

The Not So New Religion
Ezekiel 20

There was a major international conference going on, which could have had serious consequences for everyone in the world. It's the UN Conference on the environment, held in Cancun, Mexico. And they were trying to bring about drastic changes.

"Cancun talks start with a call to the gods.

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With United Nations climate negotiators facing an uphill battle to advance their goal of reducing emissions linked to global warming, it's no surprise that the woman steering the talks appealed to a Mayan goddess Monday.

Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, invoked the ancient jaguar goddess Ixchel in her opening statement to delegates gathered in Cancun, Mexico, noting that Ixchel was not only goddess of the moon, but also "the goddess of reason, creativity and weaving. May she inspire you -- because today, you are gathered in Cancun to weave together the elements of a solid response to climate change, using both reason and creativity as your tools."

She called for "a balanced outcome" which would marry financial and emissions commitments from industrialized countries aimed at combating climate change with "the understanding of fairness that will guide long-term mitigation efforts."

U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres placed a building block in a miniature Mayan pyramid at the site of climate negotiations in Cancun, In Mexico, on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, the "Pyramid of Hope" monument was erected by the Tck climate awareness campaign to symbolize the many building blocks needed for a new climate agreement.

She said, "Excellencies, the goddess Ixchel would probably tell you that a tapestry is the result of the skilful interlacing of many threads," Figueres, who hails from Costa Rica and started her greetings in Spanish before switching to English. "I am convinced that 20 years from now, we will admire the policy tapestry that you have woven together and think back fondly to Cancun and the inspiration of Ixchel."

Delegates from 193 countries are gathered in Cancun for the two-week meeting. Two weeks from now, we'll have a sense of whether Ixchel & the delegates were listening to Figueres's appeal.

Believers do need to be praying about the subject, and engaging in spiritual warfare, in order to be effective.

How far has it pervaded, or invaded our lives? As you go about in your daily

walk through life, you are constantly bombarded by those trying to alter your view on everything. If it was a balanced approach, it would be one thing. But starting early in life, and throughout the education system, people are being re-conditioned for the new world order. The flagship of this is the environmental movement. Believers need to be well informed on this subject, as it is full of lies and deception.

Remember Al Gore and his infamous movie. It got him an Academy Award however. If the oceans are going to raise by 20 feet, why did he buy a big house right on the sea-shore? His book is considered a mainstay of the environmental movement.

There are many good Christian books to read; Texe Marrs has several of them. "Green Hoax Effect", and the "Skeptical Environmentalist", are two other books that have been around for a while.

Did anyone notice that 2010 is the fifth straight year that no hurricane hit the continental U.S. Praise the Lord!

What exactly is going on here? Dr. Phil Stringer, Executive Vice President at Landmark Baptist College, Haines City, Florida, wrote an article, entitled "Environism: The Environmental Movement As A Pagan Religion".

"Environism is a combination of pseudo-science, new age mysticism, paganism, and socialism which serves as a combination of political philosophy and religion. This is clearly an attempt to replace America's historic Christian culture with a new religion -- a pagan religion.

The National Religious Partnership for the Environment was formed in 1993. By April, 1994, education and activity kits had been sent to 53,000 American churches. The NRPE's Executive Director Paul Gorman said, "how people of faith engage the environmental crisis will have much to do with the future well-being of the planet, and in all likelihood, with the future of religious life as well." The NRPE claims that the environmental movement represents a new religious enlightenment capable of uniting all religions.

The NRPE is headquartered in New York City at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine (an Episcopal church). Also located at this church is the Gaia Institute and the Temple of Understanding. One of the recently featured speakers at this church was James Lovelock, author of The Ages of Gaia. Lovelock is credited with saying, "The earth, Gaia, is the source of life everlasting and is alive now; she gave birth to humankind, and we are a part of her." For environments like Lovelock, "Mother Nature" is not an abstract concept but the living planet, a goddess to be worshipped in place of the God of the Bible.

Many other "environments" offer similar religious teaching. Dr. Robert Muller, former Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations, author of the World Core Curriculum (which serves as a foundation of Goals 2000 -- Outcome Based Education), and chancellor of the United Nations University of Peace in Costa Rica, has written New Genesis: Shaping a Global Spirituality. In a 1995 interview with the World Goodwill Newsletter, Muller said: The UN is humanity's incipient global brain, and it is part of its global nervous system (media, NGO's, etc.). We still need a global heart ... and we still need a global soul, namely our consciousness and fusion with the entire universe and stream of time.

What Muller means is clarified in another speech delivered to World Goodwill. Muller says: We are temporary living manifestations or incarnations of this earth. We are living earth. The living consciousness of earth is beginning to operate through us.

So there's nothing Christian about them. Well then, who's responsible for trashing or polluting God's creation? John 10: 10 - The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1 Peter 5: 8 & 9 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

So it's the devil and his demons working directly or through people, animals etc. that are causing the trouble. Mark 5: 12, 13, & 15 - And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) & were choked in the sea. & they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

Is the devil angry at believers only?

Matthew 24: 22 - And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The devil wants to destroy everyone and everything. So why are there so many that believe that Christians are responsible for the environmental messes? Well what is the Christian's responsibility?

Genesis 2: 15 - And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

And God instituted many good practices of animal husbandry and

agriculture, as found in the Pentateuch. Under the New Covenant, believers are still to be good stewards of all that God gives us.

Matthew 25: 14 to 30 - For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

So what's happening in the Church? The latest buzz-word is "creation care". Essentially, that's environmentalism, with paganism at it's core, eclipsing the Church. What exactly is paganism? Of the many aspects of it, the main theme is nature worship.

In fact, the Bible mentions it in Romans 1:19 - 25 - Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen,

being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

How should believers deal with paganism in their lives, family and Church? Nehemiah 13: 30 NKJV - Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I also assigned duties to the priests and the Levites, each to his service, Yes, there are many problems in the world. But let us look at it from God's perspective. Which god, you say? The God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh, and who sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in His people. The problem is rebellion against Him, and it is called sin.

Daniel 9: 4 to 6 - And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

And sin pollutes everyone and everything it touches.

Acts 15: 20 - But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

Believers sin against Our Lord God when they get involved with idolatry, or nature worship, or paganism.

Psalms 106: 34 to 48 - They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.

And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand. Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD.

Why is Our Lord God opposed to idolatry? Exodus 20: 1 to 6 - And God spake all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

What else does Our Lord God consider as idolatrous practices?

Deuteronomy 18: 9 to 14 NKJV - When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

Doesn't that sound like the outline of a parapsychology course?

The land was also polluted by the shedding of blood. Is there anything like that, that's going on to-day? For every 100 live births, there are another 42 babies that are killed by their mothers. Some forms of birth control do the same thing. For any woman who has had an abortion, or those who have counselled for it to be done; forgiveness is available.

1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our

sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Healing and deliverance are available through the shed Blood and Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 10: 1 - And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

What will Our Lord God do? Ezekiel 39: 7 - So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel; and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Believers sin against Our Lord God when they get involved with fornication, or any kind of sexual immorality. 1 Corinthians 6: 19 & 20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

If anyone is in doubt as to what is involved, check out Leviticus 20:10 - 21.

And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall

die childless. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

And in this day and age, believers have to stay away from pornography, especially on the internet. Pornography is one of the major factors leading to the break-up of families.

But remember, under the New Covenant we don't kill them.

John 8: 10 & 11 - When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

We have to be like Our Lord Jesus, in hating the sin and loving the sinner.

And if more people were like Jesus Christ, 65% of teens would not be sexually active, & seniors wouldn't be the fastest increasing group for STDs.

Sin, and its pollution are the main problems here on earth. Pollution is mentioned 55 times in the King James. Most of the references are in Ezekiel, 24 times. One chapter, #20, has 11 verses about it.

I won't read it now, but I'll leave it with you for homework.

Now we will look at the main verses.

V9 - But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, among whom they *were*, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

V13 - But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; & my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

V14 - But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

V16 - Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.

V21 - Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which *if* a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

V22 - Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

V24 - Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my

statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

V26 - And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through *the fire* all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I *am* the LORD.

V30 - Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers? and commit ye whoredom after their abominations?

V31 - For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you.

V39 - As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.

Under the Old Covenant, polluting the Sabbath was considered one of the most disrespectful things they could do against God.

Now that we are under the New Covenant, how many Christians disrespect Our Lord on the Lord's Day?

So where are we now? The Lord is watching what is going on here, and He is able to persuade people to return to Him.

Read Leviticus 26 to see what would be done to restore them.

What can people do to fix the environment? 2 Chronicles 7: 12 to 14 - And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The onus lies on believers; to walk closer with Our Lord Jesus, and to stay under His shed Blood.

Acts 15: 20 - But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

So with good stewardship, and the Lord's blessing, we and our land can be healed.

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