**Did Humans Cause Global Warming?**

Annual average global warming by the year 2060. Courtesy of NASA.

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Global warming, as we think we know it, doesn't exist. And I am not the only one trying to make people open their eyes and see the truth. But few listen, despite the fact that I was the first Canadian Ph.D. in climatology and I have an extensive background in climatology, especially the reconstruction of past climates and the impact of climate change on human history and the human condition. Few listen, even though I have a Ph.D, (Doctor of Science) from the University of London, England, and that for 32 years I was a Professor of Climatology at the University of Winnipeg. For some reason, the world is not listening. Here is why.

What would happen if we were told that, after all, the Earth is flat? It would probably generate a lot of debate. So why is it that when scientists who have studied the global warming phenomenon for years say that humans are not the cause, nobody listens?

**Global Warming and Global Cooling**

Believe it or not, global warming is not due to human contribution of carbon dioxide (CO2). This, in fact, is the greatest deception in the history of science. We are wasting time, energy and trillions of dollars while creating unnecessary fear over an issue with no scientific justification.

No sensible person seeks conflict, especially with governments, but if we don't pursue the truth, we are lost as individuals and as a society. That is why I insist on saying that there is no evidence that we are, or could ever cause global climate change. And, recently, Yuri A. Izrael, Vice President of the United Nations-sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) confirmed this statement. So how has the world come to believe that something is wrong?

Maybe for the same reason we believed, 30 years ago, that global cooling was the biggest threat: a matter of faith. "It is a cold fact: the Global Cooling presents humankind with the most important social, political, and adaptive challenge we have had to deal with for ten thousand years. Your stake in the decisions we make concerning it is of ultimate importance; the survival of ourselves, our children, our species," wrote Lowell Ponte in 1976.

I was as opposed to global cooling as I am to the threats made about global warming. Let me stress I am not denying the phenomenon has occurred. The world has warmed since 1680, and these climate changes are well within natural variability. But there is nothing unusual going on.

Since I obtained my doctorate in climatology from the University of London, Queen Mary College, England, my career has spanned two climate cycles. Temperatures declined from 1940 to 1980, and in the early 1970s, global cooling became the consensus. By the 1990s temperatures appeared to have reversed and global warming became the consensus.

**Are Humans the Cause of Global Warming?**

I am not alone in this journey against the prevalent myth. Several well-known people have also raised their voices. Michael Crichton, the scientist, writer and filmmaker, is one of them. In his latest book *State of Fear*, he takes time to explain, often in surprising detail, the flawed science behind global warming and other imagined environmental crises.

Another cry in the wildenerness is Richard Lindzen's. He is an atmospheric physicist and a professor of meteorology at MIT, renowned for his research in dynamic meteorology, especially atmospheric waves. He is also a member of the National Academy of Sciences. Linzen frequently speaks out against the notion that significant global warming is caused by humans. Yet nobody seems to listen.

I think it may be because most people don't understand the scientific method which Thomas Kuhn so skilfully set out in his book *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. A scientist makes certain assumptions and then produces a theory. The theory of global warming assumes that CO2 is an atmospheric greenhouse gas and as it increases temperatures rise. It was then theorized that since humans were producing more CO2 than before, the temperature would inevitably rise.

As Lindzen said many years ago: "the consensus was reached before the research had even begun." Now, any scientist who dares to question the prevailing wisdom is marginalized and called a skeptic, when in fact they are simply being good scientists.

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