

## Does Spaghetti Cause Wind?

Those who are well-informed are aware of the recent hacking of e-mails and data from the Climate Research Unit at East Anglia University in Great Britain. Because of the amount of information, considerable time will be needed to review all the data and messages, but a quick review of the e-mails shows that some of the scientists trying to prove that mankind is causing “global warming” through increased carbon dioxide emissions are not above falsifying and manipulating data to “make it fit” their agenda, or threatening those who dare to disagree with it.

I received an e-mail from one of the less-informed inhabitants of the earth. He wrote:

“I never heard of these [leaked] e-mails, but there has to be a damn good reason why our planet is getting warmer by the day. Shit, icebergs have been seen as far as New Zealand! I personally think it is because so many gasses are going into the atmosphere that the ozone layer gets weakened. When that happens, the sun’s rays warm the planet even more. Now if someone is using that to push a nefarious political agenda, that’s another ballgame altogether. But tell me, what is the cause of global warming, if not man?”

I had to laugh. Here was someone who has been so indoctrinated by the global warming propaganda continuously broadcast by the media (and misguided politicians) that it did not occur to him that anything *but* mankind’s activities could cause the earth’s temperature to rise! “Let’s see... the sun and its cycles, ocean currents, jet streams, water vapor, cloud cover, evaporation, precipitation, planetary alignments, the earth’s orbit, the tilt and wobble of the earth on its axis, volcanic eruptions, wind, methane rising from underground, cosmic rays... nah, it can’t be any of *those* things... it must be us evil human beings!”

I wrote back:

*“But tell me, what is the cause of global warming, if not man?”* You may as well ask, ‘What is the cause of wind, if not spaghetti?’”

I don’t think he will like my response. Perhaps I should have elaborated:

Mankind is *not* causing any significant (or likely even any measurable) "global warming." In fact, the earth has been cooling for the last 11 years or so.

The temperature increases of the 1990s were exaggerated by the loss of reporting stations in the former Soviet Union. As the evil empire dissolved, funding cuts closed reporting stations. Take all the temperature data from around the world, and start omitting data from Siberia. Do you think that might have an impact?

Some cities moved their reporting stations over the years. Chicago's official temperature used to come from Midway Airport; now it comes from O’Hare International Airport. Can that make a difference? Of course it can. Rip up some prairie and add a few more

concrete runways. Will that make a difference? Obviously. As cities grow and concrete and asphalt replace trees and grass, the average temperatures in those cities rises, and that is reflected in official statistics. But that doesn't mean the average temperature is rising 20 miles out of town. There is a temperature recording station located at the Grand Canyon; there is also a station in Tucson—in a parking lot in the center of the city. What do the climate scientists do with those readings? We don't know, because the scientists aren't telling—even though we're paying their salaries with our tax dollars.

All the so-called “experts” who claim mankind is causing global warming frequently ignore many important factors that affect their data. Their “theories” are just that—theories. (Arguably, the man-caused global warming theory is only a hypothesis.) They will argue that they “factor in” things like the relocation of reporting stations and ocean currents—maybe even cow flatulence. I'd be curious to know how they do those things. So would many scientists. Yet the global warming doomsayers are not willing to share their data or calculations. Not even with other scientists. The leaked e-mails show that they have done their best to avoid Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Hmm, why would anyone want to hide their data and their calculations if they have confidence in them? (“No, officer, I'd rather you not look in the trunk of my car... but I can assure you there is nothing in there.”)

Here is one important factor the Goreistas tend to ignore:

The sun has cycles of increased activity.

When there is increased solar activity, the solar flares disrupt gamma rays coming from space, preventing some of them from reaching the earth's atmosphere. That causes a reduction in cloud formation, and the earth's temperature rises.

Rising temperatures cause more evaporation of the oceans, resulting in increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Rising CO2 levels *follow* the warming, they are not its primary *cause*. On a rainy day Al Gore looks in the sky and says, “Look at those clouds... they must be caused by rain.” *Hey Al, did you ever consider that it might be the other way around?* (The *minimal* effect of CO2 on warming is no cause for alarm; it results in greater crop yields and less human starvation. In the past, the earth has had CO2 levels much higher than current levels.)

When there is decreased solar activity, there are fewer solar flares to disrupt gamma rays. More rays enter the earth's atmosphere, causing increased cloud formation. Increased cloud cover causes the temperature to drop. We are now in a period of reduced solar activity, which is causing earth's temperature to drop.

For millions of years solar activity has ebbed and flowed, resulting in fluctuating temperatures on earth. Scientists have validated thousands of years of that correlation through the examination of ice cores in the Antarctic and in Greenland. Scientists have shown that temperature changes much more closely follow solar activity than CO2 levels. So which does Gore choose to believe? CO2. (Why? Because you can't tax solar activity

or use it to promote global socialism.)

There is a reason, by the way, that Greenland is called *Greenland*. It used to be much greener, during the Medieval Warming Period—the period which Al Gore and his pals pretend never existed. (The MWP in the leaked CRU e-mails refers to that dratted Medieval Warming Period they wish would go away.)

So, don't sweat the CO<sub>2</sub>. But do not take that to mean I support pollution. I certainly do not. Dump poisonous sludge on my property and I will sue you. Dump toxic wastes into streams and be prosecuted. Pollute the atmosphere and be fined. But CO<sub>2</sub> is *not* a pollutant. We exhale CO<sub>2</sub>, for Heaven's sake. If you think too much CO<sub>2</sub> is a problem, stop breathing.

If you are worried about "greenhouse gases," water vapor is *far* more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>, so why is Gore not worried about that? I'll bet he takes long hot showers and creates steam. He might even enjoy a hot cup of coffee or tea now and then. And with his corpulent frame, I'll also bet he creates a lot of water vapor when he breathes outside during the winter. In the summer, his limousine idling with the air conditioning on while he gives a speech so it will be cool when he leaves the auditorium is not exactly "green." *Shut up, Al.*

I am tired of seeing photographs of icebergs with the frightening caption "Icebergs Melting." How can you look at an iceberg and know whether it is melting? Can the photograph tell you whether the temperature is at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit? (That's zero degrees Centigrade, for you liberal elitists.) If I photograph a bowl of ice cream in my freezer, would I label that "ice cream melting?" *Shut up, Al.*

And photographs of polar bears on floating ice. That's what polar bears *do*, walk around on ice, swim in cold water, and look for dinner. That's why you don't see photographs of polar bears wandering through the Mojave desert. And there are more polar bears than there were decades ago. *Shut up, Al.*

The media shows videos of glaciers calving and reports that is "evidence" of warming. Calving is also produced by the *growth* of glaciers. As a glacier grows, gravity pushes ice down slope. At the bottom of the glacier, that pushing of tons of ice causes the ice at the bottom to drop off ("calve") and fall into the bay, inlet, river, or ocean. Simply by looking at calving you *cannot* determine whether the event is caused by an advancing or a retreating glacier... but the odds are that it is advancing. *Shut up, Al.*

Yes, there is less snow than there used to be on Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa. But that is not from "global warming." It is the result of the deforestation of trees at the base of the mountain, which prevents some of the natural cooling provided by those trees. *Shut up, Al.*

Regardless of what Obama, Gore, and others may say, the science is *not* settled, and there is *no* consensus among scientists that mankind is causing any dramatic global warming.

In fact, as time passes, more and more scientists have moved into the skeptic camp. Now that the hacked (or intentionally leaked) e-mails and documents from the CRU in Great Britain show that some of the Goreistas have been cooking the books, manipulating the data, refusing to comply with FOIA requests, and threatening the “evil doubters,” I would suspect that the ranks of the skeptics will grow. There are many who feared speaking out because they did not want to get fired. They may now be shouting from the rooftops. John Coleman, founder of the Weather Channel, and 30,000 other scientists, are considering suing Al Gore for global warming fraud. Yes... 30,000—to some that may almost seem a consensus!

It is worth noting that U.S. tax dollars have gone to help fund the scaremongers at CRU, even though it is in Great Britain. Feel free to ask you Senators and Congressman to use that as justification for an investigation into the shenanigans going on there.

Bye-bye, cap and trade legislation. Global socialism will have to wait a little longer...

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