

Judgement Day **ARRIVES!**

Global Warming's Judgment Day **ARRIVES**

Once in a while you will stumble upon the truth but most of us manage to pick ourselves up and hurry along as if nothing had happened.

- Winston Churchill.

For anyone who stepped out of their house the past two winters a cold hard fact is emerging: the planet is not warming; indeed, it's cooling. The two data sets used by global warming alarmists — NASA and the Hadley Centre — show no global warming has occurred since 2002. The British Meteorological Office (the Met) is home to the Hadley Centre. The Met has so far predicted 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007 would be the world's hottest or second-hottest year on record, but nine of the past ten years, its predictions were wrong. That makes 1998 the hottest year on record since the Medieval Warm Period some 1,000 years ago (apparently they had lots of SUV's back then). Yes, temperatures were rising for much of



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the past century (except when they were falling between the late 1940's and the late 1970's), but since 2002, temperatures have started falling again. All the while, global carbon dioxide levels — the colourless, odourless gas alarmists blame for global warming — continues to rise. This is something alarmists assured us would never happen on the road to global warming Armageddon.

In fact, in January 2009, the Met conceded 2008 would be the coldest year this century!

According to Dr. Don Easterbrook, a geologist at Western Washington University who has researched global climate

“Certainly, our feverish professional worrywarts would do well to forget for the moment the possibility that we’ll all fry in the heat or be swamped by rising sea levels and train their attention instead on the chaos at Vancouver airport on the Sunday before Christmas -- when 3,000 travelers were stranded by an actual snowstorm ... The disruption of public services in Metro Vancouver during this unusually cold, snowy Christmas season — especially at YVR, SkyTrain and on our icy roads — demonstrates why global cooling poses a far greater problem here these days than Al-Gore-style global warming.”

Jon Ferry, Province newspaper, December. 31, 2008)

change for the past 48 years, the 0.78 degree Celsius temperature drop of the winter of 2007-08 wiped out virtually all the global warming experienced over the past century and was the single largest temperature change — in any direction — ever recorded.

Yes, the climate changes, it always has, and always will. The claims of the global warming alarmists – and all their justification for billions in tax dollars and government intervention – appear now, illuminated by the facts, to have been plain wrong. Moreover, current polling suggests the public is catching on as well. Here’s a review of a few familiar claims:

Claim: Global warming will bring more hurricanes.

“It is now generally recognized that while Al Gore and I were ridiculed, we were right about global warming. . . It’s going to lead to more hurricanes.”

- Former US President Bill Clinton

Fact: there is still no proof of a link between global warming and hurricanes.

Madhav L Khandekar, a consulting meteorologist and former research scientist from Environment Canada states “I have carefully examined 20th century data and have concluded that extreme weather events like thunderstorms/tor-



nadoes, heat waves, winter blizzards etc. are not increasing anywhere in Canada at present and the probability of these events increasing in the future remains very small. Many other reported studies, when carefully examined, show only a tenuous link between global warming and extreme weather events.”

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Claim: Global warming will melt the Arctic ice

“We’re actually projecting this year that the North Pole may be free of ice for the first time,”

- Dr David Barber, University of Manitoba, June, 2008.

Fact: colder temperatures mean Arctic ice cover is recovering.

Josefino Comiso, a senior research scientist with the Cryospheric Sciences Branch of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Maryland said in February 2008 “It’s nice to know that the ice is recovering. That means that maybe the perennial ice would not go down as low as last year.”

Canadian scientists are also noticing growing ice coverage in most areas of the Arctic, including the southern Davis Strait and the Beaufort Sea. Gilles Langis, a senior ice forecaster with the Canadian Ice Service in Ottawa said in February: “Clearly, we’re seeing the ice coverage rebound back



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to more near normal coverage for this time of year.”

Sometimes the Arctic ice cover shrinks, and sometimes it grows. This is normal, not the result of carbon emissions. According to a study published in Nature, a prestigious scientific journal normally hostile to studies that contradict climate change hysteria, the previous Arctic thaw is

a result of warming northern seas and tundra.

Claim: global warming threatens to drive polar bears into extinction.

Al Gore’s movie, An Inconvenient Truth, claims polar bears were drowning because of disappearing Arctic ice.

Fact: most polar bear populations are stable or increasing.

Gore misread, or misrepresented the data. The bears in his film drowned because of a violent storm. This tidbit was revealed during a court case in the UK, when court expert revealed it to be among a number of inaccuracies in the film.

Dr. Mitch Taylor, a polar bear biologist from the Department of the Environment in Nunavut told the Toronto Star: “Of the 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number. They are not going extinct, or even appear to be affected at present. This complexity is why so many people find the truth less entertaining than a good story. It is entirely appropriate to be concerned about climate change, but it is just silly to predict the demise of polar bears in 25 years based on media-assisted hysteria.”

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Claim: Global warming deniers are criminals.

“What I would challenge you to do is to put a lot of effort into trying to see whether there’s a legal way of throwing our so-called leaders into jail because what they’re doing [denying man-made global warming] is a criminal act.”

- Dr. David Suzuki February 2008.

Fact: Global warming alarmist predictions crumble under the hammer of the truth.

Dr. Richard S. Lindzen, Professor of Meteorology, Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences at MIT brilliantly sums it up:

“The public discourse on global warming has little in common with the standards of scientific discourse. Rather, it is part of political discourse where comments are made to secure the political base and frighten the opposition rather than to illuminate issues. In political discourse, information is to be ‘spun’ to reinforce pre-existing beliefs, and to discourage opposition. The chief example of the latter is the perpetual claim of universal scientific agreement. This claim was part of the media treatment of global cooling (in the 1970’s) and has been part of the treatment of global warming since 1988 (well before most climate change institutes were created). The consensus preceded the research.”

The science is far from settled. There is no consensus.



More evidence of man-made global warming? Las Vegas experienced 8 inches of snow in December. The city’s last major snowfall was in 1979



“Since I am no longer affiliated with any organization nor receiving any funding, I can speak quite frankly ... As a scientist I remain skeptical ... The main basis of the claim that man’s release of greenhouse gases is the cause of the warming is based almost entirely upon climate models. We all know the frailty of models concerning the air-surface system.”

- Atmospheric Scientist Dr. Joanne Simpson, the first woman in the world to receive a PhD in meteorology. Formerly of NASA, Simpson has authored more than 190 studies and has been called “among the most preeminent scientists of the last 100 years.”

Climate - Not the only thing changing

Global warming alarmists clapped their hands in glee with the election of Barak Obama. Mr. Obama seems to have fallen under the global warming spell, but with ever more scientists speaking out against global warming dogma, we may be in for a surprise from Washington.

A U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee report featured the skeptical voices of over 650 prominent international scientists, including many current and former UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). (The IPCC is the command centre for all things global warming). This Senate report updated a 2007 report of over 400 scientists who voiced skepticism about the so-called scientific “consensus.”

People are getting fed up with this global warming nonsense

In October 2008, a COMPAS research poll, commissioned

by the Frontier Centre for Public Policy showed two-thirds of Canadians think politicians have done a poor-to-bad job of providing evidence to justify their proposals to fight carbon dioxide — including spending billions or levying higher taxes on gasoline or heating oil. Less than 20 percent think Canadian politicians have done a good-to-excellent job of justifying their plans.

In addition, the poll shows that an overwhelming majority think the media should provide more coverage of all sides in the debate over what causes climate change. That result was consistent regardless of voter intention, region of the country, or opinion on climate change.

According to a poll published by the Rasmussen Reports in January 2009, global warming alarmists are losing the battle of ideas. 44 percent of U.S. voters now say long-term planetary trends are the cause of global warming, compared to 41 percent who blame it on human activity. That’s a big turnaround from the same poll done in July 2006, when 46 percent of voters said global warming is caused primarily by human activities, while 35 percent said it was due to long-term planetary trends. People are slowly coming to the realization that something besides a colourless, odorless gas — one that is necessary for all human life and makes up .04 percent of our atmosphere — may be affecting global temperatures.

Conclusion

The global warming hysteria has reached a turning point. Governments’ response to fear-driven demands created by alarmists have already wasted billions of dollars to reduce CO2 levels, and all the while, CO2 levels continue to rise. Meanwhile, real environmental concerns such as pollution and clean drinking water get sidelined. Common sense is leading people to question the claims of global warming alarmists and the assault on our wallets and economy. The bone-chilling winter of 2008-09 is yet one more nail in the proverbial coffin. ■

