

Review of: "How can Ecological ethics assist in the progress of man? Towards a reflection on the Encyclical letter Laudato si'" data-bbox="57 104 925 184"/>

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This paper address a very important topic related to the moral and ethical dimensions of environmental destruction. It does so through the lens of one of the most important religious documents appeared so far in the millennium, Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'.

The exploration of the interconnectedness between human behavior, environmental issues, and ethics is an important issue. The most of the environmental problems are anthropogenic (caused by man). The idea that the present environmental crisis should be tackled by the change in human behavior is very important.. It highlights the urgency of addressing environmental crises through a shift in human perspective and behavior. It is important to link the religious ideas with some developments towards sustainability in the world, e.g. SDGs. In this context that the religion could contribute to environmental education is very important, but should be more precise

Comments:

1. It would be useful to link the Christian ideas with some of the important authors in the fields of ecological (environmental) ethics. Some solid introductory philosophical treatments on the broader field of environmental ethics include Callicott 2000, Curry 2011, and Schmidtz and Willott 2002. The edited volumes Bekoff 2013 and Minter 2012, focus on applications of both environmental and ecological ethics to conservation. Madigan 2012 details a holistic conception of ethics that goes beyond the dualisms of biocentrism and anthropocentrism. Leopold 1987 is the touchstone for most treatments of both environmental and ecological ethics. Though Rolston 1975 used the term "ecological ethic" in his title, he subsequently used the term "environmental ethics" within philosophy. Both Callicott and Rolston are central figures in developing environmental ethics.
2. The manuscript presents some repetitions, and it would be recommendable to make it more accessible for the reader, presenting clearly the points of view of the Popes on the research topics.
3. Climate change is mentioned only once in the text, and this phenomenon is different to environmental pollution.
4. Specify the contribution of nationalism and globalization to environmental problems, Sometimes the author presents the globalization as a cause, and sometimes the nationalism.
5. It is important to mention that anthropogenic environmental problems are affecting negatively human health (lung disease, cancer, pandemics, etc.).

6. Include a discussion of the presented issues in a clear and structured way.
7. In the conclusion include the proposed suggestions for addressing the problems (mentioned in the abstract).