

The Scientific Hoax of the Century

The US Senate hearings on proposed legislation to deal with the “global warming/climate change crisis” were broadcast on C-span last week. While watching, I finally realized that our legislators and government officials were absolutely right to complain about the deficiencies in our nation’s science education. For as they made pronouncements about the impending crisis caused by human emission of greenhouse gases such as CO₂ even though they knew nothing about meteorology or climatology, I kept shouting at the TV:

“ Heal thyselfes, you bunch of scientific illiterates!”

For the 25 years that I have studied this controversy, it never ceases to amaze me at how many otherwise intelligent people have been completely duped by the Gore-IPCC-Hansen clique of propagandists.

First, consider the argument that “greenhouse gases” such as CO₂ absorb infrared energy emitted by the earth and thus “keep the heat in” causing warming of the earth. If one compares the effect of water in all of its forms (polar ice, snow cover, oceans, clouds, atmospheric water vapor) with that of human emission of CO₂, the latter is about as significant for the earth’s weather as a few farts in a hurricane. But even forgetting that, the earth’s infrared energy absorbed by such greenhouse gases is re-radiated to free space as soon as it is absorbed. The notion that the colder atmosphere above can re-radiate that energy back to heat the warmer atmosphere and earth below violates the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics. In the absence of external work, heat flows inevitably from a higher to a lower temperature, never the reverse. But perhaps the Senate can solve that problem and justify the science behind their proposed “cap and trade” legislation to reduce carbon emissions by simply repealing the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics!

In truth, this entire notion of a “greenhouse effect” was shown as early as 1909 to be devoid of physical reality; that is, it simply doesn’t exist. But that hasn’t prevented the politically driven EPA from classifying various gases according to their potential for greenhouse warming. To summarize:

“The Greenhouse belongs in the Outhouse because it is a load of crap!”

Second, there is the infamous “hockey stick”, fabricated from carefully selected tree ring data with a phony computer program in order to show that current temperatures are higher than any experienced over the last 1000 years. The curve has the shape of a hockey stick, flat for past years with a sharp rise during the last few decades or so. The curve was immediately accepted by the IPCC over the strenuous objections of knowledgeable climatologists. Those climatologists knew that the Medieval Warm Period, when the Vikings settled Greenland and grapes grew in Scotland, was much warmer than today and that the evidence for that warm period’s presence in all regions of the world was overwhelming.

The IPCC highlighted the fraudulent hockey stick curve in its reports for one reason only: it told them exactly what they wanted to hear. Sound familiar? Remember the Iraqi defector code-named “curve-ball” and his stories to the Bush administration of all the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Thirdly, in addition to the fraudulent temperature “hockey stick”, a recent study of the scientific literature has revealed an equally fraudulent CO₂ hockey stick curve, which fabricated the myth of a “preindustrial” CO₂ concentration of 280 parts per million (ppm) followed by a rapid rise to the current level of 390 ppm. The Gore-IPCC-Hansen clique then claimed that the increase was due to human emission of CO₂. They did so by accepting unreliable ice core CO₂ measurements in preference to the hundreds of more reliable direct measurements that were reported in the literature by many distinguished scientists, many of whom were Nobel Prize winners. The real data including all the reliable measurements show several periods in the past 200 years where concentrations increased more rapidly than they did in recent years and that past concentrations in the early 19th century and in the period from 1937-1946 exceeded current levels.

Knowledgeable scientists know that changes in atmospheric CO₂ do not correlate with human emission of CO₂; that human emission is a trivial fraction of natural sources and sinks of CO₂; that the oceans contain about 50 times more dissolved CO₂ than the atmosphere; and that the recycling of CO₂ from the tropical oceans where it is emitted to the arctic oceans where it is absorbed, is orders of magnitude more significant than human emissions. The data for the several glacial coolings and interglacial warming cycles over the last 500,000 years always shows that temperature changes precede atmospheric CO₂ changes by about 1000 years. This indicates that the temperature changes are driving the CO₂ changes, and not the reverse as the Gore-IPCC-Hansen clique contend. As oceans warm they emit CO₂ and as they cool they absorb CO₂.

Also, geologists know full well that there were periods in the earth’s past, millions of years ago, when CO₂ levels were at least 5 times greater than current levels with only beneficial effects on plant and animal life. To quote a knowledgeable colleague of mine from Norway (who should have been consulted before the Norwegian Parliament made the ghastly mistake of awarding Gore and the IPCC the Nobel Peace Prize): “It is incredible that this wild idea of CO₂ being an evil gas in the atmosphere has paralyzed most of the world today, especially since it is the ‘gas of life’ responsible for photosynthesis that makes the food we eat”.

The overwhelming weight of scientific evidence thus proves that the theory that human emission of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases is causing global warming or climate change, is completely false. For the record, the recent data show that the average temperature of the atmosphere and the oceans near the surface of the earth has decreased significantly for the last 8 years or so. The average Arctic ice coverage has essentially remained unchanged for the last 20 years, and has actually increased slightly over the last 3 years. The rate of rise of sea level has declined

significantly over the last 3 years, and its average rate of rise for the last 20 years is about the same as it has been for the last 15,000 years, since the last glacial cooling ended and we entered the current interglacial warming as the land bridge between Siberia and Alaska started to flood and became the Bering Straits.

The above data and analysis is but the “tip of the iceberg” of all that is available in the scientific literature that reveals the hoax.

So what is left for the global warming/climate change advocates to argue their case? They have nothing but half-baked computer models that are totally out of touch with reality and have already been proven to be wrong. As I indicated in my 1994 paper: “Many interacting regions, both homogeneous and heterogeneous are involved in the complex radiative balance (between the sun and the earth). Unverified models do not realistically represent that balance, and it would be absurd to base public policy decisions on them.”

Well, welcome to “The Theater of the Absurd”! The next performance is in Copenhagen this December, when a group of scientifically illiterate diplomats will be meeting to solve the non-existent problem of “climate change” caused by “carbon emissions”. Fed by the anecdotal clap trap of know-nothing journalists and environmental lobbyists, they will be proposing draconian measures of world carbon control that will have no effect whatever on the earth’s weather but will instead waste enormous amounts of diplomatic and economic resources. Copenhagen will be “a tale told by idiots, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing”. The conclusions promulgated by the U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are fraudulent concoctions that have already been denounced by many of its scientific members. The IPCC’s erroneous conclusions should be thoroughly repudiated lest it continue to discredit the United Nation’s legitimate functions: its programs to improve the standard of living of the underdeveloped nations; its programs to combat hunger and poverty; its support of the Conventions against genocide and torture; and its World Court prosecution of war criminals.

Details in support of the above scientific conclusions are to be presented in a future article, as will an analysis of the motives and forces behind the hoax.

In the meantime, think about it and ask yourself the important question:

“cui bono?” (who benefits?)

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