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"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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THE FORGOTTEN FACTOR

It appears that despite the failure of the United Nations-sponsored Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen last year, designed to secure a binding legal agreement on carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, most people continue to strongly believe that any warming of the planet is caused by the activities of human beings and little else. This is because for years the mainstream media and many government agencies keep maintaining that anthropogenic global warming (AGW) is a settled science--and people are swallowing this line without question. In other words, this planet is doomed--doomed to perish in a thickening CO₂ blanket of our own making. That is, unless we immediately drastically reduce the amount of carbon that is constantly spewing into the atmosphere through our coal-burning factories, smelters, power stations, ozone-destroying refrigerators, cars, trucks and planes and countless other pollutants. Consequently, schoolchildren are feverishly planting trees to "save the planet" and governments are constantly seeking ways to punish those who are causing pollution of the air with taxes such as the much-vaunted Emissions Trading Scheme that will severely affect the productive capacity and profitability of many valuable income producers in this country.

Magnetic Interaction of the Sun

Nevertheless, increasing numbers of scientists are challenging this theory, arguing that other factors such as the magnetic interaction of the sun, shifts in ocean currents and their temperature cycles, and the influence of the most important greenhouse gas in our atmosphere---water vapour, as found in clouds---all work to counteract the rises of CO₂. Naturally, of course, the overwhelmingly powerful, politically correct, environmental and supposedly scientific advocates give little credence to these other factors. However, if CO₂ is not the problem behind current climate change, a world gone crazy over AGW would be spending an untold amount of money (some \$45 trillion by 2050) with no discernable impact on the climate. Surely this would have to be the very height of folly! In their crusading zeal to save the planet, it seems some politicians are prepared to sacrifice the prosperity of their nations for an unproved theory. AGW is nothing more than a dubious hypothesis based on the biased testimony of UN lackeys, politicians, Hollywood stars and academics with a particular agenda and is forever being touted by the media as conclusive proof of man-made climate change.

Worldwide Red Herring

The collective embrace of man-made global warming as the cause of the increasing number of environmental disasters is one great worldwide red herring. The rejection of biblical Christianity in the Western world has left a spiritual vacuum which has been filled by the new god of environmentalism, now becoming a form of religious fanaticism that fosters a sense of moral superiority in its adherents and brooks no disagreement. Even as the theory of evolution blinds people to the very existence of God the Creator, so the AGW theory blinds them to the fact that this same God is using environmental and climate change as a dire warning that we are breaking His laws, both physical and spiritual, and are now paying the price of our stupidity.

The Forgotten Factor

The Bible declares that it is God who created the heavens and the earth. He is the forgotten factor in this one-sided debate. It is this God who created mankind in His own image and likeness because He had a great transcendent purpose in mind when He formed the earth as a suitable habitat for man to help Him in His divine plan and purpose. It is God who controls the weather. For those who are righteous, His blessings include good weather. For those who are unrighteous, He will use various means, including the weather, to bring about genuine repentance and to restore man's relationship to Him. However, man has gone astray from God's purpose in a multitude of ways. We pollute and overly exploit the earth with its abundant, yet finite resources. We live in destructive ways, fracturing human relationships, warring and fighting each other and trampling both the environment and our fellowmen as we press on to our limited scientific utopia promised by the worldly wise of this earth.

Signs of the End Times

Unquestionably, natural disasters are occurring more frequently these days---and in ever-increasing severity. Nevertheless, there is another reason for this, other than global warming. It is this: these catastrophes, ranging from devastating earthquakes, horrendous floods, droughts and famines, volcanoes and insect plagues in numerous places, are signs that we are living in the end times as prophesied in Scripture. Jesus Christ Himself said that "there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences...and distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and waves roaring". Jesus also prophesied that "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married...until the day that Noah entered the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all." We do all those things now, believing that life will always continue the same as now.

An Unseen Observer

That's what they thought in Noah's day. But God was an Unseen Observer---and He was immensely angry because the earth was corrupt in God's sight and filled with violence. The people of Noah's time had turned their backs on God to live in immorality and violence. Is it any different today? Immorality, perversion, lawlessness, crime and corruption are steadily dragging the nations down into a mire of iniquity. Biblical standards are scorned: fornication and adultery are accepted and often joked about; homosexuality, so strongly denounced in Scripture, is steadily being accepted as a normal way of life; alcohol and drugs are ensnaring many young people; pornography is commonplace; abortion is endemic; and godless education programs are destroying the moral fibre of today's youth.

Kept for Burning

Something else that those of the "save the planet" persuasion should know is this sure word of Scripture: "The world that existed (in Noah's day) perished, being flooded with water. And the present heavens and earth, again by God's Word, have been kept in store for burning; they are being reserved until the Day of Judgment when the godless will be destroyed." (2 Peter 3: 7) Moreover, the Day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. Even so, it is not His will for any to be lost, but for all to come to repentance. And that means you. Are you ready to meet your God? Be sure you are---worshipping Him with reverence and awe, for our God is a devouring fire.

PRAYER

Almighty God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, hallowed be Your name. As blood-covenanted servants, we worship and thank You for Your Living Word, JESUS CHRIST, our Lord and Saviour. Sovereign Lord, thank You for His finished work on the Cross of Calvary and the filling of Your Holy Spirit to renew the minds of all who trust in Him. Thank You, too, for the wisdom to recognise that Your law is perfect, reviving the soul; Your statutes are trustworthy, making wise the simple; Your precepts are right, giving joy to the heart, and Your commandments are radiant, giving spiritual light to our eyes. Dear Lord, we pray that You will sweep into Your Kingdom through a mighty end-time harvest the lost who fail to acknowledge *The Forgotten Factor*. May they deeply repent and surrender their all to JESUS CHRIST, the King of kings and Lord of lords to the glory of Almighty God. Amen.

R.A: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man; in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

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