Laudato Si': Another Prophetic Encyclical Promoting the Protection, Dignity, and Thriving of Human Life









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An inadequate presentation of Christian anthropology gave rise to a wrong understanding of the relationship between human beings and the world. Often, what was handed on was a Promethean vision of mastery over the world, which gave the impression that the protection of nature was something that only the faint-hearted cared about." (LS, 11)





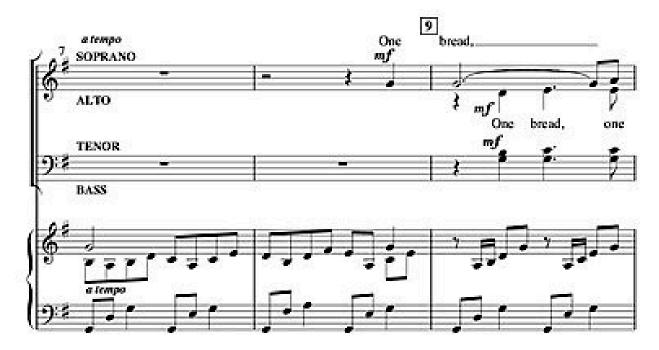
ONE BREAD, ONE BODY for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied, with opt. instrumental ensemble*

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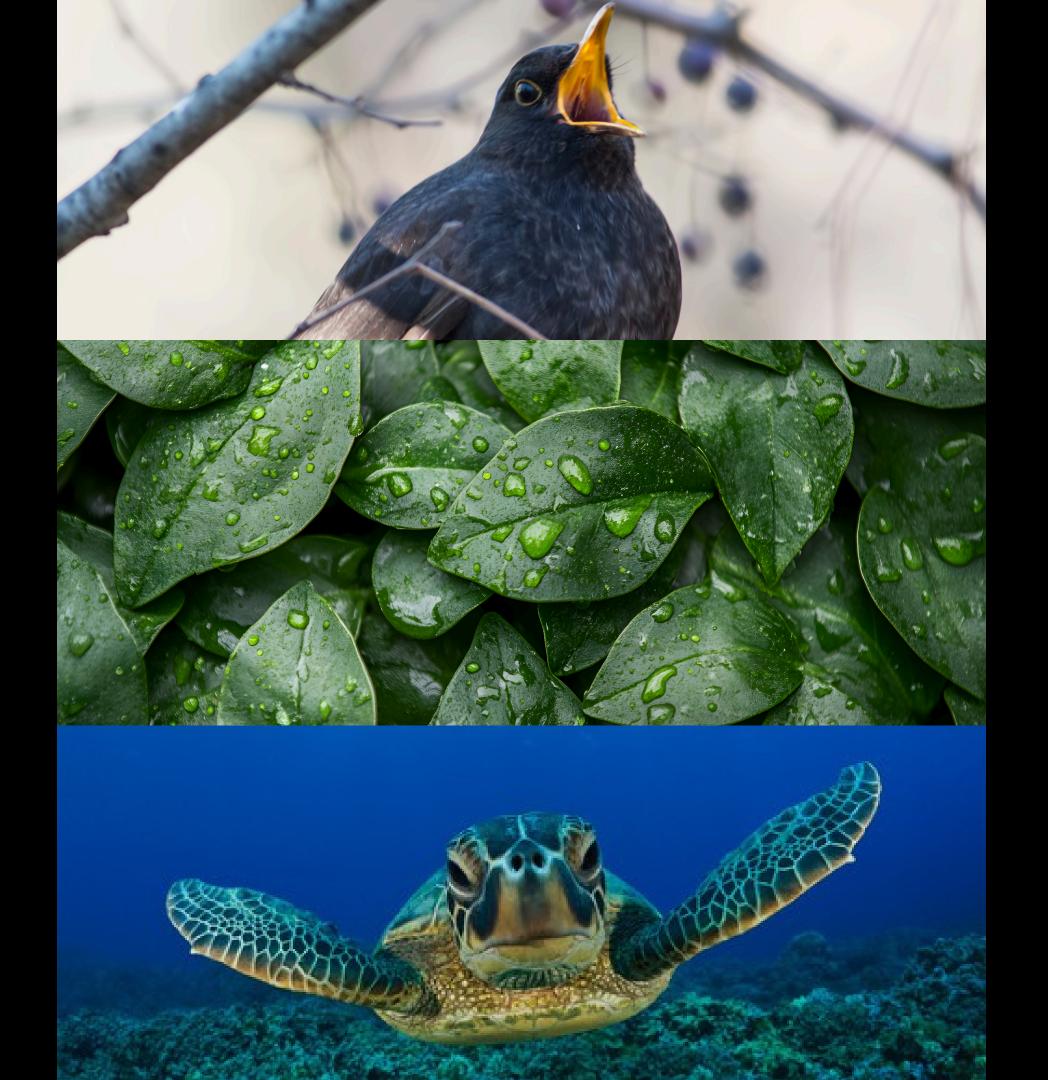


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Parts for violins 1 and 2, viola, cello, double bass, flute, oboe, B b clarinet, harp, susp. cymbal, mark tree, orchestra bells, chimes, timpani, rhythm and director's score, No. 19884, and a full performance/accompaniment compact disc, No. 19883, are available separately.

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Morning Has Broken

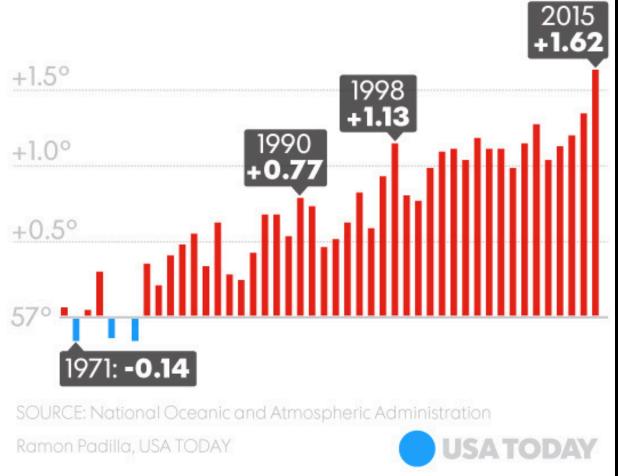
Morning has broken
Like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
Sinlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

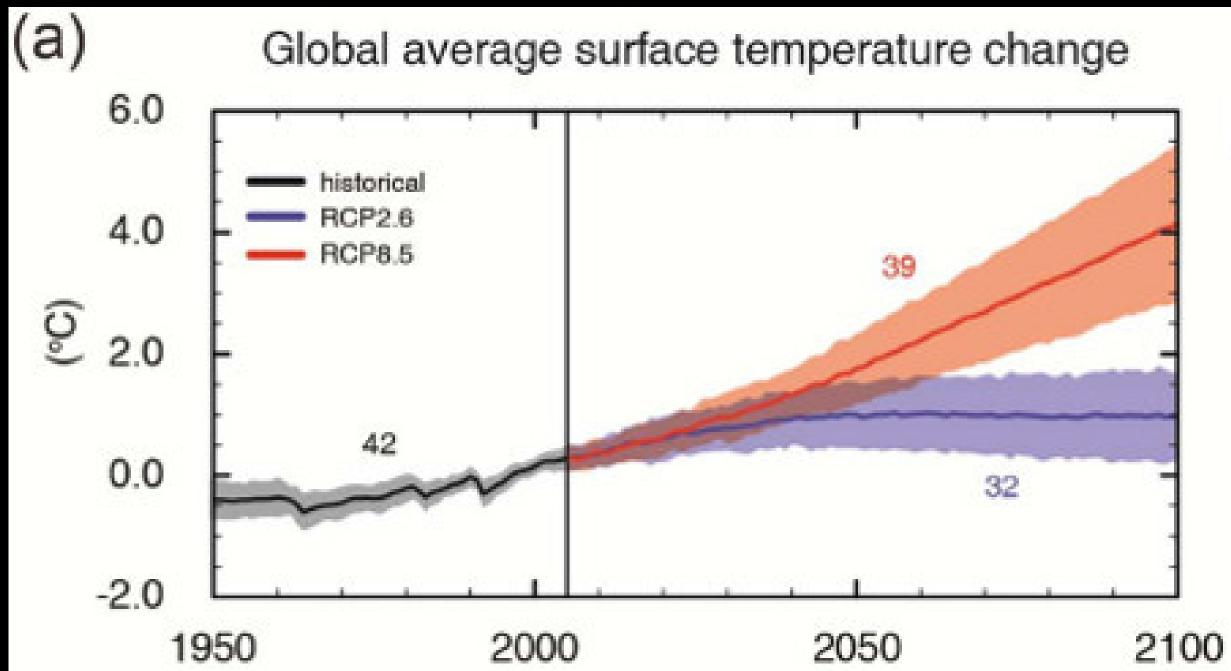
Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

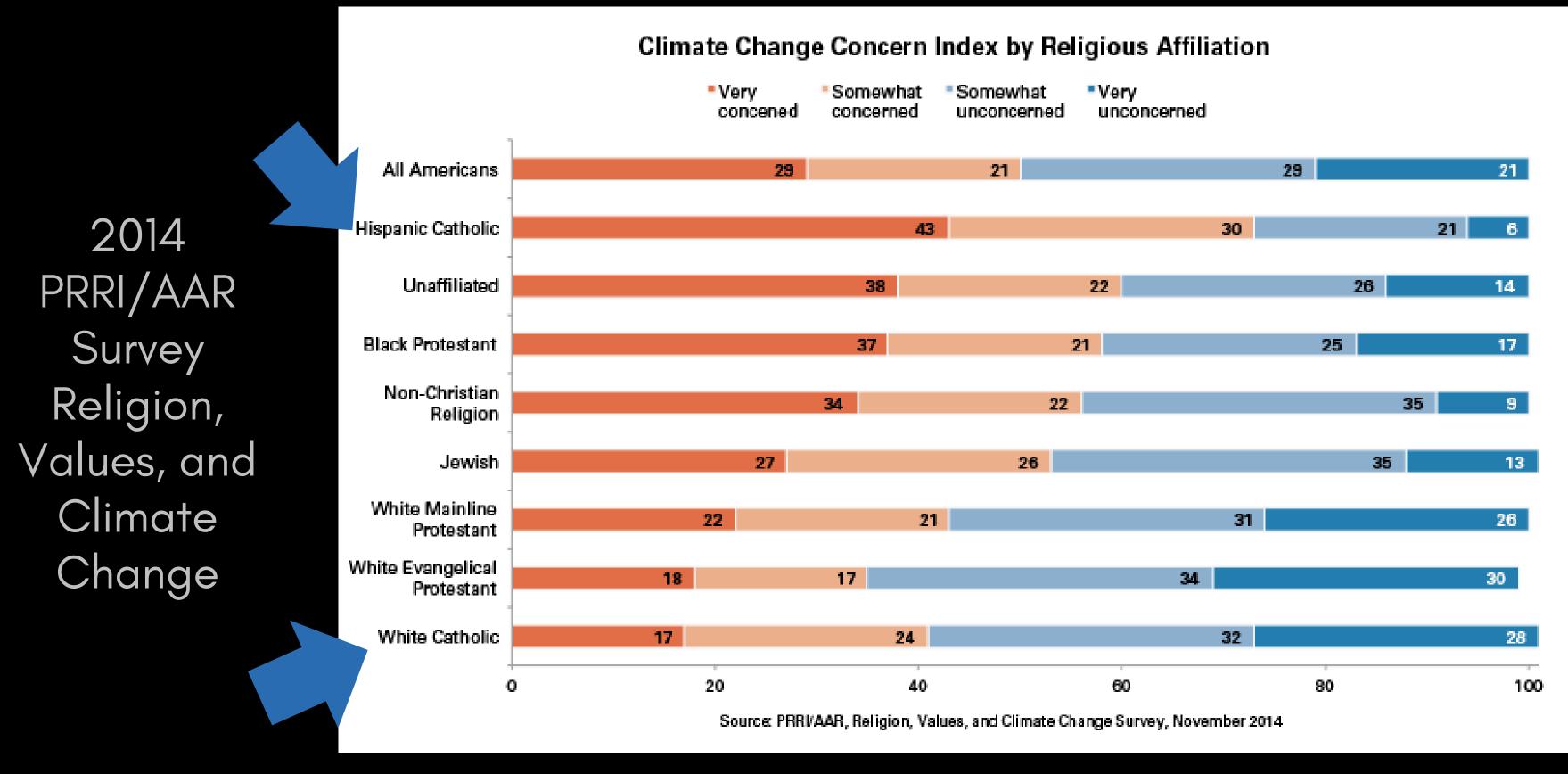
WARMING WORLD

The average global temperature across land and ocean surface areas for 2015 was 1.62°F above the 20th-century average of 57°F.



IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (2014) Surface Temperature Changes





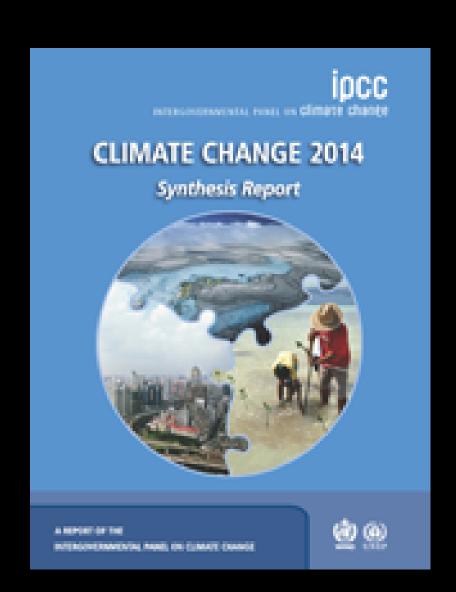
PRRI, 2014 "Believers, Sympathizers, and Skeptics: Why Americans are Conflicted about Climate Change, Environmental Policy, and Science" LINK

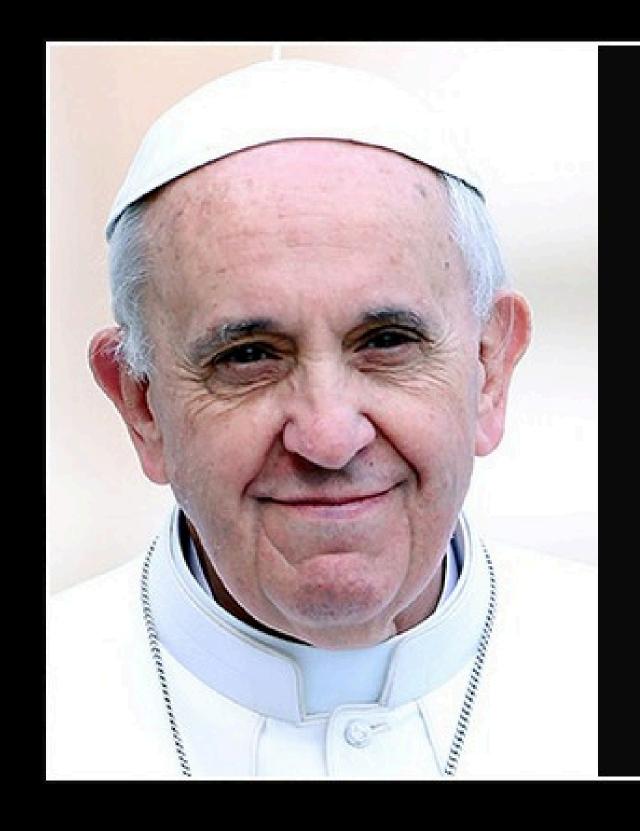
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) AR5 Report 2013–14

Effects of Climate Change



Climate Instability & Extreme Weather Increased Land and Ocean Temperatures Increased Acidity of Oceans Migration of Fish and Animal Populations Soil Erosion Diminished Crop Yields Melting Ice/Glaciers at poles Rise in Sea Levels Decline in Biodiversity Decline in Cultural Diversity





The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish.

— Pope Francis —

LS, 21

AZ QUOTES

"What kind of world do we want to leave those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?"

LS, 160



Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch

E-Waste in Guiyu, China



Young people demand change.
They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.

(LS, 13)







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ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME



POPE FRANCIS



...is interdisciplinary stressing a fruitful dialogue with science

...is the next great Catholic Social Teaching document

...affirms "grassroot" voices as authorities, placing the voice of the marginalized along side saints

...testifies that we need a more adequate Christian understanding of the relations among God, Creation, and Humanity

Awakening

- Chapter One: Our World Today
- Chapter Three: The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis

"If we scan the regions of our planet, we immediately see that humanity has disappointed God's expectations." (LS, 61)





Retrieving

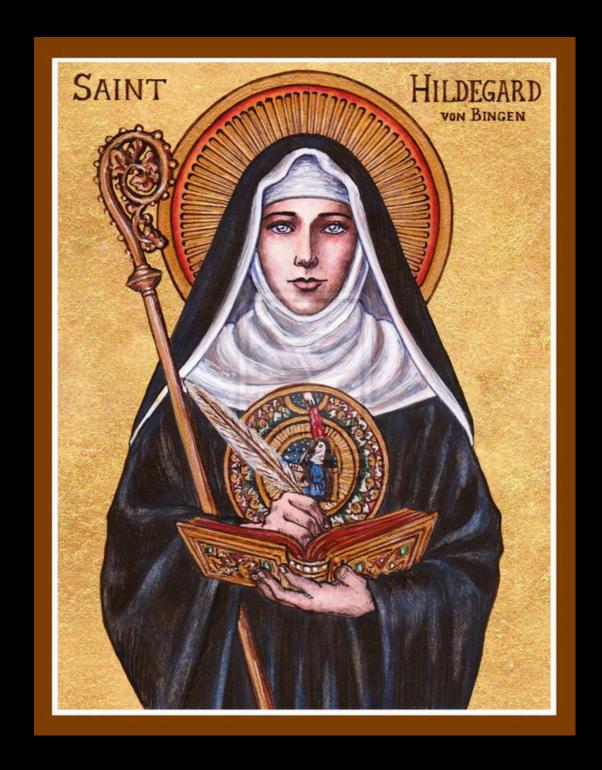
Chapter Two:
The Gospel of Creation

Innovation ...With Deep Roots

- Chapter Four: Integral Ecology
- Chapter Five: Lines of Approach and Action
- Chapter Six: Ecological Education and Spirituality



God: Trinity



Creator
Sustainer
Liberator



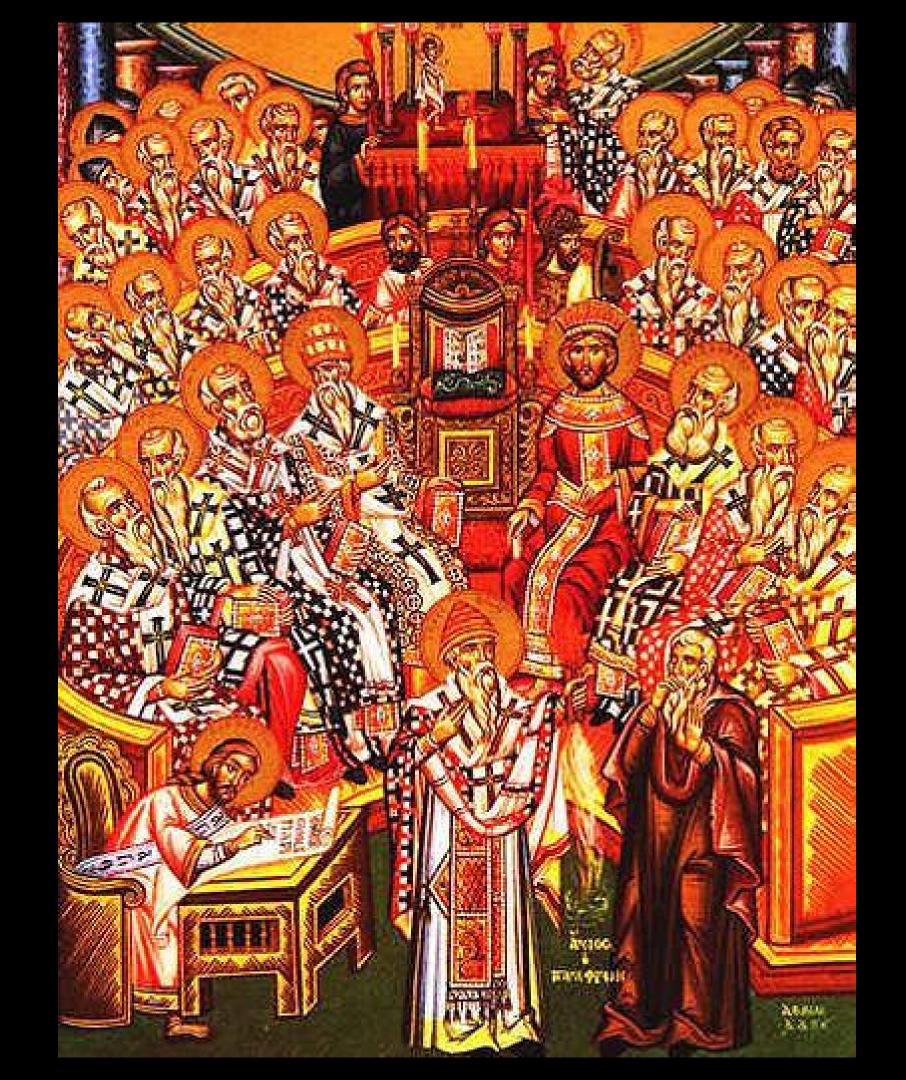
"Cosmic Egg"
Her Illumination from Scivias
(Book One: Creator & Creation)

God: Incarnation

Cosmic Christology

Council of Chalcedon 451 AD

Affirmation: Jesus as Fully Human and Fully Divine



God: Holy Spirit

"The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore, from the very heart of things, something new can always emerge." (LS, 80)



Apollo 17: Blue Marble

Creation

Our Planetary Communion

Photo captured by NASA astronaut Scott Kelly aboard the International Space Station





But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you; And the birds of the heavens, and let them tell you.

Or speak to the earth, and let it teach you; And let the fish of the sea declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In Whose hand is the life of every living thing. And the breath of all humankind?

Job 12:7-10



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) AR6 Report 2023-2024

Adverse impacts from human-caused climate change will continue to intensify

a) Observed widespread and substantial impacts and related losses and damages attributed to climate change

Water availability and food production

Physical water availability



Agriculture/ Animal and livestock production health and productivity



Fisheries vields and aguaculture production

Health and well-being



Infectious Heat. diseases malnutrition and harm from wildfire



Mental

Ocean



Displacement

Cities, settlements and infrastructure



Inland flooding and associated damages



Flood/storm induced damages in coastal areas



to infra-

structure

Damages to key economic sectors

Biodiversity and ecosystems

Terrestrial Freshwater ecosystems ecosystems ecosystems

Includes changes in ecosystem structure, species ranges and seasonal timing

Key

Observed increase in climate impacts to human systems and ecosystems assessed at global level



Adverse impacts



Adverse and positive impacts

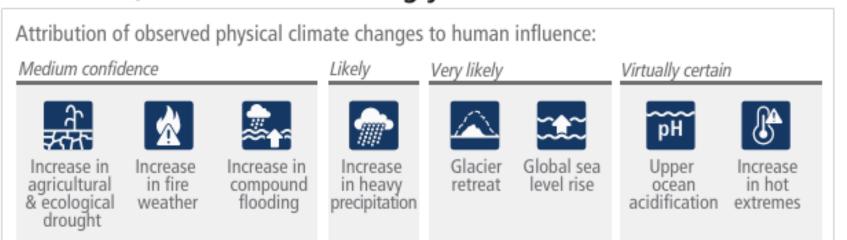


Climate-driven changes observed, no global assessment of impact direction

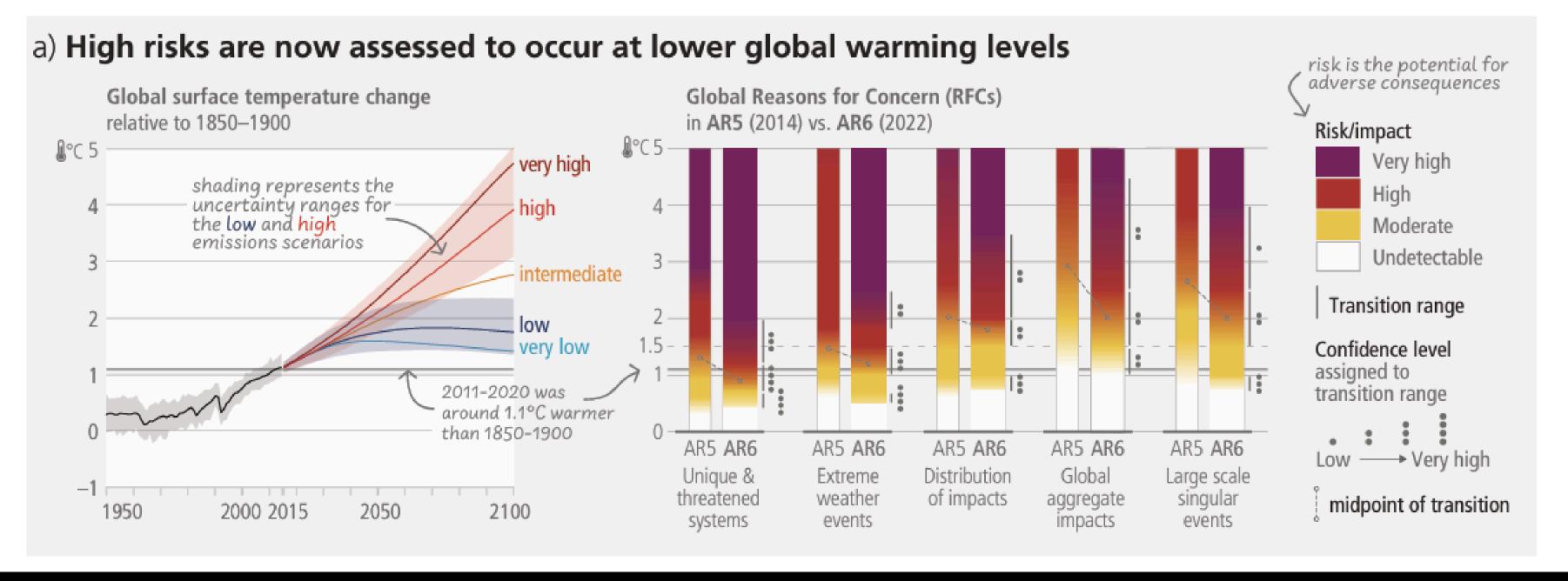
Confidence in attribution to climate change

- ••• High or very high confidence
- •• Medium confidence
- Low confidence

b) Impacts are driven by changes in multiple physical climate conditions, which are increasingly attributed to human influence



Risks are increasing with every increment of warming



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2024 was the hottest year ever recorded on Earth and the first calendar year to exceed the 1.5°C warming threshold. In fact, the global average temperature during 2024 was 1.6°C above the estimate of the pre-industrial level.

HOPE

The majority of Americans (61%) believe that climate change is caused mostly by human activity, such as burning fossil fuels. ...Just one in ten Americans (10%) say there is no solid evidence that climate change is happening.

Three-fourths of Hispanic Catholics (76%) believe climate change is caused by human activity while just over half of White Catholics believe this to be true (56%)... But despite this, religious leaders



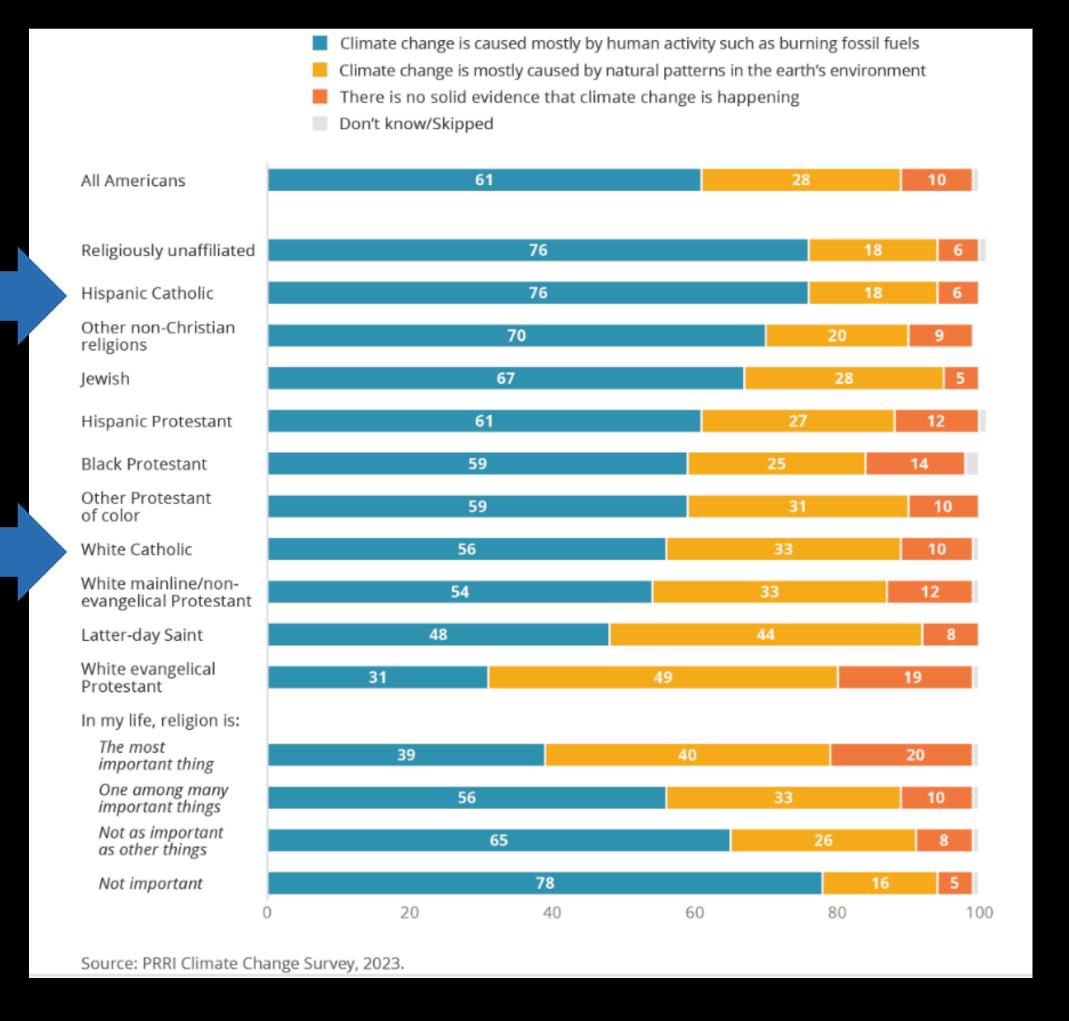
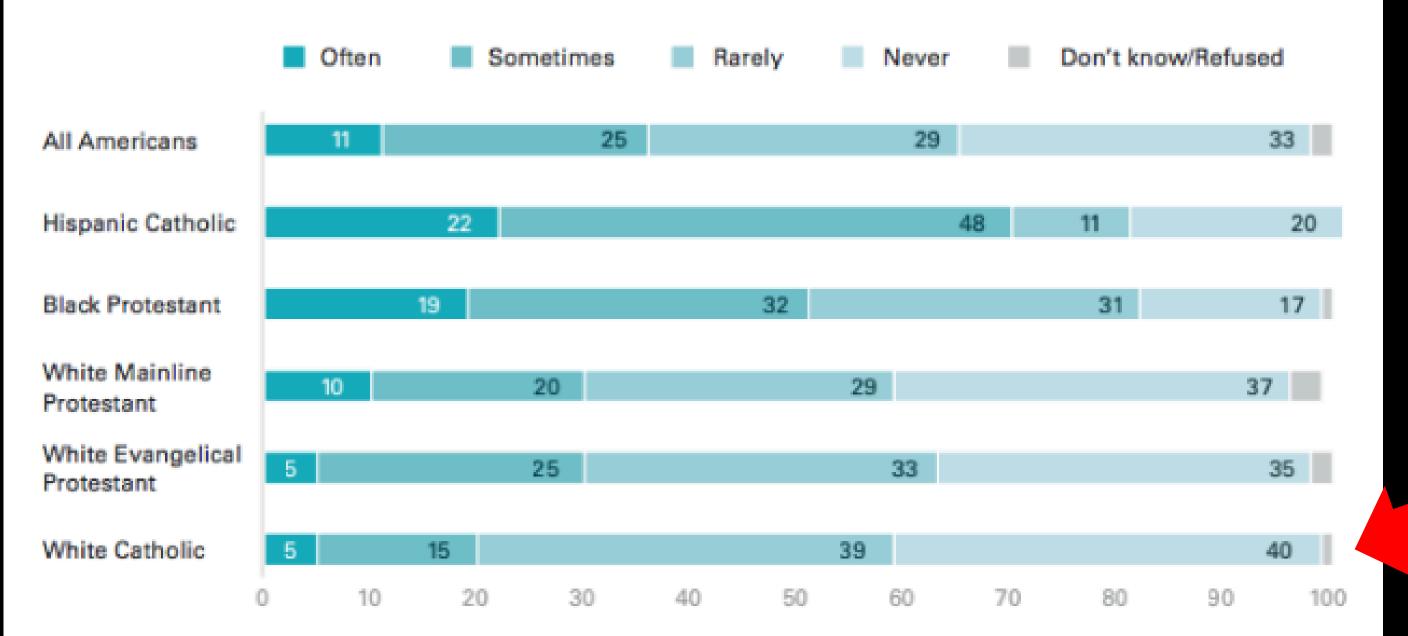


FIGURE 12. Frequency of Clergy Leader Discussing Climate Change by Religious Affiliation

Among Americans who Attend Religious Services Regularly



Source: PRRI/AAR, Religion, Values, and Climate Change Survey, Novermber 2014.

Note: Question was asked only of Americans who attend religious services at least once or twice a month.

2014 PRRI/AAR Survey

For Catholics, only
5% reported hearing
about climate
change from their
priests, and over
79% rarely to never
heard about this
crisis

SCIENCE

Percent who, when communicating to their congregation, discussed these scientific subjects at the specified frequency in the past 12 months:

	PRIMARY LEADERS	SECONDARY LEADERS	ALL LEADERS
Climate change			
Once a month or more	14.3	13.9	14.1
More than once or twice, but less than monthly	9.3	5.8	7.7
Once or twice	30.8	27.9	29.5
Not at all	45.6	52.5	48.6
Environmental science other than climate change			
Once a month or more	11.4	11.7	11.5
More than once or twice, but less than monthly	13.2	7.7	10.8
Once or twice	25.4	18.7	22.4
Not at all	50.0	62.0	55.3

2019-2020 NSRL Survey Data

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From all religious leaders, over 78% rarely or never talk about Climate Change or anything in the environmental sciences...

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