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Is the summit of world leaders in Copenhagen (from December 7 to December 18) on the adoption of measures to counter the adverse effects of climate change humanistic/pragmatic action of world's politicians or is it just another fraud? Summit During the past few days, the term “Climategate” has been frequently appearing on the Internet since many alternative sites published hacked documents from the research unit of the University of East Anglia. They indicate that the information on temperature change and its consequences promoted throughout the world is a hoax, in fact an outright lie and deception of a narrow circle of people with dire consequences for all of mankind.

In the 18th issue of “Geopolitika”, we published an article by the Swiss scientist Gabriel Hofstädter about the climate change project being done in Europe as part of the wider American program called HAARP. The afore-mentioned program is related to mastering the technique of controlling climate conditions for military purposes. In the past few weeks, climate change has occupied the front pages of printed media and it is one of the main headlines on TV and on the Internet. This time it is not so much about climate manipulation, like the HAARP project, as it is about (manipulating) the causes of the surface temperature change of the Earth, its magnitude and especially the predicted consequences.

One of the most famous persons in the camp of the so-called “deniers” of the official truth about climate change is Christopher Walter Monckton, 3rd Viscount Monckton of Brenchley. It is hard to describe Lord Monckton in a few words. He is a member of many Catholic organizations, as well as the Catholic Organization for Mass Media. From December 10, he is a member of the British party that is against Britain's further membership in the EU and criticizes the Union as an undemocratic construction. He is the only person forbidden to speak in the U.S. Congress, at the request of the then Republican minority, to answer the theses posed by Al Gore, the political icon of the overseas green movement. He is the author of many books on Sudoku and the book *Eternity Puzzle I & II*, which is renowned in the scientific community. He is also a business consultant and was an advisor to Margaret Thatcher for science and domestic policy, the author of many news articles and a renowned associate of the Science and Public Policy Institute, which does climatologic research. His colleagues have indicated the nonscientific basis of the thesis that man is the main cause of climate change. Lord Monckton has been writing about climate change for many decades (it began during Margaret Thatcher's tenure). His article on the theme on the web page of the *Sunday Telegraph* fell after two hours because of the record number of visits in 2007. During the past few years, he has talked on this subject in the parliaments of Denmark, Germany and the European Union and at many other larger and smaller conferences (the largest with over 100,000 people) in many countries. The director of SPPI, Robert Fergusson, suggested Lord Monckton for an interview on the subject “The truth about climate change”. The

readers of “Geopolitika” will have a unique chance to read an interview with the world-renowned fighter against, in his words, “faulty science” in the field of climatology.

1a. The news media and world public opinion are full of warnings over manmade global warming. The *Science and Public Policy Institute*, as well as other scientists and associations, say that man is having a negligible impact on global warming. How come this discrepancy? Are your arguments based on different scientific methodology? What is the truth?

Let us pretend that the UN’s central estimate of equilibrium “global warming” caused by CO₂, allowing for all temperature feedbacks, is correct. In that case, temperature change, in Celsius degrees, is equal to 4.7 times the logarithm of the proportionate increase in CO₂ concentration.

First, we check that this equation is correct by working out how much warming would occur if we doubled CO₂ concentration. The warming would be $4.7 \ln 2 = 3.26$ Celsius degrees, exactly the central estimate given by the UN’s climate panel in its 2007 assessment report.

For the past ten years, according to the US National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, global atmospheric CO₂ concentration has risen at just 2 parts per million by volume per year, reaching 388 ppmv this year.

Now, let us assume that we do nothing at all about cutting CO₂ emissions for 25 years. Let us also assume that CO₂ concentration continues to rise at 2 ppmv/year. Then the warming after 25 years would be $4.7 \ln[(388 + 50) / 388] = 0.6$ C.

Is a warming of little more than half a Celsius degree a problem? No. So, despite all the environmental groups telling us we must act at once or we are doomed, using the UN’s own formula we can see that even if we wait 25 years before taking any action to cut CO₂ emissions we will do the planet no harm at all.

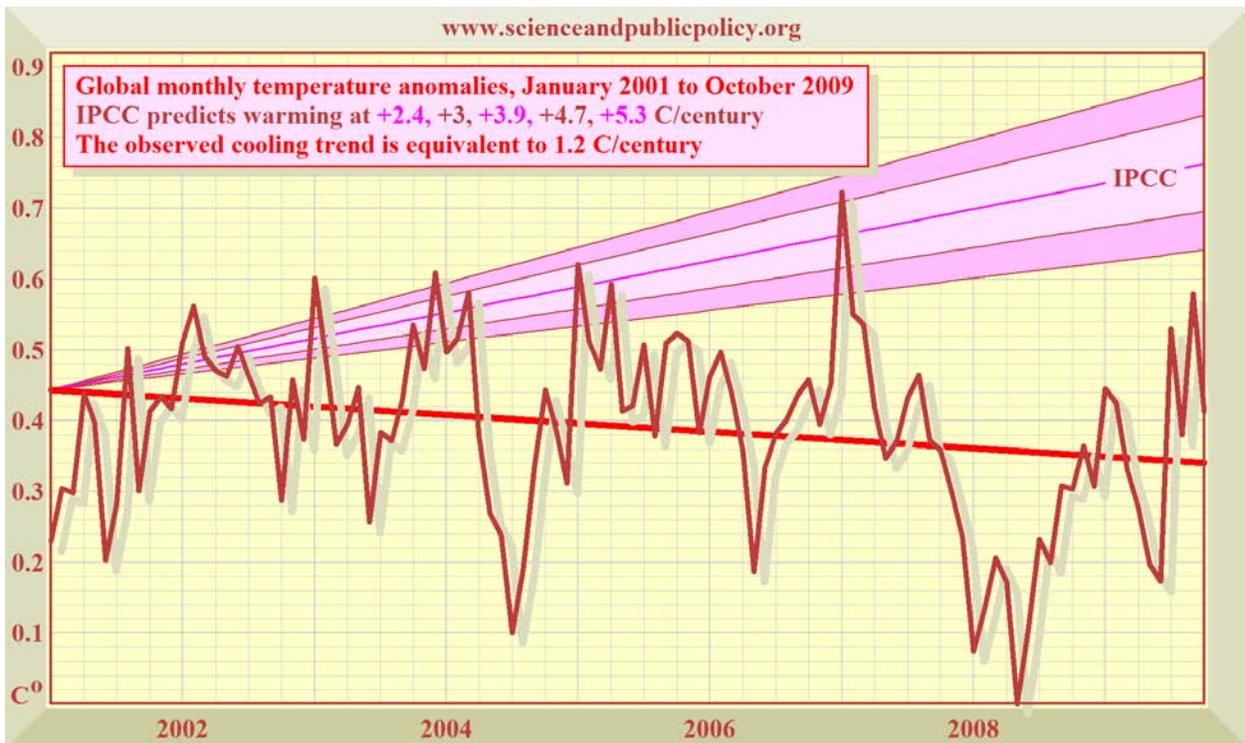
Therefore, it is sensible to wait at least ten years, not wasting any money on this nonsense in the meantime. Then we can see whether or not “global warming” is going to be a real problem. In the last ten years, there was no “global warming” *at all*. None. Global mean surface temperature in 2009 is the same as it was in 1999.

Why spend trillions of dollars now – money that could otherwise have been spent on freeing the world’s poor people from poverty – when in ten years’ time global temperatures might be no higher than now? We can afford to wait, and it is irresponsible not to wait.

We know from the “Climategate” emails, recently released by a whistleblower at the Climatic Research Unit of the University of East Anglia in the UK, that the crooked international clique of climate scientists who manufactured and are spreading the “global warming” scare have been saying privately that it is a “travesty” that they are unable to explain why there has been no “global warming” for ten years.

Publicly, though, these very same crooks have been say that eight of the last ten years have been “the warmest on record”. Since the instrumental temperature record only goes back 150 years, and since there has been “global warming” for 300 years, it is not surprising that the warmest years have occurred at the end of this entirely natural 300-year warming.

Nevertheless, it remains true that there has been no “global warming” for ten years. Indeed, in the past nine years there has been rapid and statistically-significant global cooling, which the mainstream news media have somehow failed to report. Here is a graph that I have compiled by averaging the two satellite-based global-temperature datasets –



Does this look like “global warming”? No. Of course it shows rapid global cooling. Even if “global warming” resumes – and that is always possible – it could well be another nine years before global temperature reaches its value in 2001, the first year of the new millennium. So there really is no hurry. Better to get the science right before we start adopting senselessly expensive policies that then turn out to be unnecessary.

1b. What about predicted sea-level rise?

Once again, let us pretend that the UN’s exaggerated central estimate of sea-level rise over the 21st century is correct. In that event, sea level will rise by 0.43 m, compared with around 0.2 m in the 20th century.

Is this a problem? No. Coral reefs, for instance, grow fastest when sea level is rising. They can grow towards the light at ten times the fastest conceivable rate of sea-level rise. That is

why there are so many coral atolls exactly at sea level, after 11,400 years of sea-level rise at 1.3 m/century. What the UN is predicting, therefore, is that sea level will rise twice as fast as it did in the 20th century, but only at one-third of its average rate over the past 11,400 years. Put in perspective, sea level rise is not exciting.

But what about Al Gore's prediction that sea level will rise by 6 m? Here is what a London High Court Judge said in 2007 about Al Gore's prediction: "The Armageddon scenario that he predicts is not based on any scientific view." You may think that a Judge is not a climate expert. But the UK Government, which had originally pretended Gore was right, eventually admitted that Gore had exaggerated vastly.

Professor Niklas Moerner, who has written 520 peer-reviewed papers about sea-level rise, knows more about the subject than anyone else alive. His best estimate is that sea level will rise by not more than 20 cm in the 21st century, just as it did in the 20th century. Sea-level rise is not a problem.

2. Is there a global warming, and if there is what is causing it? What are your data on "global warming"? Surely in the 1970s it was global cooling that scientists were worried about.

The graph in my earlier answer shows there has been global *cooling* for nine years. And I also explained that there had been global warming for around 300 years before that. But 280 of those 300 years of warming cannot have been caused by us, and even the last 20 years of warming – between 1975 and 1995 – probably had very little to do with us.

There was a slight cooling between 1940 and 1975. At that time scientists – including the present science advisor to President Obama – said there would be such rapid cooling that ice would rapidly accumulate in Antarctica and then fall into the sea, swamping coastal communities worldwide with a tidal wave bigger than any in human history.

Now the same scientists are saying the opposite. Why? Because scientists get funding by making up scares. After a few years' cooling they invent a global cooling scare. Then, after a few years' warming, they invent a "global warming" scare. Either way, scientifically illiterate governments throw vast sums of money at them to make the supposed problem go away. Scientists, like the rest of us, would always prefer to be richer. And they can get rich quicker than any other way, just by inventing a good scare and getting the media and the politicians to believe in it.

3. You cannot deny the deforestation of the Rainforests in Amazonia, in Africa and of the forests in Russia, or the pollution of the seas and oceans. Do you negate the impact of these on the level of CO₂ in the atmosphere?

One should distinguish between environmental damage and pollution, on the one hand, and CO₂ emissions, on the other. Deforestation has indeed occurred, though the latest figures from Amazonia show that the rate of deforestation is declining. In Russia, replanting of

forests has begun. In the United States, the volume of standing timber has increased by 40% in the past 40 years, and continues to increase.

There has also been some pollution of the seas: however, the great majority of that pollution does not come from Western countries, and none of it makes any difference to the warming or cooling of the planet. Western countries, because they have become prosperous by burning fossil fuels, can afford to clean up their environment, and have done so. Poorer countries cannot afford to do so, and we would make the problem a great deal worse if we tried to tell them they had to continue to be poor because they were not allowed to burn fossil fuels.

CO₂ is a naturally-occurring trace gas which has been present at up to 20 times today's concentration in the past. It is necessary to, and harmless to, all life on Earth, and the warming to be expected from adding CO₂ to the atmosphere is quite small, even on the UN's own figures. So CO₂ is not, repeat not, any form of pollution.

4. As Copenhagen Conference is approaching, the debate over global warming is heating, or is it just starting?

There has been remarkably little debate about "global warming", because those who are true-believers in what is no more than a superstition are frightened of arguing the science with people like me, who know what the truth actually is. For instance, the BBC, which believes in the "global-warming" superstition, recently invited me to take part in a televised debate with the Leader of the Green Party in the UK, who was a member of the European Parliament. However, the Leader of the Greens, on learning that she would have to debate with someone who actually knew some climate science, said she would not take part if I were allowed on the programme. So, instead of turning away the Leader of the Greens for being too cowardly to debate, the BBC told me not to take part in the programme, because it shared the Green's false opinions on "global warming".

Interestingly, though, each new opinion poll shows that fewer and fewer people believe in the "global warming" superstition. Why? Because they can tell the difference between the bossy preaching of the high priests of the new superstition and the quiet authority of those who, like me, simply explain what the science actually shows. And what it shows is that there is no manmade climate problem. We just do not have enough influence over the climate to make any real difference either way.

I can illustrate that point quite simply using the UN's formula for warming caused by changes in CO₂ concentration. Suppose we were to shut down the entire global economy and go right back to the Stone Age, without even the right to light a fire in our caves. Suppose we lived (or, mostly, died) like that for a whole year. How much future "global warming" would our entire year of economic shutdown and consequent devastation of people's lives have prevented?

By now you can do the sum for yourself. The answer is $4.7 \ln[(388+2)/388] = 0.024$ C. After an entire year of complete economic devastation, with not a single automobile, plane, train,

factory, or hospital, we would have forestalled less than one-fortieth of a Celsius degree. Is there any point in enduring so high a cost for so little a return? No.

5. Many man-made climate-change deniers have been accused of being engaged by industrial lobbies. How do you comment on this allegation?

My address is Carie, R [REDACTED], Scotland, P [REDACTED]. If any industrial lobby would like to send me a large check, that's where to send it. So far, no checks have come.

6. Some of the important research data related to the planet's surface temperature in the past 150 years have been concealed or destroyed. *We have the same pattern with the material considering the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), when evidence of war crimes by Albanian and Bosnian Muslim leaders was destroyed "due to the lack of storage facilities" for these documents.* Will anybody be charged for destroying the data?

With Professor Fred Singer, I have complained to the Information Commissioner. I am expecting prosecutions to succeed.

7. How do you comment the superficial cover by the mainstream media of the hack of the controversial mails from the CRU of the University of East Anglia?

Too many of the mainstream media had committed themselves too hastily to the bogus science peddled by the conspirators revealed by the Climategate emails. Now they cannot admit they were wrong. The unspeakable BBC, for instance, sat on the emails for a month without telling any of its audiences what was in them. Eventually, someone else released the emails. It is a shame that one has to go to the Internet to find the truth. - Monckton of Brenchley.

8a. The whistleblower at the Climatic Research Unit of the University of east Anglia disclosed to the world a series of documents and emails exchanged between climatologists who were falsifying, inventing, hiding, blocking or destroying data, and also committing offences under the UK's Freedom of Information Act. How does this affect the climate debate?

The whistleblower did the world a service by proving what we had long suspected: that those who were chiefly responsible for inventing and furthering the "global warming" scare were committing scientific and financial fraud on a global scale, with disastrous consequences for the world's poor people.

The mainstream news media have carefully avoided telling their audiences what the emails between the scientists actually contained – admissions that data had been manipulated to hide inconvenient results, admissions that the work of scientists who disagreed with the

fraudsters had been tampered with, and admissions that data requested under the Freedom of Information Act would be or were being destroyed.

On the Internet, however, the news of the whistleblower's revelations has spread very rapidly. More and more people are now disinclined to believe the nonsense they read in the mainstream media, since they now know beyond doubt that the media are not giving them all the facts.

The unspeakable BBC, for instance, knew all about the emails for an entire month but did nothing – and has still done nothing – to tell its audience what the emails contain. All it did, and only then when the emails had been published everywhere else, was to admit that the emails existed. Even then, it did not say what was in them.

8b. One of the expected outcomes of the Copenhagen conference will be the carbon tax. What institution can impose and collect this tax? What is the purpose of it?

As Winston Churchill used to say, the only proper purpose of any tax is to raise revenue. That is what the “global warming” scare is all about – making governments richer and everyone else poorer. The draft Copenhagen Treaty proposes the establishment of an unelected, Communistic world government with enormous powers to levy taxes on all nations, and to interfere with their financial, economic and environmental affairs, and to cancel all patent and intellectual property rights of inventors, and to regulate and control all formerly-free world markets, and to impose unlimited financial penalties on nations that disobey. And this freedom-destroying Treaty, in which the words “ballot” and “democracy” and “vote” do not occur, has the sole declared purpose of trying to solve what science now tells us is the non-problem of manmade “global warming”.

9. If industry will be affected, with the world crisis in the financial sector, what kind of economy of tomorrow we can expect?

A bankrupt economy, made still more bankrupt by the waste of trillions of dollars on policies to try to solve a non-problem.

10. Who is masterminding this hoax, whom does it serve, and why?

You will find the names of the people who are masterminding this fraud – it is not a hoax but a criminal fraud – by reading the emails, which are easily available online, though not available in the mainstream news media. Here are just some of the people who are profiting from this fraud (even though not all of these are fraudsters):

- Politicians wanting an excuse to impose more taxes and laws on the people;
- Scientists wanting grants and TV appearance fees and fame and fortune;
- Schoolteachers wanting to get their children interested in the environment;
- Journalists wanting to sell more newspapers by making the scare sound exciting;
- Environmentalists who want to find any excuse to shut industries worldwide;

- Communists who want to destroy the freedom and democracy of the West;
- Businessmen who think they can get rich backing alternative energy sources;
- Financiers wanting to make a fortune out of carbon trading;
- Government bureaucrats wanting more power over every detail of our lives;
- Useful idiots, as Lenin called them, who never think but just go with the flow.

What we are dealing with, then, is a small conspiracy coordinated between the UN's climate panel and the nasty clique of bad scientists at the University of East Anglia and elsewhere, surrounded by a very large coalition or coincidence of narrow but powerful vested interests each of which wishes to enhance its wealth, power and prestige at the expense of the rest of us.

They will fail. The truth will prevail. It always does, in the end. At the Science and Public Policy Institute, what we are trying to do is to prevent the lies from doing damage in the meantime.

