

Guest Column,

This Time the Sky Really Is Falling

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Valencia, Spain - Global warming is "unequivocal" and carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere commits the world to an eventual rise in sea levels of up to 4.6 feet, the world's top climate experts warned Saturday in their most authoritative report to date.

"Only urgent, global action will do," said U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, calling on the United States and China — the world's two biggest polluters — to do more to slow global climate change.

"These scenes are as frightening as a science fiction movie," said Ban. "But they are even more terrifying because they are real."

Reported by ARTHUR MAX, Associated Press Writer

Next month there will be an estimated 10,000 delegates to meet in Bali, Indonesia, from almost every country on the planet to try to reach an agreement on implementing the changes to slow or reverse the effects of pollution on global warming. They will then tell the politicians what they need to do to take action on this. When you get the chance you should research the findings coming out of Valencia to understand what it means for all of us. I don't like being the bearer of bad news, but this looks to me like it needs serious consideration.

I recently had someone tell me that there would be global warming whether we did anything or not to our environment. That it was just a cycle that our planet was going through. That it was just Mother Nature doing her thing.

Here's what Reverend Ken Collins had to say about Mother Nature:

"Nature in the sense of 'Mother Nature'

Nature doesn't *have* a bounty, nature *is* the bounty. If anyone can demonstrate that Nature is our mother, I think we should sue her for child abuse and get placed on a foster planet. Nature is an artifact of God, not a

god in and of itself. Therefore, I will worship the God that created the bounty and not the bounty.

Nevertheless, that doesn't place me in the slash-and-burn camp of 'Christian' nonecology. In this world we prove our stewardship so that we can be entrusted with greater things in the next world. Some say that we belong to the earth, others say the earth belongs to us. Both camps are wrong. The earth belongs to God. It is God's garden, and we are God's gardeners. Therefore let us work to show ourselves approved of this great trust, so that we may receive a greater trust in the world to come."

This is a Bible verse that I used in a previous article: "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Genesis 2:15. Where did we go wrong with the take care of it part?

"O God, your heart is broken
by our abuse of earth.
We overuse resources
denying nature's worth.
Forgive our selfish lifestyles
that feed on culture's greed.
Urge us to take fresh courage
to tend our world in need."

From a hymn by Edith Sinclair Downing.

What can I do?

- Recycle everything possible. Take everything that can be recycled to the Convenience Station on North Highway 56.
- Reuse or place in the hands of those that can reuse anything I no longer need. Visit the thrift shop in downtown Glen Rose to drop off usable items.
- Reduce my utility bills, my automobile dependence, my carbon output
- Plant trees, vegetable gardens

- Buy from local producers instead of having goods and food shipped from all over the world. Go to <http://www.localharvest.org/> to find those local producers or go to the city square on Saturday morning to see if local farmers are selling there.
- And build extremely energy efficient homes.

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