

Can Christians support the treaty on climate change?

No bread from stones.

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Introduction

When the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at Copenhagen, Denmark, was approaching in 2009, the publicity around it increased. The topic of climate change touches the interests and, even more, the emotions of many people.

People had/have contradictory opinions on a number of issues related to the subject of climate. I mention a few.

(During the last hundred years journalists have quoted scientists who predicted a global catastrophe because of- terrible global warming, then –a new ice age coming, no back to- global warming with the ice caps melting , - no ,yet a new ice age.) It raised the question: -Is a global climate crisis coming?

To be right either way the press has changed its terminology: we experience “climate change”.

-The spokesman for the last IPCC (I wrote about it in 2009)- said: the climate has warmed during the last 50 years. However, Dr.Fred Singer (a recognized professor emeritus of environmental studies at the University of Virginia), said: he and other scientists have seen little or no warming since 1940. The little warming that did happen, happened in the first 50 years of the last century!

-The 2000 scientists who gave their opinion for the IPCC were handpicked, and their objectivity is therefore questionable.

Before Kyoto, 1998, around 17.000 scientists, among whom many meteorologists, signed a petition, that stated that there is no scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing a catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate.

Other issues with very contradicting opinions were

-are many species becoming or have become extinct?

-Are the rainforests, like the Amazonas, endangered by deforestation?

-What is the Copenhagen Climate Treaty really about?

If it is true that the Copenhagen Treaty has two stated goals:

-Transfer of wealth from Industrial Nations (like the United States) to Developing Countries.

-How much (little) energy use and consumption is granted to Industrial Nations?

Then for some it is clear that

Goal Number One behind the treaty is Global Socialism and

Goal Number Two is a Global Dictatorship

Now it is 2019 and the UN had recently a global climate conference. In the previous year there were demonstrations in many nations of schoolchildren who believed that these demonstrations will save the climate. So, also the media gave a lot of attention to the UN conference. Apart from the question whether the mentioned goals are/were true/not true I have a strong conviction that Christians need to dissociate themselves from the movement behind the treaty.

It is right that people want to be responsible stewards for their nations, its environment and its resources. As Christians are motivated to care for creation to honour the Creator, they seek ways to express their responsibility. However, over the years the responsible care for the environment has become mixed with motives that are idolatrous. The voices of people who worship an idol now dominate in the discussion.

Therefore Christians need to discern what motivates those who are globally pushing the environmentalist movement. As some of the most influential voices in the discussions about the care for the earth tell us that they derive their arguments and vision to the time shortly after the flood we have to go back in history. In order to understand the issues with which we are confronted.

In the article on Sustainability, in category 5, I have described what happened in history We need to go back in history.

§1. Going back in history.

The Scriptures, in Genesis 11, mention that Nimrud, a great -grandson of Noah, built several cities, the first one being Babel, a city with a tower " that reaches the heavens". That did not mean a tower so high as, for example, the 1,671-foot Taipei Financial Centre. I believe, from the context of the story, that the wording meant that "the top" was *participating in the spiritual realm*, and that there was spiritual rule from top down. The tower was what they call a ziggurat. The remnants of the (planned) ziggurat at Babylon have been unearthed and can be seen there. In the museum in Babylon I have seen pictures and maquettes on display that give an impression of how historians believe what Babylon, and its ziggurats (there were other), may have looked like, sun, moon, planets and stars were worshiped. On the roof of a ziggurat was a temple in which sacrifices were made to a deity. We may assume that this was also the plan for the tower at Babylon. Though they did not accomplish this set goal, as the Lord interfered and divided them by the confusion of the language.

At the time of Nimrud the temple on the top was for Marduk, at that time the chief male god of the Babylonian religion, in the Bible also called Bel. In the temple was a room with a bed and a table. There the king united sexually, in a cultic marriage, with a priestess of Ishtar, the female counterpart in this fertility-cult. In this way he was believed to become the incarnation of the godhead. And thus, they believed, the fertility for the Babylonians was released. Therefore this religion was a fertility-religion.

(This ceremony resembled in some ways the ceremony that took place some years ago after the Japanese heir to the throne was made emperor. And by which the Japanese emperor is believed to become divine.)

We may wonder how this religion could develop, when the records of the flood were still fresh? By the submission of Adam and his wife to the lying suggestion of the evil spirit, later called satan, iniquity entered their spirit. Their spirit was not completely dead, otherwise they would have died physically as well, but it was no more alive unto the Lord. Sin is the fruit of iniquity. With added sins, accomplished through the soul and the body, the iniquity in the spirit increases. When there is no repentance and no forgiveness that spiritual "heritage" is passed on to the next generation.

We read in Genesis 6:5 that the wickedness of mankind, after Adam and Eve had to leave paradise, became very great, and that every inclination of the thoughts of men's heart was only evil all the time.. There came a time in the ancient world that the wickedness on the earth had become so very great that YHWH could not spare it any longer. We may assume that idolatry had become part of that wickedness.

Noah and his sons must have had a fairly good understanding of why the Lord had judged the then existing world. We may assume that Noah and his sons after the flood passed on this understanding to their children, and grandchildren, telling over and over what had happened and why. We know that Shem was about 100 years old when he came out of the ark and that he lived for another 500 years. He was still alive when the people decided to stay together, instead of obeying the instructions of the Lord to spread out over the earth.

In what is believed to be the oldest book in the Scriptures, Job, we read the discussions of Job with his friends. He defends himself by saying that he had not been enticed by another woman, that he had been merciful to the poor, and that he had not trusted in gold or riches. He then adds that "If I had regarded the sun in its radiance, or the moon moving in splendour, so that my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage, then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been unfaithful to God on high", Job 31: 26-28. That means that idolatry in his time was a sin to be judged. But it seems that after some time this understanding eroded. Paul explains in Romans 1 that, when we, though we know the Creator, yet do not glorify and thank Him for whom He is, but instead worship the creation, our thoughts become futile, and our hearts darkened. This leads to foolishness, and to immorality (Rom. 1: 25,21,22, 26). Without repentance there is, always, a progress in evil. Iniquity enters, as it were, our "spiritual DNA" and is passed on to the next generations, if there is no repentance. This was also true for Babel. This also is true for the time we live in.

Babylon is the Greek word for Babel. The word comes from the accadian bab-ilani, which means gate of the gods. The meaning already indicates that more gods were worshiped at Babel. The reason that the Babylonians and Assyrians worshiped many gods was that they worshiped forces of nature, which were *deified*. That is the reason why the sun, the moon, the stars, wind and thunder were idolized.

Though they did not become monotheistic, yet, during different periods, one god was considered to be the most important. In Babylon this was Marduk, in Assyria the god Assur, while also Nebo has taken that place. Bel meant "lord" in accadian language. The prophet Isaiah mentions these two, Nebo and Bel, in 46:1.

Another characteristic from the Babylonian-Assyrian religion is that besides the chief male god they worshiped a female god, who is his wife. In Babylon this was Ishtar. (From which word came "easter".) The worship of these two (demonic) powers, Marduk and Ishtar, has spread all over the world. In innumerable adaptations.

From the book of Daniel (2:2) we learn that in his time magicians, astrologers and sorcerers were serving the king. It was part of the Babylonian worship. In Jer. 51:1 the Lord says that He will rise up against Babylon, against those who live in Leb Kamai, which is, according to the NKJ, a codeword that means "The Midst of those that rise up against Me."

In the Scriptures "Babylon" stands for a system, a corporate body, that has as its most important characteristic that it is opposed to the Lord. The one who controls that system is the chief among the fallen angels, Satan. If in idolatry there is a "chief god" who desires to be worshiped as the highest, I believe that we may assume that that being is satan. In Babylon Marduk was the chief god. In Greek mythology the chief god, who also is considered to be the "father of the gods" was Zeus. When we are then informed by researchers that Zeus in other areas was also worshiped as Bel, we may assume that there is one demonic being behind both, the one who is the chief of all the demonic beings, Satan. Paul says in 1 Cor. 10:19,20 that what people offer to idols, they in fact offer to demons. Idols, he says, are nothing, but demons are very real. Because of this worship they opened the door to demonic powers ruling in and over them. The people in Babylon had been rejecting the God who made the heavens and the earth, the planets and the stars, the sun and the moon, and instead had worshiped creation itself. So they opened the door to demonic powers. Giving in to temptation by Satan, as Adam and Eve did, is not the same as worshiping Satan, as the people in Babel did. The Bible does not tell this openly, but we may assume that the peoples, that were scattered out of Babel, went into the world demonised. This, I believe, may explain why we see shamans, medicine men, witchdoctors, pagan priests all over the world with the same kind of rituals and practices. Practices going back "to the beginning of time".

From the account in Genesis 11 we understand that the people in Babel/Babylon were—*rebellious, -- united in wilful disobedience, -- striving for autonomous power, and—using occult powers.*

The Bible warns us that in the time of the end there will be a corporate body again with the same characteristics, with the same kind of religion, but then on a global scale.

We have to skip historical developments here, but in the environmental movement we encounter the fertility religion that started in Babylon and was spread throughout the whole earth.

§2. Revival of eastern esoteric religions.

Around the middle of the 19th century there is an increase of people with an interest in the occult. Helena Blavatsky, 1831-1891 became strongly influenced by eastern esoteric doctrines, especially Hinduism and Buddhism. She coveted its secret knowledge and its secret powers. She founded the Theosophical Society to study the "Hidden Wisdom" and to proclaim a westernized Hinduism. Theosophy means "the teaching of the divine". Blavatsky wanted to ease the access to the "divine" for people.

In 1887 she started to publish a monthly magazine, *Lucifer*. Blavatsky claimed that she was in regular contact with, what she called, the "Hidden Masters," who according to her, lived in Central-Asia. And she wrote several books ("by clairvoyance" as she claimed), which have been of great influence on her disciples. These books also influenced Alice Bailey, (1880-1949), whose writings have changed the way of life of multitudes in the 20th century, whether they were aware of it or not.

Helena Blavatsky and (even more) Alice Bailey are considered as the founders of the New Age movement, (abbreviated here: NAM). This movement is both a religious and a social movement.. It combines many religions and philosophies that try to (re-)discover the divine in the person themselves. The content of the many books that Alice Bailey wrote together with a guiding spirit, Djwhal Khul, were meant to be a continuation of "Ageless Wisdom", (supposedly) esoteric teachings handed down from ancient times in a form that can be applied in every period of development of life. The topic of the 24 books that Bailey wrote were the messages that she in trance received from her guiding spirit who called himself "*the Tibetan*". He describes, through Alice Bailey, "the Plan" for humanity and the universe, according to what he calls the "Hierarchy of Ascended Masters," of whom the Tibetan is one himself. He refers incessantly to Biblical concepts and he quotes many Scripture verses, but always with a twist. He teaches that Mankind (that is, he explained: the

“best kind of them”) will develop continually when new opportunities open up and then again new choices become available. The movement is upward and forward. Once these new choices are available one should/must make new choices, and one should not be limited in any way. In order that humanity will grow into being **omni-present, and open for omni-science**, governments need to make the choices possible and have no right to set limitations.

The teachings of Bailey and the Tibetan are a “modernised” version of Genesis 3: “You will not die” but “be as God”. Believing to be god in themselves, the New Age believers are convinced that they will change into corporate godliness.

This is not the place to go deeper into it. But in short we can say that this “Plan” **aimed at one goal: to dethrone Jesus Christ**, and to replace Christianity by another religion: a new world-religion in which Lucifer will be worshiped. Worldwide. Alice Bailey founded the Lucifer Trust, later, (as it was quite “revealing”) renamed in Lucis Trust. The Lucis Trust, that published the books of Bailey, is an influential NGO and is the publisher of many UN-publications. The Tibetan wrote a proclamation that has become known as “the great invocation”.

There have been (and still are) many people who have contributed to the NAM. But the teachings of Alice Bailey, better: the Tibetan, have had an enormous impact on many leaders in the UN, as they sought to establish a new world-religion in which that same Lucifer will be worshiped. And through the UN and its strategies have these teachings strongly contributed to the changes in the spiritual climate of most of the western nations, and in the developing nations as well. Of course these changes have everything to do with the emergence of the Babylonian religion.

One typical characteristic of the NAM is the pantheistic and pancosmic outlook on life. Everything is one. God and the universe are one. The believers in the NAM speak about the planetary consciousness. Good and evil, rich and poor, war and peace, order and chaos, it is part of God. He (better I think: it) carries and embraces everyone and everything. There are no borders between God and the cosmos. Everything becomes divine. God is not the creator but the spirit of the cosmos. As God and the universe are one it is logical that there is much interest for our own planet. Not a few NA-philosophers deify the planet, Gaia, Mother earth. It is against this background that a new interest in the planet developed.

§3. Another line in history: attempts to a new world order.

In the 18th and 19th century a group of freemasons developed the idea to establish a oneworld government, under the command of Lucifer. (Freemasons see Lucifer as an angel of light, and revere him as if he never fell into rebellion).

Already Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels stated in 1848 that three world wars would be necessary to wipe out a number of peoples and races, from the face of the earth, in the name of progress. In 1871 the head of the Italian masonry stated as their main purpose: to rid not just Europe but the entire world of Christianity, and to bring it under the leadership of Lucifer. He also suggested that **three very bloody world wars would be needed so that eventually every nation would surrender its national sovereignty to an international government** “in order to prevent this to be repeated”. And, realizing that this goal could not be reached overnight they developed strategies to achieve their goal. In the course of time they had to readjust often as social and political situations changed. But they did not give up their ultimate goal. As many national governments are not eager to surrender their national sovereignty, strategies had to be developed and adjusted, continually. Some key-points:

First attempt (in modern times) to establish a new world order. The League of Nations was established after WWI, under the motto “to promote international cooperation and to achieve peace and security.” The US was not part of the League of Nations, which the freemasons in the US were discontent with. They formed in 1921 the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), with head-quarters in New York. “The ultimate aim of the CFR ...is...to create a oneworld socialist system and make the United States an official part of it”.

- In 1941, two weeks (!!) after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Dec.’41, involving the US in WWII, representatives of 26 nations pledged “to continue fighting together against “the Axis Powers”. US President Franklin D. Roosevelt then coined the name: United Nations.¹ This was the second attempt to establish a new world order.

¹ Basic Facts about the United Nations, department of Public information, p. 3

- 1945, representatives of 50 countries met in San Francisco at the United Nations Conference on International Organization, to draw up the United Nations Charter. June '45 the UN came into existence, when 50 nations ratified the Charter.²

Over the years top-political leaders openly referred to/pleaded for a oneworld government and a new world order. Several Secretary-General's of the UN have implicitly or explicitly stated that the UN should be the oneworld government.

§4. Earth, earth day.

Initially there were diverse streams among those who were worried about the environment. They cooperated quite well. My husband was a Christian environmental-activist in the sixties, begin seventies. We always have emphasized that we are responsible for how we deal with creation. After 1970 the vision of those who wanted to protect the environment became more and more coloured by New Age ideas. And it became difficult for Christians to cooperate with them. Over the years these voices were mostly heard in the media. And we can notice that also Christians have been influenced by these voices, and not really discerning the philosophy behind it.

In 1970, *on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Lenin*, (=remark added to this study on 25th of April 2010), New Age- environmentalists introduced a day to celebrate: Earth Day. The "Friends of the Earth" prepared the "Environmental Handbook", as a help for teachers to inform their pupils about the environmental crisis. The content of this book has been widely distributed and been influential all over the world.

I will mention here that many of the arguments and goals that were in the Handbook, have, in the years following this first earth day, permeated our societies, our churches, and schools, and also often our homes.

I will quote them extensively because in my opinion it is of the utmost significance that Christians understand the spiritual background of the dominant environmentalist movement, and of the treaty that will be proposed at the upcoming convention at Copenhagen.

Acknowledgement: For the quotes or the content of the stated goals in the Handbook I gleaned from the research by C.T. who is Director of Research at Hope For The World. He researched the motives for the first Earth day.

Several quotes from the Handbook, by different authors. (Scheefgedrukt door mij, H.B)

Lynn White, Jr. wrote: "What we do about ecology depends on our ideas of the man-nature relationship. More science and more technology are not going to get us out of the present ecological crisis *until we find a new religion, or rethink our old one*". (p. 24) *No new set of basic values has been accepted in our society to displace those of Christianity. Hence we shall continue to have a worsening ecologic crisis until we reject the Christian axiom...* (p. 25).. Since the roots of our trouble are so largely religious, the remedy must also be essentially religious, whether we call it that or not. We must rethink and refuel our nature and destiny. (p. 26) - ("The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis").

Kenneth Brower, wrote in "Wilderness" an eulogy on shamans.

Keith Murray, gave a number of "Suggestions Toward an Ecological Platform":

Explore other social structures and marriage forms, such as group marriage and

polyandrous marriage, which provide family life but may produce less children...We must hope that no one woman would give birth to more than one child. (p. 324). It must be demonstrated ceaselessly that a continuing "growing economy" is no longer healthy, but a cancer. (p. 328). "To achieve the changes we must change the very foundations of our society and our minds...Nothing short of total transformation will do much good. What we envision...[is] cultural and individual pluralism, unified by a type of world tribal council." (p. 330).

(In the following quote we can clearly see that the New Age religion is a spiritual anti-bride. I believe that this is (part of) the global culture that in the Bible is called Babylon.)

"It seems evident that there are throughout the world certain social and religious forces which have worked through history toward an ecologically and culturally enlightened state of affairs. Let these be encouraged: Gnostics, hip Marxists, Teilhard de Chardin Catholics, Druids, Taoists, Biologists, Witches, Yogins, Bhikkus, Quakers, Sufis, Tibetans, Zens, Shamans, Bushmen, American Indians, Polynesians, Anarchists, Alchemists...the list is long. All primitive cultures, all communal and ashram movements. Since it doesn't seem practical or even

² Basic Facts *ibid*, , p. 3

desirable to think that direct bloody force will achieve much, it would be best to consider this a continuing "revolution of consciousness" which will be won not by guns but by seizing the key images, myths, archetypes, eschatologies, and ecstasies so that life won't seem worth living unless one's on the transforming energy's side. (p. 331) -"Four Changes".

The Environmental Handbook also stated these goals, **in 1970!**, (focussing on the US first):

Stabilizing the U.S. population should be declared a national policy. Immediate steps should be taken to:

1. Legalize voluntary abortion and sterilization and provide these services free.
2. Remove all restrictions on the provision of birth control information and devices; provide these services free to all, including minors.
3. Make sex education available at all appropriate levels, stressing birth control practices and the need to stabilize the population.
4. Launch a government-sponsored campaign for population control in the media comparable to the present antismoking campaign.
5. Offer annual bonuses for couples remaining childless and eliminate tax deductions for more than two children.

Control of world population growth is simply a matter of survival of the human race. Federal priorities must be made to reflect this fact. We propose:

1. Massive federal aid to supply birth control information, planning and materials to all countries that will accept it.
2. Foreign aid only to countries with major programs to curb population growth.
3. Increased research on birth control methods and on attitudes toward limiting births. (pp. 317-318 Keith Murray, "Suggestions Toward an Ecological Platform")
4. Explore other social structures and marriage forms, such as group marriage and polyandrous marriage, which provide family life but may produce less children...
5. No one woman should give birth to more than one child.
6. A continuing "growing economy" is no longer healthy, but a cancer.
7. To achieve the changes we must change the very foundations of our society and our minds...

And their conclusion comes down to

Nothing short of total transformation will do much good. What we envision...[is] cultural and individual pluralism, unified by a type of world tribal council.

C.T. concluded: The call from The Environmental Handbook was clear: change the present religious, political, and social structures-adapting society to a New Age world-view of nature worship, communistic and socialistic political thinking, deviant family planning practices, and complete earth indoctrination within the education system.

Earth Day's agenda of nature worship is diametrically opposite to what God's word tells

us. See, again, Romans 1:21-25.

§5 Next: Earth summit, earth charter.

In 1972 the Club of Rome published "The Limits Of Growth". It stimulated that a growing number of people became environment-conscious. (Which of course is not wrong in itself). It also created the, wrong, impression, and this was the goal (as Agnelli later confessed) that the resources of the earth were becoming exhausted. If we would continue to live the western world was doing, there would, in a foreseeable future, come an end to some very important resources. People became worried and the establishing of the UN Environment Program (UNEP), by Maurice Strong, seemed a logical step. (Though the environment was not in the UN charter, and so not in its mandate!) Strong in that year presided the Stockholm Initiative, a UN-conference on the environment.

In September 1986 the World Nature Fund started its Network for the conservation of Nation and Religion. It brought together religious leaders who represented Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam. They came together in Assisi, together with leaders from the environment movement. Each one of the represented religions made a statement related to nature. Later the Bahá'í joined as well.

In 1987 a 5 year New Age plan, "Campaign for the Earth", started. In that year the Brundtland Commission defined the concept of Sustainable Development as: *"Sustainable development seeks to meet the needs and aspirations of the present without compromising the ability to meet those of the future."* It is a holistic concept with 3 parameters: a controlled economy, a controlled flow of resources, social equality and equity (and, a proposed #4, the influence of civil society -the NGO's-). Looking back we can see that all these parameters were, if not inspired, then related to the goals of the Environmental Handbook.

At the end of the 5-year campaign, in 1992, the United Nations organized its global conference, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, WSSD I, named the Earth Summit. Secretary-General was Maurice Strong. He invited many NGO's for the WSSD, as lobbyists. (Over the years their input grew, till the point that their vision and voice is louder than that of the official delegates). The WSSD was the first of a series of global conferences that were meant to prepare the world, so it was understood, for the demands of the new millennium. The concept of "Sustainable Development" became key for all the "Plans of Action", that came out of these global UN-conferences. In these conferences there were always four hidden agenda's controlling, in fact, the course of the conferences. The feminist agenda, the environmentalists agenda, the agenda of population control, and the agenda of the world-federalists (to create a oneworld order). In the conferences the promoters of these agenda's co-operate and support each other's agenda's.

In Rio several things happened that illustrate that we are confronted with a movement that is inspired by rebellious spiritual powers. Because of which I believe that Christians cannot identify with it.

-At the opening of the Earth Summit the "Great Invocation" was sung. That is the song written by the Tibetan, and sung now by witches and earth-worshippers.

-During the Earth Summit the wife of Hanne Strong founded a group called "the Wisdom Keepers". Many UN-officials were involved. Asked about it Hanne Strong explained that they felt that meditation on wisdom could contribute to the problems on earth in a way that politicians cannot. She explained to a journalist that it was not a new age thing. Because, and this is very important to notice, the wisdom that they were meditating over, was "A wisdom going back to the beginning of time".

-The Wisdom Keepers came up with the "Declaration of the Sacred Earth Gathering". It spoke of the "renewed respect for the superior law of Divine Nature". It also stated that the universe is sacred because all is one".

Four years later, in Istanbul, during the first global UN conference where I went to, 1996, the adapted declaration stated: The World Community must act speedily with vision and resolution to preserve the Earth, Nature and humanity from disaster. The time is now. Now or never". (Earth and Nature capitalized, not humanity).

More can be said, but from these statements we can conclude that this "Wisdom" is not Biblical wisdom, but Babylonian wisdom.

-Before the WSSD some influential New Age-believing men formed a council, the Earth Council. To the group belonged Maurice Strong, Gorbatsjev and Steven Rockefeller. During the WSSD they got the assignment to conceive a new charter for human behaviour, the Earth Charter. In June 2000 the "Earth Charter" was published. In 2002, a day before WSSD II, at Johannesburg, it was religiously celebrated. It was brought into a gathering laying in a wooden chest with paintings from Hinduism or Buddhism (but not Christian!), with carrying rods, blasphemously named "The Arc of Hope". The Earth Charter is meant to be

"an inspiration and guide for all people, communities and countries for improving their relationships with each other, with other species sharing our fragile planet and with Earth generally". In the preamble we read: *"We urgently need a shared vision of basic values to provide an ethical foundation for the emerging world community. Therefore, together in hope we affirm the following inter-dependent principles for a sustainable way of life as a common standard by which the conduct of all individuals, organizations, businesses, governments, and transnational institutions is to be guided and assessed... The common concern of humanity transcends the rights of individual States and all strictly human concerns."* (www.earthcharter.org).

This document has been promoted as "new charter for human behaviour", a "New Ten Commandments", "a constitution for a New World Order". That means that the Earth Charter demands the submission of each **individual and corporate body** to its (idolatrous) Requirements in order to serve (mother) Earth.

This is a return to pantheism. Religious/cultural values are made subordinate to these demands! Against the creation mandate, to fill the earth and control it (as very good stewards), the Earth Charter instructs us to obey Earth, or Gaia, the New Age goddess.

Underneath the UN environmental policies is therefore not so much *the motive to preserve the earth's resources for human use*, though for a number of environmentalists that certainly plays a role, *but to try to preserve "Mother Earth" against the so-called threat of overpopulation*.

The "Earth" is said not to be able to carry more than one billion. At a press-conference in Johannesburg a new group, LEAD, of some UN officials and allies, was presented. In their opinion the earth cannot hold more than

300 million inhabitants. We are now over 6 billion; how bizarre. What means have to be used to accomplish that? War alone will not do. Famines, pandemics, abortion, sterilization, are needed. Though for years the UN Statistic Department and other population-experts have warned of under-population, over-population is stressed over and over again. The preservation of "Mother Earth", or "Gaia, Mother Earth", has been presented as an inter-religious reasoning for the preservation, with "sustainability" as a, seemingly neutral, key.

§6. The separation between darkness and light.

At the beginning of November this year a global inter-faith meeting of religious leaders took place, at Windsor Castle in London. It was organised by the Alliance of Religions and Conservation, founded by Prince Philip, the spouse of the British Queen. The theme of the meeting was Faith Commitments for a Living Planet. The UN-secretary-general Ban Ki Moon, himself a Buddhist, was co-host. He told for the BBC that it would be very difficult to reach a binding agreement in Copenhagen without the full support and co-operation of the religious leaders. These religious leaders, coming from the main faith-traditions, have to stress the vulnerability of the earth. They were going to talk as well about initiatives that need to protect the earth against the ravage of climate change. These religious leaders are able to convince their billions of followers to deal with the environment in a positive way. At the close of the meeting a panel discussion was planned, under the title: Many Heavens: One Earth.

Now (2009) the Convention at Copenhagen is coming close.

I did read the proposed text for the Convention, with its proposed revisions. My impression is that the issues regarding the environment that concern many good-willing citizens are not dealt with in the proposed treaty. The issue of the release of carbon dioxide, methane, and other greenhouse gases does receive attention. In the sense that the redistribution of money will be related to the percentage of the release of carbon dioxide. In 1998, before Kyoto, around 17.000 scientists, among whom thousands of meteorologists, signed a petition, formulated by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine. In it was stated that there is no scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing a catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. It was ignored at Kyoto. Even stronger, the meteorologists that were recognized in their field as outstanding researchers were denied access to Kyoto. Since Kyoto the number of scientists who sign the same kind of petition has increased in an amazing way. Among them are more than 10.000 scientists with a PhD. Their research and understanding are (again) completely ignored in the proposed text. For myself that fact alone makes the treaty unreliable.

There are others who can evaluate the integrity of the proposed text. It is not my expertise.

But having come to know the overpowering philosophy in the environmental movement, and at the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) that is responsible for the concept of the treaty, I pray that the treaty will not be accepted at the Convention.

I believe, also from the proposed text, that the hidden agenda to construct a global governing body is present in the treaty. Once that is accepted it will be difficult to come out from under it. Years ago the UN constructed policies because of which there is no way out of UN agreements. Agreements really become bondages.

When I started to write this article I was reading in my quiet time in Luke 4, where the devil tries to tempt Jesus. We are not informed in this gospel about the temptations during Jesus' 40 days in the desert. But we are informed about three temptations after these 40 days. The first temptation is that the devil suggests to the hungry Jesus to make bread, from stones. I asked myself: why does Luke, inspired by the Holy Spirit, tell this so that we can know? What is there in it for me/us to be warned? I understood that it was that Jesus should trust in a solution for his need that he himself (the enemy thought) could achieve. It is possible that there were more aspects to this temptation. But we, humans, are tempted again and again, to resolve our problems without asking God what He wants to do or to be done.

If there is a real climate change coming, and the opinions are obviously not in unity, do we really trust in a treaty conceived by people who rely on the idolatrous worship of the forces of nature? A worship "going back to the beginning of time"? A worship that detested the Creator of heaven and earth.

Do we put our hope in that treaty? There has been another time that rains flooded the earth, and everything was drowned.

We read in Genesis 6:5 that the wickedness of mankind, after Adam and Eve had to leave paradise, became very great, and that every inclination of the thoughts of men's heart was only evil all the time. There came a

time in the ancient world that the wickedness on the earth had become so very great that YHWH could not spare it any longer. We may assume that idolatry had become part of that wickedness. The Lord instructed Noah to build an ARC. An arc of rescue, a real arc of Hope. In that arc 8 people were rescued. By the syncretistic Ark of Hope presented in 2002 at Johannesburg, nobody will be saved.

There have been periods of drought, of famine. The Lord told His people that He was withholding the rains, that the heavens over their heads would be as bronze and the earth under their feet as iron. (Read e.g. Deuteronomy 28, and Amos 4, and many others). Because ..they had turned to other gods, and had not loved the Lord who had chosen them and saved them.

2019. A PS. During the last year there have been a number of demonstrations by many young adolescents, playing truants. They shout/cry together their slogans "for the climate" or "to save the earth/planet". From the interviews of a number of their "spokesmen/-girls my impression is that very few really know what they would like to see accomplished. Most of them joined the great masses and shouted with the others. They were, was my impression, serious in their desires to see the earth/planet saved. But they were unclear to what that meant. Now, autumn 2019, there are also huge groups of young people in a number of nations that have joined the movement Extinction Rebellion". And, indeed, they behave as rebels. To me the whole issue of climate change has ,already for many years, become a "politically correct" issue. We do not hear about the opinions of the (many) also well informed scientists who do not agree with the average political correct viewpoints. Their viewpoints are more or less silenced. And many Christians who take part in the debates also formulate the politically correct viewpoints, without much understanding of the real issues. The Biblical assignment to good stewardship , which means to seek Gods viewpoint and honour the Creator in truth is, it seems to me, absent. To me the whole issue has been built up, over many years, as a spiritual stronghold. Under the influence of a stronghold the majority start to echo the same things, accept the same lies, have no discernment in what is true or not. They follow the ones who speak the loudest. The younger people also become part of the stronghold. And as this stronghold is based in rebellion it will not bless the people who give in to it.

When our governments sign an idolatrous treaty they bring our nations and the inhabitants under a curse.

When interfaith leaders come together, let the believers in the one true God please not be indifferent.