



Christianity and Mobilizing for Planetary Security

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Many Christian voices are joining those of all the world's religious communities in an effort to mobilize energies to the shared task of securing life on Earth. Pope Francis's recent encyclical "On Caring for our Common Home" is an important example of this call for mobilization. Francis's deep concern to mitigate climate change led the world press to dub him a "progressive." But tellingly, he correlates the concerns of contemporary ecological sciences with the theological giants of the Medieval era for it is the pre-modern strata of Christian thinking that most strongly sustained a creation-centered account of humanity as a participant in the community of life on Earth.

Mobilization is a term primarily associated with how nations respond to national security threats. This talk will offer a snap-shot of how the United States mobilized for World War II and suggest that we and the other nations and all religious communities need to step up and mobilize to stabilize ecosystems and mitigate climate change.

