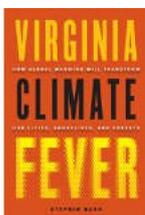


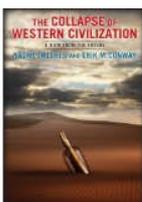
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Suggested Readings



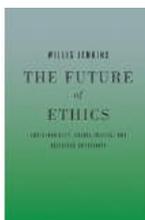
Stephen Nash, *Virginia Climate Fever* (Univ. of Va. P. 2014)

A carefully documented and well-illustrated review of climate science and the implications of alternative scenarios for the future health of Virginia's cities, shorelines and forests. Although reviewing technical material, it is written at a level that can encourage discussion. The author is a widely published journalist who has been a senior research scholar at the University of Richmond.



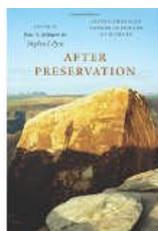
Oreskes, Naomi and Erik M. Conway, *The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View from the Future* (Columbia U. P. 2014)

The authors are historians of science. In this brief (89 pp) text, the authors adopt the persona of a 24th Century Chinese historian to describe current trends, scientific limitations, and political responses to global warming and the potentially catastrophic consequences.



Jenkins, Willis, *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity* (Georgetown U. P. 2013)

Jenkins addresses anthropogenic climate change as a “wicked problem”, one without any perfect solution that challenges our ethical competence. Rejecting the contention that a change in world view must be paramount, he contends that world views change as faiths draw on their traditions to address new problems.



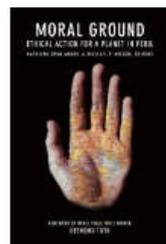
Ben A. Minteer and Stephen J. Pyne (eds.), *After Preservation: Saving American Nature in the Age of Humans* (Chicago U.P. 2015)

The Prayer for Conservation of Resources (BCP) recites that "in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation." This reader brings together thinking from scientists and environmental activists in a series of short essays that collectively address what our active role should be in an era when the future of creation is so wholly dependent upon human activity and our capacity for choice.



Pope Francis, *Laudato Si!': On Care for Our Common Home* (Vatican 2015)

Although its concern with threats to creation is scientifically grounded, the encyclical is a moral and theological statement. In accord with statements by Anglican and Episcopal church leaders, it has drawn attention to the link between environmental degradation and poverty. It has also called aesthetic attention to the harm caused by economic systems narrowly focused on consumption.



Moore, Kathleen Dean and Michael P. Nelson (eds.), *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril* (Trinity U. P. 2010)

This reader, with foreword by Desmond Tutu, is a compilation of short essays by prominent scientists, poets, activists, ethicists and religious leaders from many faiths. The essays collectively consider environmental protection from perspectives including our survival, our children's future, earth itself and all its forms of life, stewardship of creation and as an expression of human virtue.