This book is a compilation of seventeen extraordinary essays, including the foreword by the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev'd James Jones. The authors examine the ecological crisis from a Christian perspective, considering the many different aspects contributing to our current ecological circumstances. Essays address topics such as the distortion of climate science by the "misinformation industry", international governance, population growth and contraception, natural disasters, food production, water scarcity and flooding, poverty and justice, and the Bible.

The essays reward careful reading. They are grounded in a thoughtful Christian tradition and informed by impressive science. The danger facing our globe and all that lives on it is clearly documented, and yet each author is careful to show what can be done to address the situation.

I appreciated the flashes of wit in this book: "Unremitting growth is the doctrine of the cancer cell" is one eye catching heading.

The Scriptural references and discussions support the message in a helpful way. Jesus' call to consider the birds and the lilies leads Richard Bauckham in his essay "Jesus, God and nature in the Gospels" to conclude: "The ecological necessity of living within limits is a painful one for those so addicted to excess as ourselves. It requires a different way of looking at the world, which Jesus offers when he invites his disciples to consider the birds and lilies."

Apropos of Copenhagen, the book ends with a prophetic conclusion from Jonathan Moo: "one of the root causes of environmental unsustainability is a failure of imagination, an acceptance of the status quo, and - for Christians - a rejection of the new identity we are meant to have in Christ.

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