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About Climate Change & the End of the World...

Is our climate changing? Yes, but why? Is it due to mankind's pollution of the atmosphere or something else? Well, actually, there is some effect on the climate due to mankind's pollution of the atmosphere, but the reality of it all is that the earth is gradually warming up as a result of the aftermath of the Genesis Flood...you know...the Noah-boat thing...when God told Noah to build a boat because He was going to destroy all of mankind and all the creatures (except for Noah, his wife, three sons, their wives, and a bunch of different kinds of animals).

"REALLY?", you say? YES, REALLY! If you don't believe the Word of God as recorded in that copy of the Bible you have never really studied in depth (or you just thought was a story, but not really true) you really should take a look at the geological and other scientific evidence from scientists. They have come to the conclusion that the creation account found in the Bible is an accurate account of the all that we physically see with our eyes (including each other).

Let's look at the facts no one can deny:

- All things of this world have a beginning and an end, including the world itself ([Genesis 9:11](#); [2 Peter 3:10](#))
- Your life (as you know it, in your present physical state) will end sometime ([Hebrews 9:27-28](#)). As with all things of this world, you had a beginning when you were born of a woman and at that very moment, your life also began to end. Cemeteries are full of dead bodies.
- Your physical & material "self" also has an immaterial "self," called a soul.
- There is an "after-life" for all of mankind in which your *soul* will live eternally either in a physical place called "Hell" or "Heaven."
- "Heaven" is God's eternal realm where He wants you to live eternally.
- "Hell" was created by God for those who rebel against God, including one of God's high-ranking angels (i.e., Lucifer, who rebelled against God and wanted to usurp His sovereignty) and other angels Lucifer deceived to join in his rebellion ([Matthew 25:41](#); [2 Peter 2:4](#)). Satan wants to keep you from bonding with God in eternal fellowship.
- After Lucifer rebelled, the name by which he became known is "Satan" (i.e., the devil, etc.).

- Satan has continued a spiritual war with God since Satan rebelled and deceived Eve, then Adam into also rebelling against God (when they ate of the fruit of the *Tree of Knowledge & Evil* which God had told them not to do).
- When Adam & Eve ate of the fruit in direct disobedience to God's command, something called, "sin" entered into the world. Sin is something mankind does that is contrary to the will of God.
- "Sin" is something that began to (and continues to) eat away (deteriorate) the very fabric of all that God initially created (including us, our souls, and our conscience). "Sin" is "evil."
- "Sin" is not God created...but created by Satan in his attempt to destroy all the "good things" that God created...but God will one day get rid of Satan & his evil domain.
- Spiritual warfare is real, unseen by our human eyes, but real, nonetheless...a battle between our omnipotent creator Jehovah God and His fallen angel, Lucifer (Satan) for the souls of mankind.

• "HOGWASH!", you say! Well, If you don't believe there is a spiritual realm where God and Satan duke it out, then from where did evil originate? Why has mankind naturally sought good luck charms and/or gods of this and that to protect him from "evil things"? Why do certain people commit murder, steal, and do other "bad" things? How do we, as humankind, even know how to recognize "good" from "evil"? By what standard do we determine whether something is either "good" or "evil"? Do animals share this capability? What's the difference between humankind and animals?

What happened to the subject of "climate change"?

What does all of the aforementioned have to do with climate change? Actually, a lot, because Lucifer's rebellion ultimately caused mankind to commit sin and from *that one sin*, mankind has continued to sin more and more with willful intent to rebel against God's will. The first murder was committed by Adam and Eve's son, Cain, then sin and evil expanded exponentially.

Over the course of about 1500 years, mankind's sin so filled the world that God decided to end all life that breathed upon the earth, including mankind, except for

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Noah (the only truly righteous man around), his wife, their three sons along with their wives, and a sampling of all of the different *kinds* of animals. (From this bunch, God would eventually repopulate the world with both humans and animals.)

God decided to use water (i.e., a catastrophic flood) to accomplish His mission. So, God directed Noah to build a large boat that would be able to ride out the flood waters. To create the amount of flood waters necessary to destroy all the dry land and the all "life under the heavens" (**Genesis 6:17**), God used all of the waters in the atmosphere coupled with the fountains of water below the earth's surface (**Genesis 7:11-12**).

Now at that time, the world consisted of only one piece of dry land, commonly referred to as Pangea (or *Pan-gaea*) and one huge body of water surrounded it. To initiate the flood, God caused a series of great earthquakes which split apart Pangea into the continents we see today. The shifting plate tectonics caused the ocean floor bed to open onto the super-hot magna below. This super-heated the ocean water, causing massive amounts of water to evaporate above the continental surfaces where it condensed and combined with the moisture in the heavens. It rained for forty days and nights, resulting in the flood God used to give His creation a "restart."

From Flood Waters to the Ice Age...

The flood waters rose twenty feet above the tallest mountains where it remained for about 150 days. About seven months later, the floodwaters receded, exposing the new dry continents along with their new shorelines and land-locked lakes.

Simultaneously, volcanic eruptions occurred throughout the world, causing decades-long dust clouds of volcanic ash to shield some parts of the earth from the sun. The cooling effect from the dense volcanic ash cloud layer cooled the atmosphere, causing the rain to turn to ice and snow on some portions of the earth, triggering an "Ice Age" in portions of the world. In **Job 38:29**, God asks Job if, "From whose womb comes the ice? Who gives birth to the frost from the heavens when the waters become hard as stone, when the surface of the deep is frozen?"

In the aftermath of the flood the catastrophic earthquakes and volcanic activity began to subside in both frequency and magnitude. As a result, the world has since been slowly warming back towards the tropical paradise God had originally created.

So, YES, we are seeing a gradual change in the earth's climate, but according to Jehovah God's sovereignty, rather than mankind's carbon emissions. (Though some of our emissions may have some effect on global warming, man's contribution plays a rather small role in the matter.) God remains in control of His creation and will continue to do so. He holds the future of His creation in His hands.

One day known only to God, mankind will reach yet another level of such depravity that another cleansing of evil will be necessary (**2 Peter 3:3-18**)...

³ *Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."*

⁵ *For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.*

⁷ *But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸ But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and*

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its works will be burned up.

¹¹ *Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! ¹³ But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.*

¹⁴ *Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.*

¹⁷ *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."*

What does this mean for you?

Supporting a climate change agenda that purports to solve the problem of global warming (as seen by many) will not result in stopping what God has already prearranged. One day your life as you know it will end. One day the earth as we know it will end. The earth will NOT end because of mankind polluting the atmosphere, but because mankind continues to pollute his own soul with all that is abhorrent to God (**Romans 1:18-32**).

God's manual, His inspired Word for mankind (both the Old and New Testaments that comprise the Christian Bible,) has been given us in the hope that we will de-

cide to acknowledge Him as our creator and benefactor of all things. Throughout the ages, God has provided opportunity for all to know what He has planned for the future, by way of His prophetic word as recorded in the Bible. Over 25% of the Bible is filled with prophecies that have either been fulfilled in great detail or lie in wait for their fulfillment, including those concerning the end of the world as we see it today. All this...to give us a road map to ensure our salvation...our eternal life in a New Heaven and Earth.

God loves us so much that He even came to earth over 2,000 years ago, *in the form of a man*, called, Jesus, to show us the way to live our lives that will result in a guaranteed passage to eternal life with Him. Jesus alone lived a sinless life (which no other human has ever managed to do). He came so that no one would perish from His eternal Kingdom and succumb to an eternity in Hell.

He is our only hope. He provided us with a free gift of salvation...for our passport to Heaven and the promise of eternity in a new Heaven and earth, but not by our *works* (things we do or do not do on this earthly planet). This gift was purchased by God with a price paid in full by Jesus. Jesus died for all of your sins...past, present, and future by way of a cruel scourging and crucifixion...over 2,000 years ago. The gift is free by simply confessing your sins, being sorry for having committed them, and acknowledging that Jesus is the only Lord in your life. There is but one hitch...you must do this **BEFORE** your earthly body dies and you should do this before Jesus comes to earth one last time. Yep, Jesus is planning on returning to establish His Kingdom on earth for a thousand years, after which He will create a more perfect and eternal heaven and earth void of all evil, pain, and suffering.

Epilogue

We don't know when we might die. We don't know when Jesus will return to establish His Kingdom on earth. Time is not something you control, nor are the evil schemes of this world that subject you to many trials and tribulations. You can have hope today in a future that will endure forever in the presence of the one God who cares about your well-being. Having this "HOPE" will set you free from the worries of this temporary place in which we currently reside.

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Time is of the essence. Decide while you can...

As Jesus tells us in **Matthew 24:36-39**...

³⁶ "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be."

...and again, in **Revelation 21:1-8**...

¹ "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost.

⁷ "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. ⁸ "But for the cowardly and

unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

..Lastly...

² And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. ³ Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, **hurry** and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luke 19:2-5 (NASB)

HURRY! Eternity might be just a breath away!

Together in Christ,

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