

The climate of climate change is changing

In the bizarre world of climate alarmism, a naturally evolving climate is viewed as a man-made catastrophe, but an evolving political climate is not, as long as it supports the hysteria. Few advocate learning enough about science to separate fact from fiction, because knowledge is considered an impediment to progress.

With the reelection of Obama, his radical followers declared “This is our time,” and ramped up efforts to transform society back to a simpler period when energy meant 'horse power.' and prosperity was a distant dream. The president steered clear of this climate morass, preferring to let his Environmental Protection Agency work 'the problem' away from public scrutiny.

Meantime we have seen storms of alarmism. Public television declared that Hurricane Sandy fit the pattern expected in a warming world, despite the fact that the incidence of major hurricanes has declined dramatically to half what it was in the colder 1950s. Columnist Paul Krugman and two Oregon State University philosophy professors stressed their intellectual superiority over 'Creationists' and 'Deniers.' And AP reporter Seth Borenstein rejoiced that his relentless climate propaganda was sinking into the American psyche.

As if to acknowledge this, Republican Jim Huffman imagined “persuasive evidence” of human involvement in global warming. Angus Duncan and Jack Roberts were sure that their windmills would address the coming climate catastrophe. And the annual UN climate seance in Doha, Qatar heard endless calls to action among delegates enjoying the opulent luxury that fossil fuels provide. The only sensible comment came from Huffman who admitted to a lack of scientific training (as he offered his scientific opinion).

Real science is far different from what amateurs think. The problems with classical greenhouse gas theory escape those who view science as politics (consensus) or as religion (belief).

Scientists know that only logic and evidence apply. The evidence causing great grief is the refusal of the global temperature to increase for the last 15 years. It sashes back and forth as one would expect on a planet with vast oceans and atmosphere that are never in equilibrium but does not warm as some claimed it would with slowly increasing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Consequently, cracks are developing in the scientific facade supporting the dogma.

Reading the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* is much like reading Pravda during the Cold War. You do not look for beliefs but for hints of change. In a recent paper (not peer-reviewed), newly elected members touted their belief that they had found the “fingerprint” of greenhouse gases. Yet they admitted to a considerable discrepancy with observations, a fatal flaw in a rational world. And buried deeply in the last table of supplementary information was the evidence that their climate simulations are failing badly.

Perhaps this is what prompted the UN IPCC to insert a sentence in their most recent draft report saying that the Sun is more important than they previously realized. With NOAA now admitting that the present solar cycle will finish far below most in the Grand Maximum of solar cycles over the last two

centuries, with American solar physicists Livingston and Penn pointing to a collapsing solar magnetic field, and with Russian astrophysicist Abdussamatov saying that carbon dioxide is “not guilty” and predicting a prolonged cooling this century, it is about time.

The previous warm periods (Medieval, Roman, and Minoan) likely had the same natural origin as the present one. Hence, we should expect a century of cooling that essentially reverses the warming of the 20th century. This is what the Greenland ice core temperature reconstructions show happened previously.

Although the public has little knowledge of science and too easily falls for scams, scientists know that they cannot hold onto theories in the face of contravening evidence, even with vast government largess hanging in the balance. Those who have struck a Faustian Bargain are beginning to worry that the devil may one day come to collect.

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