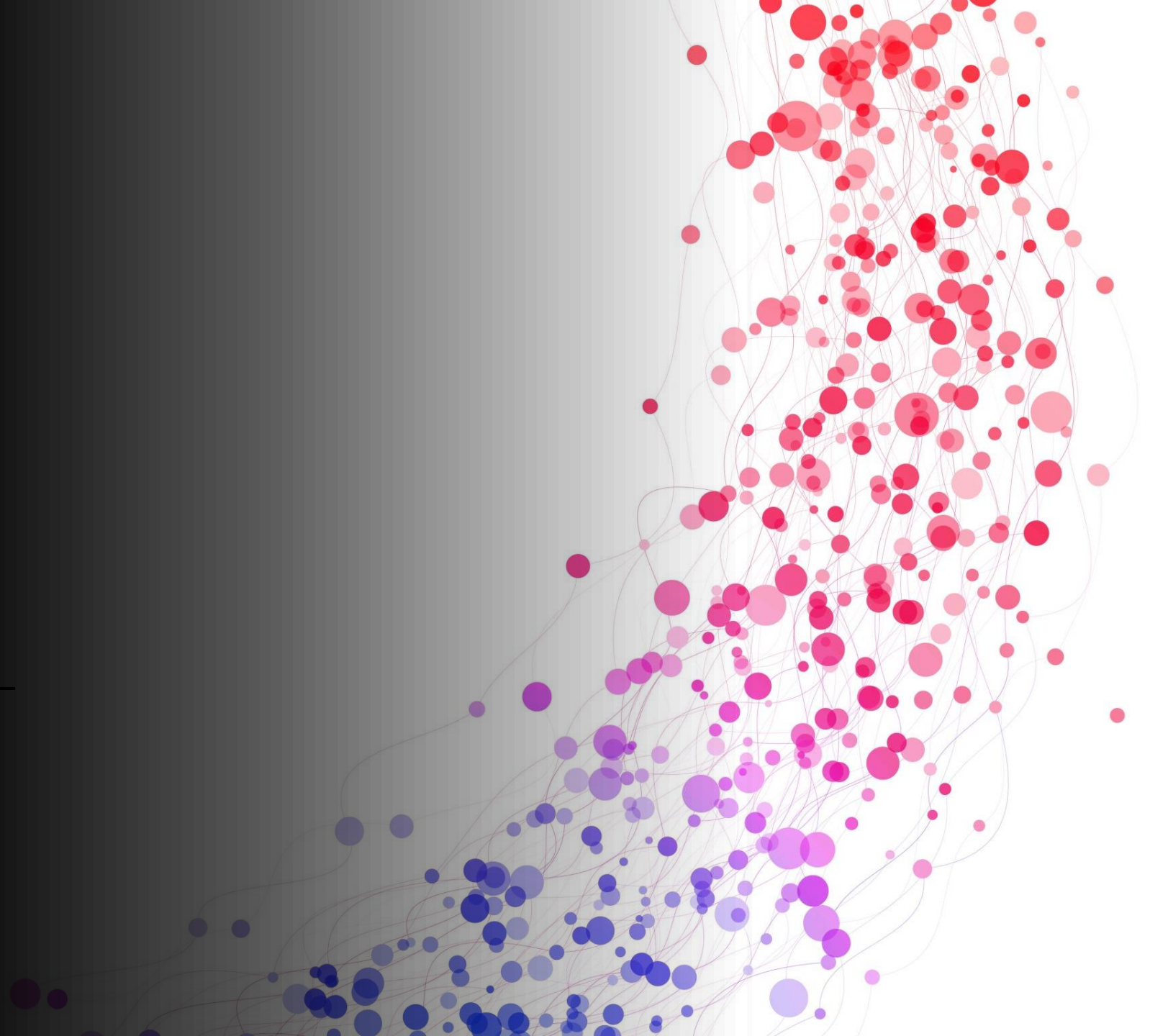





Christian Activism

becoming catalysts for
deeper change



A satellite image of Earth from space, showing the Western Hemisphere. North America is visible in the upper right, with the United States and Canada. The Pacific Ocean is to the west. The image is partially obscured by a black rectangular box on the left side, which contains white text. The bottom edge of the black box is torn, revealing the blue and white of the Earth's surface.

We face an ecological-societal predicament of our own making - first unwittingly, and now knowingly, we've disrupted the carbon cycle and energy balance of the Earth. The predicament is a multi-layered and hugely complex collective action problem, requiring coordinated action over decades from the global political scale to the local community level. ***The changes required call for shifts in values, worldview and communities of place,*** as well as in economics, consumption practices and technologies. Perhaps the most serious aspect of the predicament we face is, therefore, the lack of ethical leadership, imagination and political courage evident in the current ruling elite.



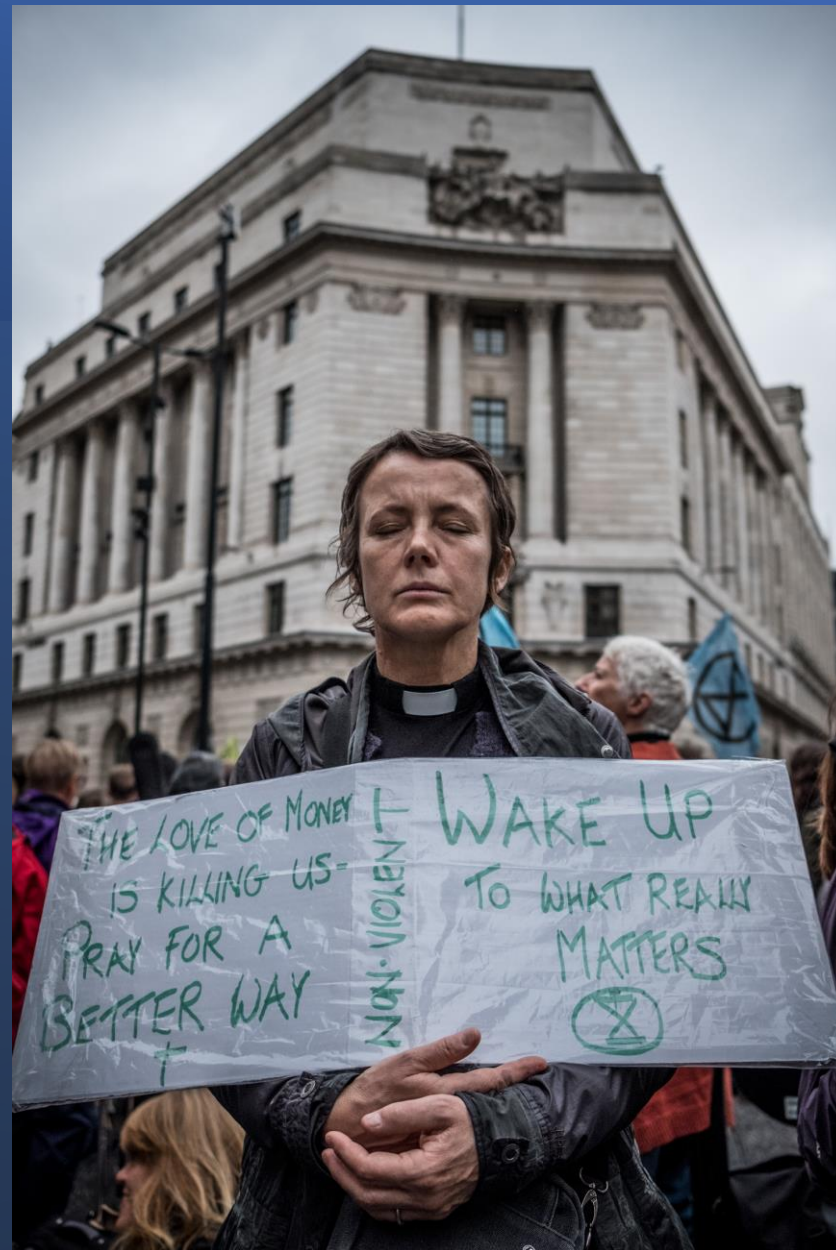
**WE'RE SO IMMERSED IN
CONSUMERISM THAT WE
MISTAKE IT FOR NORMALITY.
DRIVING, FLYING, BUYING STUFF
WRAPPED IN PLASTIC - THIS IS
JUST THE WAY THE WORLD IS,
RIGHT?**

**BUT THIS IS A VERY RECENT &
GROSSLY ABNORMAL SYSTEM
THAT IS DEVOURING NATURE &
BURNING OUR CHILDREN'S
FUTURES.**

Climate Dad
@ClimateDad77

Prayer and Protest





THE LOVE OF MONEY
IS KILLING US -
PRAY FOR A
BETTER WAY
+

NON-VIOLEN

WAKE UP
TO WHAT REALLY
MATTERS
(X)







PRAYING
FOR
ACTION
ON THE
CLIMATE
CRISIS
NOW!

Love and grace
for the Earth

We need a
Spiritual
Awakening
to CARE
enough
to ACT
#COP27
#ClimateCrisis

UNITED IN ACTION
EARTH VIGIL

PRAYING FOR ACTION
ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS



**Christian
Climate
Action**

I'M
**PRAYING
FOR ACTION ON THE**

Liturgy and Worship on the Streets







COAL IS KILLING
HUMANITY
CUT THE TIES
TO FOSSIL FUELS

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A conceptual image featuring two hands, one on the left and one on the right, holding a thin red string. The string is looped around the index fingers of both hands and is tied into a small bow in the center. The text "Creative Activism" is written in a white, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the string and the bow. The background is a plain, light beige color.

Creative Activism











Jesus

You were hung upon the tree
and die in lonely agony
and in your final breath
you commit a broken world
into the hands of its loving creator.

As we come stumbling back to life
breath into us your new breath
the healing and hope of all creation.

Help us to comfort all who grieve
stand in solidarity with all who are oppressed
and learn to walk gently on your
sacred earth.

Amen.

Controlled
ZONE
Mon - Fri
8.30 am - 6.30 pm











COP 26: WALK THE WALL











Metanoia



“We scientists don’t know how to do that”

“I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change.

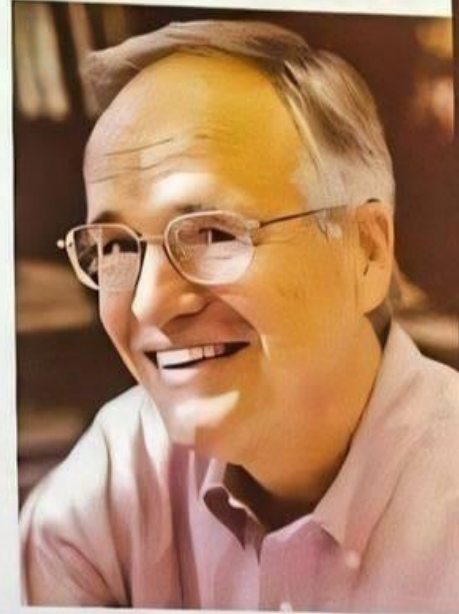
I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems.

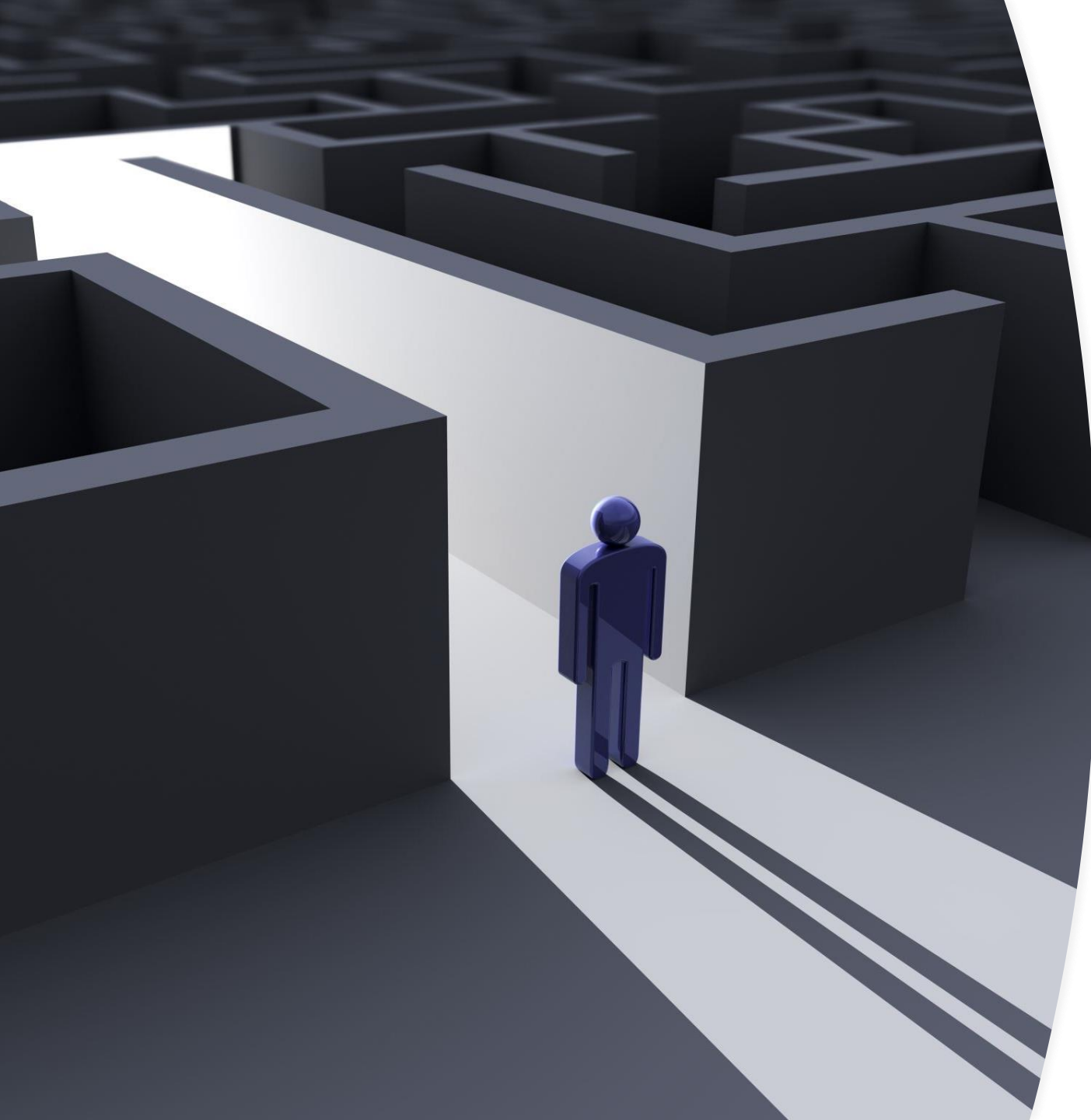
But I was wrong.
The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy...

...and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation

- and we scientists don't know how to do that.”

Gus Speth





In a collection of theological reflections on COP26 Jonathan Rowson wrote: 'Ultimately, human beings are stuck – and not just individual human beings, but societal structures, social imaginaries, and political logics that keep us trapped in a way of living. We must therefore become unstuck – at scale – if we are going to have a chance of significantly improving climate projections. This requires economic, political and cultural transformation at scale.'



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- “...‘a new economy’ or ‘a new politics’ will not take root without arising alongside some kind of spiritual innovation to shift perception and understanding about the nature of the self and the meaning of life.”

- Jonathan Rowson
- <https://perspecteeva.substack.com/p/prefixing-the-world>

Colin Tudge

THE GREAT RE-THINK

A 21st Century Renaissance




I WANT BETTER METAPHORS.
I WANT BETTER STORIES.
I WANT MORE OPENNESS.
I WANT BETTER QUESTIONS.
ALL THESE THINGS FEEL LIKE
THEY GIVE US TOOLS THAT
ARE A LITTLE MORE
COMMENSURATE WITH THE
AMAZING POSSIBILITIES
AND THE TERRIBLE
REALITIES THAT WE FACE.

— REBECCA SOLNIT

HOPE LOCATES ITSELF IN THE
PREMISE THAT WE DON'T KNOW
WHAT WILL HAPPEN, AND IN THE
SPACIOUSNESS OF

UNCERTAINTY

THERE IS ROOM TO ACT



But reorienting our lives to Jesus, through whom all things were made and who has made peace with all things: now *that* is an action commensurate with the scale of the breakdown. Turning to him in lament and repentance, turning from the way of life that leads to devastation, taking up his way, a complete reordering of our lives, that is a response worthy of the scale of the crisis. A life of faithful discipleship, alignment with the mission of God in all of life, imbues with purpose and meaning, joy and peace even, these otherwise apparently mundane acts of a life at peace with one another and the earth.

Paul Kunert

Jesus Died to Save the Planet. LICC (to be published soon).

Further Reading:

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 - Christian Climate Action *Time to Act: A Resource Book by the Christians in Extinction Rebellion* 2020
 - Simon Walker *Leading with Everything to Give: Lessons from the Success and Failure of Western Capitalism* from the *Undefended Leader* Trilogy 2009
 - Walter Brueggemann *The Prophetic Imagination* 1978
 - Dominic White *The Lost Knowledge of Christ: Contemporary Spiritualities, Christian Cosmology and the Arts* 2015
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