

Suggested Interview Questions for Jonathan Merritt,
author of *Green Like God: Unlocking the Divine Plan for Our Planet*
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1. You had a green conversion experience while attending a conservative seminary. That's such an unlikely setting—tell us how it came about.
2. You say that one can't be a Christian and *not* care about the earth. Why are you indicting your fellow Christians on environmental issues?
3. Some fellow Christians have had harsh words for you and have condemned your activism. How do you deal with that?
4. Climate change is one of today's most divisive issues. You devote an appendix in the book to discussing a "Virtue-Driven" approach to his issue. Please explain.
5. What is the single most important reason a Christian should go green?
6. What does the Bible say about creation care? Is there a divine plan for the planet?
7. How will addressing environmental crises as biblical and moral issues, rather than economic or political, change things?
8. What's wrong with "pop environmentalism" that makes green living a trendy lifestyle choice?
9. How would Jesus respond if he were standing next to a lake filled with sludge, or visiting an Appalachian area devastated by mountaintop removal?
10. Is it an accurate stereotype that Christians are not environmentally friendly?
11. What do you say to Christians who consider the environment a pet cause of "tree-hugging liberals"?
12. Has misunderstanding of God's granting of "dominion" to humans over the earth contributed to our environmental crisis?
13. What are some ways you still struggle with sustainable living?
14. You quote a finding that about half of all Protestant in the U.S. say they speak to their church about creation care rarely or never. Why do you think there's such a lack of engagement with environmental issues on the part of the church?
15. Why does it seem that younger evangelicals such as yourself seem to be more concerned about the environment and other pressing global issues?
16. Are you seeing significant signs of the church stepping up on the creation care front?
17. Your book's publication coincides with the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. How might a Christian celebrate Earth Day?
18. If you could pick one pressing environmental problem you'd like to address today, what would it be?