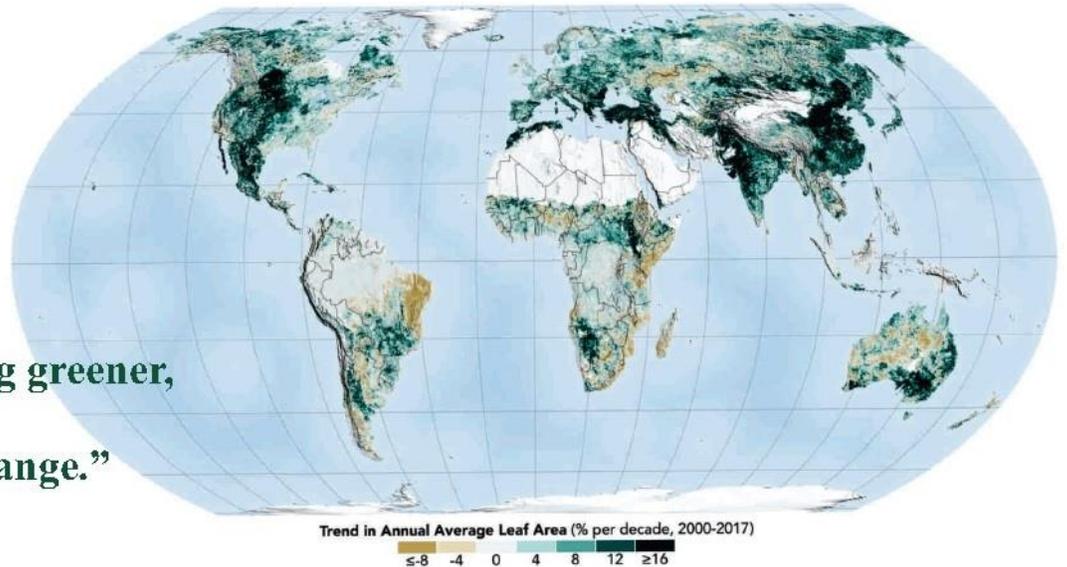


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Cornwall Alliance
For The Stewardship Of Creation

**The earth is getting greener,
all over the place,
due to “climate change.”**



Thinking Biblically about Earth Stewardship and the Conquest of Poverty in the Age of Climate Change

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Agrarian poet Wendell Berry wrote, “The ecological teaching of the Bible is simply inescapable: God made the world because He wanted it made. He thinks the world is good, and He loves it. It is His world; He has never relinquished title to it. And He has never revoked the conditions, bearing on His gift to us of the use of it, that oblige us to take excellent care of it.”

At the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, we believe Biblical earth stewardship is central to the Christian life. But what exactly is “Biblical earth stewardship?” How do we navigate the seemingly conflicting claims of nature and human welfare? How can we care for the earth while caring most of all for the earth’s

poor, made in the image of God? These questions and more are at the center of our conversations. In an age of increasing political polarization and paranoia, we want to help Christians understand climate science, energy economics, and common-sense public policy.

By listening to experts on these topics who orient their lives and work through the lens of Scripture, attendees will be able to think critically about environmental policy and how it affects those in underdeveloped countries. Please join us as we ask good questions and think Biblically about how to answer them. And, during Q&A times, pose your own questions—we’ll do our best to answer them!

Common Presentations

Biblical Principles of Environmental Stewardship

In 2013, Dr. E. Calvin Beisner and colleagues wrote *The Biblical Perspective of Environmental Stewardship: Subduing and Ruling the Earth to the Glory of God and the Benefit of Our Neighbors*. This concise document presents thirty theses—in a “We Affirm/We Deny” format—stating how Christians should view creation and what good Christian

stewardship of our environment should be. This talk will expand on that document (of which everyone who attends will receive a copy), providing an overview of the Cornwall Alliance’s perspective on Christian environmental stewardship, which puts our Lord God, ourselves, our neighbors, and the whole of creation in a proper perspective.

What Economic Order Best Protects Nature While Overcoming Poverty?

Throughout its history, environmentalism has leaned heavily toward increasing government rather than private control over business and private life in the name of protecting nature. This presentation will assess the most important arguments for that

view and weigh the pros and cons, in both argument and historical performance, of socialist/progressive versus capitalist/free-market approaches to environmental stewardship.

A History of the Climate Change Movement

Since the early 1960s, Earth's climate has become an increasingly important topic that has dominated political and economic policies. Beginning as concern over a cooling planet (*i.e.*, global cooling) and morphing to fear of a warming planet (*i.e.*, global warming), climate change has caused many environmentalists to decry the use of fossil fuels, which they say drives the "existential threat" of "climate change." How

did we get here? Where we are today is a result of a well-orchestrated effort to mold policies and beliefs to further an agenda developed over at least a century. This presentation will explore the history of the climate change movement and explain why it is less about the science than about reducing freedom and prosperity.

Climate Change and the Poor: Guidelines for Passionate Christians

A constant refrain of those who demand rapid and expensive policies to fight climate change is that the world's poor will suffer more from the effects of global warming than anyone else. Is the claim true? If it is, how should it shape policy? This talk will explain why the very solutions proposed to mitigate climate change—especially a forced transition from

hydrocarbon (fossil fuel) energy sources to wind, solar, and other "renewable" sources—will be far more harmful to the poor, and the planet, than climate change itself and will describe alternative policies informed by sound science and economics that simultaneously help the poor while protecting our natural environment.

Available Topics and Speakers

The presentations described above are suggested for a basic conference, but many other topics are possible. Speakers at most conferences will be Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, our Founder and President, and Dr. David R. Legates, our Director of Research and Education. Though not on staff, many other Cornwall scholars (see <https://cornwallalliance.org/about/who-we-are/>) may be available. Address inquiries to Stewards@CornwallAlliance.org.



David R. Legates, Ph.D., Climatology, is Cornwall Alliance's Director of Research and Education. Honored by the Science and Environmental Policy Project with the Frederick Seitz Award, he is a retired Professor of Climatology and Geography at the University of Delaware. He is co-author with S. Fred Singer and Anthony Lupo of *Hot Talk, Cold Science: Global Warming's Unfinished Debate*, 3rd edition, co-author of Cornwall Alliance's *A Call to Truth, Prudence, and Protection of the Poor 2014: The Case against Harmful Climate Policies Gets Stronger*, and author or co-author of over 150 peer-reviewed articles in climate science.

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D., History of Political Thought, is Cornwall Alliance's President and Founder. Honored in 2014 by the Heritage Foundation with the Outstanding Spokesperson on Faith, Science, and Stewardship Award, he is former Associate Professor of Historical Theology and Social Ethics at Knox Theological Seminary and author of *Prospects for Growth: A Biblical View of Population, Resources, and the Future*, *Where Garden Meets Wilderness: Evangelical Entry into the Environmental Debate*, and other books.



The Vision and Mission of the Cornwall Alliance

We aspire to a world in which people—made in God's image, reconciled to Him by Christ's atoning work, and reflecting God's own creativity—work together to enhance the fruitfulness, beauty, and safety of the earth, enabling more and more of our neighbors to enjoy good health, long life, freedom, justice, and spiritual and material abundance, for the glory of God and the good of our fellow man, thus addressing

the two Great Commandments to love God and love our neighbor. To this end we educate the public and policymakers about Biblical earth stewardship, economic development for the poor, and the gospel of Jesus Christ, along with the Christian worldview, theology, and ethics. Learn more at www.CornwallAlliance.org.