

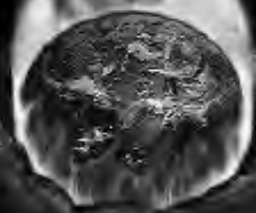
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Can Man DESTROY The Earth ?

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For the past few decades the mass communications media have been saturated with doomsday predictions that global warming threatens to destroy all or most life on earth. Governments of virtually every nation are forming international coalitions to address the problem on the basis that global warming is the result of man's actions. Specifically, we are told that man's industry, based on the consumption of fossil fuels, is spewing huge amounts of CO₂ into the atmosphere, thus causing the earth's mean temperature to rise dramatically. Billions of dollars are earmarked to solve the problem; populations are being encouraged to "go green" and make the necessary sacrifices to ensure a smaller carbon footprint; government is penalizing people for driving gas-guzzlers; alternative forms of energy are being sought at tremendous expense; an entire generation of school children is being taught about the threat of global warming, and is being led in the agenda to go green. All of these perceived fixes—and more—are being implemented through taxes, fees, penalties, surcharges, and other forms of taxation. Even among Christians there is an alarm about these things. The Green Christian movement is gaining strength, allying itself with unbelieving and even radical elements of the "Save the Earth" crowd.

In truth, there are legitimate reasons for concern about how the earth is being trashed by man. There has been much in the news of late regarding the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, also known as the Eastern Garbage Patch and the Pacific Trash Vortex. This is a gyre (swirling current) of man-made litter that is estimated to be twice the size of the state of Texas. Minute particles of plastic and other non-biodegradable debris are kept in place where three major Pacific Ocean currents converge. This debris is adversely affecting marine life which, in turn, could adversely affect the global food chain. Yet as large as it is, the Garbage Patch is not detectable from space because of the minuteness of the particles, many of which swirl just below the ocean's surface.

This and other evidence of man-made pollution create no doubt that a sane approach to environmentalism is needed. But who determines the extent to which man's impact upon the planet is threatening of life's existence on earth? The scientific community, working in conjunction with government agencies from around the world, is tackling the problem. And the area of greatest concern is that of global warming which, we are told, will result in the destruction of the earth and the extinction of mankind if it is not checked soon.

Some scientists claim that there is no such danger. But their voices are seldom heard in the mainstream media. Some are even being vilified and excluded from having a voice in the matter.

But what about all the evidence? What about the many scientists who are warning us about impending doom? What about government agencies that certainly must know what they are talking about when they say we must impose upon ourselves restrictions of personal freedom—who want us to give up reliable, safe transportation and shuttle ourselves about en masse through public transportation and smaller, more fuel-efficient (albeit more dangerous) cars?

And, frankly, is this really any business for believers in Jesus? Shouldn't we be more concerned about spiritual matters and not be so concerned about these temporal matters? After all, this is a fallen world; what can we expect but deception?

Normally I would agree that the consequences of the environmental movement aren't such hot-button spiritual issues, simply because they reflect the world's fallen mindset. But Christians are being caught up in this movement at the expense of energy that could and should be better spent in ministry to souls.

There is no topic that cannot be used for the benefit of the Gospel if we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading, particularly such a hot topic as global warming and the alleged threat to man's survival.

GLOBAL WARMING DEFINED

What is global warming? According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), “The term Global Warming refers, without any implications for the cause or magnitude, to the observation that the atmosphere near the Earth’s surface is warming. This warming is one of many kinds of climate change that the Earth has gone through in the past and will continue to go through in the future.”¹

Notice that NOAA does not, at least in this definition, attribute global warming to man specifically. However, the agency does say that man’s activities have raised the content of greenhouse gases from 300 parts per million (ppm) to 380 ppm, while also affirming the need for greenhouse gases that keep the earth’s temperature stable in order to sustain life. Greenhouse gases naturally occur and create what is called “the greenhouse effect.” The greenhouse effect holds the earth’s heat in, preventing it from escaping into space and causing the earth to become a ball of ice. The great fear among mankind today is that the greenhouse effect will become so pronounced that the earth will become too hot to sustain life.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has this to say about the causes of global warming:

Climatologists (scientists who study climate) have analyzed the global warming that has occurred since the late 1800’s. A majority of climatologists have concluded that human activities are responsible for most of the warming. Human activities contribute to global warming by enhancing Earth’s natural greenhouse effect. The greenhouse effect warms Earth’s surface through a complex process involving sunlight, gases, and particles in the atmosphere. Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are known as greenhouse gases.

The main human activities that contribute to global warming are the burning of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas) and the clearing of land. Most of the burning occurs in automobiles, in factories, and in electric power plants that provide energy for houses and office buildings. The burning of fossil fuels creates carbon dioxide, whose chemical formula is CO₂. CO₂ is a greenhouse gas that slows the escape of heat into space. Trees and other plants remove CO₂ from the air during photosynthesis, the process they use to produce food. The clearing of land contributes to the buildup of CO₂ by reducing the rate at which the gas is removed from the atmosphere or by the decomposition of dead vegetation.

A small number of scientists argue that the increase in greenhouse gases has not made a measurable difference in the temperature. They say that natural processes could have caused global warming. Those processes include increases in the energy emitted (given off) by the sun. But the vast majority of climatologists believe that increases in the sun’s energy have contributed only slightly to recent warming.²

NASA pits “a small number of scientists” who challenge the effect of global warming against “the vast majority of climatologists who believe that increases in the sun’s energy have contributed only slightly to recent warming.”

Is this not comparing apples to oranges? One has to do with the effect of greenhouse gases; the other has to do with the sun’s effect on recent global warming. Besides the sun’s effect there are other factors in nature that contribute to global warming. But the average person reading this would think that only “a small number of scientists” are pitted against “the vast majority of climatologists” (one aspect of science) on the same issue.

So is global warming a legitimate concern, or is something else afoot?

At present the most celebrated proponent of belief in anthropogenic (human-caused) global warming and its impending disasters is former U.S. vice-president Al Gore, whose movie, *An Inconvenient Truth*, based on his book of the same name, garnered him a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Gore won out over Irena Sendler, a Polish social worker who risked her life on many occasions to save some 2,500 Jewish children from the Nazis by smuggling them out of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II.

Gore was put on the defensive by assertions that his Nashville, Tennessee, mansion uses 20 times the energy as the average house in his area. There’s an “Inconvenient Truth.”

He did not deny the claim, but responded by saying that he is retrofitting his home with more eco-friendly energy sources.

It’s nice that he can afford to do so in order to reduce his \$2,400 per month energy bills. But don’t let that prevent you from feeling guilty for polluting the planet by your existence.

Admittedly, the alarm over global warming that characterizes Al Gore’s environmental activism has been adopted as an international cooperative effort through the United Nations Organization (UN). Thus it may be seen as essential to the development of peace and cooperation among nations. So perhaps Irena Sendler’s efforts, though far more selfless and risking of personal life (she was often tortured and brought near death by the Nazis who suspected but could not prove her activities), were not as important to the establishment of world peace.

In any case, the entire world has jumped on the global warming bandwagon and has largely decided that dissent is not an option. Chief among international cooperative efforts to com-

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bat global warming is the Kyoto Protocol, adopted in Kyoto, Japan, on December 11, 1997, and enforced on February 16, 2005. The Kyoto Protocol is defined by the United Nations thusly:

The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The major feature of the Kyoto Protocol is that it sets binding targets for 37 industrialized countries and the European community for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG)

1 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, <http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/paleo/globalwarming/what.html>.

2 National Aeronautical and Space Administration, http://www.nasa.gov/worldbook/global_warming_worldbook.html.

emissions. These amount to an average of five per cent against 1990 levels over the five-year period 2008-2012.

The major distinction between the Protocol and the Convention is that while the Convention **encouraged** industrialised countries to stabilize GHG emissions, the Protocol **commits** them to do so.

Recognizing that developed countries are principally responsible for the current high levels of GHG emissions in the atmosphere as a result of more than 150 years of industrial activity, the Protocol places a heavier burden on developed nations under the principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities.”

This means that the environmental laws being implemented and enforced by the United States Government are not generated by Congress except to the degree that Congress submits to the Kyoto Protocol. So just as our government surrendered its sovereignty in waging war through unconstitutional declarations by presidents (Truman in Korea; Johnson in Vietnam; G.H.W. Bush in the Gulf War; Clinton in Afghanistan; G.W. Bush In Iraq), and our Department of Education has surrendered to the United Nations in developing curricula, Congress has surrendered the constitutional mandate to coin and print our currency to the internationally owned Federal Reserve Bank. Other agencies take their orders from non-U.S. Powers also, so now we are subject to dictates from the U.N. regarding our energy use.

But here’s the kicker: the real polluters are not the developed nations (the so-called “G8”, which includes the United States), but the nations classified as having emerging or developing economies by the International Monetary Fund (i.e, China, North Korea, and 145 others). These are not subject to the U.N.’s protocols for pollution control.

And here’s another kicker: If every individual American citizen were to completely stop functioning, stop using any fossil fuel energy at all for any reason, it would make only a slight dent in reducing this country’s “carbon footprint.” That’s because the largest users of energy by far are industry and, of course, government. Industry, commerce, and federal, state, county, and city governments are the largest consumers of all fossil fuel energy in the United States. So why do individual American citizens have to pay the price for the rest of the world’s folly, including our own governments’?

IS IT REAL?

Before considering the validity of the claims, the first question to deal with is whether or not global warming is truly happening. Is the earth’s mean temperature actually rising? And if so, is it something to be alarmed about? What would be the real consequences of a warming earth?

To begin, National Geographic offers a concise affirmation that global warming is a reality:

The rate of warming is increasing. The 20th century’s last two decades were the hottest in 400 years and possibly the warmest for several millennia, according to a number of climate studies. And the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports that 11 of the past 12 years are among the dozen warmest since 1850.³

Even more convincing is information from the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA):

To determine if the Earth is warming or cooling, scientists look at average temperatures. To get an “average” temperature, scientists take the warmest and the coolest temperatures in a day, and calculate the temperature that is exactly in the middle of those high and low values. This provides an average temperature for a day. These average temperatures are then calculated for spots all over the Earth, over an entire year.⁴

There are 1,125 temperature monitor stations throughout the globe: U.S. 195; Canada 95; Europe 324; Africa 40; South America 33; Australasia 147; Asia 307.

NASA has produced a chart (top of next page) demonstrating the change in global climate from AD 1880 to the present based upon data from these stations.

At first glance it seems alarming, but each grade along the Temperature Anomaly is only in fractions of a degree Celsius. The chart shows that the global temperature has risen approximately .8 degrees Celsius (1.44 degrees Fahrenheit) since 1880.

If we took this at face value and did not factor in any other issues, it would seem to prove conclusively that the earth’s mean temperature has indeed risen considerably since 1880, which marked the approximate beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

So it appears as if global warming is a fact.

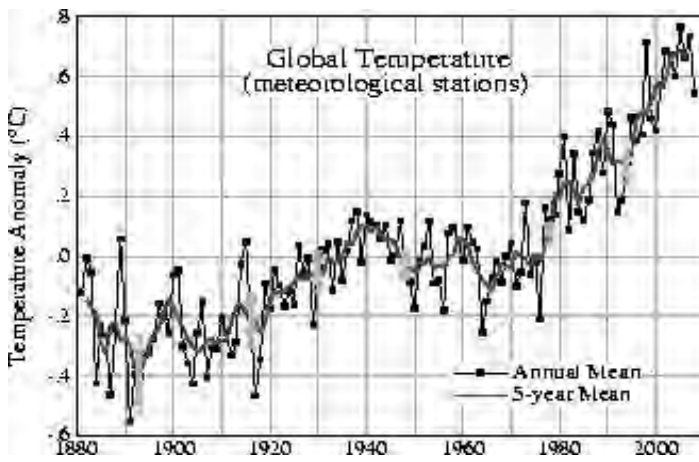
However, it has been pointed out by some scientists that the instruments of many of the temperature monitor stations are located in metropolitan “hot spots” such as roofs of buildings, next to air conditioning units that emit hot air, and other heat-producing areas. While there are also many in rural areas that are not affected by proximity to heat sources, the overall results are skewed somewhat by those that are close to such heat sources.

Also, there is geological and archeological evidence that the earth has gone through many warming phases since it was created, some being far higher in temperature than what we are seeing today, and without any impact by mankind. To point to the rise in earth’s mean temperature over the past century or so as a reason for alarm is to take a miniscule period of time from the entire geological age of the earth while ignoring the fact that nature itself has caused periods of warming that have resulted in temperatures far in excess of today’s.

As well, the earth has gone through severe cooling phases as a result of natural causes. In truth, there are scientists who insist that the earth is actually beginning to go through a cooling

3 *National Geographic News*, Global Warming Fast Facts, June 14, 2007, http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/12/1206_041206_global_warming.html

4 http://www.nasa.gov/vision/earth/lookingatearth/earth_warm.html



NASA chart demonstrating global warming from AD 1880 to present.

phase. One such is physicist Piers Corbyn, who has a remarkable ability to predict severe weather patterns up to a year in advance. Corbyn was featured on ABC's *Nightline* on June 24, 2009, as a maverick among the meteorology community because he does not use conventional means to predict the weather. According to Corbyn, "The weather is not driven just by what's happened in the weather recently. It's driven by what's happening on the sun, especially the charged particles which come from the sun."

Corbyn studies solar activity, heating or cooling of the stratosphere and its impact on weather systems, considering the magnetism cycles of the sun and the eclipse cycles of the moon. He also looks for patterns in history that repeat themselves. Says Corbyn: "We are unique and revolutionary, and we have a skill which is completely beyond possibilities of standard meteorology."

Corbyn's abilities have allowed him to make good sums of money by betting far in advance of severe weather patterns. He claims that he became so good at it that bookmakers refused to allow him to continue betting with them.

Discussing the idea of global warming, *Nightline* correspondent Nick Watt said to Corbyn, "I mean, you believe that there's actually global cooling."

Corbyn replied, "There is, yes, and our own understanding of the solar-lunar modulation processes means that this general cooling trend will continue until 2040."

Watt asked, "And the general warming trend that we saw until the peak in 1998, do you believe that was man-made?"

Said Corbyn, "No, absolutely nothing to do with man."⁵

Because Corbyn rejects the idea that global warming is caused by man's activities he has been shunned by conventional meteorologists who downplay his abilities and even consider him a crank.

Lest anyone think Corbyn is some right-wing denier of "reality," he is far from that. In fact, he was a left-wing activist for squatters' rights and ran for a seat on the city council of Westminster, England, in 1974. He was also a candidate for Lambeth Central, representing the International Marxist Group in 1977.

Corbyn is not alone in his denial of global warming. There are many scientists like him, but they are not generally given credibility in the scientific community or in the mainstream media. It was unusual to have ABC's *Nightline* interview him.

Yet the idea of the earth beginning to enter a cooling cycle is beginning to attract more interest in the scientific community. Even so, governments don't care to hear about that; they want people to believe that man is the cause of a problem that can be solved only by more government control at great expense to the populace, not only in taxes, but in personal freedom.

In the case of Corbyn's methods, his predictions are based upon long-term observable meteorological phenomena as opposed to standard weather prediction based on short-term guesses. One must ask why Corbyn can have as good or better predictions stated one year in advance than standard meteorologists can predict within a week. How often have we seen their predictions fail? Yet we continue to look to them for guidance in planning outdoor events. And we are to accept their scoffing at Corbyn as a crank, why?

It remains to be seen if Corbyn's prediction of a long-term cooling of the earth comes to pass, but there is little doubt that the earth is not as warm now as it was at the 1998 peak of the latest warming trend.

But wouldn't such prestigious organizations as NASA and NOAA be trustworthy? Let's see what NOAA says:

The similarity of characteristics among the different paleoclimatic reconstructions provides confidence in the following important conclusions:

- Dramatic warming has occurred since the 19th century.
- The recent record warm temperatures in the last 15 years are indeed the warmest temperatures the Earth has seen in at least the last 1000 years, and possibly in the last 2000 years.

Accompanying these statements is a graph that shows temperature fluctuations since the year 100. While the current temperature of the earth is certainly higher than it's been in the past one thousand years, the fact remains that it is just slightly higher than it was one thousand years ago—less than two-tenths of one degree Celsius. What was man doing to cause the earth to warm so dramatically one thousand years ago?

One may search diligently and one will find that most of the evidence presented to "prove" that man is responsible for sufficient global warming to harm the planet is anecdotal rather than empirical. We're told that it's a fact, but the evidence is just not there to justify the hysteria.

The point of all this is that it is reasonable to ask if we are being sold a bill of goods that amounts to nothing, and yet at great cost. Should not more true scientific effort be put into determining exactly what caused the latest warming trend, and what is causing the current cooling trend, before saturating our minds with propaganda that serves only the interests of international mega-corporations and the globalist agenda?

5 *Nightline*, ABC News, June 29, 2009.

WHAT ABOUT GOD?

Is the global warming scare legitimate? Is man on the verge of destroying the earth? Does God's Word have anything to say about it?

To begin, we may take solace in our Father's comforting assurance that He gave to mankind as Noah made an offering to Him after the Flood:

And YHWH smelled a sweet savor, and YHWH said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground anymore for man's sake, for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I anymore again kill everything living, as I have done. While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. (Genesis 8:21-22)

God promised not only man, but Himself, saying "in His heart" that mankind could depend upon the earth to provide sustenance for as long as it remains. And His Word tells us that it will remain until the time when God renovates the entire universe by fire to create new heavens and a new earth (Revelation 21:1-5).

If God's promise is faithful, how is it that many Christians and Christian organizations are acting as if man could indeed destroy the earth? There have arisen several "green" Christian organizations whose primary and even sole purpose is to work for stewardship of the earth rather than the proclaiming of the Gospel to the lost.

Certainly true believers in Jesus should be concerned about the environment; we must not treat God's creation as something to be exploited for selfish purposes. It is wrong to be wasteful of the resources He has provided.

But whom do we trust—the government and media influenced by radical environmentalists who have no faith in God and His Word? Do we trust scientists and scientific organizations that garner billions of dollars in grants for research, provided they rubber stamp the globalist agenda? Or do we trust God and live as well as He allows—though not foolishly—in using what He has given us for our material benefit?

If we start with the premise that man can indeed destroy the planet and eradicate life on earth, then we will certainly be subject to the alarm and fear perpetrated by forces that are not influenced by God's Word—forces that often have a huge financial stake in keeping us subject to their policies of retreat from progress.

If we start with the assurance of God's Word that no one and nothing will destroy the earth—not even God Himself who has deigned to grant us the seasons in due course—how can we live in fear and alarm?

It is true that God has set a time for this present earth to be done away and replaced with the new earth in eternity. But that will not come about by ecological disasters caused by man. It will come in God's time after He has put down all evil and established a new created order—the new heavens and the new earth:

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are in it shall be burned up....Nevertheless, according to His promise we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness. (2 Peter 3:10-13)

The hysteria over the idea that man can destroy the earth speaks of a Chicken Little mentality that has run amok among the world's populations. Worse, it speaks of a faithless age that has no regard for God. How then can it have any regard for His Word?

Could this be what Jesus meant when He asked the question, "When the Son of Man comes will He find faith on the earth?"

It isn't just lack of faith in the redeeming work of Jesus through His shed blood that is evidenced in the world. It is lack of faith in anything God has told us in His Word.

This is why good is called "evil," and evil is called "good." Men live in fear of self-destruction but they have no fear before their Creator.

Is it any wonder that men run like lemmings to destruction, thinking they are running for salvation from extinction?

The arrogance of man, to think that he can destroy the earth! And the arrogance of man, to think that he can save the earth! Man's puny existence in this vast universe is belied by his colossal ego. Man cannot destroy the earth, and if God's natural processes worked to destroy it man could not save it.

Yet man has contributed greatly to the pollution of the earth. Much of that pollution is spiritual as much as it is physical. We can see why it will be necessary for God to destroy the earth through fire to purge it of all the physical pollution that mankind has inflicted upon it. But what about the spiritual pollution?

The amazing thing is that man can recognize the ugliness of trash and its effect upon his surroundings. But he considers of great beauty all the edifices he has built for his own glory and for the glory of his false gods. Does not God count as refuse all the great temples, churches, synagogues, and shrines in which man practices his religions devoid of God's Spirit? God's command to Israel to destroy the altars of the heathen gives us understanding of His hatred for man's religions:

But this is how you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their carved images with fire. For you are a holy people unto YHWH your God. YHWH your God has chosen you to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. (Deuteronomy 7:5-6)

We are not called to destroy our enemies, but to love them. Yet when the Lord Jesus returns to establish His rule upon the earth He will destroy His enemies. At that time, will the altars of man's religions not burn along with the putrid, rotting garbage that man has strewn about himself?

If global warming is not caused by human activity to the degree that it can be reversed by human efforts, why do world leaders pour billions of dollars into such efforts while propagandizing the world's populations that such efforts are not only feasible but imperative? **The answer is that environmentalism is a perfect foil for garnering the emotional assent of people into accepting the globalist agenda to consolidate all mankind under a one-world governmental system. There is no benefit to national borders if the survival of mankind is on the line.**

It doesn't really matter to the globalists if global warming is caused by man or not. The important thing is to neutralize the power of the West—especially that of the United States—so that a

supranational, all-controlling government may be established. Nations will continue to exist as separate entities, but the leaders of the nations will (and already have, to a large extent) submit to international law. There are always “good” reasons found to implement evil laws. Many of the international environmental laws being enacted are merely a “feel-good” means to start the nations on the slippery slope of global tyranny. This, of course, will set the stage for the anti-Christ’s kingdom in the last days.

It is my hope that this writing will equip and inspire our readers to help people see the difference between the world’s alarmist reaction to supposed dangers, and God’s promise of maintaining the earth for the benefit of His own people. The earth will not be the inheritance of the ungodly, but will be given to those whose lives belong to Jesus Christ.

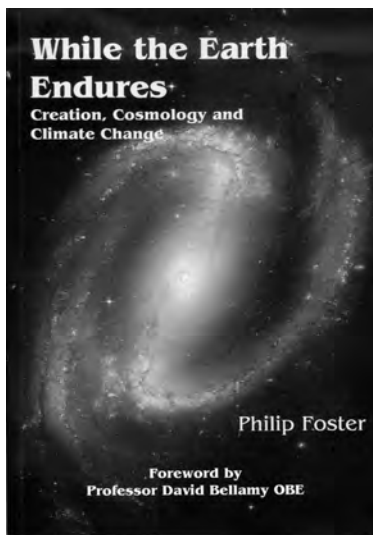
What man is he who fears YHWH? He shall teach him in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease, and his seed shall inherit the earth. (Psalms 25:12-13)

There is no need for those who are in Christ to fear, even if all the doomsday predictions of catastrophe should come to pass:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth is removed, and though the mountains are carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and are troubled, though the mountains shake with their swelling. Selah. (Psalms 46:1-3)

May this writing allow for the ministry of the Gospel with its attendant promise of a new earth wherein will dwell righteousness for eternity for all who love God and His Son. May it also allow us to act in our freedom in Christ to live and to proclaim His truth without fear or intimidation. ❖

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While the Earth Endures

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In this important book the author, Philip Foster presents a stiff challenge to today’s “accepted wisdom” that man is responsible for global warming that threatens to destroy the earth. His book, *While the Earth Endures: Creation, Cosmology and Climate Change*, offers detailed analyses of the true causes of climate change. Foster holds a M.A. in natural science (biochemistry). He challenges the myths of popular climate change theory, presenting factual scientific data to answer the largely anecdotal “evidence” that governments want people to believe.

Some of these myths are 1) global warming will cause sea levels to rise dramatically; 2) global warming will cause more extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and tornadoes and that this is already happening; 3) there will be a serious shortage of water; 4) tropical diseases, such as malaria, will spread; 5) the gulf stream will be overwhelmed by meltwater from Greenland, and Europeans will freeze to death; 6) there will be huge extinctions in the next 50 years; 7) global warming will cause mass starvation.

In each of these cases the author offers an emphatic answer: “WRONG!” He then provides historical evidence and scientific data to refute these myths, as well as the myth that human activity is responsible for any significant increase in global warming. He also shows how, in the past decade, a cooling trend has been developing in spite of increased CO₂ in the atmosphere.

The fact is that the largest amount of CO₂ expelled into the atmosphere (which we are told is the cause of global warming) comes from natural sources beyond the control of human agencies. The so-called “greenhouse” effect is what makes the earth sustainable to life. But we are propagandized to think that the greenhouse effect would become dangerous if man continues to pollute the atmosphere by generating CO₂ through the use of fossil fuels.

Foster goes beyond the confines of earth, taking us on a journey into the vast reaches of space to demonstrate how the sun, the moon, the stars, even distant galaxies, supernovae, and other cosmic forces affect the earth’s climate. To do so he addresses ideas that some Christians would consider controversial—perhaps even heretical—suggesting that the earth is far more ancient than “young earth” creation scientists insist upon.

It is Foster’s contention that God created the universe and the earth far in advance of mankind with the knowledge that in time all things would work for the benefit of man and for redemption of not only man, but of the entire creation. He suggests that God’s hand in creation can be realized scientifically through honest observation of nature, and that Christians are too often short-sighted in their appreciation of His power and majesty.

Challenging the young-earth theory, he states that, in effect, it accuses God of being deceitful by suggesting that all the evidence for an ancient creation is nothing more than a ruse, planted by God to fool us into thinking unbiblically. Does that characterization really fit the God of the Bible? I don’t agree entirely with Foster’s ultimate premise, but I find his overall position to be reasonable and certainly worthy of consideration. ❖

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