

Like all cults, climate alarmism will fail when its prophecies don't materialise

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Climate alarmism has become a massive and expensive global cult, but before we consider its religious aspects let's look at the basic science.

Carbon, along with hydrogen and oxygen, is the basic building block of all life on Earth – it is not the “poison” it's been made out to be.

Animals, including humans, emit CO₂ and plants absorb it; this is the biological carbon cycle that underpins all life on Earth.

Atmospheric CO₂ has increased due to human activity; this increase has greened the world and is the main reason the planet can support 7 billion of us.

CO₂ does warm the atmosphere; but insignificantly, the effect is logarithmic and the infrared absorption bands in which CO₂ fits are almost saturated.

In Earth's deep past, CO₂ has been ten times the present concentration and life thrived!

Earth's climate changes continually and this is normal, with warmer being far better for life than colder; there is no such thing as a climate 'steady state'.

The oceans are alkaline and are not acidifying, sea levels have been rising since the end of the last ice age and the effect of man-made CO₂ on that process is immeasurably small.

All the alarming predictions are based on computer models that are woefully inadequate to address the complexities of the Earth's climate systems.

Our sun is the single biggest threat to life on Earth and if it behaved like other similar stars it could wipe us out, literally, in a flash. It is what powers and directs our climate.

Now to the climate cult: the “climate scientists” are the self-appointed high priests; the “climate models” are the all-knowing deity; the “climate predictions” are the prophecies of doom; the “settled science” is the dogma and indisputable truth; “carbon pollution” is the devil and coal from under the ground is his demon army; “climate believers” are the congregation; “climate deniers” are the heretics and infidels; “emitting carbon” is the unavoidable sin for which all must repent.

This cult has followers throughout the media, governments and universities; it seeks to impose its views on all people everywhere; it makes fundamental mistakes with science; it makes alarming predictions for an unknowable future; it is abusive towards its critics; it refuses to debate its dogma; and it continually demands public money to underwrite its self-directed missions.

The cult's high priests effectively control democratically-elected governments via inside influence and narrow electoral preference margins centred on the votes of its congregation, while the bulk of the population gets little say but are left to pay the bills.

Like all cults, climate alarmism will fail when its prophecies don't materialise, but in the interim the cost to taxpayers and disruption to the ongoing evolution of our technological civilisation, (the only civilisation that has ever lifted people out of slavery), is immense.