

## QA: How Should Christians Respond to "Climate Change"? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: How should a Christian respond to "climate change"?

ANSWER: The purely political phrases "climate change/global warming" may spur megalomaniacs to attempt global control, but there is nothing in reality to justify their ambition. Christians realize the facts.

1. **No Natural Sign** – Only God is in charge of this earth.

There is a difference between "natural" happenings and "miraculous" events.

Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I am the LORD." (Exodus 10:1-2)

God's miracles stand out as "signs," because there is nothing on earth like them! The ninth plague in Egypt was a "darkness which may even be felt" and lasted "for three days" (**Exodus 10:21, 23**). Weather forecasts which are predictable and natural are not "signs" or "miracles!" Humans do not, and cannot, control life on God's earth.

## 2. The Abiding Earth

One generation passes away, and another generation comes; But the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, And hastens to the place where it arose. (Ecclesiastes 1:4-5)

Wise Solomon is reminding us that, no matter how tough or powerful some country may appear, after hurling generations of people at it, "the earth abides forever." **No one on the face of God's earth has ever changed its course, or ever will!**There is no "god" or idol who has this kind of control. The God of the Bible's "faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides" (Psalm 119:90).

**No human, or regime, can predict, or bring about, the earth's destruction.** The Word of the Lord destroyed the earth by water in Noah's day (Genesis 6-9), when God promised:

"I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done." (**Genesis 8:21**)

It is that same Word that will destroy the earth by fire (2 Peter 3:5-7). Humans do not have it in their power to destroy this earth. The Devil also falsely claims to control earthly power:

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." (Matthew 4:8-9)

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