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Stupendous Change Leadership Series: Beyond Al Gore

There is a new religion in the land and it's scaring the hell out of a lot of young people, so much so they can't sleep at night. Well praise the Lord, but the question remains, why is it not scaring the hell out of a lot of the adults?

This is not the religion of radical Islam, this religion is much more subtle, for it speaks of an inconvenient truth, the truth of the continual changing climate of the earth, spun for basically the humanistic religious dogma of total depravity. In this the new and revolutionary religious paradigm, the devil, in this case the greenhouse gas Carbon Dioxide, is going to destroy our culture and kill all the animals and billions of people in the process.

American evangelicalism for its part is showing its profound ignorance of reality by stating that global warming really isn't

happening and even if it was Jesus will rapture out the church before it gets really bad. In essence the church is endorsing the concept of uniform millennia, exactly what evolutionary theology requires. However, before you get the wrong impression let's put this new religion into some limited historical perspective.

I haven't been to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina, and truthfully I have no desire to go. But I doubt that the 19th century revelation, of the rapture can happen at any moment, is packing them into gulf coast revival camp meetings. For sure I believe some churches are meeting in tents, as are some of the churches that were destroyed by tornados in Florida a month or so ago. In those churches however, the future hope of Jesus' return as been replaced with the reality of Jesus Christ in His sufficient present, both



through the presence of God's Holy Spirit, and the ministry of the true church, the human Body of Christ.

I'm a believer in catastrophism. I basically teach it as stupendous change, because I believe that the earth is thousands of years old, not millions and billions, and God Almighty, the Triune God, is actively controlling all things, even change. Essentially that means a whole lot of natural stuff must happen very rapidly and with high levels of environmental impacts. When Al Gore says that cores from the Greenland Ice Cap show no signs of the increasing warming in 600,000 years, I think his science is off a factor of about a thousand times, but that is really a religious argument on my part in contrast with his religious argument.

His religious exegesis, not necessarily his personal beliefs, is based upon the humanistic atheistic paradigm of natural materialism. That means that there is no God and nothing exists beyond the nature of evolution, working gradually uniformly over millions and billions of years. The inconvenient truth, in what he as to say, even in that uniform world, is fossil fuel carbon dioxide is really the devil for upsetting this changeless carbon balance. That must imply by definition that fossil fuels were transformed in the first place from atmospheric carbon dioxide and water by sunlight into glucose, with oxygen as the by product. Therefore, how can such a radical process really be uniform?

Furthermore, the problem with this paradigm is that mankind is to be saint and sinner at the same time and by some mechanism, goodness will prevail over the dark side. Aside from the nonexistent supernatural power supposedly available by thinking good thoughts to alter reality, this is truly blind faith.

In the 1970's the climate problem was thought to be an impending ice age. This religion was promoted with much the same predictions now attributed to global warming. The major difference between this old new ice age and new global warming was not so much the science but conversion from the written word to visual images. In the '70s to depict Seattle under a sheet of ice, it took a real artist and a week or so

of labor. Today to raise the sea level around Seattle, you need a picture of the sea, a picture of Seattle, a computer, Photoshop, and a few minutes. The real difference to people however, is that the ice age picture, looks like an ice age drawn by human efforts, the global warming picture looks no different than potential reality and only the well trained eye can tell the difference in the photographs.

The wisdom of the time was that if we are all going to freeze to death shortly, why not clean up the air, which was way too dirty from burning all the fossil fuels to heat our homes, run our factories, drive our cars. By cleaning up the air we would decrease the planet's albedo, or reduce the reflecting power of those dirt particles to send the sun's heat back into space. The cool thing about getting rid of dirt, we can see the devil go away.

Shortly thereafter, nuclear power was supposed to be our savior, but soon we would perceive cracking the atom to be a devil also. In true American ingenuity, instead of building nuclear power plants like we build everything else, through mass production techniques, we decided to build them as unique designs, so called one up or off designs, by huge engineering and construction firms. When they didn't work as hoped, with problems galore, we decided that the nuclear energy religion was not for "we, the religiously vain and enlightened drowning in our personal affluence."

So now we "naturally" have too much of that devil carbon dioxide for us to continue to live in the manner in which we deserve. The only logical conclusion is to create carbon credits, so that Al Gore, through his carbon credit company, can continue in his modest Tennessee house that consumes 10 times the electrical power of his mere mortal neighbors. But that elitist process is nothing new, and is part of the genetic enlightenment of those more highly evolved than mere common man. This is just a short step from the gospel of Hitler, Stalin, and the continuing list of would be totalitarian tyrants, from both the politically conservative and liberal spectrums.

The Kingdom of God is not build upon materialism, but it is built on naturalism, divine naturalism, which God brought into existence through the Creator's spoken word. You can not understand that unless you view real nature through

the constructs of the Bible, God's written word. In that book, starting at the beginning, you quickly find that man cannot save himself, or even act as his own messiah. The religion of the world's enlightened elite want nothing of that, so they are in the process of trying to construct a new Tower of Babel based on controlling greenhouse gases, rather than relying upon the grace of God through Jesus Christ, His death on the cross for our sins, and His resurrection from the dead for our justification.

So is Al Gore a false prophet, or perhaps a false messiah? Contrary from what you might have been taught in church, a false prophet, according to the Bible, is one who proclaims peace and prosperity, when in reality only calamity and destruction are in the future. In that light perhaps the church should look to those within, to find false prophets who teach the reality of "cotton candy and narcissistic spirituality."

If you watch "An Inconvenient Truth," you will see a very sincere man, trying to do something in which he strongly believes. Al Gore is not sincerely wrong for all the right reasons, he is sincerely right for all the wrong reasons.

Now before you get all huffy and cancel your Chronicle subscription, or hit the back button on your browser, or head to the paper shredder to chop the paper copy into future compost, hear me out.

Truth is by definition inconvenient to all humanity. All of us born and raised and still alive in western culture have been educated or brainwashed to believe that truth is only in the eyes of the beholder. Of course a tree falling in the woods doesn't make a sound because no one is there to hear it. This is equally true to those who may have been born in another culture, except truth has always been relative to the situation, that is why you must appease some power god active beyond the present reality, to control your future reality.

I doubt that Al Gore's inconvenient truth will ever come into being, because the solution to greenhouse gas emissions is much simpler than he proposes. The solution is for a modest change of lifestyle and that lifestyle change will

more than likely take place by force long before the seas rise and the coasts are all flooded.

If you would really like to lose some sleep watch a documentary on a pandemic. That could be a fatal blow to personal peace and affluence that could begin later today, and would last for no more than six months. But the solution to that problem is that the potential for a pandemic is basically caused by our culture also.

Contrary to the hype about a superior virus evolving to destroy mankind, the science of genetics proves that while resistant to known forms of treatment, this superior bug, is truly genetically a dumbed down mutant. As a consequence it can not naturally replicate in true diverse nature, only in man induced and controlled ecosystems. Therefore, the solution is to get as far away from monocultures as quickly as possible once you hear of the outbreak. That means you don't start a turkey farm, in the case of bird flu, and you get out of the city's non diverse environment as far as possible, for that is how the pandemic will spread.

If you look at the Black Death in the 14th century. The current consensus is that the disease was carried by fleas on rodents, and rodents were one of the prime forms of livestock in the medieval cities. It could be argued that this stupendous change was somewhat caused by the "Little Ice Age" that could have been caused by decreased solar activity, or by increased volcanic activity, some other bacteria or virus, or other stupendous change happenings. It is estimated however, that at least 75 million people may have died, and it may have killed half or more of Europe's population. Something like that will quickly change the nation's economy as well as the demands for fossil fuel energy.

So is there any good news in all of this? Absolutely, the only true Good News in all of human history. That good news is that Jesus Christ entered this lost and dying world and saved humanity from itself, and the bondage of sin and death. Only in Jesus Christ as part of the body of Christ, can true freedom exist and eventually displace chaos and death with a form of natural diversity. That diversity and order, can not only survive only slightly effected by stupendous change events, it can also change society and culture for the better through the church's witness of what Jesus did.

What we have been discussing here is the interpretation of scientific data. What they really choose not to teach you in school is the division in science between theoretical science, or applications of scientific data to things we truly cannot measure because they happened in the past, and descriptive observational science that we can directly measure in the here and now and can be repeated by others following our experimental methods.

Descriptive science is really not based upon my theories, but can be repeated by anyone else in time and space doing what I did. In the natural environment I could study the plants or animals in a given area. In the laboratory I could create a new chemical compound to treat a disease. Any repeatable experiment or study will however, rely on natural absolute laws, such as thermodynamics, gravity, and atomic structure.

An example of theoretical science is what we have been discussing about the age of the ice cores of Greenland. Depending upon your presuppositions, or theories, or religious beliefs, you can come up with diametrically opposing results. No one was present in Greenland 600,000 years ago to measure the formation of the ice cap, neither were they there 6000 years ago. Consequently, the results are really interpreted through the lens of your religion or philosophy of life.

If I say the scablands of Eastern Washington were caused by one huge flood 4000 years ago, I am telling you that I believe that it happened during the time that God was dealing with Abraham in the Holy land. Likewise, if I were to say that the scablands were cause by maybe hundreds of huge floods over thousands of years, I am again interpreting the presence of the scablands through my lens of education, or philosophy, or religion, or just outright prejudice. Nobody was there to watch the floods and to record them. If they were their bones are buried someplace between western Montana and a few hundred miles off the mouth of the Columbia River.

I can use my untested beliefs to give me security in an insecure world. That would make me a bigot. Or I could use my security in my

beliefs to try to obtain more data to see which data more closely fits what can be presently observed in the natural world. Again in the scablands, the true fundamental question can be stated in the thousands of years scenario, "Ok, if your thousand of years multiple flood theory is true, where is the dirt that should be present on the flood deposits by the natural decomposition of the basalt after all those years?"

A similar question should also be asked, "If you think all this occurred 4000 years ago during the time Abraham's descendants were slaves in Egypt, what do you do with an ice sheet, just north of the scablands, that would cover the land several thousand feet thick. How did it get there, how long did it take to develop after the Genesis Flood, and how quickly could it have melted? Furthermore, what would all that have done to the weather not only in Eastern Washington, but also Europe north of the Alps, and in the land of Egypt while the Jewish people were developing their ethnic heritage?"

We will not solve this dilemma over the keyboard of a computer, other than to say that Christians must consider carefully the claims that the Bible makes about origins, and not read into it something that the Bible does not claim to be, but carefully focus upon the fact that absolutely Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners from sin and death, and the truth of some of these complex issues are really the basis for the church to engage the culture, not to run away from it. If Christianity is true, then the truth of Christ will point to the truth of science both observational and theoretical. In other words, if the planet earth was created by God through His spoken word, by definition true science will verify God's existence and mankind will either accept or reject that witness, just like the Book of Romans so clearly states.

In contrast to the claims of an inconvenient warming truth, we have posted on the website a link to a 2002 article from the scientists at Woods Hole laboratory about their concern for a coming new Ice Age. That insight is based upon the use of descriptive observational science rather than theoretical science. That post begins with a picture of a painting "Hunters in the Snow" done in 1563 of the winter in now temperate Europe.

This should point out to all eternal human

personalities, that we must be careful of what prophets, priests, and kings we follow. For only in one person has God allowed those three offices to reside simultaneously, and that was God's only son Jesus Christ. Anyone primarily claiming to fit more than one of those Biblical offices should be watched cautiously.