

The Inmates Are In Charge

Global-warming fanatics have fallen into a climate asylum. By Michael S. Coffman, Ph.D.



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Two contrary headlines hit the news media on Nov. 1, 2014. Britain's *Telegraph* reported a new synthesis fresh out of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC): "U.N. climate change report to warn of 'severe, pervasive' effects of global warming." It carried a subtitle breathlessly proclaiming, "Flooding, dangerous heat waves, ill health and violent conflicts among likely risks if the world keeps burning fossil fuels at current rates." Similar headlines appeared in media outlets around the world.

If we are to believe the IPCC Synthesis Report of the Fifth Assessment Report (see "U.N. IPCC AR #5—Also Hot Air," *RANGE*, Fall 2014 at www.rangemagazine.com), we are all in danger of dying from heat waves, flooding, droughts, hurricanes, tornadoes and other global-warming-related climate catastrophes. The one thing we wouldn't have to worry about is freezing to death. Or will we?

The second headline on November 1 was far less conspicuous and ran in mostly conservative media outlets: "100 Year Snow

Records Broken Across the Southeastern U.S. on October 31st and November 1st." This news item was preceded by one on Oct. 27, 2014, that reported early snowfalls and resulting grain losses in Russia's Ural Mountains on October 3, in the United States on October 11, in the Ukraine on October 22, as well as grain losses in northern Kazakhstan. A warning was issued, "As snows arrive earlier with a cooling phase on earth, grain harvests and planting will be affected."

That's not all. Even earlier, a massive cold wave hit the upper Midwest on September 13 accompanied by the earliest recorded snowfall going back to 1888. Then on October 11, even the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration reported that early frost events, below-normal temperatures, and snows across the globe were starting to reduce agricultural yields during September and October in Australia, Algeria, the United States, Canada, China, and South Africa.

The astonishing string of record-breaking cold temperatures and early snow continued in mid-November when thousands of local 100-year-low-temperature records

were smashed. Of the 50 states, only five did not see record lows. All 50 states documented below-freezing temperatures at one time in mid-November. Then, starting the third week of November, the extreme cold blowing over the warm waters of Lake Erie created record lake-effect snowfall in the Buffalo, N.Y., area. Some places got up to seven feet of snow, which collapsed roofs and caused 13 deaths.

So what is going on? Are we experiencing global warming or not? And if not, why does the IPCC Synthesis Report boldly proclaim: "Warming of the climate system is unequivocal, and since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia. The atmosphere and oceans have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, and sea level has risen." What planet are they living on? It's certainly not earth. It's like the inmates are in charge of the asylum. In fact, they are.

The Ocean Ate the Missing Heat

Like the IPCC AR-5 Report, the Synthesis Report treats the 18-year-plus halt in global

warming as a fluke. The IPCC keeps insisting that the warming will resume at any second. The report doesn't even include a graph showing the 18-year pause or interruption lest the public realize the IPCC is lying to them. Yet, the lack of warming is pronounced, as is shown in the graphic below. Like the 2014 U.S. National Climate Assess-

ment discussed in the Fall 2014 issue of *RANGE* (see "Hot Air"), every climate model used to predict the cataclysms listed in the report have been shown to overestimate temperature increases by up to 300 percent. These models can't even predict earth's current temperatures, let alone what will happen in 100 years, or even in 25 years.

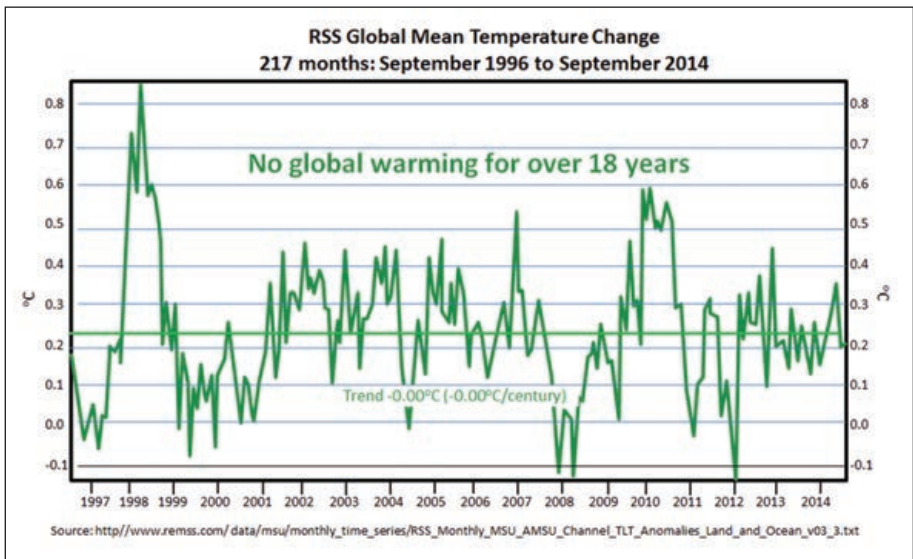
Dozens of explanations of the "pause" have been put forth by alarmist scientists. The most promising—"the ocean ate the heat"—was debunked in a NASA study using the 3,000 floating temperature probes that have been pushed by ocean currents around the globe since 2005. Called the Argo array, the probes sink to a depth of about 6,000 feet (more than one mile or 2,000 meters as shown in graphic below) and then float with the current for nine days. After nine days the probes rise to the surface, recording temperature and salinity at various depths as they rise. They then transmit this data back to the main laboratory via a satellite uplink. The NASA study conclusively proves that "the cold waters of earth's deep ocean have not warmed measurably since 2005."

Just as the ocean-ate-the-heat theory was sent to the trash heap of history, another replaced it: volcanic eruptions have allegedly "blocked" the sun's heat. This theory rests on the belief that small volcanoes eject sulfur dioxide into the upper atmosphere which combines with oxygen to create sulfuric acid. Sulfuric acid is known to be highly reflective to shortwave solar radiation. This gives rise to the theory that sulfuric acid from erupting small volcanoes reflects enough solar radiation to account for the stalled rise in global temperatures.

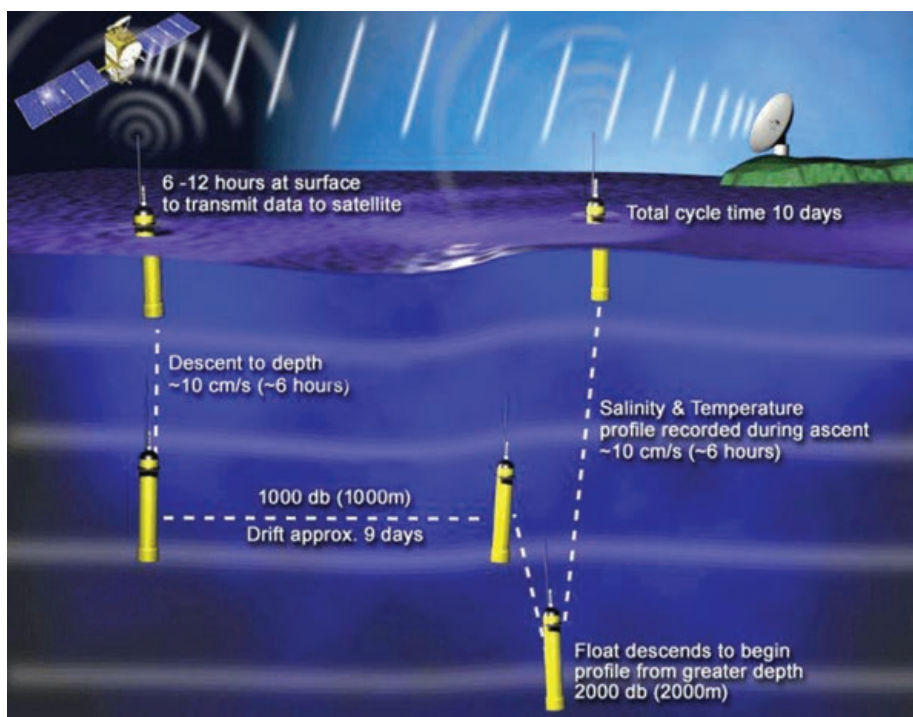
Not surprisingly, there is a problem with this theory. Several problems, in fact. Scientists point out that only large eruptions on the scale of the 1991 cataclysmic eruption by Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines are large enough to cause increased reflection of solar radiation. Pinatubo ejected an estimated 20 million metric tons (44 billion pounds) of sulfur. The second problem is that there have always been numerous erupting small volcanoes around the globe in any one time period. So how is the 1997-2015 period any different?

Supporters of this theory are quick to say volcano statistics back them up. They claim the number of eruptions is increasing. However, Lee Siebert, director of the Smithsonian Global Volcanism Program, says that merely looking at the number is misleading; the increase is not a function of the actual number of eruptions but is rather due to increasingly improved reporting as the activity of more remote volcanoes is added to the data.

Even so, it is possible that the number of small eruptions is increasing. Assuming that there may be more volcanoes erupting now



The earth's temperature has not increased from September 1996 to September 2014, which all but disproves the theory of man-caused global warming. Recent weather events around the world seem to indicate that earth's temperatures are trending down in a new cycle of global cooling, maybe heading into a new Little Ice Age. SOURCE: RSS Monthly MSU AMSU Anomalies of Land and Ocean.



Argo is an international collaboration involving thousands of buoys that collect high-quality temperature and salinity profiles from the upper 2,000 meters of the ice-free global ocean and currents from intermediate depths. Deployed in 2000 to 2005, each buoy sinks and drifts at 1,000 meters below the surface for 9-10 days and then sinks to 2,000 meters before systematically measuring the ocean temperatures and salinity as it rises to the surface. Once on the surface it transmits its data to satellites, then to a lab for analysis. SOURCE: http://www.argo.ucsd.edu/How_Argo_floats.html.

than in the past, does that mean warming proponents are correct, or does it mean we are heading into a catastrophic cold period?

Global Cooling Finally Here?

In the midst of confusion, tortured data, and swirling controversy, a group of international physicists has postulated for the global warming that occurred from 1979 to 1997. The first is the “cosmic radiation theory,” whereby the earth cools when the sun goes into hibernation, allowing more galactic cosmic radiation to bombard the earth, which in turn creates more clouds that block solar radiation (see “It’s the Sun After All,” *RANGE*, Fall 2013). The second is the “ocean oscillation or changing current theory,” in which ocean currents change significantly every 20 to 30 years. The changing currents have a substantial impact on earth’s climate and temperatures (see “OOPS! Alarmists’ Predictions Wrong—Again,” *RANGE*, Spring 2009). Both are still valid theories.

The cosmic radiation theory is called the “rational cycles theory,” which describes several natural temperature cycles. Developed by the Space & Science Research Group, these cycles last a predictable length of time such as 90 to 100 years. Other scientists have found similar cycles. According to lead scientist and physicist John Casey, one of the unexpected but stunning findings is that



Painting of winter skating on the main canal of Pompenburg, Rotterdam, in 1825 during the Little Ice Age. Holland’s canals froze every year as did the River Thames in London. Growing evidence suggests the earth may be commencing a new Little Ice Age. SOURCE: Public domain.

“there exists a strong correlation between the solar activity that causes climate changes and the earth’s largest seismic and volcanic events.”

In other words, there exists a high relationship (correlation) between low solar activity (very few sunspots) that leads to global cooling and increased earthquake-volcanic activity. Casey found that there was over 80.6 percent correlation for global volcanic events and 100 percent correlation for the top seven earthquakes in the United

States when solar activity was low. Suddenly increasing earthquake and volcanic activity takes on an entirely new implication.

Casey warns (as do all scientists) that a high correlation does *not* prove cause and effect. It does, however, prove a strong relationship. In comparison, the correlation between CO₂ and earth’s temperature is only 44 percent, which is considered poor to nonexistent.

In any event, Casey predicted in 2010 that earth’s temperatures would plummet 1.0

News from Alice’s Wonderland

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Much has been happening around the world that makes rational people scratch their heads in disbelief. In November 2014, President Obama went on an “Asian” trip. In China, in what could only be described as a stunningly bad agreement, the United States agreed to reduce its carbon (principally CO₂) emissions by 26-28 percent below its 2005 levels by 2025. China, on the other hand, gets to continue increasing its emissions until 2030, and then only level off CO₂ emissions. China is already the biggest emitter of CO₂ and its increasing emissions will dwarf any expensive reductions by the United States. Assuming that man-caused warming is actually occurring—it is not—this one-way agreement is a



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during the G-20 summit.

Obama would have none of that. He deliberately ash-canned his speech on regional security at the University of Queensland in Brisbane and substituted his now stock “the earth is coming to an end” climate-change diatribe. That might not be so bad if his global-warming “facts” were not reminiscent of the blather spewed by the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland. There is almost no truth to them.

Global warming and green energy have assumed the make-believe world of Lewis Carroll’s popular book—a person has to go down a rabbit hole to believe it. In Alice’s fantasy world, reality and common sense is turned on its head and the realm’s Queen of Hearts demands absolute loyalty to her constantly changing and conflicting dictates, while screaming “off with their head” to anyone or anything that displeases her.

In his new speech, Obama used Australia’s deteriorating Great Barrier Reef as an example of the kind of destruction global

very bad deal. The Chinese, however, are laughing all the way to their war room.

On the same trip, Obama attended the G-20 meeting in Australia. Australia’s Prime Minister Tony Abbott has made it clear that he believes the entire global-warming debacle is a fraud, and he has terminated Australia’s carbon tax. He has also discontinued all global-warming policy development, infuriating environmentalists around the world. Finally, Abbott also tried to make sure that climate change would not be discussed

to 1.5°C (1.8 to 2.7°F) starting in 2014/2015 and bottoming out around 2030. Likewise, earthquake and volcanic events will also increase through 2030. Although it's too soon to be sure, Casey's predictions seem disturbingly accurate so far.

Global cooling is far worse than global warming. The cooling predicted by Casey and his team is the same as occurred during the Little Ice Age in the 1700s and 1800s. (See painting opposite page.) Crop failures were common then due to short growing seasons and unexpected frosts during the growing season—just like we are beginning to see today. Massive starvation occurred.

Instead of blindly focusing on global warming, federal policy should be shifting from mitigating global warming to mitigating global cooling. Yet today most world leaders continue to blindly pursue global warming, completely ignoring the emerging science supporting potentially catastrophic global cooling. Are they blind or are they falsely using global warming to create global governance, as many analysts believe?

Spiraling Into Insanity

Meanwhile, the Obama administration is making up its own scientific facts and creating massive economy-killing EPA regulations that will cost hundreds of billions of dollars and the potential loss of millions of jobs (see

“The EPA’s Tidal Wave,” *RANGE*, Summer 2013). After releasing the disconnected and totally fraudulent National Climate Assessment (see “Hot Air,” *RANGE*, Fall 2014), the White House announced a \$100 billion plan to implement it. According to the *New York Times*, not exactly a conservative newspaper, there is massive collusion between the EPA and the Natural Resources Defense Council in planning and writing these reports.

That is especially true for the new plan that incorporates a “Climate Resilience Tool Kit,” which proclaims it “provides *centralized, authoritative, easy-to-use* information, tools, and best practices to help communities prepare for and boost their resilience to the impacts of climate change.” (Italics added) In fact, it demands burdensome and unneeded requirements that transfer property rights from the individual to the government at a very high cost. Although it is supposedly voluntary, recent history clearly shows the gung-ho EPA will soon make it mandatory.

The breathtaking scope of the tool kit includes: “building resilient communities; improving resilience in the nation’s infrastructure; ensuring resilience of natural resources; preserving human health and supporting resilient populations; supporting climate-smart hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness and recovery; understanding and acting on the economics of resilience;

and building capacity.” Hmm. Perhaps a better title for the program might be, “How to Create Totalitarian Governance in Two Years or Less.” Read on.

The White House recommendations show clearly that the economy will be micro-managed. For instance, one recommendation outlines how the federal government can limit disease spread caused by climate change “through the development and enhancement of climate-sensitive *health tracking and surveillance tools*, and call on the federal government to integrate climate resilience planning and preparedness criteria throughout existing federal programs, such as those that provide *transportation funding, to ensure these projects will last as long as intended*.” (Italics added) And you thought the NSA intrusion into your privacy was bad. Welcome to George Orwell’s “1984.”

What is stunning is that all these draconian actions might reduce the alleged CO₂ warming by a tiny 0.02°C (0.036°F). Even if the United States cut CO₂ emissions to zero, CO₂ impact would be reduced to less than 0.2°C (0.36°F). We have entered the world of Alice in Wonderland, where everything is upside down, constantly changing laws are issued daily by decree, and the queen (in our case the “king”) is continuously shouting, “Off with their heads.” ■

warming is having on coral. In their haste putting together the new speech, however, Team Obama writers made a boneheaded mistake. The Great Barrier Reef has recovered—spectacularly. That demeaning mistake earned Obama a sharp rebuttal from Australia’s foreign minister, Julie Bishop. She was not about to allow Obama to go off-script and gush blatant misinformation that casts her nation in a bad light. Fact-checking is obviously not a strong point with Team Obama. Then again, perhaps we should not be surprised by Obama’s misinformation; facts mean nothing in Wonderland.

Obama’s blunder was minor, however, compared to his jaw-dropping evisceration of Prime Minister Abbott. The U.S. Embassy in Australia had strongly warned Obama *not* to give this speech because it was so offensive, but he gave it anyway. The substituted speech on climate change took direct aim at Abbott’s withdrawal from climate-change policy when Obama said: “[E]very nation has a responsibility to act.... Whether you are a developed

country, a developing country, or somewhere in between—you’ve got to be able to overcome old divides, look squarely at the science, and reach a strong global climate agreement next year.” Science? There is no science to support the man-caused warming mantra.

The arrogance (I’m right, you’re wrong) was classic Obama and assumes the character of the Queen of Hearts who really believes, as does Obama, she is never wrong. *The Australian*, the country’s largest newspaper, was stunned, writing, “Obama’s speech



During his new speech on global warming, President Obama used the “bleaching” allegedly caused by global warming as an example of the type of devastation caused by global warming. What he and his advisors didn’t know is that the Great Barrier Reef has made a spectacular recovery as is evidenced by this photo. Obama’s comment on the reef earned him a sharp rebuke from Australia’s foreign minister, Julie Bishop. SOURCE: Public domain.

was deliberately designed to hurt Abbott.... Historians of the relationship cannot cite a single similar example of a visiting president going out of his way to wound an Australian prime minister.... What was Obama's purpose? Can one more celebrity orgasm really be more important to the president than maintaining his relationship with his closest ally in Asia?"

The answer is yes. Obama's condescending attitude and vindictiveness has been repeated often against U.S. allies and domestic opponents. Like the Queen of Hearts, Obama has a knack for dissing our allies while giving in to our enemies. That, and his rapidly increasing propensity to make up his facts out of thin air, has led many analysts to begin to question his stability. He has been acting as if he were king following the catastrophic losses suffered by Democrats in the 2014 midterm election.

Abbott was not going to take Obama's reprimand lying down. On November 19, he warned, "It's vital that the Paris conference be a success...and for it to be a success, we can't pursue environmental improvements at the expense of economic progress." Wow. At least Abbott is concerned about people and families. He continues, "We can't reduce emissions in ways which cost jobs because it will fail if that's what we end up trying to do." Abbott is referring to the IPCC Conference of the Parties which is scheduled for November-December 2015 to sign a binding treaty that has so far been kept at arm's length by most nations. There is no way the Paris accords will *not* kill jobs so Abbott's comments poked Obama in the eye.

In a follow-up hardball play, Abbott announced during the December 2014 Conference of the Parties in Peru that Australia will cut \$3.4 million in funding for UNEP over the next four years. This wasn't a poke in the eye; it was an uppercut, perhaps a knockout blow that could derail the 2015 Conference of the Parties in Paris. By defunding Australia's United Nations Environmental Programme contribution, Abbott gave the cover many nations need to withdraw from the negotiations—especially European nations. Meanwhile China scolded the United States for not doing more, while it refused to make any commitments at all. It would appear that Obama is rapidly becoming the laughingstock of the world.

It turns out that Abbott was proved right.

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President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping announce their climate-change agreement in which the U.S. must reduce its CO₂ emissions to 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, while China gets to continue increasing emissions until 2030, and then only level them off. It is a terrible agreement.

On the final day of the U.N. Conference of the Parties in Peru, India warned that it would not agree to any treaty that undermines its economic growth and fight against poverty. Even earlier, the day after Obama's attack on Abbott, Germany had announced it was withdrawing from its binding 2020 emission reduction goals. It is building dozens of new coal-fired generation plants and there is no way it could meet its agreed-to goals. In 2013 Germany imported a record 51 million tonnes of coal to feed its new coal-fired generating plants.

Even more important, however, green energy has proven to be a very expensive boondoggle and Germany's economy is suffering accordingly. Britain is also considering abandoning its goals for the same reasons. Don't expect Germany or England to boycott the 2015 Paris negotiations, however. Do expect that it is unlikely there will be a binding agreement.

Green Energy Disaster

No policy reaches the absurdity of Alice in Wonderland quite like the green energy debacle. Ironically, even as Obama assumes the character of the Queen of Hearts, a mountain of real science is building against green energy. For instance, top Google engineers dedicated to making renewable energy viable had to throw in the towel when it became obvious their efforts were a "complete failure," saying green energy "simply won't work." The problem, they say, is that the cost of manufacturing the components needed to produce green energy is far too

close to the total recoverable energy. The facilities never, or just barely, produce enough energy to balance the budget of what was consumed in their construction.

That's not surprising. Europe has been trying for over 10 years to make it work, and it is going broke (see "The Disconnect," *RANGE*, Fall 2013). A study, "Capital Cost and Energy Producing Effectiveness of the Renewable Energy Investments of the U.S.A., Germany and the U.K.," graphically shows why. After spending a half trillion dollars in capital costs alone, overall solar energy for the three nations is about 34 times the cost of comparable standard gas-fired generation and nine times less effective. Conversely, wind power is only about 12 times the comparable cost and about four times less effective than natural gas.

Although green energy capacity is rated at 153 gigawatts, the horrible inefficiency of green energy can actually only produce 31 gigawatts. Simply stated, wind power doesn't work without wind and solar power doesn't work when the sun doesn't shine. Gas power works 24/7. Even better, the cost of constructing natural gas generating facilities is only \$31 billion compared to the half trillion dollars for wind and solar farms generating the same net power (not to mention vast areas taken out of other production). The only way to make green energy viable is through huge government subsidies that are hidden from the public whenever the virtue of green energy is touted.

Maybe new technology will make green energy viable, but it's a long way in the future. Yet Obama lives in his own Wonderland where he ordains what is real and not real one day and completely reverses it the next. Obama remains unfazed by reality and is doubling down on his fantasy agenda. Either he is disconnected from reality like the Queen of Hearts, or he knows something we don't. As a progressive, he obviously believes the latter. What do you believe? ■

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