

Certainly an “Inconvenient Truth” (III)

“The first to present his case SEEMS RIGHT, till another comes forward and questions him.” Proverbs 18:17

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been writing to you on the topic of Global Warming. As I pointed out last week, Global Warming is the term given to the observed increase in the average temperature of the Earth's ocean and near-surface air in recent decades and its *projected continuation* into the 22nd century. If the temperature continues to rise at the current rate, some scientists (and politicians!) are predicting coastal flooding and land erosion (as glaciers and polar ice caps melt), an increase in extreme weather events (i.e. hurricanes and cyclones), changes in agricultural yields (i.e. fewer crops, less food), the extinction of various species on earth (i.e. polar bears and penguins), and increases in various dangerous tropical diseases. As I have also informed you, this potential threat led to the United Nations establishing The **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** in 1988 “to assess the scientific evidence relative to human-induced climate change, predict the current and potential effects of these changes, and develop courses of actions to reduce this human-induced climate changes”. Since their inception, the IPCC has concluded that the major contributors to increased temperatures on earth are emissions of greenhouse gases and aerosols due to HUMAN ACTIVITIES (i.e. burning of fossil fuels and deforestation of third world countries). These “internationally” supported scientific findings are considered “irrefutable” by some governments and politicians (i.e. such as Al Gore) and have given rise to a powerful new “world-wide” political agenda and media blitz.

As a result of the strategically orchestrated efforts of Hollywood, major T.V. and Radio networks, and significant political figures, Global Warming “alarmists” have finally been able to convince enough people that if we do not take tough (and very, very expensive) universal governmental regulatory actions NOW, then life on this planet will be in unavoidable peril!

But, is this so-called “Inconvenient Truth”, as so carefully documented and explained to us by the politicians and IPCC, really TRUTH? Are the so-called “undeniable” observable facts presented by the Global Warming alarmists really UNDENIABLE? Is Global Warming a real threat to this world and are the recommendations of the United Nations truly reasonable and the best effective means to solve this threat? And (most importantly to you and I) as Christians, what are we to believe and do in light of this “overwhelmingly” sobering issue?

To answer these questions, let me start by saying that although I majored in Physics in college and have had some “applied” engineering experiences while in the U.S. Navy and the Paper Industry, I am FAR from being a “technical” expert in any field of science (and especially the world of “CLIMATOLOGY”!). In fact, because of being educated in America’s public school system, as well as living for years trusting that whatever was reported by local and national news media was carefully screened and researched to verify its accuracy, I WAS INITIALLY CONVINCED THAT GLOBAL WARMING WAS A REAL THREAT CAUSED PRIMARILY BY HUMAN ACTIONS (i.e. too many cars, too many manufacturing plants, not enough trees, too much pollution, etc., etc.). However, since I have become a Christian (November 1986!!!), I have learned to be very careful to believe information that I receive from “worldly” sources. I now know that Satan is a “deceiver” and will use whatever means necessary (including weather concerns) to cause mankind to panic and focus on the wrong things. I also know that our wisdom and “directions” are to come from God and not “politicians” (Psalm 119:105). God’s Word tells His children that *“The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge...”* (Prov 18:15). Therefore, as a believer, we are to seek knowledge, but we are also instructed to interpret all that we see and hear in the world through the eyes of FAITH and through the filter of the Word of God. Isn’t it great to know that Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit (given to ALL true believers) would *“lead you into ALL TRUTH”* (John 16:13)? I personally believe that “all truth” includes the truth about the real threat of Global Warming and the suggested means to solve this reported problem! So, with all of this said, I want to share with you the wisdom that the Holy Spirit has shared with me as I “sought wisdom” about this matter and took the time to research OTHER “scientific” viewpoints on Global Warming (Prov 18:17).

In summary, my research has led me to believe that the reports from the IPCC and the campaign speeches (and movie) by Al Gore are FAR FROM IRREFUTABLE! As I looked to see if there were any documented “scientific” disagreements with the frequently published global warming temperature trends, I was surprised to find just how many universally recognized scientists and organizations are arguing against the findings of the IPCC and who are angry that the “media” is not giving an equal voice to alternative viewpoints on this critical public issue. Time and space prohibits me from providing you with all of the arguments and documentation that refutes Global Warming, but you can review a lot of this for yourself if you get on the Internet and use your favorite search engine to look up “Global Warming Myths”, “Global Warming Swindle”, or “Global Warming Skeptics”. Specifically look into the recent (March 2007) Senate Hearings on Global Warming before the Environment & Public Works Committee. If you don’t have access to the Internet, just come by my office and I will “flood” you with scientific and official government documents that significantly refute the “world is getting too hot” arguments.

Next week, I will actually list some of the most important facts that “debunk” Al Gore’s “Inconvenient Truth” claims. In the following week, I will try to answer the question “Who wins by trying to convince the world that

Global Warming is a man made problem that is solvable only by man?" After that, I will write about the REAL "Inconvenient Truth" about an ACTUAL Global Warming phenomenon that God, Himself, promised to bring upon the earth in its "last days". This prophesied event that is truly coming upon the earth has no connection to what is being discussed today by "alarmists" and it can not be solved by the United Nations, individual governments, Al Gore or any other "human devised method". Only Jesus Christ can save us from this REAL Global Warming (Rom 5:9)!

In the meantime, let's spend most of our time trying to get MAN saved (Acts 1:8) instead of the POLAR BEARS; because, as God has said, it is "*All MEN who have sinned and fallen short of His glory*" (Rom 3:23).

- Pastor Louis