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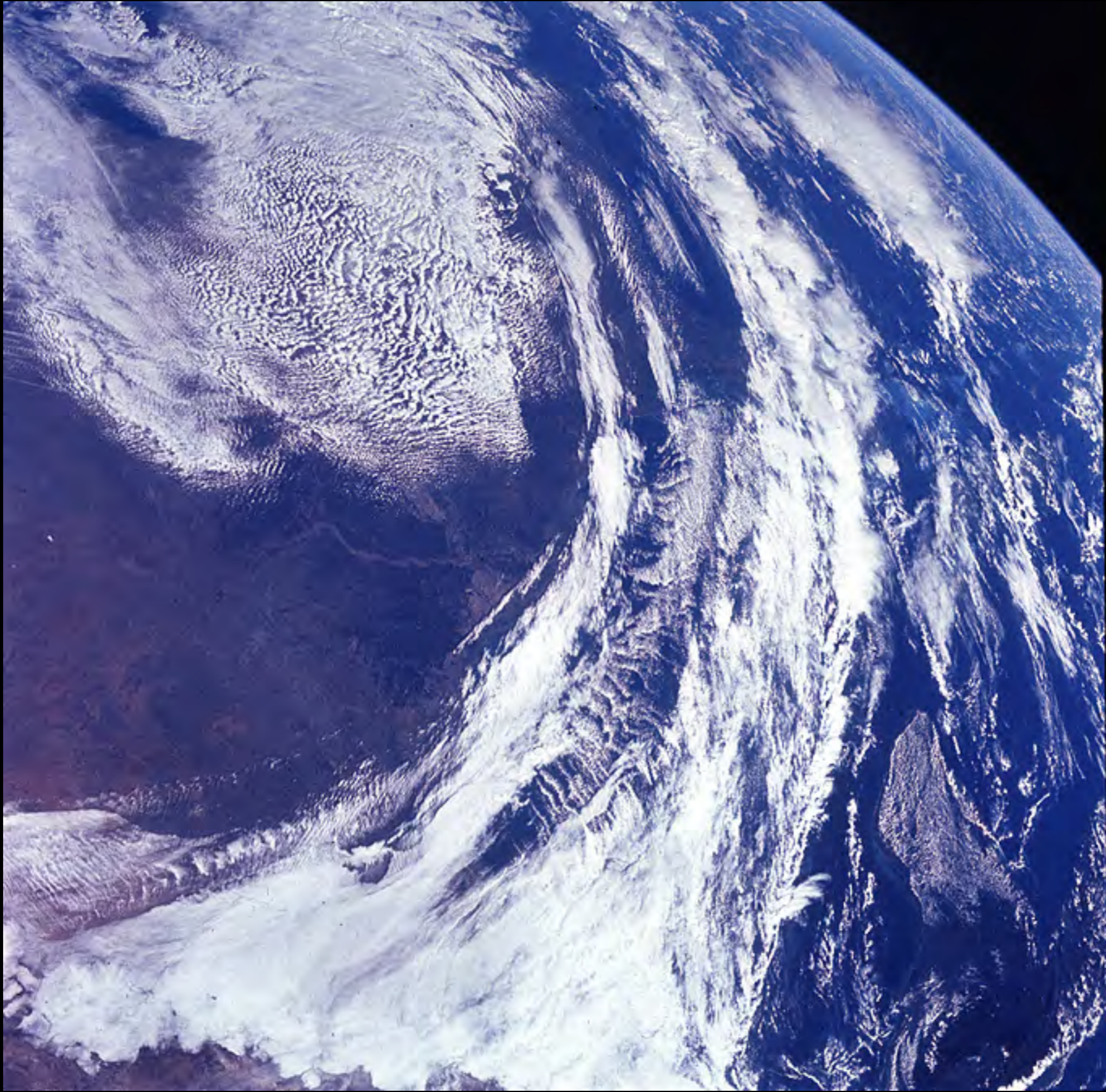
A Christian Call to Climate Action
(New England)



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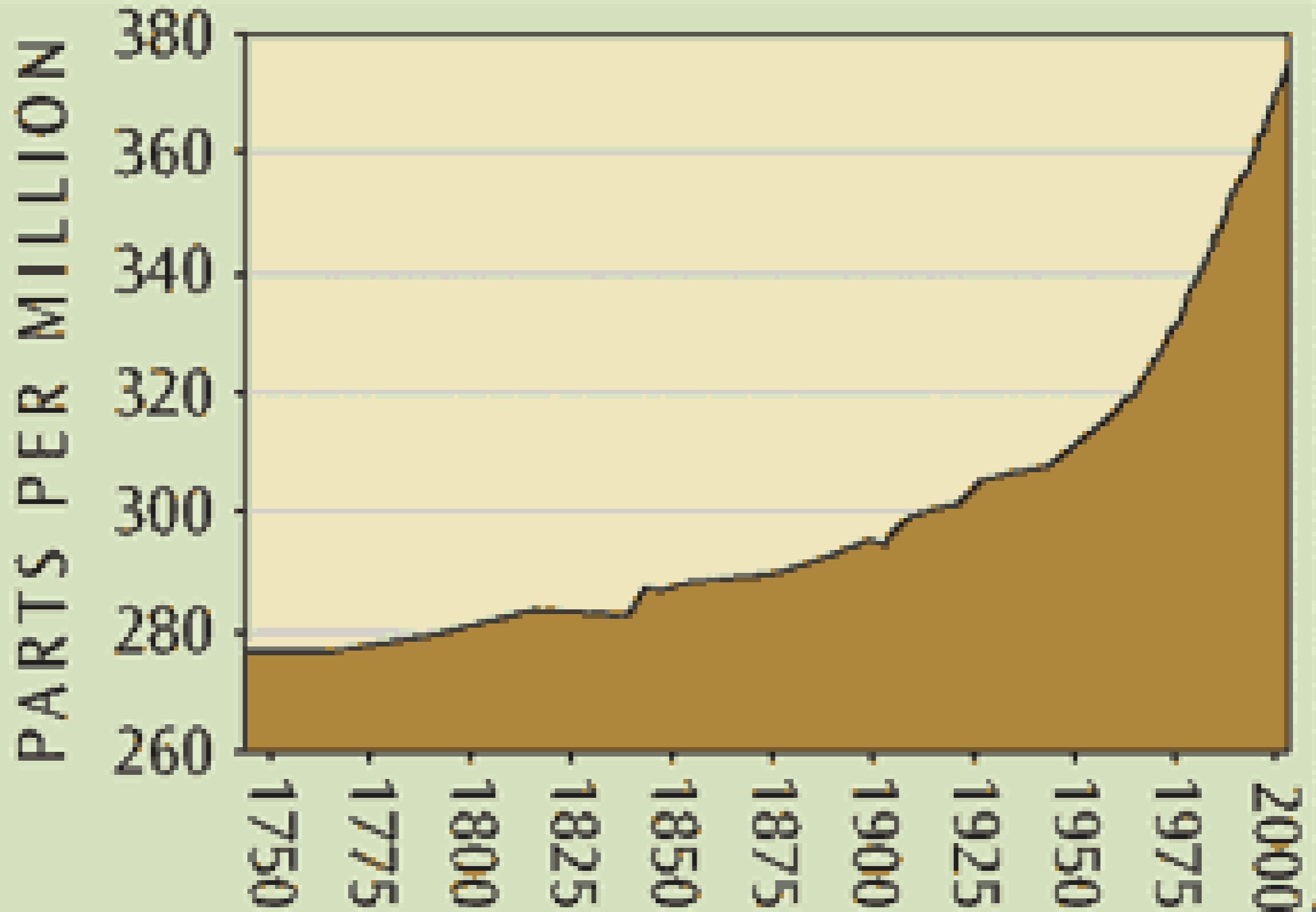






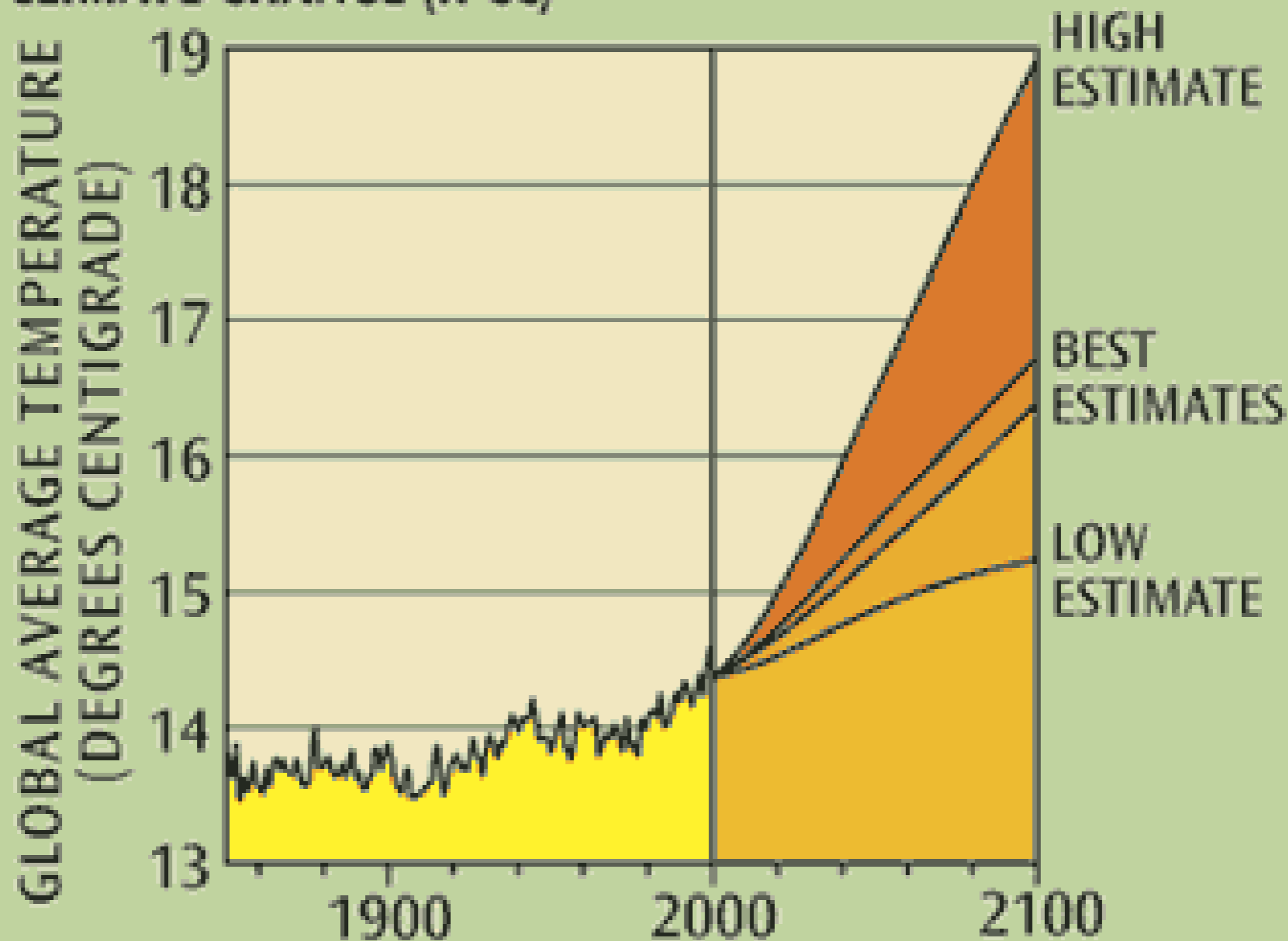


ATMOSPHERIC CONCENTRATION OF CARBON DIOXIDE (1744 - 2003)



PROJECTED CHANGES IN GLOBAL TEMPERATURE

FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE (IPCC)





Drought



Floods & Rising Seas

More Intense &
Frequent
Storms







More Wildfires



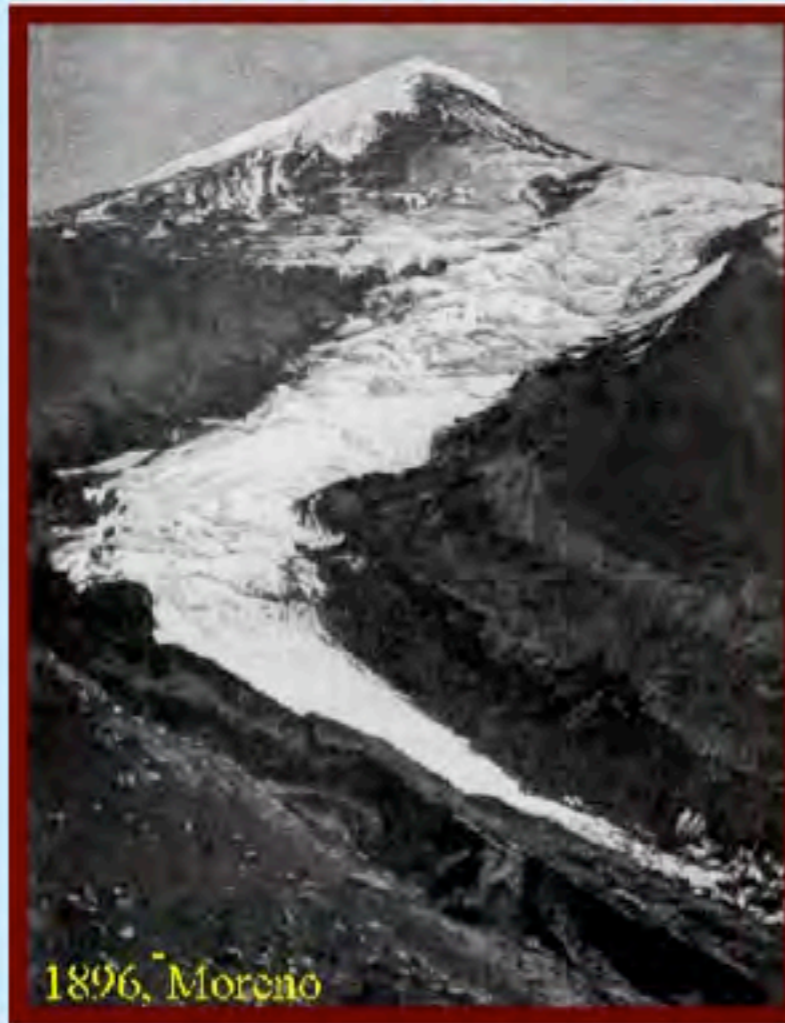
Disrupted Ecosystems



Melting Glaciers



Glacier on Volcán Lanin, Argentina, 1896 and 2001

















“We cannot triumph over global poverty... unless we also address climate change, as the two phenomena are intimately related.”

--Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori







Global warming is the moral
crisis of our time.





God said, “I will be with you.” (Exodus 3:12)







“God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone,
but also on trees, and the flowers and the clouds
and stars.”

--Martin Luther



“Revelation comes in two volumes –
the Bible and nature.”

--Thomas Aquinas



“God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

(Genesis 1:31)



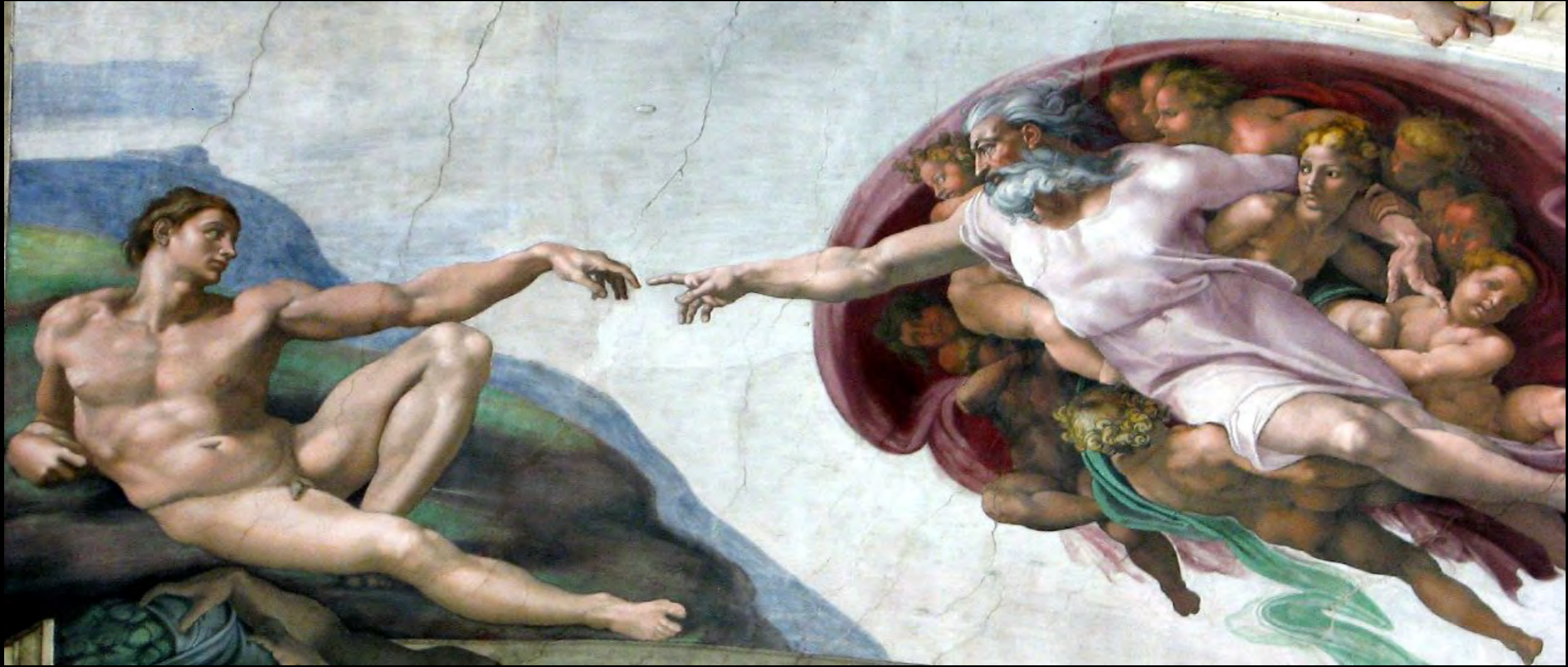
"The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it."

(Psalm 24:1)



“I want creation to penetrate you with so much admiration that wherever you go, the least plant may bring you a clear remembrance of the Creator.”

--St. Basil the Great (329 - 379)





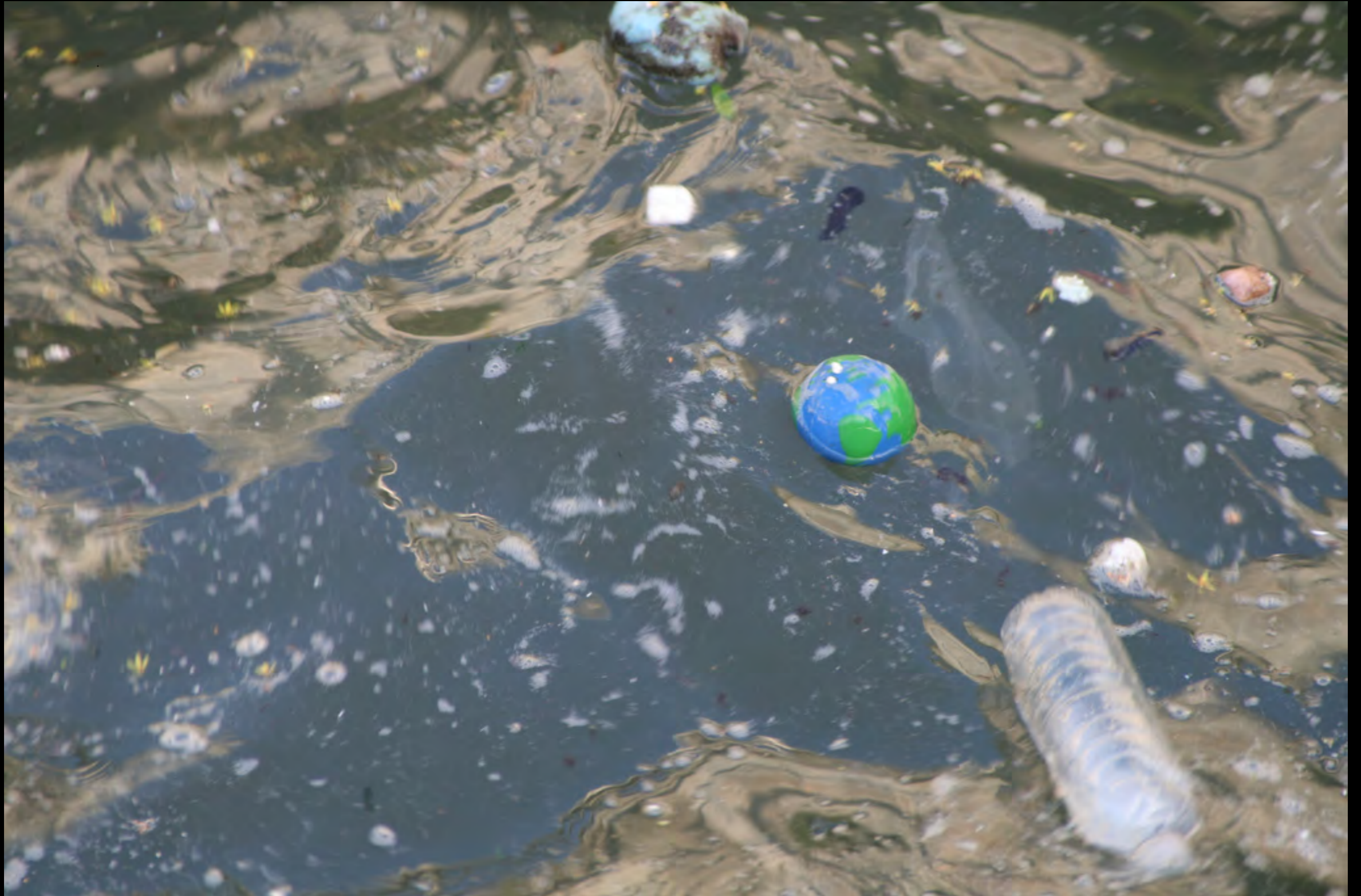
“Dominion does not mean abusive use, it means Earth keeping, it means creature keeping. We, as good stewards of the Creation, are obligated not to destroy that over which we have been given dominion.”

-- Calvin B. DeWitt, Evangelical Environmental Network



“We are part of the created order, not separate from it, and our first calling by God is to be the caretakers of creation.”

--Episcopal bishops of New England, “To Serve Christ in All Creation”
(Pastoral Letter, 2003)



“There is...no knowledge of God in the land...Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing.”

(Hosea 4:1b, 3)







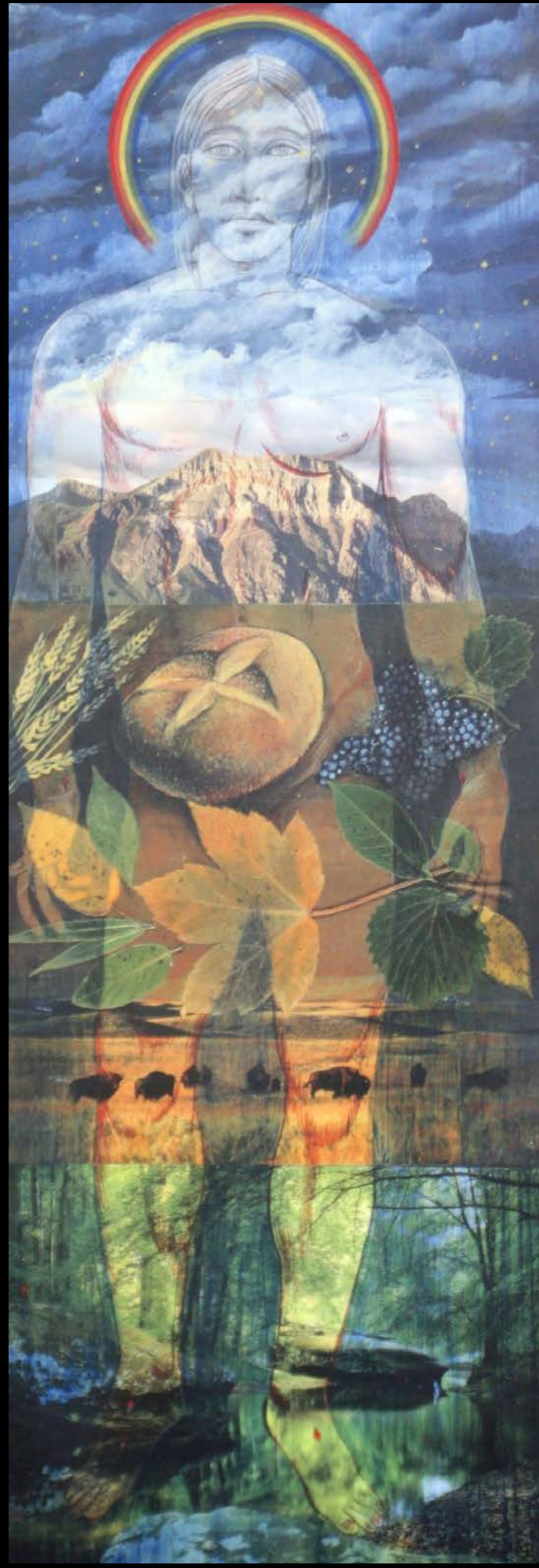
“I will . . . remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

(Genesis 9:16)













“God did not give us a spirit of fear
but a spirit of power and love and self-control.”
(2 Timothy 1:7)



1. Start a Creation care committee
in your parish.



2. Join Interfaith Power & Light.

(interfaithpowerandlight.org)



3. Conserve energy.



4. Drive as little as possible.



5. Switch to CFL's.



6. Invest in clean, safe, renewable energy.
(see, for example, massenergy.org)





7. Eat local, organic foods.



8. Don't buy disposable plastics.





9. Celebrate God's Creation.



10. Make your voice heard. Act. Vote.



“The scientific community has made clear that we must reduce carbon emissions globally by 15 to 20 percent by 2020, and 80 percent by 2050 in order to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.”

– Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori



We can't wait.



So much beauty remains.



It is not too late.



We are worth saving.
The Earth is worth saving.



“If the supreme disaster of our times is the closing down of the life systems of the earth, then the supreme need of our times is to bring about a healing of the earth.”

--Thomas Berry



“Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening resolve for the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.”

--The Earth Charter







“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life.”

--(John 3:16)



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