

I2-Climate Change – its reality, its cause, and its cure

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People throughout the globe are worried about “climate change,” and many of them are calling on their national governments to undertake drastic and expensive measures to alter the course of this change. In doing so, they are making three key assumptions: (1) that the climate-change which we are experiencing today is unusual; (2) that the primary cause of this change is Mankind, and (3) that the power to control Earth’s climate is now, or soon will be, in the hands of Mankind. All three assumptions are wrong! Let us look at them.

Assumption 1

That the climate-change which we are experiencing today is unusual.

To the contrary, Earth’s climate was, is now, and ever will be changing.

First, our own experiences tell us that Earth’s climate is changing every minute of every day. Just watch your outdoor thermometer, and you will see that the temperature is always changing. Sometimes the sun is shining and heating up the air, but sometimes it is not, and the air cools down. Sometimes rain is falling and getting everything wet, but sometimes it is not, and everything stays dry. Sometimes sleet is falling and giving everything a coat of ice, but sometimes it is not, and you need not worry about your feet slipping or your car skidding.

Second, both ancient history and modern geology tell us that Earth’s climate has been changing drastically over the entire course of Earth’s past. There have been times when Earth’s climate was tropical. There have been times when large portions of Earth’s surface were locked in giant sheets of ice.

Third, we have no reason to believe that climate will cease changing in the future. Indeed, I think that, based on our experience now and our knowledge of the past, we should expect that Earth’s climate will keep changing every minute of every day until Earth ceases to exist.

Biblical Givens

Before I look at assumptions two and three, I want to explain the context in which I will do so. As I have indicated elsewhere on my website, the Bible indicates the following:

- God & Universe – God exists. He is eternal. He is omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, and unlimited. He is also benevolent, loving, and merciful. He is both a Unity and a Trinity, consisting of three, unique persons:
 - God-the-Father – He designed Universe and wrote Universe’s script.
 - God-the-Son - He made Universe in accordance with the Father’s design, sustains and manages Universe in accordance with the Father’s script, and will judge Universe on the Last Day in accordance with the Father’s moral laws (Exodus 20:1-17). He entered Creation in the person Jesus of Nazareth, who lived a sinless life, was crucified at Golgotha to atone for the sins of Mankind, died, and was buried, He rose from the grave and later ascended into Heaven, where He sits on God’s Throne at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory (the Parousia or 2nd Advent).
 - God-the-Holy Spirit - He energized Universe, gives life to Universe’s flora and fauna, and assists the Son in sustaining and managing Universe.
- Earth & History - Earth’s experience of time is created by its orbit around the sun and its rotation in place and is divided thereby into solar years, days, hours, minutes, and seconds. Earth’s history is divided into two major time spans: the Prehistoric Period and the Historic Period, which, according to my chronology, lie on either side of the year 665 BC. (See the attached table, *Outline of History*, which shows history’s structure and major periods, eras, and ages.)
 - The Prehistoric Period (3977-665 BC) – During it, Earth experienced a series of catastrophes that divided it into three eras, each of which was further divided into ages and minor periods. Each of these catastrophes altered Earth’s climate to some degree - sometimes drastically, sometimes only slightly. The last of these catastrophes, which I call the **2nd Hezekiah Disturbance**, occurred in 665 BC.
 - The Historic Period (665 BC-Present) – The **2nd Hezekiah Disturbance** precipitated the Pleistocene Epoch’s 8th Ice Age, which consisted of the Manketo Ice Advance and the Boreal Ice Retreat.¹ The latter ended c. 625

¹ The *Cenozoic Era* consists of three segments - the *Paleogene Period*, the *Neogene Period*, and the *Quaternary Period*. The *Quaternary Period* consists of two segments: the *Pleistocene Epoch*, and the *Holocene Epoch*. Then, in order to approximate the three divisions of the *Turbulent Era*, I divide the *Pleistocene Epoch* into three segments – the *Early Pleistocene Age* consisting of Ices Ages 1-4, the *Middle Pleistocene Age* consisting of Ice Age 5, and the *Late Pleistocene Age* consisting of Ice Ages 6-8.

BC, and the Holocene Epoch and its first segment, the Atlantic Age, commenced and have continued to the present day. During the Atlantic Age, Earth's climate has been relatively stable in comparison to what went on in the Prehistoric Era, but it has still fluctuated rather dramatically at times, thereby creating mini-glacial and mini-tropical periods.

Now I will return to assumptions two and three.

Assumption 2

That the primary cause of Earth's climate change is Mankind.

To the contrary, Mankind is not the primary cause of Earth's climate changes. Earth's climate is an incredibly complex phenomena that depends on thousands of variables. Despite all their research, geophysicists and meteorologists seldom predict tomorrow's weather accurately, and they certainly cannot explain how the global, climate system works or what the climate will be like in ten years – let alone twenty and thirty years - from now. Nonetheless, some of them claim that they can explain and predict the climate – claims that are not only laughable and arrogant, but dangerous as well. I say dangerous because the gullible acolytes of the growing Climate-change Religion echo its priests' prophecies of doom and lobby the nations of the world to legislate remedies that will require more government bureaucrats, more government regulations, and more government taxes, thereby resulting in less freedom, less inventiveness, less prosperity, etc.

Assumption 3

That the power to control Earth's climate is now, or soon will be, in the hands of Mankind.

To the contrary, Mankind will never control Earth's weather. As I indicated above, God exists, and God-the-Son made, sustains, and manages Universe, which includes Earth and Earth's weather. I suggest that you read God's rebuke to Job (Job 38:1-41:34), which is one of the most beautiful passages in all literature. There God reviews how he made and manages his creation. He stretched out interstellar space in the heavens and populated it with star systems and individual stars. He arranged the solar system with its Sun, planets, and moons. He molded Earth with its dry land and lakes, its ocean, and its atmosphere. He moves water in droplets from the lakes and seas into the clouds, where he stores them until he sends them back down as rain, snow, and sleet. He created dinosaurs and creeping things for the land, sea-monsters and minnows for the seas, and pterodactyls and gnats for the air, each with its unique shape, appearance, behavior, and role in Earth's

eco-system. Then, under *Meteorology*, Nave's Topical Bible² cites 51 passages containing 157 verses that describe God's control of the weather.³ Clearly, God controls Earth's climate changes, but that does not mean that Mankind is not a factor in God's determining what happens.

The Bottom Line

The central point of this blog is not that God manages Earth's weather, but that he does so in a particular way - a way that responds to human behavior. People who honor and obey him will be blessed by beneficial weather, but people who dishonor and disobey him will be cursed by harmful weather. Solomon made this point very clear when, in the dedication of the Temple, he prayed as follows:

When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. (KJVI Kings 8:35-40)

Deuteronomy 28 consists of 68 verses. Verses 1-14 describe the ways in which God will bless a people that honor him and obey his commandments, but verses 15-68 describe the ways in which God will curse a people that dishonor him and disobey his commandments. The latter outnumbers the former by almost four to one, which should serve as a warning that God is serious here. What intrigues me the most about Deuteronomy 28 is that God has only one criterion for judging between blessing and cursing a people: whether or not they honor him and obey his commandments. He is saying that "On the one hand, if you are faithful to me, I will provide you with food, clothing, shelter, and safety even if you are incompetent at growing crops, making textiles, building homes, and defending yourselves against enemies. On the other hand, if

² Nave, Orville J., rev. by Coder, S. Maxwell, *Nave's Topical Bible – A Digest of the Holy Scriptures*, Moody Press, Chicago IL, 1974.

³ The passages are too extensive to quote here. See Genesis 2:5-6, 27:39, Job 9:7, 26:7-11, 27:20-21, 28:24-27, 29:19, 36:27-33, 37:6-22, 38:9-37, Psalms 18:8-15, 19:2-6, 29:3-10, 65:8-12, 104:2-3, 7, 13, 19, 147:7-8, 148:7-8, Proverbs 15:23, 26:1, Ecclesiastes 1:6-7, 11:3, Isaiah 5:5-6, 13:13, 24:18, 50:3, Jeremiah 4:11-12, 10:13, 51:16, Daniel 2:21, Hosea 8:7, 13:15, Joel 2:30-31, Amos 9:6, Nahab 1:3, Matthew 8:24-27, 16:2-3, 24:27, 29, 27:45, Luke 12:54-56, 21:25, John 3:8, Acts 2:19-20, James 5:17-18, 2 Peter 2:17, Jude 12, and Revelation 6:12-14, 7:1, 10, 12, 9:1-2, 11:6, 16:21.

you are unfaithful to me, I will deprive you of food, clothing, shelter, and safety even if you are competent at growing crops, making textiles, building homes, and defending yourselves against enemies. Indeed, if you are faithful to me, I will bless your coming in and your going out - i.e. everything will go well for you - but, if you are unfaithful to me, I will curse you when you are coming in and when you are going out - i.e. everything will go badly for you.

Conclusion

Few people pay attention to such Biblical verses as “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom” (KJV Psalm 111:10), “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge” (KJV Proverbs 9:10), “The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life” (KJV Proverbs 14:27), and “...be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long” (KJV Proverbs 23:17). Nonetheless, we should. Moreover, we should take to heart this verse, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (KJV Hebrews 10:31).

The United States of America was founded by people who paid more attention to the LORD, who is God-the-Son, than any other nation in history, and God blessed us with inventiveness, industriousness, power, riches, security, etc. beyond any nation in history. By the 1950s, the whole world was in awe of us and looked to us for leadership and security.

Then a couple of things started happening simultaneously. First, we started becoming arrogant, which resulted in public pronouncements such as Time Inc. Chairman Henry Luce calling the 1900s “the American century” and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calling America “the indispensable nation.” Second, we began turning away from God publicly. We had been turning away from him privately, for decades, but in the 1960s our apostasy emerged into the open, and we began nullifying our federal, state, and municipal laws against (1) ignoring the triune God, (2) worshipping idols, (3) blaspheming, (4) engaging in commerce and entertainment on the Sabbath, (5) dishonoring and neglecting our parents, (6) killing our babies in their mother’s womb, (7) engaging in anything but heterosexual, marital sex, (8) stealing from one group of people (mostly productive) to give to another group of people (mostly unproductive), (9) bearing false witness against one another, and (10) coveting our neighbors’ spouses and goods. As a result, all these divinely condemned behaviors have become ubiquitous.

Now the USA is suffering from all manner of plagues: incompetence and dysfunction in our city, state, and federal governments; defeat in foreign wars, where we have no business being, but which are costing us thousands of young lives and trillions of dollars; hurricane winds and floods in the east, tornados in the mid-west, and raging fires in the west, all of which are doing billions of dollars in damage; pestilence striking everywhere; incivility and hatred in our public and even private discourse; arson, assault, looting, murder, and rioting in our streets; millions of businesses failing and closing for good; tens of millions of people unemployed and millions more underemployed; the wealth of centuries in the making being consumed by families and businesses in order to stay in their quarters and survive; individual, corporate, and governmental indebtedness soaring

beyond any hope of repayment; etc. I would have no trouble going on for pages. In my view, this looks like God is cursing our coming in and our going out!

Yet what are people talking about: that we need to deal with climate-change. Wake up America! God is trying to get our attention. If we think that we can solve our problems with political programs, environmental regulations, and technological wizardry, we are not only kidding ourselves, but we are also losing our grasp on reality. God is the foremost reality. ***We only have one real problem: we are dishonoring God and disobeying his commandments, and he has run out of patience.*** I fully expect him to continue turning the screws on us until we either repent or are destroyed, the latter of which will happen in an hour to the nation which John calls Babylon – see Revelation 18:10,17, & 19. We just may be the nation to which John is referring.⁴ We need to humble ourselves before our Creator and repent of our sinful behavior.

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OUTLINE OF HISTORY

PREHISTORIC PERIOD (3977-665 BC).

Early Prehistoric Era (3977-2321 BC).

Creation Week ended w/ ***God's Day of Rest*** in 3977 BC.

Ancients' Primordial Age ended w/ ***Adam Disturbance*** in 3977 BC.

Ancients' Golden Age ended w/ ***NOAH DISTURBANCE*** in 2321 BC.

Middle Prehistoric Era (2321-1464 BC).

Ancients' Silver Age ended w/ ***Abraham Disturbance*** in 1870 BC.

Ancients' Bronze Age ended w/ ***MOSES DISTURBANCE*** in 1464 BC.

Late Prehistoric Era (1464-665 BC).

Ancients' Missing Age ended w/ ***David Disturbance*** in 1008 BC.

Ancients' Heroic Age ended w/ ***Azariah Disturbance*** in 754 BC.

Ancients' Iron Age ended w/ ***2ND HEZEKIAH DISTURBANCE*** in 665 BC.

HISTORIC PERIOD (665- BC-PRESENT).

Early Historic Era (665-2 BC).

Occident in Early Historic Era

Middle East in Early Historic Era

Neo-Babylonian Age ended w/ ***Fall of Babylon*** to Persians in 487 BC.

Persian Age ended w/ ***Defeat of Darius III*** by Macedonians in 330 BC.

Macedonian Age ended w/ ***Defeat of Macedonians*** by Romans in 146 BC.

Roman Age BC ended w/ ***BIRTH OF MESSIAH*** in 2 BC.

Orient in Early Historic Era

Sacred in the Early Historic Era

Kingdom of Judah's Final Years ended w/ ***Fall of Jerusalem*** in 555 BC.

Exile in Babylon ended w/ ***Proclamation of Cyrus*** in 485 BC.

Daniel's 69 Weeks of Years ended w/ ***BIRTH OF MESSIAH*** in 2 BC.

Geology in Early Historic Era

Late Pleistocene Era's Ice Age 8 (665-c.625 BC).

⁴ See my blog of August 22, 2016 entitled *To What nation does Jeremiah 50-51 refer?*

Holocene Epoch's Atlantic Age (c.625-2 BC)

Middle Historic Era (2 BC-1453 AD)

Occident in Late Historic Era

Roman Age AD ended w/ *Fall of Rome* to Germans in 476 AD.

Byzantine Age ended w/ *Fall of Constantinople* to Ottomans in 1453 AD.

Middle East in Late Historic Era

Orient in Late Historic Era

Sacred in Late Historic Era

Messiah's Life ended w/ *Crucifixion, Resurrection, & Ascension* in 33 AD.

Bride of Messiah's Childhood ended w/ *Fall of Jerusalem* to Romans in 70 AD

Bride of Messiah's Betrothal cont. (2BC-1453 AD).

Geology in Late Historic Era

Holocene Epoch's Atlantic Age cont. (2 BC-1453 AD)

Late Historic Era (1453 AD-Unknown year)

Occident in Late Historic Era

Exploratory Age ended w/ *Advent of Mechanical Energy* in c.1750 AD.

Revolutionary Age ended w/ *World War I* in 1918 BC.

Globalist Age will end w/ *Unknown Event* in unknown year.

Middle East in Late Historic Era

Orient in Late Historic Era

Sacred in Late Historic Era

Bride of Messiah's Betrothal will end w/ *MESSIAH'S 2ND ADVENT* (Unknown year)

Geology in Late Historic Era

Holocene Epoch's Atlantic Age cont. (1453 AD - Unknown date)