

Review of: "Ecotheology: missiological perspective in awareness"

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Very important and interesting topic. Castro called environmentalism the Third Frontier of Mission, but research on mission and ecology is still fairly thin. So this article is very welcome. I think the article is informative but should be improved in three ways.

First of all, presentation. The abstract needs more clarity: The second sentence suddenly speaks of 'crisis', but no crisis is mentioned. There needs to be a clear connection between ecology, theology and mission, and the purpose of this article in the abstract. Clarity is also needed on a textual level, perhaps a native speaking editor can be of help here. Sometimes sentences are not so clear. For instance: 'Conceiving the earth as the creation of God can elevate man to divine order'. I would like to understand what this means, precisely.

Secondly, structure: the flow of the argument is not entirely clear to me. The Research methodology section does not really address method. And a clear research question seems to be missing in the introduction, which makes it more difficult to understand the connection between the various paragraphs. The authors also seem to lose track of 'mission', which is not mentioned at all in the conclusion.

Thirdly, purpose. The article seems to be addressing the role of mission in the eco-debates in Indonesia, which I believe is a very valuable contribution to the scholarship. I would like to encourage the authors to be more precise and do additional research, because the section on the Indonesian context is relatively thinly researched, it is generic and not specifically about Indonesia. This should really be the selling point of this article.

In sum: the authors have a very interesting case here, but this article needs to be substantially rewritten to make it eligible for publication.