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Southern Africa's Ecology Planning for the Ages

The Church in Southern Africa needs to develop its own climate/ecology policy for our region in accordance with God's plan for planet earth. And that means long term generational planning that protects and enhances our land, sea, air, plants and animals for generations to come.

Last week I made two important points about the supposed "climate crisis" and our response:

- None of the major economies are taking climate temperature targets seriously through carbon reduction strategies. More oil, coal and gas was used last year than the previous years and will continue to be used.
- There are not enough actual strategic minerals available to manufacture all the wind and solar technologies for a world wide energy transition by 2050.
- The actual costs in trillions of dollars per year for such a transition are not there anywhere in a world where every nation is deeply in debt with major financial commitments already for more pressing needs from their voters.

I also intimated that it looks to me that these unworkable climate targets are being enforced on the Global South to strip mine us of resources to be used by the Global North to continue their comfortable industrial and consumer lifestyles.

I do however believe that the Church must be a participant in the policy debate about the long term future of planet earth. For a very simple reason. Matthew 5:5...

"The meek shall inherit the earth" Long term this is our earth!

And therefore we need to do proper planetary management because it is our Kingdom inheritance. This is Kingdom Vision strategic reality: Over time the wicked die off and the righteous fill the earth.

My contention with "end times" theology among many scriptural objections is the practical reality that we have no policy or plans for long term planet earth occupation or for very long term growth and prosperity. That needs to change.

So here with some parameters for devising long term policy planning:

1) Take responsibility for that part of planet earth that the Lord has given to us as our Promised Land.

For me that is Southern Africa – namely the nations that comprise the Southern Africa Development Community (The SADC). Reason? Christians form the far greatest majority of the population. We need to set the policy priorities.

You cannot just have a climate and ecology policy for a single nation. It needs to cover a large area because of the large weather, soil, animal and plant distributions that need to be cared for.

And you cannot plan for planet wide policy because we have no control over the large nations of the Northern Hemisphere. They in any case will not care for the Lord's earth, money comes first, so don't expect them to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

2) The Issue is not Human Induced Climate Change

Most of the "climate change" is in fact non human influenced and have to do with long term planetary cycles, sun spot cycles, volcanic eruptions above ground and under sea, cosmic radiation etc. That is right...there is no accepted "climate science". In fact **"There is no climate emergency,"** the Global Climate Intelligence Group (CLINTEL) said in its World Climate Declaration made public in August. ***"Climate science should be less political, while climate policies should be more scientific. Scientists should openly address uncertainties and exaggerations in their predictions of global warming, while politicians should dispassionately count the real costs as well as the imagined benefits of their policy measures."***

A total of 1,609 scientists and professionals from around the world have signed the declaration, including 321 from the United States.

The coalition pointed out that Earth's climate has varied as long as it has existed, with the planet experiencing several cold and warm phases. The Little Ice Age only ended as recently as 1850, they said.

"Therefore, it is no surprise that we now are experiencing a period of warming," the declaration said.

Warming is happening "far slower" than predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

"Climate models have many shortcomings and are not remotely plausible as policy tools," the coalition said, adding that these models "exaggerate the effect of greenhouse gases" and "ignore the fact that enriching the atmosphere with CO2 is beneficial." For instance, even though climate alarmists characterize CO2 as environmentally-damaging, the coalition pointed out that the gas is "not a pollutant."

Carbon dioxide is "essential" to all life on earth and is "favorable" for nature. Extra CO2 results in the growth of global plant biomass while also boosting the yields of crops worldwide.

CLINTEL also dismissed the narrative of global warming being linked to increased natural disasters like hurricanes, floods, and droughts, stressing that there is “no statistical evidence” to support these claims.

“There is no climate emergency. Therefore, there is no cause for panic and alarm. We strongly oppose the harmful and unrealistic net-zero CO2 policy proposed for 2050. Go for adaptation instead of mitigation; adaptation works whatever the causes are,” it said.

3) Develop a Scriptural Foundation for Long Term Planetary Care and Maintenance

Scripture tells us that God has a planetary timeline for His people amounting to thousands of generations....

Exo 34:7 “Keeping mercy for thousands of generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.”.

The world is blessed and not cursed....

Gen 8:21 *“never again will I curse the ground again because of man”*

The Psalmist tells us that the earth is established forever and the earth and its foundations will never be removed (Ps. 78:69; 104:5; 93:1; 96:10; 119:90).

It is urgent that we get out of the “end times” mindset and all the short term thinking it creates and start planning properly for generational strategies. If you cannot get your mind and spirit into a long term future of thousands of generation then at least start planning for third generation planning for our grandchildren. Which means what kind of preparations do we make for a Southern Africa of 2050 to 2075.

Start believing Genesis 1:1.....

“And God saw everything he had and made and behold it was very good.”

That means all those fossil fuels like coal, gas, oil, are very good! And so are the nuclear fuels like uranium and thorium. It is there for our use and we need to use it responsibly while managing the planet's ecology.

4) We need to do proper ecological management of our natural resources

Key to this is a new vision for city planning, farm planning and wild life planning. All need their room to produce. Our biggest problem is new city planning. The interior cities of Gauteng province and its endless population sprawl cannot be maintained over time. The coming limiting factor is water. Elsewhere in Southern Africa is the destruction of natural habitat for plants and wild life from urban sprawl and mining. Valuable farm land is being lost. We are facing species extinctions.

Our new metropolises will need to be at the coast and preferably in the West Coast of our subcontinent along the ocean and the deserts of the Karoo and the Kalahari. With abundant and cheap energy we can have an endless supply fresh desalinated water for future cities.

God made the plants and the animals. They have a right to life. They need their own habitat. Mankind is unique made in God's image with the power of reason and creativity. We can create new environments for us in desert places where we can thrive for generations and leave the climate and soil richest areas for farms and nature.

Which brings up the very important necessity for a long term future.

5) Cheap and Abundant Energy

In Deuteronomy 8:18 the Lord says

Deut 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

One of the great truisms of all proper economic facts are these two statements:

- 1) There is a direct correlation between the amount of energy (power) per person per year and the level of prosperity of a nation. More energy more prosperity.
- 2) There is a direct relationship between the production of power the amount of population the earth can sustain. More energy more population.

It is God's plan for Adam and his dominion mandate that he cares for the earth and be productive through family growth and be prosperous through wealth creation. For that the Lord made an endless supply of energy available in the universe He created.

The great first law of Thermodynamics is that energy can neither be created or destroyed. It only changes from high energy density to lower energy density as we use a source of energy. But the fact remains God created and endless supply of abundant energy for the endless growth of His Kingdom.

We need cheap and abundant energy for population growth, creation of prosperity and planetary management. By that I mean we need to accept there will always be climate cycles and natural climate events. We have no control over that. But we can plan for climate "adaptaation". That means protect our local environment from heat, cold, weather variations, planet disaster of wind earthquakes and hurricanes, drought and storms.

That means we need to dedicate our resources not to stop inevitable climate changes but to protect ourselves from the effects of climate change. And that means more than thinking CO2 in the atmosphere in the air is the enemy. CO2 is not a poison, it is a precious fuel for plant growth. If we give plants CO2 and warm weather they will give us prolific growth of biomass and fruit and flowers and grains and oxygen to breathe.

We need to plan and spend money on adapting to the effects of planetary changes of weather, droughts, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes.

The new conferences and policy studies we need to do as God's people who expect and plan for our grandchildren to inherit a wonderful and productive earth is to start planning the future cities of tomorrow, new land use, generative farming and soil preservation, real renewable transport from renewable fuels, species protection, plastic pollution in our oceans and foods, increased new energy production, specialized earth and space studies for future trends and technologies....and a host more.

And instead of prophetic conferences trying to find out what is the Lord going to do, what about just reading in scripture what God told us to do and start planning and working to create the future?

Instead of arguing about who are the prophets and apostles and what is the church supposed to be....how about raising up entrepreneurial teams of visionaries that will create the new world of abundance that God has planned for us. As in how are we going to fulfill our dominion mandate of planetary management.

Instead of arguing about the eschatology of the Millennium or when is the 1000 years of Christ reign how about we just believe Isaiah 9:6-7

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

No Jesus does not reign for 1000 years, He reigns forever and there is no end to the growth of His Kingdom. Now rap your faith and spirit around that concept....God's plan for this earth and this universe is endless population growth. And earth is not room enough but it is a good start. Satan's plan is population destruction. That is what "zero-growth" national policies are planning as mitigation for too much CO2 and climate change.

We need to start researching policies and strategies for endless growth balanced by care and management of God's earth recognizing the beauty of His precious plant and animal ecology that also needs to be preserved and nurtured.