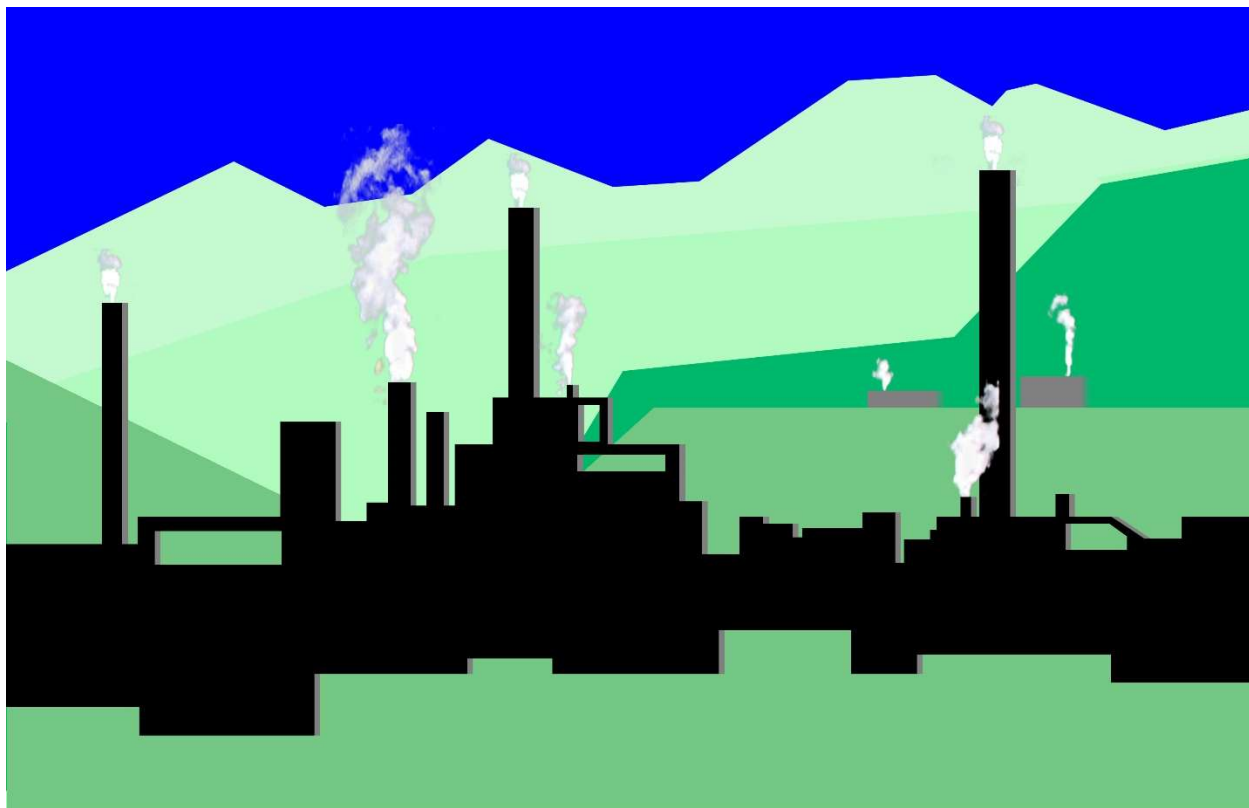




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Preface

We are called climate deniers by those who believe climate change is anthropogenic¹ and will have catastrophic effects. This term alone minimizes the Holocaust and falsely aggrandizes climate change. It also shows that minds on the political left are not going to be changed. This book is, therefore, for those not so entrenched and also for those to the right of the radical Left.

Please do not confuse us with the sports star who inexplicably cuts his or her audience in half by getting political. We would not intentionally alienate half of our audience, but, unlike a sport, the climate-change debate does that automatically. It has become extremely politicized. This book extricates the science from the politics in its defence of carbon. As a result, we are true environmentalists because we want money spent in the name of the environment to actually make a difference.

Furthermore, we are climate skeptics, and we know that climate changes cyclically. Yes, it does change, but if climate change is man-made and is catastrophic, the proof has yet to be discovered. As far as we can tell, there is no scientific evidence to support the man-made, climate-change narrative. It is just a chicken little story retold in a different way.

Man is supposed to be responsible for catastrophic global warming and melting ice caps. But the world stopped warming, and Antarctica, which has ninety-one per cent of the world's ice, continued to grow. Global warming has led to prosperity in the past, and the cold periods, like the one we are slipping into, have caused problems for mankind. Money squandered in reaction to unfounded hysteria is a tragedy especially when real and solvable problems are ignored.

If climate change is man-made, then, it is an individual responsibility, not a collective responsibility. Corporations, the basis of capitalism and a reason² why we are so much better off than our grandparents, should be unfettered by lowering taxes and energy costs. Burdensome carbon pricing and baseless regulations will impoverish an economy and destroy the middle class.

The nomenclature has gone from global cooling (1970s) to global warming, then climate change, climate extremes, and now climate emergency. We refer to the problem as the catastrophic climate change hoax or just “climate change”.

A Canadian Conservative Party politician, in response to being asked about the climate change hoax, replied, “Let’s not go down that rabbit hole.” Well, we have news for him. Like Alice, we are well down the rabbit hole wondering how to get out. This book is a ladder out.

A quote from Canadian climate realist, Tim Ball, who equates the greenhouse effect to an imaginary sky dragon, sums up the debate quite well. “Climatology is a generalist study only as valid as any one component. Statisticians showed errors of the hockey stick... (There is also a) misuse of physics in the role of CO₂ as the key variable in the anthropogenic global warming hypothesis³.”

Basic Climate Science

The Climate is Cyclic.

This should not be a surprise because the Earth has daily and yearly cycles. Warm and cold periods occurred in the past as seen from ice core data and other sources. Because solar activity is currently low, we are headed into a cold period where cheap and abundant energy (fossil fuels) is critical. Past crises and migrations have occurred because of crop failures in cold periods. The fall of the Roman Empire is one such example.

CO₂ is Plant Food

Mankind cannot convert sunlight to food (sugar or carbohydrates), but luckily for all life on Earth, plants can. Chlorophyll and photosynthesis convert light energy to food for the carbon cycle.

Photosynthesis:



Greenhouses employ CO₂ generators, and plants thrive at concentrations of 1,000 ppm and higher. Ancient atmospheres, in which plants and animals thrived, were 7,000 ppm of CO₂.

A Weapon of Mass Destruction

CO₂ is the result of temperature change (outgassing from the oceans which store 98% of the CO₂) and is not a cause of it. Besides how can something that is 0.0411% of the atmosphere (411 ppm) control the climate?

CO₂ sequestration could be a weapon of mass destruction. Plant life (as a result all life) ceases to exist if CO₂ gets as low as 150 ppm. It is the true existential threat

which are words the radical left throw around like pollen in springtime. Attacking CO₂ shows a lack of regard for the existence of the most important animal of all, Homo sapiens.

Ice Caps

Antarctica, which has over 90% of the world's ice, is growing. The Arctic, which may be shrinking because of natural variability, has less than 1% of the world's ice, and it is floating. When floating ice melts, the water level does not change at all (Archimedes principle).

97% of Scientists Believe CO₂ Affects the Climate.

Science is not a consensus, and this 97% has been debunked. The question was vague, and the results were manipulated.

Is China Smart Like a Baizuo or a Fox?

China's pledge of carbon neutrality by 2060 was received by global fanfare. However, actions are different than words. In 2020, China's power grid grew by 38.4 gigawatts in new coal-fired power plants. Over 247 gigawatts of coal fired plants are being developed⁴.

China has recently completed the Haoji Coal Railway (formerly the Menghua Coal Railway) system to bring cheap and abundant coal from Inner Mongolia to the rest of China⁵. Unlike baizuo⁶ politicians, China realizes cheap reliable power and energy independence are incredibly important to the well being of her citizens.

Basic Science

Climate science, like all science, should be governed by discovery and critical thinking, not by any politician and not by those reliant on government funding.

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1. The Rabbit Hole

Alice: “I almost wish I hadn’t gone down that rabbit hole—and yet—and yet—it’s rather curious, you know, this sort of life! I do wonder what can have happened to me⁷!”

There is a rabbit hole of climate-change lies and deceptions. Normally, we should be reluctant to call people liars and deceivers, but strong language is required as we approach an economic “cliff”.

A “rabbit hole” is a rabbit’s burrow, but it also has the metaphorical meaning taken from Lewis Carroll’s (né Charles Lutwidge Dodgson⁸) book, *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*.

The term “rabbit hole” is “used to refer to a bizarre, confusing, or nonsensical situation or environment, typically one from which it is difficult to extricate oneself...He’ll continue fearmongering to promote his agenda no matter how far down the rabbit hole it takes him⁹.”

This definition of the metaphor accurately describes societies that have embraced the human-induced, global-warming narrative and the related vilification of carbon dioxide (“CO₂”). Here are some of the lies and deceptions that are disseminated in this climate-change rabbit hole:

“Global warming” becomes “climate change.” – a deception to downplay the lack of global warming.

“CO₂ emissions” are called “carbon emissions.” – a deception suggesting black-soot emissions rather than emissions of a colourless, odourless gas that is an essential plant food in a CO₂-starved atmosphere.

CO₂ is a pollutant. – a lie since the planet, without CO₂, would be a desert devoid of all life.

Extreme weather events are evidence of man-made climate change. – a lie since the severity and frequency of these events have not increased.

Polar ice caps are melting, and the sea-level increase is accelerating. – a deceptive use of cherry-picked data to spin fear.

CO₂ is a major climate-control variable. – a gross exaggeration at best. To blindly believe that climate change is all due to CO₂ is naive or moronic.

Coal, oil, and natural gas (aka “fossil fuels”) are non-green fuels. – a lie because they produce the CO₂ that extends the Green Period of the planet.

A CO₂-induced doomsday is imminent. – an outrageous lie.

Too much CO₂ can be generated. – a lie that fails to account for the limited reserves of fossil fuels and the vast, interconnected, atmosphere/ocean storage system.

The relevance or even existence of ancient CO₂-rich atmospheres is denied. – a deception since they did exist and were highly desirable.

Unfortunately, the lack of sufficient fossil-fuel reserves makes it impossible to restore the CO₂-rich, ancient atmospheres. The CO₂ content of today’s atmosphere and oceans is at a record low level because of the natural sequestration of CO₂ to form carbonate rocks.

Furthermore, the singularly common element of all life (from amoebas to giant Redwoods and human beings) is indeed carbon. To declare CO₂ a pollutant is tantamount to criminal stupidity and is about as anti-human as anyone can get.

In this rabbit hole of lies and deceptions, the alarmists will continue their fearmongering, including the psychological abuse of children, to promote their many agendas no matter how much farther down the rabbit hole it takes them.

When will our political leaders extricate us from this rabbit hole of climate-change lies and deceptions? Failure to do so may subject us to an unworkable form of global governance and, worse yet, assure the collapse of our well-deserved, modern, industrial economy.

2. The Cliff

Another analogy to the climate change rabbit hole is the cliff. Metaphorically speaking, there are cliffs at the individual level and for the society as a whole.

A family member is standing on a plain at the top of a cliff. Perhaps it is in a poor country which has refused to privately develop its primary industries and has lost its manufacturing industries. So, people actually stand around waiting for food or toilet paper. However, it is not. It is Canada, a country he trusts.

He has his back to the cliff, and he has no idea that it is there or that he even needs to turn around and look. It is a substantial distance away. He cannot be taught the geography behind him, only what is in front of him. He takes the advice, “Don’t look back” literally.

Every day, somebody, far from having the appearance of a bully, pushes him backwards one centimetre, allegedly for the good of the environment. At first, he is slightly annoyed, but he calmly puts it in perspective and realizes one centimetre is nothing.

After all, he does not know this person is a bully. She seems pleasant enough, and she is willing to teach all about the land in front of him. He does not suspect a lie of omission about the geography behind him. Furthermore, he has bigger problems than losing a centimetre of ground. He smiles and acquiesces. Besides, he is wiser with new knowledge and happy that he, in a small way, can help the Earth.

This goes on everyday for many years, and he is unaware that he is eventually at the cliff’s edge. At this point, the ground starts to crumble, and he falls. His last thought before he hit the rocks fifty metres below is how did this happen?

Meanwhile, the bully is standing safely at the top of the cliff looking down. What is going through the bully’s mind is that if the process had started farther away from the cliff, she could have subjected him to a few more years of indoctrination. So, how is this good for the environment? Like the attack on carbon, it may not be. However, the sum of many seemingly acceptable small steps may spell disaster.

Did he get pushed off the cliff intentionally? No, of course not. However, the bully

did not anticipate that her goal, of saving the environment, could affect a life. Environmentalists never do. Furthermore, the instability of the cliff edge was, of course, the fault of carbon dioxide produced by man.

According to AOC¹⁰ (US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez¹¹) the cliff is twelve years away (from 2018). She may be absolutely correct. Her Green New Deal, with socialist interjections¹², was actually born in Britain in 2007¹³ and would likely end the world, as we know it, well before 2030. Dr. Sebastian Gorka,¹⁴ Salem Radio's *America First* host and former deputy assistant to President Trump, calls the “Green New Scam a watermelon, green on the outside and communist red on the inside.”

Alex Epstein¹⁵, writer and fossil fuel advocate, gave a five-minute video at Prager University (prageru.com). He said, “And yet, Green New Deal proponents, who say that we have twelve years to save the planet from rising CO₂ levels, vigorously oppose nuclear in addition to all fossil-fuel use. By opposing every affordable, abundant, reliable form of energy, the Green New Deal won’t protect us from an existential threat; it is an existential threat.”

From the IPCC (United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) October 2018 report¹⁶, 2030 is the target date (the twelve years). In the report's summary for policymakers (SPM A.1), a global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius will be reached between 2030 and 2050 at the current rate of warming. This assumes the warming is linear not cyclic.

The summary (SPM A.3) also states, “the climate-related risks will be higher for a global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius.” It is extremely dishonest to extrapolate from this that the world will end in twelve years.

According to an Associated Press article written by Peter James Spielmann¹⁷, a doomsday was predicted back in 1989. “A senior U.N. environmental official says entire nations could be wiped off the face of the Earth by rising sea levels if the global warming trend is not reversed by the year 2000.”

The environmental fearmongers would have us live in perpetual fear if we are dumb enough to believe them. How legitimate is the world ending in 2030 now? Fool us once, shame on you. Fool us again, shame on us. Is it not crystal clear, we are victims of a ‘BIG LIE’ propagated by an Orwellian “Ministry of Truth¹⁸”, with the complicity of the fake-news media and our education system?

The key to having life so good is to realize why we have it so good. One reason is

two words, fossil fuels. Any ignorance in this regard is not a strength¹⁹.

The cliff is a metaphor for the destruction of a modern economy. Climate change drives us to the edge of the cliff by attacking fossil fuels and increasing government. The government and debt seem to be subject to a ratchet effect²⁰. They always increase but rarely shrink. President Donald J. Trump is the exception with his elimination of many Obama regulations including the removal of CO₂-induced climate change from the US government website.