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## Ecclesiastes

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The poor and  
underprivileged  
rarely have  
someone stand up  
for them.

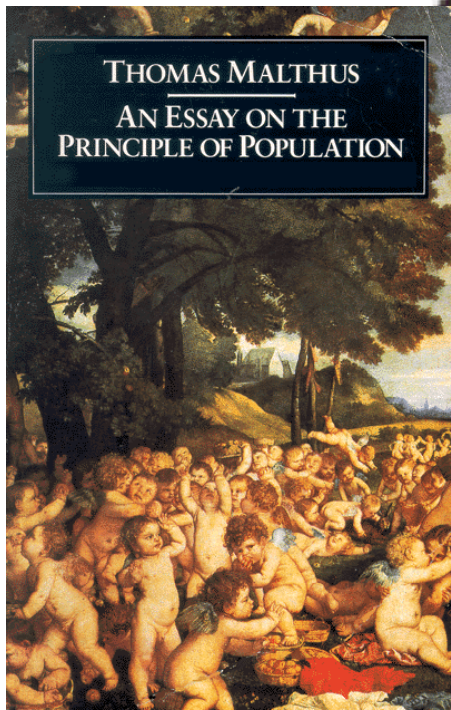




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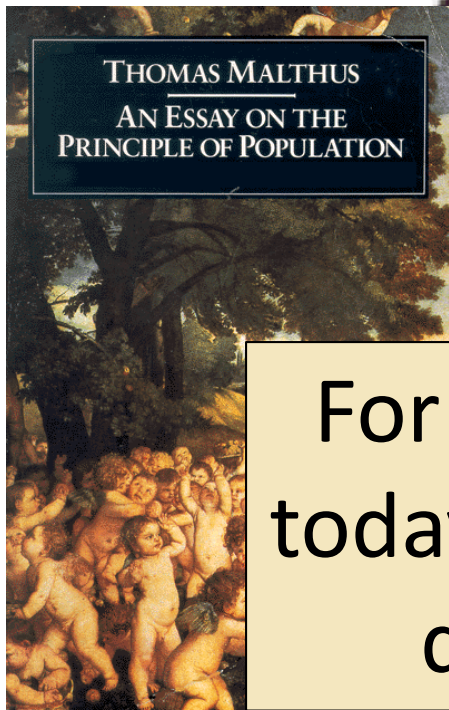




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THOMAS MALTHUS  
AN ESSAY ON THE  
PRINCIPLE OF POPULATION



Thomas R. Malthus



For every life saved from starvation today, exponentially more people will die from starvation tomorrow

What is the point of doing anything for those who can not do something for you?

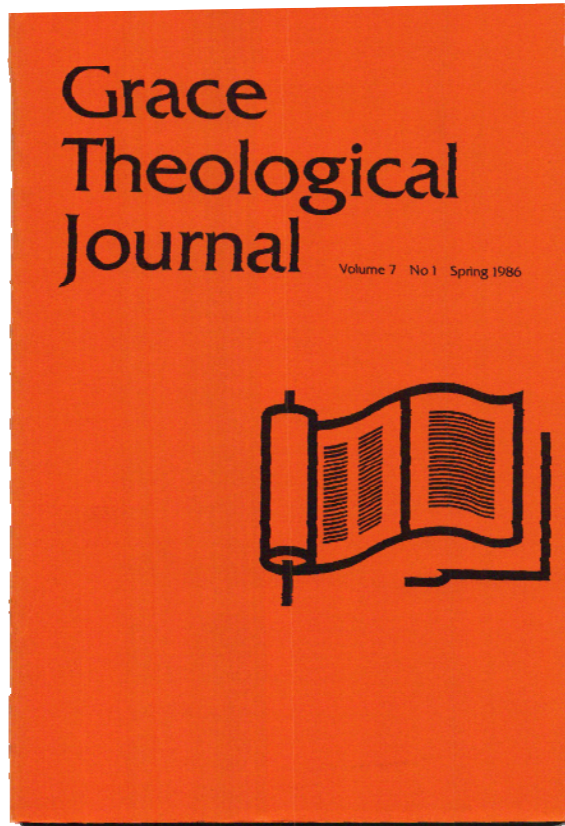
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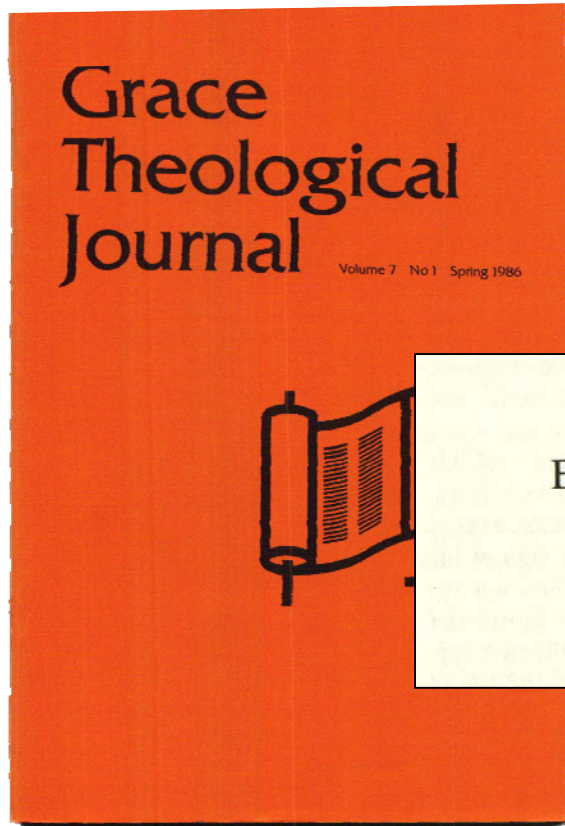
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*Hevel* – vapor, whiff, puff,  
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Vanity (*hevel*) in the natural  
world (1:1-11)

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Vanity (*hevel*) in wisdom  
and knowledge (1:12-18)

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Vanity (*hevel*) in personal  
life (2:1-11)

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Vanity (*hevel*) in working  
(2:18-26)

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)

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To every thing  
(turn, turn turn)

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A poem and a song!  
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There is a season  
(turn, turn turn)

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A poem and a song!  
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And a time to every  
purpose under heaven

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A poem and a song!  
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A time to be born

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to die



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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to plant

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to reap

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to kill

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to heal

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to laugh

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to weep



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A poem and a song!  
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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to build up

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to break down

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to dance



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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to mourn

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A poem and a song!  
(3:1-8)



A time to cast away  
stones

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### A poem and a song! (3:1-8)



A time to gather stones  
together

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A poem and a song!  
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Eccl. 1:2

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Eccl. 1:2

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Life under the **SUN** does  
not make sense!

Rom 8:18-24

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present  
time are not worth comparing with the glory  
that is to be revealed to us.*

Eccl. 1:2

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*For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to **hevel** (futility)...*

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Life under the **SON** does!

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Eccl. 12:13

*Fear God and keep his commandments, for  
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We walk by **faith**,  
**not** by **sight**

Eccl. 9:10

*Whatever your hand finds to do,  
do it with your might*



Eccl. 9:10

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**Live to God's Glory** so  
the world can see your  
**vision beyond the sun!**

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