

Review of: "[Commentary] Climate Change, Health, Ethics and the Sustainability of Civilization"

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In this commentary, Prof. Colin D. Butler addressed the ethical aspects of climate change and its relation to civilization collapse. He compared the threat of climate change to an existential threat similar to the impact of atomic arms. In his commentary, Prof. Butler touched on several points, including climate change and its relation to civilization collapse, and other aspects such as population overgrowth, food scarcity, and publishing ethics. Although the commentary seems to be comprehensive, there are some comments that may help to optimize the commentary.

1-The abstract is long (620 words), so revision is required.

2-The manuscript of the commentary is redundant due to the discussion of several issues at the same time, which leads to a loss of focus. Revision and summarization of the text, and deletion of many unrelated statements, will make it clearer and more to the point.

3-Prof. Butler touched several points in a superficial way and raised questions rather than providing solutions, for example, on the global food problem, without discussing the responsibility of high-income countries in finding solutions.

4-In discussing the population overgrowth problem, Prof. Butler addressed it from a western perspective, ignoring countries like China and India that are currently the most populous countries in the world. Both countries could use the large population numbers to achieve high economic growth. So, the population problem could be solved by the help of the high-income countries to the low/middle income countries, by providing education and training programs, technology transfer, and solutions in the agricultural and industry sectors.

5-Regarding the point of publishing ethics, Prof. Butler should suggest solutions for the selection bias from the editor's side, besides the high publication fees which represent a barrier for submissions from low-income countries.

6-On discussing the issue of political ethics, the author should document his opinion about what is going on in the Gaza Strip, as Israel is committing all kinds of war crimes for 6 months in front of all the world.

7- Among ethical commitments is to try to find solutions for the civil war which is going on in Sudan for more than one year, causing forced migration for millions of Sudanese and threatening to cause health and food scarcity disasters. The countries controlling the global system are not interested to interfere to find a solution, as what is going on in Sudan is away from their interests.

8-I ask Prof. Butler to comment in his commentary on the civil wars that are going on in Syria, Libya, and Yemen since the rise of the Arab Spring. There is an ethical commitment towards these countries from the side of the international forces who ignited these wars as they are committed to find solutions.