

“God’s Party (4): Green Google”

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- **The _____ Story**—Genesis 1 and 2
 - ◆ Genesis 1:26-28—“To have _____” and “to _____” —is explained by Genesis 2:15—where “to tend” means “to _____” and “to keep” means “to _____ and _____.”
 - ◆ I.e., to rule the earth means to _____ creation.
 - ◆ You could say that the Sabbath is God’s original _____ Day for his “green agenda” from the beginning (Genesis 2:1-3).

- **The _____ Story**—Genesis 3/Romans 8
 - ◆ The four consequences of the Fall:
 - #1—_____ life affected (Genesis 3:14)
 - #2—_____ life affected (Genesis 3:15)
 - #3—_____ affected (Genesis 3:16)
 - #4—All of _____ affected (Genesis 3:17-19)
 - ◆ There is no more succinct and emotive a retelling of the _____ to _____ Story than this: “the whole creation _____” (Romans 8:19-22).
 - ◆ Edward O. Wilson: “Pastor, we need your help. The Creation—living Nature—is in deep trouble. Scientists estimate that if habitat conversion and other destructive human activities continue at their present rates, _____ the species of plants and animals on Earth could be either gone or at least fated for early extinction by the end of the century. A full _____ will drop to this level during the next half century as a result of climate change alone. The ongoing extinction rate is calculated in the most conservative estimates to be about a _____ times above that prevailing before humans appeared on Earth [we would say, since the Fall], and it is expected to rise to at least a _____ times greater or more in the next few decades. If this rise continues unabated, the cost to humanity, in wealth, environmental security, and quality of life, will be _____.” (*The Creation* 4, 5)
 - ◆ *Seventh-day* Adventist Christians choose to live their lives by the following four credos:
 - We are not products of natural selection’s random chance, but are the creation of a loving and intelligent _____.
 - As a memorial of his creation, God gave to the human race the seventh-day Sabbath, a Day on which we rest in his friendship and celebrate his _____.
 - We, therefore, are reminded every seventh day that this world of nature is God’s entrustment to us for our _____.
 - And though we recognize that the Creation will never be fully healed of its obvious dysfunction until evil’s final eradication, and though we eagerly *do* await the return of our Creator and Savior, nevertheless we believe our care of God’s Creation is _____ of all who are children of the Creator.
 - ◆ Paul Hawken in his *Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming* tells of “a rabbinical teaching that holds that if the world is ending and the Messiah arrives, you first _____ and then see if the story is true.” (4)

- **The Back-to-_____ Story**
 - ◆ #1—_____ greens.
 - Americans consume (grow and kill) ten billion _____ a year.
 - “An estimated 30 percent of the earth’s ice-free land is directly or indirectly involved in livestock production, which generates nearly a

- _____ of the world's greenhouse gases—more than transportation.”
(NYTimes 1-26-08)
- Two to five times more grain (as much as ten times more in the U.S.) is required to produce the same amount of calories through livestock as through direct _____ consumption.
 - “The environmental impact of growing so much grain for animal feed is profound. Agriculture in the U.S.—much of which now serves the demand for meat—contributes nearly _____ of all water quality problems in the nation's rivers and streams.”
- ◆ #2—_____ down (#2-9—Ashleigh Burtnett, *Student Movement*)
 - ◆ #3—_____ up, _____ up and _____ up
 - If we all kept our tires properly inflated, we could save almost _____ billion gallons of gas a year!
 - ◆ #4—Make it _____
 - On average, we each use _____ gallons of water per day—with _____ of them coming from a single _____-minute shower.
 - ◆ #5—_____ it
 - The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that each of us produces _____ pounds of trash everyday.
 - Go to RecyclingCenters.org to find a center near you.
 - ◆ #6—Go _____
 - When you purchase a one-liter bottle of water, you are actually consuming _____ liters, since plastic manufacturing requires _____ liters of water just to cool it.
 - ◆ #7—_____ a tree
 - Just by leaving receipts in the ATM machines and gas station pumps will save over 3 _____ feet of paper—enough to circle the globe _____ times.
 - ◆ #8—_____
 - ◆ #9—_____ challenge
 - ◆ #10—Ponder the Green _____
 - *Desire of Ages* 660: “To the death of Christ we owe even this earthly life. The bread [our farmlands] we eat is the purchase of His broken body. The water [our rivers, streams] we drink is bought by His spilled blood. The cross of Calvary is stamped on every loaf. It is reflected in every water spring.”
 - The death of Christ upon the cross in some mysterious way set in motion the re- _____ of a creation turned brown.

*No wonder the Sabbath Day
is God's Green Earth Day!*

Green, dominion, subdue, serve, preserve, protect, serve, Earth, Brown, Animal, Human, Childbirth, creation, Green, Brown, groans, half, quarter, hundred, thousand, catastrophic, Creator, handiwork, care, required, plant a tree, Green, Eat, animals, fifth, grain, 3/4, Power, Tune, pump, team, 2, quick, 123, 60, 10, recycle, 4.5, mobile, 6, 5, Hug, billion, 22, Charitize, Two-mile, Tree, greening