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Runaway fires

Climate alarmism is like a runaway fire. It started quietly with a genuine concern. It was like lighting a match beneath a pile of flammable material. The environmentalists and politicians took over. The fact that the basic science is demonstrably false is no longer an issue.

The welfare of nations is at risk.

The affluent nations influenced by heartless and scientifically disabled climate alarmists consider that the rising amount of so-called greenhouse gases (mainly carbon dioxide) discharged into the atmosphere from coal burning power stations and transport, are a far greater threat to national welfare than unemployment, poverty, malnutrition and disease. *Nowhere in the climate change literature will you find a balance between humanitarian concerns and environmental concerns.*

Instead, while our people are starving, powerful and influential bodies such as the G20 nations, meet regularly at international pleasure resorts to discuss the situation over delicious meals and refreshments.

Unfortunately, like a runaway fire, the situation is now out of control.

The underlying science is no longer an issue. It started with genuine concerns that the increasing concentrations of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would increase global temperatures with a whole range of undesirable consequences. This was 20 years ago. There are many graphs in the IPCC documents but none showing increasing carbon dioxide levels and corresponding increase in temperature levels. This omission is because despite steadily increasing carbon dioxide concentrations, global temperatures reached a peak in 1998, levelled off, and then started dropping. There have been alarming falls in global temperatures during the past six months. *This completely undermines the very basis of climate alarmism.*

There is another even greater cause for concern. My studies, together with those of my colleagues, show that the regular, predictable oscillations between widespread flood and drought conditions occur suddenly and dramatically. We are now in one of these dramatic transition periods.

Another observation is that the greater the severity of the event the wider its influence, all the way from afternoon thunderstorms through to global scale phenomena. It is my opinion, shared by others, that we are entering a period of global climatic disturbances. The predicted droughts have already started in South Africa.

It is probably too late for these events to have any influence on the negotiations leading up to Copenhagen. However, if Copenhagen fails and these climatic extremes start biting, the politicians will start looking for somebody to blame. They will not have far to look.

It will require a miracle to save this whole climate change issue from collapse before the end of this year.

Now is the time for cool heads to prevent the situation getting out of hand. *An obvious way out is for nations to appreciate that they have been seriously misled by the climate alarmism charade.* They can then quietly drop the whole issue, shrug their shoulders, and assist the disadvantaged peoples of Africa and elsewhere solve the difficult problems that obstruct their progress towards prosperity.

Full memo: http://www.tech-know.eu/uploads/Memo_2509_Runaway_fires.pdf