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Rock! Paper! Scissors! Tools for anarchist + Christian thought and action

Issue 5: The Earth, Ecology, and the End of the Age

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The Amazon is burning. Greenland is melting. Permafrost is thawing. Boreal forests are being decimated. Dozens of species are annihilated daily. Microplastics are in the water, the food system, the bellies of animals, the air. A third of the global food supply is converting to methane in landfills. Soil is being destroyed. Smokestacks foul the air, the atmosphere, lungs, cells. Regulations are being weakened. Creation is groaning. Creation is weeping.

Yet the climate crisis is not primarily an ecological issue.

Rooted in capitalist domination, political inaction, structural racism and classism, and the devaluing of all life, the climate crisis lies at the intersection of all oppressions. It is the precise consequence and most glaring manifestation of our collective transgressions: greed, pride, vanity, idolatry, injustice.

The climate crisis is a spiritual crisis.

The urgency of this crisis insists we examine, scrutinize, and either affirm or modify the values we hold, the things we believe, the ways in which we live, the relationships we have with all other living things, and the postures we have assumed. We have passed the sanctioned strategies of 'creation care' and 'conscious consumerism' and are obligated to press into expansive, more courageous, and more defiant ethics, tactics, disciplines, and worship.

Contributors can consider these possible starting points for this issue of *Rock! Paper! Scissors!*:

- Climate devastation through the lens of Revelation
- Experiencing climate grief while balancing hope and trust in God
- The refusal/necessity of State/political involvement and/or direct action
- New formations of Christian community amidst environmental crisis
- Drawdown solutions as direct ways of caring for the poor and disenfranchised
- The relationship(s) between action and prayer
- Patience, peace, and love under crisis, duress, and deadline
- Recognizing Creation and the Bible equally as the words of God
- Climate crisis and its intersectionality
- Climate crisis as spiritual crisis
- The climate crisis as the judgment and wrath of God
- The connection between environmental racism and the vulnerability and disposability of frontline communities
- Needing global-scale solutions when having capacity for local action
- Being the body of Christ by taking eco-action
- Seeing Christ in human and non-human climate refugees: When did you feed, give drink to, take in, clothe, or visit me?
- How indigenous resisters/resistances are models for our own actions
- Gospel teachings as the equitable solution to climate adaptation
- Being faithful vs. being effective in the face of oncoming devastation
- The interconnectedness of all living things vs. having 'dominion'
- How the church could undermine the State in welcoming climate refugees and reducing negative environmental impacts
- Prophecy as a call to relationship with God: How do we act or not act upon prophecy, especially as it concerns the environment? What parallels can we draw from Old and New Testament events and prophecies?
- Intersections of patriarchy, ecofeminism, and theology
- Co-liberation with other animals for a new ecological future
- The coming New Earth
- Ways in which the Church and churches contribute to environmental degradation
- Climate adaptation strategies that the body of Christ can use to care for their neighbors and themselves in times of devastation

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