

## NUCLEAR vs. CARBON DIOXIDE

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In an age where we have such a breadth of knowledge on past climates and can work out likely future scenarios based on the one and only true climate driver – our SUN – coupled with our Earth's position in space relative to the rest of our Universe, the Government of the United Kingdom decides that it is better to spend billions of Pounds on nuclear power, rather than the same amount on carbon fuel power stations.

By inference this makes nuclear waste preferable to a bit more carbon dioxide.

No faith in future technology then. Granted, wind power is a waste of time, solar panels are thus far a waste of time, growing crops purely for fuel is a waste of time, wave power is a waste of time, but that doesn't mean to say our collective knowledge in the next 10 or 20 years won't find answers that we can not think of at this precise moment in time – this has happened hundreds of times in the past and will no doubt happen again.

We're not exactly at a knowledge dead-end and in any case carbon fuels aren't about to run out soon either.

To add a couple of hundred gigatons of carbon dioxide to our precious atmosphere will make no difference to the climate, but allow plenty of time for feasible alternative sources of energy to be developed.

There are plenty ways of turning carbon dioxide into useful food, ask any farmer. That's not an option with radio-active waste – that will be left over as a legacy for future generations, thank you.

Emission filters can now remove all pollutants from the burning of carbon fuels and none are in any case anywhere near as toxic or dangerous as nuclear waste.

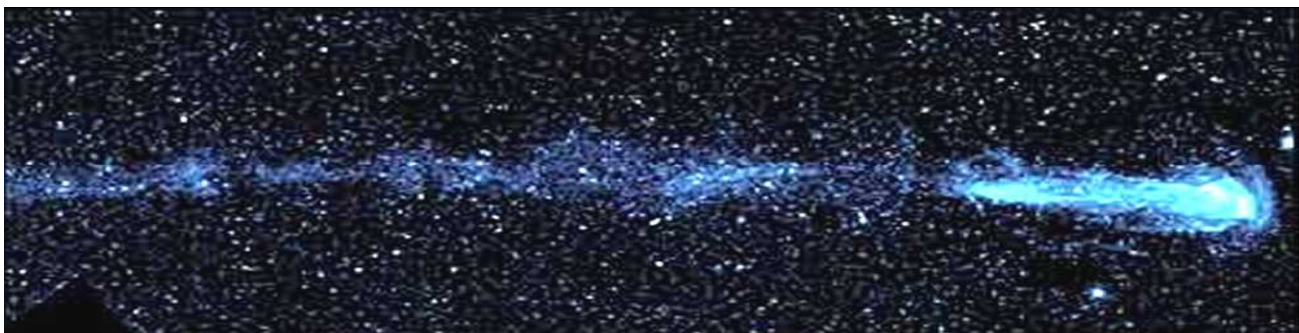
At the beginning of every Century there seems to be a period of confused thinking and panic attacks and this 21st Century is no exception so far. Maybe a third world war will be the only answer, but that is a pretty nasty alternative to using a bit of brain-power to solve problems that have solutions if only those in power cared for more than their own fame and votes at the next election.

Maybe Mother Nature will do it her own way. Cool the climate and freeze silly thoughts into little blocks of ice, so they can be tossed into the oceans, never to be seen or heard of again. No need either for silly ideas by silly Professors who want to bring the deep ocean up for a breath of fresh air or plants trees in the Sahara.

Fresh, clear thinking by unbiased scientists is called for, not moronic outbursts of no value. And above all, debate, debate and more debate – nothing is settled and everything is open for debate, that is the only way to find solutions that have a chance of succeeding without demanding that the rest of us put up or shut up, because in the end, we won't! Science is all about skepticism. Consensus is not scientific, it's political.

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PS: In praise of carbon dioxide: <http://www.ilovemycarbondioxide.com/pdf/Bellamy.pdf> – try doing the same with the waste left over by nuclear power stations. Use coal, we have a thousand year supply of it, maybe even more and oil is now more plentiful now than ever.



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