

The Fraud of Climate Change

What if we aren't responsible for climate change? What if all our efforts to curb our carbon footprints are for nothing? There has been great concern on the part of the media, politicians, and the public over man-made climate change. And the environmental movement believes it is the responsibility of governments to dictate corrective, legislative action upon their citizens on Mother Nature's behalf. However, I believe we all have a duty and responsibility to study the science of the environmental movement against the true causes of climate change so that we will have the tools we need to make an informed decision regarding the validity of this ideology.

Of course, there are many who believe in man-made climate-change. The media and many prominent politicians and movie stars subscribe to this hypothesis; and whenever possible, they encourage the reduction of anthropogenic CO2 emissions by shrinking our individual and collective carbon footprints. For instance, Republican presidential hopeful and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney recently stated at a town hall event in New Hampshire, "I don't speak for the scientific community, of course, but I believe the world's getting warmer. I can't prove that, but I believe based on what I read that the world is getting warmer. And...I believe that humans contribute to that. I don't know how much our contribution is to that, because I know that there have been periods of greater heat and warmth in the past but I believe we contribute to that." (Hallowell). This common belief is shared by many in every walk of life and they believe it so completely that they spend a great deal of energy promoting things like Earth Day, Earth Hour, energy rationing, solar panels, hybrid automobiles, renewable energy, wind power, and human and legal rights for Mother Nature. And they also spend a lot of time attacking things like nuclear energy, capitalism, and oil companies, as well as spreading

awareness of the shrinking polar icecaps, endangered species, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and the environmental effects of cow, sheep, and termite flatulence. But, as you will see, contrary to group-think, science has a very different take on this subject.

In 1999, Climatologist Michael Mann and his colleagues produced the famous “hockey stick” chart portraying the climate of Earth as stable for 1,000 years before the activities of mankind caused temperatures to skyrocket. Naturally, this chart instigated the climate change scare and has been the bedrock of the global warming frenzy to this day. However, the chart didn’t ring true for many in the scientific community. Some even went so far as to publically confront it, head-on. For instance, in 2008, John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel, spoke at the International Conference on Climate Change where he said,

It is the greatest scam in history... There is no unprecedented, unequivocal, uncontrollable man made global warming now and no evidence that it is to come. The entire frenzy is just as ridiculous as it can be... Man made Global Warming is not a problem. There is no climate change crisis. (“Global Warming...”)

During that time, John, along with 30,000 scientists – including 9,000 PhDs – challenged Al Gore and his scientists on numerous occasions to a global warming debate, but Gore turned them down every time (WakeUpCall4World); and he has turned down many debates over the last few years (Bast). Yet, Gore and many in the environmental movement he leads have stated that the debate is over, that the science is settled, based on what they call “scientific consensus.” But this line of reasoning begs the question: Is science based on consensus or empirical data?

With regards to science, let us consider that while we should be strong supporters of a clean environment and should seek to keep our land, air, and waters free of real pollution, such as particulates, heavy metals, and pathogens, we must understand that,

...Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is not one of these pollutants. Carbon is the stuff of life. Our bodies are made of carbon. A normal human exhales around 1 kg of CO₂ (the simplest chemically stable molecule of carbon in the earth's atmosphere) per day. Before the industrial period, the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere was 270 ppm [parts per million]. At the present time, the concentration is about 390 ppm, 0.039 percent of all atmospheric molecules and less than 1 percent of that in our breath. About fifty million years ago, a brief moment in the long history of life on earth, geological evidence indicates, CO₂ levels were several thousand ppm, much higher than now. And life flourished abundantly. (Happer)

In other words, as Christopher Monckton has stated,

[Carbon dioxide] is food for plants and trees. Tests have shown that even at concentrations 30 times those of the present day even the most delicate plants flourish. Well-managed forests, such as those of the United States, are growing at record rates because the extra carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is feeding the trees. Carbon dioxide, in geological timescale, is at a very low concentration at present. Half a billion years ago it was at 7000 parts per million by volume, about 18 times today's concentration. ("35 Inconvenient Truths...")

In conclusion, it is science and the willingness to have an open debate around the facts that will ultimately prevail. Nevertheless, each of us must do our own homework with a willingness to honestly look at both sides of the debate so we can make an informed decision regarding the validity of this ideology. The man-made climate change philosophy has the potential of completely changing our lives, through governmental intervention, if it is not confronted with empirical, scientific evidence. The problem is that we have been made to believe that the debate is over when it isn't; contrary to what some say, there is no "scientific consensus." It is time to question everything – yes, even the sacred cow of man-made climate change – with boldness.

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