

Pagan ecology cult snares church leaders

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Approximately 20 years ago, the Club of Rome and related neo-malthusian groups initiated a project to rewrite the Book of Genesis. The architects of the contemporary zero-growth, eco-fascist movement knew full well that it was essential to destroy the concept of man's unique position in nature, embodied in Genesis's injunction to be fruitful, multiply, and subdue the Earth, in order for environmentalism to really take hold. A key target was to replace the idea of man's "dominion" over nature, with that of "stewardship," the point being to reassert the pagan idea of man as simply a part of nature, rather than its master.

Just how successful this assault against the foundations of the Judeo-Christian tradition has been, was evident at a meeting which took place in Washington, D.C. May 10-12. Sponsored by the Joint Appeal by Religion and Science for the Environment, the conference brought together leading U.S. representatives from major religious denominations, for the purpose of giving their blessing to the United Nations' June "Earth Summit," and pledging their support to what can only be described as a *pagan* "environmental ethic."

Participants endorsed a declaration which asserts that religion "has an essential role to play" in promoting an "environmental consciousness."

"We commit ourselves to work together for a United States that will lead the world in the efficient use of fossil fuels, in devising and utilizing renewable sources of energy, in phasing out all significant ozone-depleting chemicals, in slowing global deforestation and the decline in species diversity, in planting forests and restoring other habitats, and in realizing worldwide social justice," the declaration states. "We believe there is a need for concerted efforts to stabilize world population by humane and voluntary means consistent with our differing values."

Paganism becomes 'mainstream'

Those who signed onto this ecological-fascist drivel weren't just fringe elements, but representatives of the most important religious groupings in the United States.

Participants included Bishop William Friend of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, secretary general of the National Baptist Convention; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and Dr. Robert Sieple, president, World Vision U.S.A.

Organizers of the event emphasized that the meeting was particularly significant because it brought together denominations which had heretofore been leery of the environmentalist agenda.

The Joint Appeal was formed several years ago by Carl Sagan and James Parks Morton, dean of New York's Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, which has long been a hotbed of nature worship, witchcraft, and other practices hostile to the Judeo-Christian tradition. Its purpose was to gain the backing of leading U.S. religious institutions for the environmentalist cause. The idea was to bring together religious leaders with scientists to formulate a cooperative approach to the "environmental crisis."

But what scientists! Those who have been involved in the project, such as Sagan, James Hansen, and Edward Wilson, are among the principal architects of the various hoaxes (the ozone hole and global warming, for example) which are being used to ram through the eco-fascist agenda. These people aren't scientists; they're either liars, or gross incompetents.

Not all attendees were completely satisfied with the discussions, however. At one workshop, chaired by environmental lunatic Sen. Al Gore (who hosted the conference, which took place on Capitol Hill), a black minister asked why the conference focused on environmental considerations to the near-total exclusion of development, especially since development was supposed to be part of the "Earth Summit" agenda.

"We do need a new Marshall Plan," replied Gore, "but it should focus on 'population stabilization, renewable energy sources, sustainable development,' and natural resources accounting"—in other words, zero growth, which translates into the deaths of millions in the developing sector and advanced sector, too.

Earth Summit aftermath

The "Mission to Washington" was one of many feeder events leading up to the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development which opens in Rio de Janeiro June 1. UNCED Secretary General Maurice Strong gave a status report, claiming the Earth Summit will accomplish "98% of our goals" and is "exceeding my expectations."

Gore's workshop was devoted to plotting strategy for toughening up and rapidly implementing whatever agreements come out of Rio. He and others discussed the prospect of strengthening the global climate treaty which is likely to be signed at the Earth Summit. At present, the draft accord theoretically commits signatory nations to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels, but includes no mandatory timetables.

Gore has already introduced a bill into the U.S. Senate, the "Global Climate Protection Act," which would impose mandatory limits on the United States, and it was clear from the conference that the U.S. eco-nuts will focus their energies on getting this enacted.