## **Devolution of Mankind**

Mankind may not have evolved from apes, but we have obviously devolved because of apish behavior. Jesus foretold of an end time when the earth and inhabitants would experience trials and tribulations due to man's selfishness producing wars and environmental destruction.

In attempt to prevent misinterpretation & aspersion of the common use of the words environmentalist and environment, I provide their definitions:

Webster's New World College Dictionary environment *n*. 1[Rare] a surrounding or being surrounded 2 something that surrounds; surroundings 3 all the conditions, circumstances, and influences surrounding, and affecting the development of an organism or group of organisms. environmentalist *n*. 1 a person who accepts the theory that environment is of overriding importance in determining individual characteristics 2 a person working to solve environmental problems, such as air and water pollution, and the exhaustion of natural resources.

In the beginning, according to the Bible, a pristine environment was set apart whereby mankind could flourish peacefully and live without the many perils & pains we commonly experience today. But freewill and bad choices caused expulsion from the Garden of Eden into Satan's cruel environment.

In these end times, Jesus the Christ foretold of a worsening environment with much devastation. Yet He promised to those who correctly interpreted His Word and correctly followed His commandments, salvation into the immaculate environment of The New City of Jerusalem. Of course, only mature persons who will respect God's environment (Christian environmentalist!) will be allowed into His kingdom.

Rev 21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

From an unbiased academician's, medicalanthropological point of view, civil or cultural evolution of mankind has been quite doubtful. Even with the more recent steps of the "green revolution's" increases in food production and improvement in sanitation, statistics show that the overall welfare of humans is declining.

Growing percentages of earth's human populations are experiencing increases in infant, child and adult deaths and diseases due to wars, malnutrition and polluted environments.

Fairly examining of our present environment, we are beginning to realize that much of our civil engineering, the industrial revolution, the fossil fuel industry, and the "green revolution" agricultural practices unwittingly produced a very precarious environmental situation.

Consequently, reflecting Biblical end times prophecy, forecasts for our survival into the future grow more & more dismal by the day with suggestions of total extinction.

Obliviously, we have continued with increasingly larger and more expensive civil engineering projects without appropriately addressing vitally important aspects of environmental engineering.

The Old Testament is a historical record of the stupidity and cruelty of mankind in Satan's world. Today, too many people think that just because we have telephones, automobiles, televisions, computers & such we have evolved morally beyond the simple philosophy of Christianity. If so, why are there more wars, more starvation and increasing environmental destruction?

The old battle between the brawn and the brain has not been settled. Although, Revelations, chapter 11, verse 18 states that, "God.....will destroy those who destroy the earth." God doesn't appreciate those who defile His creation.

Satan is described as a destroyer of God's creation. So polluters can't be considered as mature, true Christians, for they practice satanic, antiChrist behavior.

The proof is in the pudding. If the prevailing philosophies of society's rulers today and throughout history were correct, then earth's environment would be a far better place to live. But obviously, "workers of iniquities" (Mat 7:20-23) have continued to make life increasingly miserable. Careful examination of these rulers lives reveals that they all had leanings of psychopathic and sociopathic behaviors which prevented them from dutifully exercising their brains towards searching for more appropriate governing solutions.

Apparently, a large fraction of environmentalist are misled by New Age and pagan ideals, but to mature Christians, they can be considered as worthy allies in the war against the destroyers of God's creation.

Mark 9:40 "For he who is not against us is on our side."

To those so-called "Christians" who bad mouth environmentalist, I suggest they study the following.

Rom 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

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