

Our Angry Eden: Faith and Hope in a Hotter Harsher Planet

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1. *Creation Care*...is a theological approach to our environment...we should love and cherish the earth that God gave us....How should we understand this?
2. Poor creation...Poor dolphins and butterflies...lambs and baby polar bears... We must protect our poor fragile planet...
3. OR...We should protect our planet for aesthetic reasons. Because it is beautiful...Amazing, complex, miraculous...Yes
4. But there is another truth...God's creation scares the heck out of me...we should expect to receive back what creation returns back to those who meddle with it or imagine they rule it.
5. *God's Creation* is not a synonym for earth... Creation is not just our world...beyond, past the firmament of our local physics, into a possibly multiversal infinity that goes deeper still, to terrifying depths beyond...We need to take care of it in the way we take care when we teeter on the edge of a precipice.
6. If we sabotage our ecosystem...the ensuing tumult ... might leave another, less maladaptive species in our place...Do we think that creation cares? It does not...an epochal spasm... just another epoch among epochs...
7. But what about God?...God does care, right? Yes. God does care. But...God also allows us to reap the harvest we have sown, no matter what that harvest might be. That is the nature of God's love and justice.
8. And sometimes God lets us die...One hundred percent of us die in the hands of God, being that we are mortal and all...None of us seem to be looking to the Creator of the Universe and saying, "The Creator of the Universe fills me with mortal terror."... We should be.
9. That easy, butterflies- and-rainbows sensibility does not mesh with the existential threat we have created for ourselves and our children.
10. The thesis of Bill McKibben's book called *Eaarth* is that the time to avoid climate crisis has passed and our world is now compromised...It is not a world that will be bullied, or beaten into submission. It is not a world that will submit to our ideological blinders and our blind greed. It will not be a safe space for our anxious, narcissistic fragilities...Our children know this...we have consigned them to a world that will increasingly not be the one we inherited.
11. For what reasons have we failed to slow or reverse to climate change? HINT: its because human beings are a mess.