

THE COLLAPSE OF CLIMATE ALARMISM

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Part 5: Wrap up

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Corrections to Memo 04/08

Sharp-eyed recipients of my memos have drawn the following to my attention.

There was a slight blip in my Table 4.2. I have condensed Table 4.1 and redrawn Table 4.2. Each row in the table is a double sunspot period beginning with the year in the first column. The grouping of wet and dry sequences and the correlation with the double sunspot cycle is even clearer than before. Peter Tyson is the doyen of South African climatologists.

I must stress once again that the interest is in **sequences of years**, not individual years. This is where other researchers made a fundamental mistake. They searched for linkages between solar activity and climate on a yearly basis instead of a periodic basis. When they could not detect it they assumed that no linkage was present. Table 4.2 below demonstrates the opposite.

Table 4.1. Periodic range of wet and dry rainfall sequences. (Tyson 1987).

Years	Wet/Dry
1971-80	Wet
1962-70	Dry
1953-61	Wet
1944-52	Dry
1933-43	Wet
1925-32	Dry
1916-24	Wet
1905-15	Dry

This information is presented in tabular form in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2. Periodic behaviour of South African rainfall.

Periodic behaviour of South African rainfall after Tyson (1987)																								
Period Starting	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1996														?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?			
1976	W	W	W	W	W																			
1954	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	W	W	W	W	W	W		
1933	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	W			
1913	D	D	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D				
1889																D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

It has also been drawn to my attention that the press release SSRC 1-2008 that I attached to my memo 04/08 was a scam. It was probably a caustic counter to the climate alarmist lobby. Nevertheless there is a fair amount of truth in what it had to say.

Please note the above on your copy of Memo 04/08.

Out of India

My attention has also been drawn to an article in the CSE's Fortnightly News Bulletin from India. It is a pro-environmental publication. I have been assured of its authenticity. It was also very cynical of the Bali conference but from a different perspective. The following are some very short extracts.

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CSE's Fortnightly News Bulletin [January 11, 2008]

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An e-bulletin from CSE, India, to our network of friends and professionals interested in environmental issues. Website csewhatsnew@lists.csenews.org

Bali: the mother of all no-deals (By Sunita Narain)

The Bali conference on climate change is over. But the fight against climate change has only just begun. The message from Bali is the fight will be downright brutal and selfish. Let us cut through the histrionics of the Bali conference to understand that as far as an agreement is concerned, the world has not moved an inch from where it stood on climate some 17 years ago, when negotiations began.

Understand now what this UN legalese means. Firstly, no targets have been set for developed nations to cut emissions; no timeframe has been set by when emission would have to peak and then fall sharply. Secondly, it accepts that the countries will take on actions, not commitments...

But why then make a big deal of Bali? Two reasons: one, because developing countries managed to fight off a sneaky and underhand attempt to include them in the group that would take on commitments. This is part of the age-old battle. We know that the US (and Japan, Canada and New Zealand) leading with many hiding at the back have insisted for 17 years that they will not do anything till emerging big polluters like China, India, Brazil and South Africa are asked to cut emissions.

We also know that to get the US on board, the Europeans time and again try to persuade reluctant parties. This game has been played ad nauseum and was played in Bali...

[This was the purpose of the Stern Review as well as the visit by two senior UK civil servants to South Africa organized by the UK High Commissioner last year. W.]

Words were craftily twisted. Now the plan said developing country parties would take "measurable, reportable and verifiable nationally appropriate mitigation actions". In other words, take on commitments. Worse, the rephrasing was done behind the backs of G-77 and China and the meeting to pass it was called on the sly. Nasty, despicable actions.

[This action caused China to accuse the organizers of underhand tactics. De Boer denied this, burst into tears and left the room. W.]

This is when the Indians (and others) got up to demand change. The final agreement calls for "appropriate mitigation actions by developing countries" in a "measurable, reportable and verifiable manner". This was a mock-battle, because the draft would never have been acceptable to developing countries. But damage has been done. As the European Union and the secretariat of the climate convention were seen to back this re-worded action plan, trust has been eroded. Now developing countries will be even more reluctant to engage. Hardliners will say, "we told you so".

Read the editorial online >>

http://www.downtoearth.org.in/cover_nl.asp?mode=1

Global temperatures

There is a lot of email traffic questioning the IPCC's claims of recent increases in global temperatures. As I mentioned earlier, the IPCC reports are very coy when it comes to disclosing the basis and annual data used for their reconstructions of global temperatures since 1850.

The global CO₂ vs global temperature claims are also under siege.

Resistance

The enormity of the postulated consequences of global warming, and costs and consequences of mitigation measures to control it, are such that they have attracted resistance and rebuttal by scientists in the affected disciplines. For example, the long-established and very conservative professional institutions in the engineering and applied sciences are already beginning to become involved. An example is the *White Paper on the Greenhouse Effect* produced by the International Road Federation on its web site at

<http://www.irfnet.org/cms/pages/PagesUp/White%20Paper%20%20roads%20and%20the%20greenhouse%20effect.pdf>

The following is from the foreword. A colleague is a member of this organisation.

Need we remind readers that 25 years ago, environmental orthodoxy claimed that the earth was entering a new ice age, and that human activity, industrialisation and its associated air pollution, i.e. the causes cited today in global warming, was to blame for accelerating the process of global cooling.

To assert that the "majority of scientists agree on the phenomenon of the greenhouse effect" seems strangely unscientific when not supported by a poll taken showing the proportion of top scientists who do agree.

Other scientists are forming resistance groups who produce publications and operate websites. They are growing in size and in numbers.

Latest news from Mozambique

24.com.home news of 15 January reports that floods in Mozambique have displaced 57 000 people and that the major rivers in the country are still rising. Does anybody think that the IPCC and the UK Met Office will reconsider their predictions that the flow in the Zambezi River will decrease by more than 30% by 2020? What about their South African counterparts? Will they distance themselves from the IPCC and UK Met Office scenarios? I doubt it. This is yet another example of the dishonest science practised by climate alarmists.

Final collapse

Climate alarmism collapsed at Bali. There is no possibility that nations of the world will irreversibly commit themselves to undertake substantial measures that must inevitably damage their economies and hinder their measures to reduce poverty and increase their future prosperity in a competitive world. There is no way that the South African authorities will even consider not continuing with the construction of new coal-fired power stations, or banning the import of cheap motor cars from India. Our GGEs will continue to rise inexorably in the years ahead.

Climate change science has also suffered irretrievable damage. The rejection of the influence of variations in solar activity was a serious mistake. There is an abundance of well documented historical evidence stretching from 150 years ago through to this memo that demonstrates the opposite.

In contrast, there is no evidence of synchronous, sub-continental scale environmental changes that irrefutably demonstrate that they are caused by human activities.

It is increasingly doubtful whether a meaningful successor to the Kyoto Protocol will be in place when the protocol expires in 2012. It is also difficult to see how the IPCC and the UNFCCC can continue to function effectively in the years ahead.

There can be no doubt that population growth and increases in prosperity of peoples and nations will cause further environmental damage and atmospheric pollution. The minimisation of these adverse effects will require an international cooperative effort from scientists in all disciplines. This is not happening. Rather the opposite.

Friendly advice

I have repeated this in the covering email.

I began this series of five memos with a biblical message. I now end with one. I bear no grudge against those who have attempted to silence me. I have far too much to be grateful for in my life. Let me rather end with some words of advice to climate alarmists.

Politics and science are like oil and water. They do not mix. Politics is all about dominance and control. Economic dominance in this case. When international negotiations fail and the next episode of global cooling sets in, scientists, not politicians, will be blamed for misleading the public. Public trust in scientists will diminish. Research funds will dry up. Not only yours but also for science in general.

I learnt my lesson many years ago. It was in Tripoli in North Africa. I attended a training course on mines and booby traps. It was presented by old hands who probably had more experience than any other unit in the 8th Army. I still have my much-used training manual. The biblical quotation on the first page was very appropriate.

*Ponder the path of thy feet and
let all thy ways be established.
Turn not to the right hand or to
the left. Remove thy foot from
evil.*

Proverbs. IV. V. 26,27

I once disregarded this advice. I was about to remove a Mauser rifle sticking out of the rubble that was once the lobby of the Continental Hotel in Cassino. The sergeant told me to leave it alone until the bulldozer cleared the rubble away. It was booby-trapped. He saved my life.

Think about it and the lack of honesty, transparency and reproducibility of the science that you are practising. It could save your career.

Kind regards

Will

For reference purposes, here are the links to Professor Alexander's previous memos:

http://www.ilovemycarbon dioxide.com/pdf/Bali_failure.pdf

http://www.ilovemycarbon dioxide.com/pdf/Memo_0208.pdf

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