

The Start of Our Eleventh Year at Freedom Matters: Retrospect and Prospect

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It's January, so *Freedom Matters* starts a new Volume. We start this one, #11, by looking back and also ahead. Well, January is named for Janus, a 2-faced god whose one face looked back while the other looked to the future.

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Looking back, our Volume 9 (*issues #8, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14*) dealt heavily with AGW, *human-induced global warming*, a politically driven hypothesis pushed by the U.N.'s *Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (IPCC). Note: AGW = anthropogenic GW = human-induced GW.

AGW says that CO₂ from burning of fossil fuels upsets Earth's natural heat exchange equilibrium, resulting in an unnatural and deadly increase in global temperature, a "greenhouse effect." To the contrary, the scientific literature abundantly shows current global warming to be within the limits of a continuation of a 600,000 year geological record of cycles of ice ages of about 100,000 years duration interspersed with warm periods of about 10,000 years duration, and with shorter cycles of warming and cooling within the latter. *In this context, scientific support for AGW is sparse, poorly correlative at best, and fraud at worst.*

Volume 10 updated the AGW story re new data.

- (1) Hacked emails revealed AGW proponents at work faking key AGW data; AGW mainstream scientists defended them.
- (2) Dr. Jeff Glassman showed via IPCC's own favorite data that *solar heat absorbed by Earth* mimicked global surface air temperatures for the years 1850-2010, *leaving no room* for CO₂ changes in air to affect Earth's temperature (*see FM, V10, #5 & #6*).
- (3) Major AGW proponents publicly scorned scientific truth in favor of doing "post normal science" (PNS); i.e., they admitted that they *fabricated "scenarios"* as if those were scientific predictions, in order to use AGW to advance social justice goals. Dr. Mike Hulme openly practiced PNS in IPCC's TAR (Third Assessment Report, 2001). [*see FM, V10, #7*]

The CO₂-AGW hypothesis is so scientifically flawed that >31,000 scientists do not believe it. I'm with them.

Most citizens also do not believe AGW. Why not?

First, recent geological history shows that Earth locks up far longer and more severely in ice ages than in warm ages, so we have far more reason to fear a new ice age than a scorched Earth. *Second*, if we have reached "peak oil," as some experts claim, then Earth does not have enough fossil fuel available to double atmospheric CO₂ from where we are now. Those two observations destroy the case that AGW is a danger. *Third*, the AGW hypothesis requires that CO₂ from fossil fuel remain in the atmosphere for a hundred to a thousand years, to have its postulated warming effect, and AGW alarmists use computer

scenarios to "prove" it does. Contrarily, about 50 isotopic studies prove that a CO₂ molecule remains in air with a half-life of only about 5 years; note: chemical processes cannot tell the difference between a fossil fuel CO₂ and any other CO₂. Lastly, as Glassman showed, Henry's solubility law limits how much CO₂ is in air by the 50-fold greater amount that's in the ocean.

Thus, *Freedom Matters* sees AGW as one of those made-up crises that politicians hate to waste because crises are the leverage by which to pass oppressive laws. War, famine, pestilence, AGW – or merely development in the neighborhood's back yard – are used to frighten people into giving up their freedoms in order to obtain "security."

As to AGW, social forces are establishing "cap and trade" of permits to emit CO₂, even as Congress refuses to enact it. This is big business out to make a financial killing, and big scientific egos out to save their careers, even if cap and trade ends technological progress and plunges us into a modern dark age. The elites pushing it think they will survive it in comfort, and willingly consign the rest of us to poverty.

Mainstream science and mainstream news are infected with the "liberal" or "progressive" mindset of so-called *social justice*. People with that mindset strive for leadership roles in the administrative bodies that run our social institutions. In the case of science, their *social justice* leadership of the scientific societies and the scientific granting processes has embraced Ravetz's *post-normal science*, PNS, by which AGW scenarios rather than classical truth-seeking, is now the dominant influence. Whether PNS will prevail or whether it will be drummed out of science and politics is still in conflict.

Most of our Volume 10 was concerned with two other major current issues: (1) *Obamacare*, the corruptly enacted federal socialized medicine bill, which polling services say a majority of US citizens opposed, and (2) the US *constitution*, now nearly destroyed by the corrupt mockery that is our federal judicial system of constitutional law.

Those two issues were main pillars of the "tea party" movement, which transformed USA's 2010 midterm elections into a repudiation of the Obama administration and its lackeys in Congress. *Freedom Matters* did not touch on the other major tea party concern, which also troubled the US citizenry at large, namely the exploding US debt resulting from fiscal profligacy in Washington.

Nor did we touch on the ballooning of administrative law being used to bypass Congress and create more and more of a police state in our nation. This threatens to become a corrosive influence in Obama's last two years. It is part of our continuing constitutional crisis.

So, where will *Freedom Matters* go in Volume 11? We aim to be a rational voice for truthseeking over socialist scenarios, and for rejecting the Saul Alinsky dirty tactics used to undermine the constitutional and free-market processes that are our only route to freedom and prosperity.

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