

What was so interesting, was going back to scientists of past centuries, and pointing out that they gained their reality of science through the Word of God. Nothing is ex nihilo, meaning out of nothing. I don't care whether it's an idea. You know, David, you've heard the analogy of the watchmaker, the Swiss watchmaker. A finely made Swiss watch, we know inherently that that watch didn't just poof, come out of nowhere. There was a trained watch smith that designed that watch, and put that watch together in such a way that all the gears within it work together to make an intricate, valuable timepiece.

So again, as apologists for the gospel, we have to ensure that our foundation is in the truth of God's Word. This is what I love about what Virgil did in taking us through the book of Job. I'm looking at Job 38:33, right now. *Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you establish their rule on the earth?* God rules over His Earth and nothing that we're seeing happening as it relates to changes in weather patterns, is ex nihilo, or by accident or coincidental. It's not even caused by human beings. All of this is regulated by a sovereign God who is watching over his creation. If we're not grounded in that reality as our starting point, if the truth of God's Word is not our starting point, then we're going to be enticed and tempted to go in any one of innumerable erroneous directions. This is what this movement wants to do. This movement wants you living in fear. It wants you living in anxiety. It wants you bowing down to it's apocalyptic and erroneous predictions, not withstanding that they never come to pass.

There was an article just the other day, David, saying that it's dangerous for black people to go outside. "Don't even go out doors because the temperatures are high. I mean, this is ridiculous. But again, this is why it's so important to define terms." This is hugely important. Otherwise, we're going to be driven and tossed by the wind, every wind of doctrine. Christians have to be disciplined, we have to be discerning, because the father of lies, the devil, is behind this whole entire climate change movement.

**Host: David Wheaton 45:28**

God is the starting point. He is sovereign and the causer of all that happens in the world. He will determine the end, and man is not going to be able to short change God's purposes and plans for the world. That's something that's so important for Christians to know, especially with this issue of climate change. The final question for you Darrell is, What would you like Christians listening today to take away? Because again, there can be so much confusion, so much data, so many different voices on this particular issue. What would you like them to take away as to how they should think about biblical stewardship? Yes, I want to care for creation, God's creation, and not be confused, or led astray by what society calls climate change.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 46:15**

You know, David, as you asked that question, I'm reminded of something. I was just driving from the grocery store earlier this week, and I saw someone tossing a paper soda cup out the window. I mumbled a couple of words at that. Nobody should do that. I mean, why should someone be driving around and deliberately throw litter out the window? Stewardship is not to do that. Stewardship is to wait until you get home, put that soda cup in the trash where it belongs. That's stewardship.

You see, climate change, again, is not that. Climate change is a rejection of the existence of God and it is a rejection of God's pre eternal plan to create the earth and to populate it. Climate change is wholly against God's creation ordinance to be fruitful and multiply. It totally rejects that worldview. Climate change fundamentally is a rejection of the book of Genesis. It is a total rejection of that. That's where our understanding as Christians, of the distinction between climate change and biblical stewardship should begin.

God gave Adam the charge when God put Adam in the garden. God created the garden, and then he put Adam in it. He gave Adam to take charge and care for the garden, not to worship it. So that's where this all starts.

This all goes back to Genesis chapter two. This is where this all starts as far as our response as Christians to the climate change movement. You have to start there that God was providential and sovereign in creating the earth and His desire that we be fruitful and multiply and populate the earth, to use the resources of the Earth, including fossil fuels in a biblical, responsible way that doesn't deliberately damage or put human beings in danger in the manner in which we use those resources. So we have to be Bereans here, David. We have to get to the Word of God, not just to be readers of his Word, but students of it. There's a difference there. We have to be such students of God's Word that we can argue intelligently against this pagan, pantheistic, animistic worldview of climate change, this is all about worship of the earth, not stewardship of it. That is not what this is.

**Host: David Wheaton 48:51**

Darrell, thank you so much for the hard work and study that you and Virgil put in on this topic of climate change for the Just Thinking podcast. Thanks also for coming on The Christian Worldview today to give a bit of a summary of some of the most important things you learned and try to communicate to listeners of your podcast. We appreciate what you're doing at Grace to You, as well. We pray all of God's best to you and your family. Thank you for coming on the program today.

**Guest: Darrell Harrison 49:19**

You're welcome, David. It was good to be with you, brother. Thank you so much.

**Host: David Wheaton 49:23**

Again, our guest today has been Darrell Harrison, co host of the Just Thinking podcast. You can find a link if you'd like to hear their podcast at our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org). I'd like to play one more sound clip that I think summarizes so well how important this issue of climate change is to the unregenerate world. You probably remember the name, Yuval Noah Harari. He's a thought leader for the World Economic Forum. He's a globalist. He's a best selling author. He's an Israeli. He's a homosexual. In this sound clip he talks about how the lockdowns mandated by governments over COVID showed us the possibilities for government authoritarianism for a much bigger issue, as he says, of climate change.

**Audio Sound Bite: Yuval Noah Harari 50:13**

It's not an extremely deadly virus, it's not the Black Death, and look what it's doing to the world. So now just try to think what will be the implications of a much bigger problem like climate change. Also, conceptually, it shows that you can change things on a massive scale. You can stop all flights, you can lock down entire countries, you can actually do that and life goes on in some way. And this, I would say, may make us more open to radical ideas about how to deal also with climate change.

**Host: David Wheaton 50:57**

The radical ideas to deal with climate change is for global government to take over so that they can save us from ourselves. Right? See, climate change is about far more than efforts to have clean water, air and soil, to recycle, to have less plastics entering into the oceans. Those are all good things. Climate change is about gaining control over people and nations, to move the world toward global control.

Always remember unregenerate mankind is always striving to get back to Babel, back to the city of Babel, out from under the authority and accountability of God. So don't be deceived when you hear professing Christians urging you to be woke to climate change. God is going to destroy the earth that he created some day. The important thing is not to save this earth, but to spend your eternity on the New Earth in the presence of Christ, rather than rejecting God and his offer of salvation, and being justly sentenced for eternity in the lake of fire. The Bible says, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* You don't need to perish in the lake of fire. You can be saved through repenting of your sin and believing in who Jesus Christ is and what he did for you on the cross. If you'd like to find out more, give us a call or go to our website and click on the page, "What must I do to be saved?"

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