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A Rocha Co-Founder, CEO Killed in Crash in South Africa

Miranda Harris and Chris Naylor helped lead the organization's groundbreaking global efforts to bring together Christian convictions and environmental concerns.

KATE SHELLNUTT | POSTED OCTOBER 29, 2019



The global creation care community is grieving the loss of some of its most prominent evangelical advocates after the top leaders of A Rocha International—cofounders Peter and Miranda Harris and CEO Chris Naylor and his wife Susanna—suffered a fatal car crash on Monday.

Miranda Harris and the Naylors were killed when their car flipped over a bridge into a river



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE



Adapting to change in inland fisheries: analysis from Lake Tanganyika, East Africa

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Abstract

Fisheries around the world are declining due to growing anthropogenic pressures including climate change and overexploitation. Understanding how small-scale fishers respond to this unprecedented challenge is critical for developing more effective management strategies in vulnerable socio-ecological systems. While considerable research is focused on adap-

REVIEW PAPER



Ethics in the Anthropocene: Moral Responses to the Climate Crisis

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Abstract

This review essay looks at Andrew Brei's edited volume, *Ecology, ethics and hope*



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Communication

Renewing Evangelical Engagement on Climate Change: The Birth and Growth of "Young Evangelicals for Climate Action"

Rachel L. Lamb, Benjamin S. Lowe, and Kyle J. Meynard-Schuap



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Framing Evangelicals and Climate Change

The complicated relationship between Christians and anthropogenic climate change—particularly among self-identified evangelicals in the United States—is a hot topic in both academic and popular

spokesperson for Young Evangelicals for Climate Action (YECA, pronounced Y, E, C, A). Since our founding, more than 10,000 self-identified young evangelicals have taken at least one action with us toward advocating for local and national climate solutions. We hope this work

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GHOTI



The neglected role of religion in fisheries management

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Abstract

Religion and spirituality have long played important roles in fishery systems around the world, and yet are often neglected in modern fisheries management and re-

OUTLINE:

1. Tensions between conservation & development
2. A Biblical approach
3. Practical examples
4. Application



DEVELOPMENT

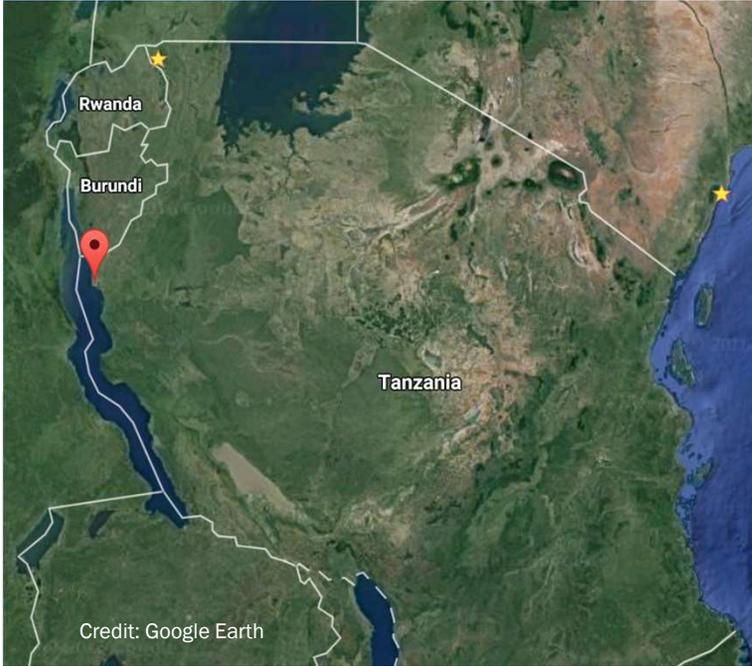
- Focused on humans
- Goal is to improve human wellbeing
- Views nature as resources to manage/exploit for the sake of humans
- Anthropocentric

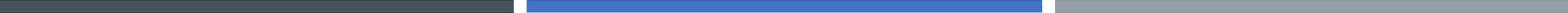
VS?

CONSERVATION

- Focused on "nature"
- Goal is to improve biodiversity/ecological wellbeing
- Views humans as problems to manage/restrain for the sake of nature
- Eco/biocentric

EXAMPLE: LAKE TANGANYIKA





THEOCENTRISM

~~Anthropocentrism~~

~~Eco/biocentrism~~



SACRED GROVE IN TANZANIA

The earth is the LORD's, and
everything in it, the world,
and all who live in it.

–Psalm 21:1

“There are no unsacred
places; there are only sacred
places and desecrated
places.”

–Wendell Berry
How to Be a Poet (2001)





PSALM 8

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the works of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is humanity that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!



COLOSSIANS 1:16-20

For in [Christ] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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THEOCENTRICISM

1. Gives us a basis for properly valuing creation
2. Gives us a basis for properly valuing each other
3. Directs our efforts to God as service and worship
4. Offers hope in the face of loss and despair



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We can look all the bad news in the eye, but keep writing our stories in the landscape, & say with confidence "It isn't over yet!" God still has plans for the world he loves.



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