

Review of J. Richard Middleton, “Islands in the Sun: Overtures to a Caribbean Creation Theology,” chap. 6 in *A Kairos Moment for Caribbean Theology: Ecumenical Voices in Dialogue*, ed. Garnett Roper and J. Richard Middleton (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2013).

Having reviewed Richard Middleton's chapter, I find it as one of the most compelling theological works of our time. It offers a robust and biblically grounded bridge connecting:

Creation → Stewardship → Governance → Justice → Human Flourishing → Ecological Sustainability

At a time when humanity faces growing social inequality, ecological degradation, governance failures, and moral uncertainty, Middleton returns us to a foundational truth: God's redemptive purpose extends beyond individual salvation to the restoration and flourishing of all creation.

His work challenges the false separation between the spiritual and the material, between faith and public life, and between salvation and stewardship. Instead, it presents humanity as God's image-bearers, entrusted with the responsibility of caring for creation, advancing justice, and promoting the common good.

I consider this chapter to be an inspired piece of modern theological scholarship. While Scripture alone remains the ultimate authority, Middleton's contribution powerfully illuminates biblical truths that are urgently needed in our generation. His insights deserve serious consideration by churches, universities, policymakers, and educational institutions. Indeed, aspects of this creation-centered stewardship theology ought to be taught in schools as part of forming responsible citizens, ethical leaders, and faithful stewards of God's creation.

For Africa and the wider world, this framework offers a practical pathway toward sustainable development, ethical governance, environmental responsibility, social justice, and human flourishing rooted in divine purpose.

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