

This Week in History

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April 18-24

25 years ago (1996)
 ► Burlington Middle School Principal Bill Scott ran in the 100th Boston Marathon. There were 38,706 official entries in the 26-mile race.
 ► A severe hail storm producing golf ball size hail cut a swath through southeast Coffey County late Sunday afternoon with the city of LeRoy taking a direct hit. Several instances of hail as big as a baseball were also reported.

50 years ago (1971)
 ► J. D. Lichlyter, local game protector, met one of the Kansas Forestry Fish and Game truck at the Redmond Reservoir. There are a million walleye fry bouncing around in the middle of the reservoir.

75 years ago (1946)
 ► About 30 persons attended the meeting at the Sunflower hotel in Gridley to discuss the possibility of organizing a Boy Scout troop in Gridley and the attendance showed there is plenty of interest in the movement.

100 years ago (1921)
 ► The annual school meeting of district No. 13 was held in the high school auditorium at

LeRoy. A nine months school was voted and also \$13,000 was voted for school for next year. The state high school inspector informed the school that the LeRoy High School had been advanced from Class D to C.

125 years ago (1896)
 ► Waverly- The Sudden outbreak of diphtheria in our city last week, which involved three families, created such widespread alarm that it was deemed prudent to keep the church doors closed on Sunday, and to close the public schools. All precautionary measures were taken to prevent this dread scourge from becoming epidemic, and, at the present writing, it seems with success.

MENUS	
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Tuesday:	Pork riblet with bun, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, fruit cup and milk.
Wednesday:	Chicken tetrazzini, parslid carrot coins, pea salad, apricots, whole wheat bread and milk.
Thursday:	Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, herbed green beans, vanilla pudding, whole wheat bread and milk.
Friday:	BBQ chicken, hashbrown potatoes, seasoned zucchini, brownie, whole wheat bread and milk.
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Monday:	Chicken pasta salad, cucumber and onion salad, fruit cobbler, crackers and milk.
Tuesday:	Ham and beans, carrots, pears, cookie, cornbread and milk.
Wednesday:	Meatloaf, baked potato, baked tomatoes, fruit, bread and milk.
Thursday:	Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit, roll and milk.
Friday:	Beef goulash, tomato salad, baked apples, garlic bread and milk.

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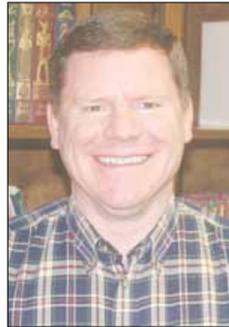
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Christianity and ecology

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If you looked at a calendar recently, you likely noticed that Earth Day is today. Most people in our community will shrug their shoulders with a "meh" approach and move on to other, more visible calendar entries such as Mother's Day in May. To many people around the world, though, Earth Day is a big deal. Two years ago, 500,000 people in the United States took part in some activity for Earth Day. Last year, with COVID-19 fears running rampant, few ventured outside for an activity, but 100,000,000 people worldwide participated in an online event.



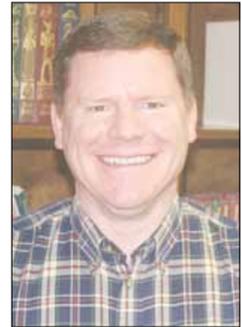
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People pursue a wide variety of activities on Earth Day. Some use it as an excuse to experience the outdoors au naturel - in the nude. I don't recommend that for you; the possibility of rain and high temperatures in the upper 50s make that an unattractive option. People who pray to Mother Earth use this day as a day of gatherings to worship nature. Environmentalists use the day to mobilize workers to clean up garbage from waterways and nature preserves. Activists use the day to bully others for driving cars, having heat and lights in homes, and for taking showers. How should the Christian respond to all this?

First, the earth and all its ecosystems are not simply existing - the entire planet and all that is present on it belongs to someone. God has claimed ownership. "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." (Psalm 24:1) God owns all of creation. Even so, we humans have a role here.

From the beginning, God intended for us to take care of the creation. "Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15) We serve as caretakers of creation. We don't take care of creation as a hired farmhand would do; simply doing what the owner

said each day. We care for creation with authority to decide and to act. Sometimes referred to as The Domin-



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ion Mandate, God created man to rule over, or have dominion over, the entire creation. "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:27-28) Ours is a role of stewardship - of managing creation for the owner's benefit.

It is right for students to study marine biology, animal husbandry, crop science, meteorology, geology, and yes, even ecology. We cannot rightly have dominion over what we do not know or understand. We need to understand the relationships between various ecosystems and how to manage them for the benefit of the owner. We need to understand, and be able to mitigate, unintended consequences of influencing one part of the system. Other parts will be affected.

It is right, also, to study the physical creation because God designed it in a way to reveal his invisible attributes. "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse." (Romans 1:20) A study of the physical creation with an

open mind will lead to an understanding of the unlimited power, knowledge and being of God. Our scientific endeavors help us understand God's design and creation.

It is a danger, though, in our studies, to elevate the creation and our knowledge of it to a point of veneration. This is not a new danger despite the alarm raised against academia and the scientific community. Paul's words of condemnation centuries ago speak directly to our own time and culture: "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." (Romans 1:25) "They" in that verse refers to all who would live their lives without God. (See Romans 1:18.) This issue transcends time. It was an issue of concern for the Christians of ancient Rome; it is an issue for us today.

Mankind does not want to face the reality of a just God with absolute standards of behavior and belief. Because of our inclinations to rebel against the law of God, we devise all sorts of strategies that give us the perception that we are not accountable to him. I played Hide-and-Go-Seek with a two-year old boy a few months ago. When it was his turn to hide, he would run to the kitchen, facing the sink, and put his nose against the cabinet. In his mind, if he couldn't see me, I shouldn't be able to see him, either. That is the way we treat God. We think that if we can follow some idea that excludes God, he won't hold us to account.

Should we hug a tree on Thursday? Be careful you don't scratch your cheek, but it doesn't hurt as long as you remember that it was God who created that tree, and that we are stewards. Should we pick up our garbage? Please do! But remember that we are stewards of the creation; we don't pick up garbage because Mother Earth is crying. God deserves our best efforts to exercise dominion over his creation.

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