

# Carbon is an Element

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Carbon is an element of the Periodic Table. Is that a fact? Yes, it is a fact. It is not an opinion. Anyone can look it up, as I just have. Not only that, it has an Atomic number, which is 6. Incidentally Hydrogen is 1 and Oxygen is 8.

So there is no doubt about it at all. Anybody, just anybody these days can look it up in an instant on a smartphone, on a computer. So why do I labour the point? I shall tell you. For the last two decades we have all been bombarded by voices calling for a Carbon Free environment. We have been threatened lest we use up our Carbon Footprint. This has been the battle cry of all those acolytes of the Arch Priest and one-time Vice President of the United States, Al Gore. Liberal politicians and thousands of camp followers demand that we should be Carbon free.

Funny! Carbon is the 15th [most abundant element in the Earth's crust](#), and the [fourth most abundant element in the universe by mass after hydrogen, helium, and oxygen](#). (Wikipedia).

Now is that a fact? The fourth most abundant element in the Universe after Hydrogen, Helium and Oxygen! Yet my good, no doubt well meaning, friends, wish to be Carbon free. Am I crazy or are they?

I do not like to criticise my fellow men, since it is rightly considered a sin, but there is a strange aberration when human beings refuse to acknowledge facts and the conclusions that must follow from these facts. It is called cognitive dissonance.

From the moment a baby is born into this world until the time of his or her final breath, this being is inhaling Oxygen and mixing it with Carbon, in order to produce energy, and exhaling a clear transparent gas called Carbon Dioxide. A few years ago in the USA some bright sparks in the EPA had a vote as to whether Carbon Dioxide should be called a pollutant, and such was the political atmosphere at the time that the vote went 3:2 in favour of calling this noble Gas a pollutant.

This surely must have been one of the most colossal mistakes ever perpetrated on the human race. Since there are now some nine billion humans living on this Planet Earth and since they are exhaling Carbon Dioxide at the rate of circa 20 breaths a minute, to call this exhalation a pollutant is not just a misnomer but also a crime against humanity itself. It is a direct affront to Great Nature – it is like spitting in the face of God the Creator.

Since there is also a well-known Carbon Cycle, where we know that green plants feed on Carbon Dioxide and produce Oxygen as a by-product for all mankind to breathe, it must surely be the most ridiculous error ever to have been perpetrated.

Far from being a pollutant, this gas is a source of life, without which we, and all the animal kingdom, would have been decimated long ago. Yet this false doctrine has even been taught in schools and young kids indoctrinated with the idea that Carbon Dioxide is a pollutant.

Furthermore, through some obscure references to the work of Svante Arrhenius, some people have been persuaded that the Earth is getting hotter and hotter, owing to the presence of Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere, even though it is only a trace gas at 0.04% of the whole. This is indeed curious, since this gas is used to make Dry Ice; it is used in Fire Extinguishers and also in Nurseries to speed up the growth of tomatoes, for example.

It is true that Nitrogen and Oxygen, which together comprise 99% of the atmosphere, are transparent to infrared radiation, whereas the Greenhouse gases are opaque, so a bizarre and totally illogical conclusion is reached that Greenhouse gases cause warming. Aha! Say these Physicists, since Carbon Dioxide absorbs infrared and be it said emits it, therefore it follows that these molecules high up in the atmosphere get hot, stay hot and prevent heat ebbing away. They even form a barrier called the Greenhouse Effect. Now since we all know from experience that heat flows by itself from hot to cold – which is the second law of Thermodynamics – and which has just been impressed on me again as my wife just prepared a hot supper, urging me to get to the table in time, the very idea that these tiny molecules become a barrier high up in the atmosphere to cause warming is just a ridiculous conclusion. .

The fact that the molecules of the entire Greenhouse Gases are just one in one hundred, and that at altitude they are farther and farther apart, with ‘nothing’ in between the molecules, means that the whole idea of a Greenhouse block suspended high up in the Troposphere is just a non-starter. It is totally absurd. Is that a scientific conclusion? It is both scientific and logical. Most of the conclusions of the Warmists can be shown to be not only unscientific, but also totally illogical. Their reasoning is puerile.

Had these Warmists concentrated on Water Vapour then indeed they might have had a case, since it is clearly observable that in a hot dry climate there is an abrupt decline in temperature when the sun goes down, whereas in a muggy damp atmosphere the temperature declines slowly. So why do the Warmists not blame Water Vapour? The answer is simple – you have it in one. There is no way that they could blame the human race for Water Vapour. There is no way that the Warmists could blame clouds, as the IPCC simply does not ‘do’ clouds.

All the trash that is trumpeted about emissions of Carbon Dioxide is just that – trash! Only gullible simpletons can believe that the temperature of the Planet Earth is controlled by a few molecules of Carbon Dioxide – just 0.04% - in the atmosphere, when we have a raging Sun only some 90 million miles away that is 3,600 times as big as Planet Earth.

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