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"More On Global Warming"

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About a month ago I wrote an article concerning the reported effect cattle have on emissions of greenhouse gasses which contribute to the much talked about "global warming" danger our world is facing. Since then I have been reading many opinions, both pro and con, on this subject and even read the "preliminary" final report from the much touted **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** conference recently held in Paris. Even though the "final" final report has not been released by those in charge of such things debate-ending statements have been coming forth from those who think this was the greatest gathering of mortal men since the Last Supper.

Achim Steiner, head of the **UN Environment Program** that commissioned the panel, was ecstatic in his statement, "**Ladies and gentlemen, the 2nd of February, 2007, here in Paris will perhaps one day be remembered as the day where the question mark was removed behind the debate about whether climate change had anything to do with human activity on this planet.**" I don't care who you are, that's a bold statement.

Of course, always wanting to be thought of as a visionary leader, **France's President Jacques Chirac** jumped on the bandwagon by calling for an economic and political "revolution" to save the planet and warned us all with his declaration, "**We are on the historic threshold of the irreversible.**" Gosh, that's good enough for me, if Chirac says it, it must be true.

Of course, along with all the hoopla and hurrahs emitting from those involved with the aforementioned conference there are seemingly just as many environmental, climate related scientists who disagree with the findings and methods by which the findings were deduced. While most scientists, of all fields, agree there is a slight warming of the earth's oceans, etc., the big hubbub is over whether the warming is the "fault" of humankind or natural phenomena. The **IPCC's** findings state that "man" is the definite culprit and should change his way of living before we all perish in a great big space sauna. The dissenting scientists totally disagree stating much of the warming is cyclical and ultimately unavoidable. For many of these dissenters their stance has meant an end to their careers.

Possibly, if you are also one who has refused to give in to the panic-driven "**global catastrophe**" rhetoric becoming so prevalent, you've noticed that invitations to parties thrown by your liberal friends have become more and more scarce. Don't feel like the Lone Ranger, however. According to statements submitted by the more conservative climatological scientists you're in good company. George Taylor, the state climatologist of Oregon is under fire from Gov. Ted Lulongoski because he made a public statement indicating "human activity is not the chief cause of global climate change."

Environmental groups have publicly demanded that those scientists who disagree with their pro-global warming ideology should be “ignored or marginalized” if they refuse to accept the politically correct stance being pushed by the left. Professor John Christie, Alabama state climatologist and professor of atmospheric science at the University of Alabama said he’s had no pressure put on him, yet, but colleagues in other states have. He indicated that Virginia and Delaware government officials have been giving greater scrutiny to their resident climatologists for not toeing the line either.

Christie emphasized that he and the others don’t deny that carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions are “problematic to the environment” nor do they deny the existence of global warming. Their feelings are that it just isn’t the potential “catastrophic event” that environmentalists support.

Professor Christie has stated that the film “**An Inconvenient Truth**” which could earn former Vice President Al Gore an Oscar, “is the latest global warming proponent to echo allegations that skeptics are offering money to scientists to debunk global warming claims.” Christie thinks it’s the other way around... “Follow the money,” he said, “To justify their finding they have to show a huge problem.”

Dr. James Taylor, a senior fellow for environment policy at the conservative Heartland Institute spoke on the Gore movie by saying, “Essentially, Al Gore is cherry-picking data and misrepresenting facts” and duping volunteers he is gathering to go into public schools to teach his environmental beliefs. “He is spreading more harm than good,” Taylor said. Taylor also disputed the recent claim by a United Nations IPCC report that said it is 90 percent confident that human activity is the main cause of global warming... over 40% of the National Registry of Environmental Professionals disagreed with that statement. He said “Mars is also warming... without a single human or internal combustion engine. Why don’t we cap all volcanoes since they pour out more CO₂ emissions than all automobiles.”

Will those who are dissenting with the “**Global Warming Catastrophe**” theory become a modern “Galileo?” Someone who will be totally shunned and threatened with death or life imprisonment for not accepting the politically correct version of the “establishment’s” official and publicly accepted “facts.” Will anyone wanting to take a stand against such a theory become a political pariah, much like those who are still in favor of victory in Iraq, rather than an “**expedient and honorable withdrawal?**”

The United States is getting more and more global pressure from foreign and home based environmental groups demanding we sign the Kyoto Protocol treaty which would severely hamper our economy, possibly even ruin it. It was a treaty written in the Clinton years and turned down by him and 100 of our 100 members of our United States Senate. Why are we getting so much pressure and China and India, each with over 1 Billion citizens, are producing 100 times more greenhouses than us? Did you know that these two countries are both exempt to the Kyoto Protocol? Most people don’t.

Folks man-made “Global Warming” is a political issue, not an environmental one. Let’s treat it like one and vote it out of office.