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The Christian Social Theory Workbooks are designed to help you come to a solid understanding of how God designed His world to operate. After completing this course you will have a solid foundation to understanding the problems in our society today and what God's answers are. You can then dig in to greater details on your areas of special operation. To successfully complete this workbook you will need to:

1. Complete all the questions in a Section.
2. Score all questions before taking the related Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
3. Take the Review.
4. Score the Review. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
5. Go on to the next section and repeat.
6. Memorize selected Scriptures.
7. Before taking the Pre-Test make sure all questions in the Sections and Reviews are correctly answered.
8. Take the Pre-Test.
9. Score the Pre-Test. Underline the answers in the text for any questions you got wrong.
10. Take the Final Test.

Note 1: Not all questions on reviews or tests will be taken directly from previous questions. However, reviews and pre-tests will show how well you understand the material. If you do well on them you should have no difficulty with the Final Test.

Note 2: Final Tests may include some random questions from previous workbooks to test how well the student is remembering the material.

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Write out and memorize Gen. 1:28: _____

Who Owns the Land?

As we begin to look at environmental issues we need to understand who is the ultimate owner of the land or the entire earth for that matter. The owner has the right to declare how his property will be used. Humanism, of course, declares that man owns everything. Man can then argue and fight to determine the best use of the land. If; however, someone else owns it, then man had better be prepared to follow directions.

“Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine.” Ex. 19:5

“For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.” Ps. 50:10-11

There is no doubt that God claims ownership of all the land, air, and water as well as everything else. Man, in pride, may choose not to recognize it, but God is the ultimate land holder and we are accountable to Him for how we manage His earth. [The tithe is actually the rent we pay to God for using His earth and breathing His air.]

God, as the Owner of the earth, has the right to delegate His authority to others. To whom does He delegate the earth and what are His instructions regarding it?

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Gen 1:28

This is called the Dominion or Cultural Mandate. Mankind - as a family unit - was given possession of the earth under God. God created an undeveloped earth loaded

with potential. He wanted to work together with man to develop it to its full potential - which may take all of eternity! It is man's duty to subdue or harness the earth for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind.

"The cultural mandate is thus the obligation of covenant man to subdue the earth and to exercise dominion over it under God [Gen. 1:26-28]. The law is the program for that purpose and provides the God-ordained means of improving and developing plants, animals, men, and institutions in terms of their duty to fulfill God's purpose." R.J. Rushdoony, Institutes of Biblical Law, pg. 724-725

"He [God] delegated the responsibility for the care of the earth to Adam, the representative head of mankind [Gen. 1:28]. Throughout the Bible man is cautioned to exercise dominion over the earth in terms of God's requirements; God's law-order is the means by which man is to bring the earth into subjection. Any deviation from this law-order involves man in rebellion against God and the destruction of God's property." Dr. Gray North, Institutes of Biblical Law, pg. 804-805

Some feel that God lost ownership of the earth when Adam fell. God has never lost ownership of the earth. Adam was God's delegated manager of the earth. When he fell by rebelling against God, Adam gave up his managership to Satan. Satan then managed the earth in rebellion to God. Jesus restored redeemed man to his proper place as God's earth manager. As Christians we have the responsibility to fulfill the Dominion Mandate as given to Adam. Being saved from sin is not the end of the story - its only the first page of the Introduction! It brings us to the starting line of the Great Race.

Nowhere in Scripture do we find God giving control over the earth to the civil government. There is no Scriptural reason for the government to own or control land and property other than the small amount needed for offices, police and court buildings, and military installations.

"The prince will have the land bordering each side of the area formed by the sacred district and the property of the city. It will extend westward from the west side and eastward from the east side, running lengthwise from the western to the eastern border parallel to one of the tribal portions. This land will be his possession in Israel. And my princes will no longer oppress my people but will allow the house of Israel to possess the land according to their tribes."
Ez. 45:7-8

We see that both the civil government [prince] and the church were given small amounts of land to meet their needs, but the vast majority of land was in the hands of families. This makes one wonder of company's and corporation's ownership of land should be limited or leased from families? Certainly any land sold has to be voluntarily sold without pressure, deception, or theft like eminent domain.

Government ownership or control of land as we see it today is an attack on God's order. It is theft of God's land from the people to whom the land and the responsibility for the land was given. The government feels that its "superior" wisdom is needed to manage the land and the environment. If that was the case, then God would have given them the responsibility. He did not. It is; therefore, an usurpation of power and privilege. [If this is true with the earth, how much more does it apply in a nation like China which tries to violently control child birth rates.]

"...for in a democratic republic there is no valid reason why the agency of government should own any land other than the extremely small percentage that might be needed for such things as military installations or government offices. Tom Rose, Economics: The American Economy, pg. 65

When the government owns or controls the land, one mistake can lead to a serious disaster. When individuals, families, or even large companies own the land mistakes are much more limited.

"Human side effects from DDT were rare even through thousands had their skin and clothing dusted with DDT powder or lived in dwellings that were sprayed repeatedly...Fears that the bird population was being harmed, that DDT remained too long in the environment, and that it might cause cancer led the EPA to ban DDT in 1972, even through its own hearings concluded that 'The uses of DDT under the regulations involved here do not have a deleterious effect on freshwater fish, estuarine organisms, wild birds, or other wildlife.' This single bureaucratic decree sentences millions of people to death." Dr. Mary Ruward, Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression, pg. 216

"...the worst pollution problems have occurred in nations in which governments have the most power." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 23

"Economist Mikhail Bernstam has estimated that firms in socialist economies discharged more than twice as much air pollution as firms in Western market economies did and used nearly three times as much energy to produce the same amount of goods." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 37

"When all people use their property as they think best, one owner's careless decision is unlikely to threaten the entire ecosystem. When bureaucrats control vast areas, however, one mistake can mean ecological disaster." Dr. Mary Ruward, Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression, pg. 122

"Economist Robert Crandall points out that air pollution was declining faster in the United States in the 1960s before the passage of the Clean Air Act than it did after the passage of the act." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 50

1. The owner has the right to declare how his _____ will be used.
2. _____ declares that man owns everything.

3. _____ is the ultimate land holder and we are accountable to Him for how we manage His earth.
4. Genesis 1:28 is called the _____ or Cultural Mandate.
5. It is man's duty to subdue or harness the earth for the _____ of God and the benefit of mankind.
6. Any deviation from this law-order involves man in _____ against God and the destruction of God's property.
7. Adam was God's _____ manager of the earth.
8. Jesus restored _____ man to his proper place as God's earth manager.
9. There is no Scriptural reason for the government to own or control _____ and property other than the small amount needed for offices, police and court buildings, and military installations.
10. The vast majority of land was in the hands of _____.
11. Government ownership or control of land as we see it today is an _____ on God's order.
12. When the government owns or controls the land, one _____ can lead to a serious disaster.
13. The worst pollution problems have occurred in nations in which governments have the most _____.

Biblical Environmental Principles

The first great foundation stone of protecting the environment Biblically is private property. We have seen in past workbooks some of the importance of private property. In regarding the environment, when individuals or families own their own property they are motivated to care for it. Yes, some will abuse it, but the effects will usually be local and short term. No individual on his own piece of property has near the potential of damage as a government enforcing its will on all property. If families can see a benefit from protecting the environment and working towards both long term benefit for their children's children and short term benefit for themselves, they will be active against anyone who is damaging their investment.

“Many environmental problems, especially in Third World countries, stem from the fact that land is owned in common and anyone can use it.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 51

“Does the Endangered Species Act save species? At best, it has saved only a few species...one reason for its poor record is that penalizes people who find endangered species on their property. These penalties may make some people try to keep such species away. Thus, the act sometimes makes an enemy of the species it is designed to help.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 126

With laws like this, it is a disadvantage for people to protect the environment. If they find an endangered species on their land suddenly - at their expense - that species and its environment must be protected. This tempts the land owners to “shoot ‘em, bury ‘em, forget ‘em policy.” Instead of protecting the endangered species this law tends to endanger them further. Without government interference, the endangered species would be less likely to be tampered with. In many cases they could adapt to a changing environment, they could be given or sold to a sanctuary, or the owner may want to turn the land into a park. The chances of simply being destroyed are lessened.

“In Kenya...where many elephants are kept in large national parks, the poaching goes on...the chief reason is that no one benefits directly from the herd...thus, the people who live near elephants are not eager to help park rangers...legal hunting and selling are not the problem...the problem is that no one has a personal incentive to protect...so poaching occurs.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 135

When people are allowed to legally hunt and profit from the sale of wild animals they have an incentive to make sure that the species does not go extinct. They are motivated to prevent poaching and will put up with some inconvenience to their farms or villages to protect a profit center. If, for example, elephants are just a nuisance to farmers they are more motivated to have them destroyed than protected and may even act as guides to the poachers. If, on the other hand, they can benefit from the elephants then they have reasons to learn how to live with them and care for them.

“What is common to many is least taken care of, for all men have greater regard for what is their own than what they possess in common with others.” Aristotle quoted in *Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression*, pg. 117

“In the United States, 85% of new tree plantings were made on private lands; in Western Europe, private plantings increased forest cover by 30% between 1971 and 1990. The largest private U.S. landowner, International Paper, carefully balances public recreation [e.g., backpacking] with logging. In the Southwest, 25% of its profit is from recreation. Industry grows 13% more timber than it cuts in order to prepare for future needs and increase future profits.” Dr. Mary Ruward, *Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression*, pg. 119

The single greatest thing a government could do to protect the environment would be to make it all private property. Government has no reason - or Biblical mandate - to own large amounts of land or water. It needs to be in the hands of private citizens. Some short-sighted individuals would damage it, but many others would protect and beautify it.

14. The first great foundation stone of _____ the environment Biblically is private property.
15. When individuals or families own their own _____ they are motivated to care for it.
16. Without government interference, the _____ species would be less likely to be tampered with.
17. When people are allowed to legally hunt and profit from the sale of wild animals they have an incentive to make sure that the species does not go _____.
18. What is common to many is least taken care of, for all men have greater regard for what is their own than what they possess in _____ with others.
19. The single greatest thing a government could do to protect the environment would be to make it all _____ property.

The second great foundation stone of protecting the environment is the wealth of the people. This follows naturally from a Biblical Free Market system. The majority of the people would be prosperous. When people are prosperous they have more time and money to devote to other things. They begin to look around at their environment and want to protect and/or beautify it. When people are in survival mode they do not have the luxury of looking after their environment. They may need to damage it just to live.

“Gene Grossman and Alan Krueger, economists at Princeton University...found that when the average income of a country is very low, economic growth puts stress on the environment, initially increasing pollution. But after a certain level of wealth is reached, the environment begins to improve. At that point, people have a greater interest in protection and they have the financial ability to achieve it.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 53-53

One of the great tragedies of the Climate Change phobia is that it attempts to prevent less developed nations from using inexpensive fuel. It pretends to fear a global

climate disaster but in fact it is a search for control. These nations are kept in poverty and their citizens are sick and dying because of lack of affordable energy to run refrigeration and other things. They are forbidden to use pesticides which would save thousands of human lives because of supposed damage to the environment. If these people were allowed a Biblical Free Market society, many of them would become wealthy. They would then have the time and resources to protect their environment. The answer is not keeping people down, but helping them get up.

The third great foundation stone of protecting the environment is user fees. If the land was privately own this would follow naturally. When the government owns the land or resource, they can offer the services at below cost - at least, to some, or have blanket fees. For example, where I live we currently pay a set amount for the city water we use so we are not overly sensitive to the amount we use. If we paid for the amount we used, we would likely be more conservative in how much water we used.

“You are to pay them in silver for the food you eat and the water you drink.” Deut. 2:6

“When people do not pay the full cost of something they use, they have less incentive to conserve.” Dr. Mary Ruward, *Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression*, pg. 114

20. The second great foundation stone of protecting the environment is the _____ of the people.
21. When people are prosperous they begin to look around at their environment and want to protect and/or _____ it.
22. When people are in _____ mode they do not have the luxury of looking after their environment.
23. The answer is not keeping people _____, but helping them get up.
24. When people do not pay the full cost of something they use, they have less incentive to _____.

Environmentalism As A Religion

The fanaticism of the modern environment or “green” movement makes it a religious movement. They view themselves as the saviours of the planet. Many times humans are considered contaminates in the environment and so “overpopulation” scares are used to try to reduce the human population. This is, of course, in direct contradiction of the Biblical doctrine of salvation through Jesus Christ alone and the Biblical teaching that the earth was made for man, not the other way around.

“Joseph Sax describes his fellow environmentalists as ‘secular prophets, preaching a message of secular salvation.’” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 38

To the extreme environmentalist, the ideal is to return to an undeveloped earth. Raw nature is the best. Any deviation from that is considered a corruption. Primitive people who live in huts and poverty are the best - of course, they don't wish that on themselves! Like the socialist governments that they try to control, they want to create their vision of paradise on earth. But the Biblical perspective is not a return to Eden, which was an undeveloped place, but developed and sustainable earth.

“...a return to Eden is not a Biblical hope. Eden was free from sin but it was still the primitive society, man's beginning, not the end.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 357

“Basic to evolutionary theory is environmentalism; man is a product of his environment and has evolved in relationship to a changing environment and its actions upon him.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 270

“The redeemed man's work is not an attempt to create a paradise on earth, but to fulfill God's requirements within the kingdom. The redeemed man is a citizen of the Kingdom of God, and he abides by the laws thereof; this is his work, his duty, and his path to dominion.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 147

“Most environmental education condemns technology.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, *Facts Not Fear*, pg. 21

We are not to worship the environment, but to care for it and to develop it. Interestingly, a worship of the environment or “mother nature” had an important place in many revolutions, including the French Revolution. As in everything, when we forsake God's way we embrace death.

25. The fanaticism of the modern environment or “green” movement makes it a _____ movement.
26. _____ is through Jesus Christ alone.
27. To the extreme environmentalist, the ideal is to return to an _____ earth.
28. The Biblical perspective is not a return to _____, which was an undeveloped place, but developed and sustainable earth.

29. The redeemed man is a _____ of the Kingdom of God, and he abides by the laws thereof; this is his work, his duty, and his path to dominion.
30. A worship of the environment or “mother nature” has a important place in many _____, including the French Revolution.

Review 1

1. Write out from memory Gen. 1:28: _____

2. The _____ has the right to declare how his property will be used.
3. God is the ultimate _____ holder and we are accountable to Him for how we manage His earth.
4. _____ is called the Dominion or Cultural Mandate.
5. It is man’s duty to subdue or harness the earth for the glory of God and the benefit of _____.
6. _____ was God’s delegated manager of the earth.
7. _____ restored redeemed man to his proper place as God’s earth manager.
8. There is no Scriptural reason for the government to own or control land and property other than the small amount needed for offices, police and court buildings, and _____ instillations.

9. The vast majority of _____ was in the hands of families.
10. When the _____ owns or controls the land, one mistake can lead to a serious disaster.
11. The worst _____ problems have occurred in nations in which governments have the most power.
12. The first great foundation stone of protecting the environment Biblically is _____ property.
13. When individuals or families own their own property they are _____ to care for it.
14. Without _____ interference, the endangered species would be less likely to be tampered with.
15. What is common to _____ is least taken care of, for all men have greater regard for what is their own than what they possess in common with others.
16. The single greatest thing a government could do to protect the _____ is to make it all private property.
17. The second great foundation stone of protecting the environment is the wealth of the _____.
18. When people are _____ they begin to look around at their environment and want to protect and/or beautify it.
19. The answer is not keeping people down, but helping them get _____.
20. When people do not pay the full _____ of something they use, they have less incentive to conserve.
21. The _____ of the modern environment or “green” movement makes it a religious movement.
22. Salvation is through _____ alone.
23. To the extreme environmentalist, the _____ is to return to an undeveloped earth.
24. The Biblical perspective is not a return to Eden, which was an undeveloped

place, but developed and _____ earth.

25. The redeemed man is a citizen of the Kingdom of God, and he abides by the _____ thereof; this is his work, his duty, and his path to dominion.

Score: _____ [Each answer 4 points]

Care For The World

We must care for the earth. We are to develop it, not destroy it. All things are to be governed by the Law of God. We are not independent, but dependent on God for all our operating procedures. God sets the limits of what we can and cannot legitimately do.

“Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.” Ex.

20:9-11

“And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.” Ex. 23:10-12

Human rights have a priority and human life is the most valuable life on the planet; however, animals, and even the land, have rights as well. While the Sabbath laws are no longer legally binding in their original application, they do establish foundational principles from which we can develop modern application laws. [As we saw in Workbook One, application laws take the Bible’s case laws and apply them in various situations. Man has no right to make original law.] The fact that the animals were included in the Sabbath rest reveals man’s responsibility to care for the animal kingdom. It would also be the foundation for laws against cruelty to animals. While animals are inferior to man, they do have rights protected by law. Everyone is under authority and no one is allowed to abuse any part of God’s creation.

The same law holds true for the land. Farming land had to be rested every seventh year. Again, the Sabbath laws are no longer legally binding, but they reveal the principle that the land must be sustainably used. It cannot be wantonly destroyed. The land, also, has legal rights. In fact, part of the reason that Israel went into seventy

years of captivity was their failure to give the land its Sabbath rest. If we refuse to uphold God's law in any area, then God Himself brings judgment.

"The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah." 2 Chr. 36:21

This protection of land even involves protection in time of war.

"When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an ax to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees of the field people, that you should besiege them? However, you may cut down trees that you know are not fruit trees and use them to build siege works until the city at war with you falls." Deut. 20:19-20

This brings into question the legitimacy of bombing. Bombing destroys the land, not just the enemy soldiers. Certainly a "scorched earth" policy is forbidden. A scorched earth policy is where a retreating army deliberately destroys crops, animals, and anything the advancing army might use for supplies. This is making war on the earth - not to mention innocent civilians - and earns God's anger.

"...the commandments clearly require a respect for God's creation. If God is the creator of all things, then all things have a purpose and are in their created function good." R.J. Rushdoony, Institutes of Biblical Law, pg. 255

A Biblical Free Market system, as we have seen, does not mean that man is free to do whatever he wants. He is free as long as he is not violating Scripture. He is to develop the earth, not destroy it. However, developing the earth does mean developing it! It is not the goal - as with extreme environmentalists - to return the earth to its natural condition. God wants its potential harnessed for His glory and the benefit of mankind.

"Man cannot on any level treat life except under law, God's Law." R.J. Rushdoony, Institutes of Biblical Law, pg. 169

"Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk." Ex. 23:19

Even when dealing with the animal kingdom, proper respect must be shown even to "family" relationship. There may also be health reasons behind this law. In any case, we see that even in a Biblical Free Market man is not free to mistreat the animals, although you will notice that there is nothing wrong with eating a young goat. Man is allowed to kill for food.

“And whether it be cow, or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both in one day.” Lev. 22:28

“If a bird’s nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.” Deut. 22:6-7

“The law against killing both mother and young is directed against the destruction of a species.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 257

“All insects and animals have their God-given place in the life-cycle; destruction of that cycle makes pests of otherwise useful animals and insects. The work of earthworms, squirrels, moles, and gophers in preventing soil erosion and making possible the necessary absorption of water into the earth is very great. But snakes and coyotes, among others keep these from getting out of hand and are themselves kept in check by other creatures.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 260-261

“...weeds have their place in Gods plan, in that they penetrate deep into the subsoil and bring necessary minerals to the top-soil. To treat weeds simply as an enemy rather than as a God-given ally is to despise creation.” R.J. Rushdoony, *Institutes of Biblical Law*, pg. 261

No species is allowed to be hunted to extinction. There are to be safe-guards and protection. However, as we have seen above, the civil government’s current way of dealing with this actually causes more harm than help. The promotion of private property and the wealth of the people would do more to protect endangered species than all the unGodly government laws put together.

1. We are to _____ the earth, not destroy it.
2. God sets the _____ of what we can and cannot legitimately do.
3. Human rights have a priority and _____ life is the most valuable life on the planet; however, animals, and even the land, has rights as well.
4. Man has no right to make _____ law.
5. Everyone is under _____ and no one is allowed to abuse any part of God’s creation.

6. Part of the reason that Israel went into _____ years of captivity was their failure to give the land its Sabbath rest.
7. If we refuse to uphold God's law in any area, then God Himself brings _____.
8. Protection of land even involves protection in time of _____.
9. If God is the creator of all things, then all things have a purpose and are in their created function _____.
10. It is not the goal - as with extreme environmentalists - to return the earth to its _____ condition.
11. Even in a Biblical Free Market man is not free to _____ the animals.
12. No _____ is allowed to be hunted to extinction.
13. The promotion of _____ property and the wealth of the people would do more to protect endangered species than all the unGodly government laws put together.

Is The World Running Down?

The earth's resources are abundant. Even the fear of running out of fossil fuels is largely exaggerated. When they speak of running out of a resource they are talking about resources that are profitable to recover. There are many reserves that are available but are too expensive to get at current prices or under government restrictions. If the prices rises or if technology improves to reduce cost, it can be recovered.

"...capitalism tends to lower the price of raw materials if the free market is left alone...if we ever do run out of commercially available energy, it will be because we first ran out of freedom." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. xxviii

"We live in a world of covenantal law. The environment responds positively or negatively to mankind in terms of a society's covenantal faithfulness...What this should teach us is that the so-called "natural law" is covenantal in the same way miracles are...natural law is in fact the very process of God's government over nature." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 169

If we will serve God faithfully as nations, many of the results of the curse which hinder or prevent development of the earth will be lessened or removed. God designed

the earth to hold a large number of people. It is not the resources that is the problem but unGodly men and governments interfering in God's system. The earth has everything we need and it is adaptable to our growing needs and changing lifestyles.

"Christians need to start arguing that the burdens imposed by the second law of thermodynamics could be progressively removed as a curse on man and the creation if mankind would repent before God...God cursed Adam and the earth by altering the effects that the second law of thermodynamics has on man and the cosmos." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. xxi-xxiii

"The second law of thermodynamics does not allow for events such as...miracles...if the second law of thermodynamics is universally true, then the Bible is wrong...It [2nd law] is a common feature of man's environment, but it is not universal." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 2

"Christians need faith in the world-healing power of the gospel." Dr. Gary North, *Is The World Running Down?* pg. 114

As we serve God, there is no reason why He cannot "re-wind" the clock. After Christ returns, and sin is totally removed, we will live on earth for eternity. Therefore, the potential of the earth must be great. It is the sinful choices of man which are the problem not the abundance of the earth.

14. The earth's _____ are abundant.
15. There are many reserves that are available but are too _____ to get at current prices.
16. Capitalism tends to _____ the price of raw materials if the free market is left alone.
17. The environment responds positively or negatively to mankind in terms of a society's _____ faithfulness.
18. If we will serve God faithfully as nations, many of the results of the _____ which hinder or prevent development of the earth will be lessened or removed.
19. Christians need _____ in the world-healing power of the gospel.
20. It is the _____ choices of man which are the problem not the abundance of the earth.

Common Environmental Issues

Global Warming

Global warming [now called Climate Change so that fear can be promoted no matter if the climate warms or cools] is one of the greatest frauds ever pushed on mankind. No activity of man has so far - or will in the foreseeable future - affect the global temperature. Most of the alarmist "experts" are not climatologists. In fact, the earth has not been warming for 10 - 15 years. Some scientists are now predicting that we are headed for another Mini Ice Age which will peak in about 50 years. The sun is the major force of earth climate and weather...and we are not effecting the sun one bit.

"...computer models cannot even successfully calculate the present average global temperature - let alone predict the temperature of the atmosphere ten or twenty years from now." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 43

"Most warming occurred before most of the greenhouse gases were put into the atmosphere by human actions." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 152

A standard joke is: A Weatherman is the one job where you can be wrong most of the time and still keep your job. If we have a hard time predicting the weather today, we should not have much confidence in alarmist's predictions for the future. God's earth is very adaptable and durable.

Hundred Or Thousands Of Species Are Going Extinct

As might be expected this is an exaggeration and misrepresentation of the facts. Yes, some species are going extinct and some have been saved from extinction. The process of extinction has always been going on since the Fall. Dinosaurs are not longer with us. When they try to estimate the amount of species going extinct they count every known item, but give the impression that they are all cute, cuddly animals.

"...the sweeping claims about extinction also include very small, often microscopic, animals and planets - insects and fungi...The truth is, we don't know how many species are disappearing. We don't even know the number of species that exist." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 131

While, as we saw above, nothing should be deliberately driven to extinction, in this current world of sin and death things do happen that are out of our control. We adapt and move on.

Pesticides Are Harmful

The pesticides sprayed on fruits and vegetables help to protect them and are not used in harmful amounts to humans. In fact, according to Reader's Digest, scientists determine the amount of a chemical that could possibly be harmful to humans and then the users of that chemical as pesticides are only allowed to use 1/100th of that amount. There is no increased health risk in eating regular fruits and vegetables over eating organic fruits and vegetables.

"In 1986, they [British researchers Richard Doll and Richard Peto] concluded that all environmental pollution, taken together, may have contributed to 2 percent of all recent cancer deaths. As for pesticide residues, they are 'unimportant' as an explanation for any cancer today." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 204

"Bans on pesticides may actually have serious health consequences. An impressive array of studies indicates that fruits and vegetables reduce the risk of most cancers, and synthetic pesticides have made a major contribution to health by reducing the cost of producing fruits and vegetables." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 205

While approximately 9,000 people die from bacteria-caused food poisoning each year, there is no scientific evidence showing that residues from the lawful application of pesticides to food have ever caused illness or death." C. Everett Koop former U.S. surgeon general quoted in Healing Our World In An Age Of Aggression, pg. 215

Too Much Trash

Garbage is always a problem, but it can be disposed of properly. Without a lot of government regulation more creative uses could probably be developed. The recycling answer sometimes increases overall pollution as the recycling process often uses more chemicals and energy than creating the original product. Most recycled products would not exist without government financing. A Biblical Free Market would find more creative and profitable ways of dealing with trash.

"Clark Wiseman of Gonzaga University points out that all the trash produced by the United States for the next one thousand years could fit in a landfill forty-four miles square by 120 feet deep." Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 212.

Paper Is Better Than Plastic

"...neither plastic nor paper is likely to "biodegrade" - that is, break apart into its original 'natural' components - in a typical landfill...producing paper cups required more chemicals, more steam, more electricity, and more cooling water, and produced more air pollution and wastewater...plastic bags can be produced for 20 to 40 percent less

energy that paper bags, and produce less air and water pollution than do paper bags.”
Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 213-214

“Trees do contribute oxygen to the atmosphere through photosynthesis, but their contribution represents only a small part of the total oxygen in the air.” Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw, Facts Not Fear, pg. 109

21. No activity of man has so far - or will in the foreseeable future - affect the global _____.
22. The _____ is the major force of earth climate and weather.
23. God's earth is very adaptable and _____.
24. The process of _____ has always been going on since the Fall.
25. The pesticides sprayed on fruits and vegetables help to _____ them and are not used in harmful amounts to humans.
26. There is no increased _____ risk in eating regular fruits and vegetables over eating organic fruits and vegetables.
27. An impressive array of studies indicates that fruits and vegetables reduce the risk of most cancers, and _____ pesticides have made a major contribution to health by reducing the cost of producing fruits and vegetables.
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29. A Biblical Free Market would find more creative and profitable ways of dealing with _____.
30. _____ bags can be produced for 20 to 40 percent less energy than paper bags, and produce less air and water pollution than do paper bags.

Conclusion

With all the political pressure and media hype on environmental issues, it can seem there is only one side to the story. A wise man looks at all the evidence. Certainly, wanton pollution is a violation of God's law on caring for the earth, but that is a far cry from all the Climate Change and other nonsense that is daily poured into our ears.

“He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.” Pr. 18:17

For more detailed information on these and other environmental topics refer to the books at the end of this workbook, especially those in **bold print**.

Review 2

1. We are to develop the earth, not _____ it.
2. God sets the limits of what we can and cannot _____ do.
3. _____ rights have a priority and human life is the most valuable life on the planet; however, animals, and even the land, has rights as well.
4. Everyone is under authority and no one is allowed to _____ any part of God's creation.
5. If we refuse to uphold God's _____ in any area, then God Himself brings judgment.
6. Protection of _____ even involves protection in time of war.
7. If God is the creator of all things, then all things have a _____ and are in their created function good.
8. It is not the goal - as with extreme environmentalists - to return the _____ to its natural condition.
9. Even in a Biblical Free Market man is not free to mistreat the _____.
10. No species is allowed to be _____ to extinction.

11. The promotion of private property and the _____ of the people would do more to protect endangered species than all the unGodly government laws put together.
12. The earth's resources are _____.
13. _____ tends to lower the price of raw materials if the free market is left alone.
14. The _____ responds positively or negatively to mankind in terms of a society's covenantal faithfulness.
15. Christians need faith in the world-healing power of the _____.
16. It is the sinful choices of man which are the problem not the _____ of the earth.
17. No activity of _____ has so far - or will in the foreseeable future - affect the global temperature.
18. The sun is the major force of earth _____ and weather.
19. God's earth is very _____ and durable.
20. The pesticides sprayed on fruits and vegetables help to protect them and are not used in _____ amounts to humans.
21. There is no increased health risk in eating regular fruits and vegetables over eating _____ fruits and vegetables.
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Score: _____ [Each answer 4 points]

Pre-Test

1. Write out from memory Gen. 1:28: _____

2. God is the ultimate _____ holder and we are accountable to Him for how we manage His earth.
3. Genesis 1:28 is called the Dominion or _____ Mandate.
4. It is man's _____ to subdue or harness the earth for the glory of God and the benefit of mankind.
5. Adam was God's _____ manager of the earth.
6. Jesus restored redeemed man to his proper place as God's earth _____.
7. There is no _____ reason for the government to own or control land and property other than the small amount needed for offices, police and court buildings, and military installations.
8. When the government owns or controls the _____, one mistake can lead to a serious disaster.
9. The worst _____ problems have occurred in nations in which governments have the most power.

10. The first great foundation stone of protecting the environment _____ is private property.
11. When individuals or families own their own _____ they are motivated to care for it.
12. The single greatest thing a government could do to protect the _____ is to make it all private property.
13. The second great foundation stone of protecting the environment is the _____ of the people.
14. When people are _____ they begin to look around at their environment and want to protect and/or beautify it.
15. When people do not pay the full cost of something they use, they have less incentive to _____.
16. To the extreme environmentalist, the ideal is to return to an _____ earth.
17. The Biblical perspective is not a return to Eden, which was an undeveloped place, but developed and _____ earth.
18. The _____ man is a citizen of the Kingdom of God, and he abides by the laws thereof; this is his work, his duty, and his path to dominion.
19. _____ sets the limits of what we can and cannot legitimately do.
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23. If God is the _____ of all things, then all things have a purpose and are in their created function good.
24. Even in a Biblical Free Market man is not free to _____ the animals.

25. No species is allowed to be hunted to _____.
26. The promotion of private property and the wealth of the people would do more to protect _____ species than all the unGodly government laws put together.
27. Capitalism tends to lower the price of _____ materials if the free market is left alone.
28. Christians need faith in the world-healing _____ of the gospel.
29. It is the _____ choices of man which are the problem not the abundance of the earth.
30. The _____ is the major force of earth climate and weather.
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Score: _____ [Each answer 4 points]

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