Review of: "Ecotheology: missiological perspective in awareness"

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The article addresses a crucial issue of our time: environmental destruction and specifically climate change and offers interesting perspectives for Mission studies from an ecotheological point of view. Some improvements could be made, for instance, making explicit the distinction between anthropogenic climate change and natural disasters not related to anthropogenic causes such as earthquakes or tsunamis. The article is not enough clear on this. Some wording could also be improved, for instance use CO2 emissions and not emanations, theologians instead of theologs, Lynn White (in the corpus is referred to as Lynne, though the bibliography spells rightly his name), among others. A broader reference to contemporary ecotheologians would also be welcomed, like Norman Hall and his ecojustice principles for Bible hermeneutics, Ernst Conradie and his lengthy list of publications on the topic. A reference to the controversy on the notion of stewardship of Creation could also help to better understand some of the issues at stake. The authors refer several times to geoengineering without any critical approach. The IPCC, report which the authors quote, offers some helpful insights on this.

In any case, it is a welcomed essay from Indonesian authors which should be praised.