

Review of: "Ecotheology: missiological perspective in awareness"

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The authors of this article offer a brief but focused and important argument for response to the current climate crisis. They emphasize the interconnected nature all of creation, critiquing a misunderstanding of scripture that has been used to justify harmful domination. Their missiological approach ties together their understanding of the current setting with theological reflection, leading to a call to respond with suggested specific actions.

The authors' Indonesian perspective is important and adds an important new source to the global voices I have attempted to listen to. Although there are certainly bigger "climate sinners" than their country that they could have focused on, rather than blaming others they point to Indonesia's contribution, both to climate problems and to finding solutions. Their "remove the log in my eye" first approach is an attitude many of us could better follow in our own settings.

In their response they offer a long list of possible actions, from tree planting to the use of LED lights. Space prevents them from anything more than a list without explanation. Most important, though, is their call for Indonesian pastors, the vitally important leaders of local Christian communities, to use their voices to inform and stimulate response and change. For this to happen in an ongoing way, they correctly note, this important theme of ecotheology and creation care needs to be added to the curriculum of seminaries and training institutions.