



The Lie behind some of our biggest issues today

History of Overpopulation Fears?

“The myth of Overpopulation and the Folks who brought it to you” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

- a. In the 1800s, Thomas Malthus, stated that having too many people in the world is the inevitable cause of many maladies; among them: hunger, starvation, disease, and war. He suggested that the population of the world grows exponentially while food production doesn't, with the inevitable result of massive starvation.
- b. In the early 1900's, eugenics was the result of Malthus' predictions. It is the theory that not all races are the same and that the "bad" races must die out to make room for the "good". The "bad" races generally corresponded with those who were poorer and darker than the proponents of eugenics. Early proponents of this theory included Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood who openly expressed racist beliefs, targeted her clinics in minority neighborhoods, and who was admired by the Nazi regime.
- c. In 1968, “The Population Bomb” was written by Stanford University professor Paul. Ehrlich and Stanford senior researcher Anne Ehrlich, From the opening page, this book predicted worldwide famines due to overpopulation, major societal upheavals, and advocated immediate action to limit population growth. This time however, Instead of simply saying the world would run out of food, it now claimed that the world would run out of nearly everything including food, natural resources, and eventually room to walk around.
- d. Presently, science knows full well that overpopulation catastrophic thoughts were wrong and have been disproven. Yet the fear of overpopulation is currently fueling Climate Change Catastrophists, who claim we need to lower world population in order to save our planet from certain destruction.

In 2019, the Millennium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere (mahb.stanford.edu) gave the following recommendations to deal with the global issue of overpopulation:

1. Individuals should have fewer children and lower personal consumption, stating that “One is good, two is enough”.
2. Educate (promote) contraception to children and support family planning organizations such as planned parenthood
3. Nations should make sterilization free for both men and women
4. Legalize abortion without restrictions
5. Disincentivize third and further children by limiting governmental support to the first two children
6. Make ending population growth a United Nations agenda and hold a global population conference to reaffirm the ecological need to limit human members.

Why are we spending time in church talking about this subject?

- a. The overpopulation scare has been foundational to several hot topics in modern society.
 - i. Abortion, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide (M.A.I.D.)
 - ii. Modern genocide (Eugenics – “drastic times call for drastic measures”)
 - iii. Hyper Environmentalism

- b. Satan is using this lie and its associated fears to manipulate the world into disobedience and rebellion.
 - i. God said to “be fruitful” and fill the Earth
Satan says to stop having children and stop filling the Earth

 - ii. God says that human life is exceptional and should be celebrated.
Satan says that human life is the problem that is destroying everything.

 - iii. God says that children are a blessing from God and a joy.
Satan says that children are a drain, an inconvenience, and economic drains

 - iv. God says that we should protect life, especially the innocent.
Satan says it’s ok to kill the innocent, the unproductive, and the inconvenient.

 - v. God says that we need to protect life while seeking peace and joy through Him.
Satan promotes anything and everything that brings about death and despair.

What does the Bible say about overpopulation?

- a. Genesis 1:28 “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it”
 - i. God will not command something that leads to destruction.
 - ii. God will not command something that he does not endorse and/or expect.
 - iii. God does not command something without a reason or purpose.

- b. Genesis 9:7 “Be fruitful and increase in number, multiply on the earth and increase upon it”

- c. Genesis 11:7-8 “So the Lord scattered them from there all over the Earth”
 “From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole Earth”

Based on God’s commands, and implications thereof, we believe confidently that:

- a. There is plenty of room on the Earth to hold as many people as God allows.
- b. Man, who is created in God’s image, while in the process of subduing the earth, will be able to manage the resources God provided so that there is plenty of food, shelter, and other natural resources for everyone.
- c. Abortion, Euthanasia, and all forms of suicide work against God’s plans and directives, therefore they are sinful.
- d. The actions of human beings will not bring our planet to an end. It is our job to steward what God has given us, not worship it.

Application:

1. Stop believing Satan's first lie, so that you don't fall for his later lies on other issues.
2. Think Biblically on each and every topic, asking the question, "Does anything in the Bible tell me how God thinks about this question/topic of debate?"