

The global warming alarmists exploited Ithaca

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Ithaca Common Council has voted to inflict a "carbon tax" relying on the shrill from Anthropogenic Global Warming Alarmists (AGWA). AGW has been sold as justification for environmental disasters such as ethanol, lake source cooling, technically bankrupt windmill eyesores in Enfield, and now drilling projects in the Finger Lakes region.

But AGWA are far beyond making innocent misstatements about climate. They have been accused of conspiracy and criminal fraud, and leading figures are pursuing legal remedies. AGWA clergy have infiltrated science, government, media and academia. Their greenhouse dogma prescribes that CO₂ from human activity is the driver of "global warming." But as Earth now enters a natural cooling cycle and their false religion is exposed by ethical scientists, we will witness increased levels of double-standards, censorship and threats from the AGWA priesthood. AGW is a multi-trillion dollar fraud with dreadful consequences, especially for the developing world.

In 1997 a "climate crisis" conference was held in Kyoto, Japan. Kyoto included dramatic videos, generated by computer climate models, which portended catastrophe due to greenhouse warming allegedly caused by increases in CO₂, which allegedly came solely from human activity. A vast majority of historical changes to CO₂ is natural. CO₂ has routinely reached concentrations much higher than today. It is also now known that CO₂ does not lead warming but follows it. Regardless, Kyoto promoted another notorious fraud: The initial claim that clouds (which are moderated by solar activity) have no effect on climate and therefore were deleted from the computers. When confronted with this lunacy, AGWA feigned innocence. They then claimed that clouds are "esoteric entities" and cannot be modeled. So which is it? At Kyoto they initially proclaimed that the climate models were representative, but then lied about "esoteric entities." Are rational humans supposed to worship a Kyoto Treaty, which is based on video games that are known to be fraudulent?

The most insidious farce in climate science history is the "hockey stick." Promoted and defended by NASA fund-raiser Jim Hansen, it all began with a secret 1997 e-mail. Senate testimony by Dr. David Deming confirmed that the e-mail contained a conspiratorial demand, "We have to get rid of the Medieval Warm Period (MWP)." Why? Because AGWA needed to deceive the taxpayer into believing that Earth had only warmed rapidly during the Industrial Age; never before or from natural causes. That is a lie. Through 1400 A.D. the earth warmed to temperatures comparable to today. In 1998 Hansen's colleagues Mann, Bradley and Hughes hurriedly published MBH98. The true MWP historical temperature graph looks like an ergonomic snow shovel, not a "hockey stick" with a straight handle. Hansen's revisionist history ploy would deny the MWP! In 2001 the IPCC, Hansen, Gore and academia advertised the "hockey stick" as proof of AGW. They also vigorously promoted the catchword "unprecedented" when alarming you about the 1990s warming, claiming that 1998 was the hottest in history. It wasn't. Cornell's Charles Greene recently parroted, "The rate of warming we are seeing is unprecedented in human history." When I asked if his basis was MBH98, Greene shamelessly blurted, "Do not correspond with me about this again." The "hockey stick" was not an innocent mistake; it was a preplanned lie and a conspiratorial fraud.

Last November John Coleman, founder of The Weather Channel, a meteorologist and climate scientist of 40 years, declared that AGW is "The greatest scam in history." At the March 3, 2008 International Conference on Climate Change, Coleman addressed the AGW financial schemes, "I have a feeling this is the opening. If the lawyers will take the case - sue the people who sell carbon credits. That includes Al Gore. That lawsuit would get so much publicity, so much media attention. And as the experts went to the witness stand and testified, I feel like that could become the vehicle to finally put some light on the fraud of global warming." At the conference Lord Christopher Monckton said, "I think the question you're asking is who's behind the scare. There's been a long history of scares recently and scientific frauds of various kinds. It began with the eugenics movement in the 1930's which led to Hitler. It followed on with the Lysenko movement in Russia under Stalin. It went on with the great leap under Chairman Mao which led again to tens of millions of deaths. The point you're making is that this kills people if you get the science wrong."

AGW is not science. At most it is a false religion with the wherewithal of a global criminal enterprise that has exploited the ignorance and sincerity of the devout, such as Common Council.