

Marty's take on Climate change and global warming

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Climate change, global warming, these days you cannot listen to any news for 5 minutes without hearing those words. But is what we are hearing correct?

Personally, I find this all very interesting.

I have absolutely no doubt that we have climate change and that the globe is warming. The one undeniable and very measurable thing is that the ice caps are melting. Fact! Thing is, is all this change a by product of what we, the inhuman race, are doing, or is it changing because it does that? Fact is, the world has experienced a change in climate a few times over the years.

Whatever the reason, given the potential severity of the consequences of the significant change in climate we are told we are experiencing, I would have to wonder why we are not already under world wide marshal law.

"If the climate is changing/warming because of what we are doing, and this can be proven beyond doubt, then "all" governments would surely stand up and take positive action, they would have no choice because it would be for the very survival of the inhuman race". But they are not doing it. Why? Because they can't or because they don't believe it's necessary?

While industry and whole economies are based on growth, there is nothing any individual government can or will do. Can you imagine what would happen if governments actually did something positive to stop this so called global problem due to our climate damaging, emissions? Can you imagine all trucks suddenly being stopped, all cars scrapped, all ships suddenly not being fuelled, all planes grounded, all supermarkets closed, all coal fired power stations closed? Stopping any single one of those would be problem enough but if that which we are being told is correct, that is what they need to do but they can't.

What are they doing? Not a lot as far as I can make out.

What about this for starters? Our government is giving grants to people like me to put a couple of kw of solar on the roof and a bit of insulation in the ceiling, but you can walk through almost any supermarket, (one that is inefficiently designed and relies absolutely on air conditioning – most don't even have a window) and if you walk through barefoot, as I do, (and blind folded - which I don't) you will know exactly when you are walking past an open refrigerator because you will feel the cold draft on your feet. Fact is, whenever you try to change the temperature of something, up, boiling the kettle, or down, cooling the booze, it uses a lot of energy. Now, I would be the last person to want to forego a cold beer at the end of the day but I do close the fridge door after me. All of these supermarkets have these open refrigerators that waste vast amounts of energy and does the government do anything about this enormous and unnecessary waste? No way. Does it even come up for discussion? No way. And while all this is going on, China is completing a coal fired power station each week, the USA has built a huge oil pipe line from Canada and Australia is ramping up our coal exporting facilities.

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It does seem to me that government is more interested in taxing people in order for them to continue polluting, they don't want to stop the polluting because that will be detrimental to the economy – but they do want to tax them for the privilege. Let's face it, all the RECS system has created is an industry buying and selling RE credits, all they are doing is robbing Peter to pay Paul. But what does it actually do to help anything? Nothing, as far as I can see. If the situation is as dire as they would have us believe, exactly where are their priorities? Annihilation of the human race V the economy. I'll take the economy thanks - two lots, ta.

I was listening to some English guy on ABC radio, opening Copenhagen I think. He was very interesting. Basically, he said, we have to act now, what he also said, in the very next breath, is that the population of the Earth will increase from 6.5b to 9b in the next 50 years. In my very humble opinion, this is great for growth but completely unsustainable given the current situation.

Let's face it, the inhuman race does not have a very good track record.

The whale would have extinct 150 years ago had it not been for the fact that they found a replacement for valuable whale oil to light their lamps.

The greatest fishing ground the world has ever known, the Grand Banks, has been closed for decades due to over fishing. (And there's a lot more to that story).

Once they started on the Orange Ruffly, they were all but decimated in a mere 15 years.

Tuna stocks are down 90% - but the boats keep getting bigger and more sophisticated in their catching methods to clean up the remains.

Gunns are still clear felling Tasmanian forests.

Qld said that clear felling land was going to be banned - in the future - so the farmers are just going at it harder than ever. (Were they really serious?)

China, Nepal, Africa, you name the country, they're in trouble with over population and the native wildlife via environment degradation is the one who suffers the most.

Even the mighty Amazon River is starting to be in trouble due to industrialisation.

The list goes on and on. Fact is, Planet Earth has a finite size, a finite boundary, finite resources but, apparently, the supreme predator on this planet, the most intelligent animal on this planet, the inhuman being, cannot get a handle on this simple fact. And people like Kevin Rudd think they are Superman and are going to "fight" climate change when all it takes is one giant, unstoppable, even by Kevin Rudd, meteorite to collide with planet Earth - and it's all over red rover. Here we are, 25m people, 1/10 of the population of the USA, and the USA has 1/10 the population of China and that's before we even start on the rest of the world. What exactly will be the positive impact of Ruddy's climate change policy? I mean, is he fair dinkum or what? This has to be a tax grab.

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The scientific evidence.

It seems to me that we have scientists who are saying there is undeniable CC and GW, it is due to human activity and we must act now. <http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/> This guy puts up a formidable argument.

We have scientists who are saying there is no CC and GW, that it is just a cycle of the Earth.

We have scientists who say it's happening but has nothing whatsoever to do with CO2.

I'm no Einstein but I don't need to be to figure out that one of these groups must have it radically wrong.

On a personal level.

I'm over it all, I don't care any more, I think this whole thing has become more political than sensible and once politicians get a hold of something it's guaranteed to get out of control. I reckon we are all being white washed, while CC and GW are high on the topics list, politicians are doing other things that, conveniently, nobody is commenting on. If ever the politician is asked a question he doesn't want to answer, like the ramping up of coal export facilities, the conversation will be switched to CC and GW as the over riding priority.

I see life very black and white, either we have climate change and it is a problem or we don't. If we do, tackle it, if we don't, then shut up about it.

As for me, I do try to leave a small footprint on the earth, I'm not interested in growth, I'm interested in sustainability. I am still very much a part of the daily routine of life because, living in this day and age, I cannot not be. However, I use my car as little as practically possible, I make more power than I use, I have planted a lot of trees on our property, I have made a dedicated frog pond so their population here has exploded, (Cane toads are physically captured and disposed of), almost no organic material leaves the property and no poisons are used on the property. Where practical we use, at great personal expense, low wattage, high power LED's to conserve power, so I'm doing my bit for someone's economy and the planet - so I'm told. Good on me!

Nuclear energy

I have heard that there is new nuclear technology that leaves no waste, furthermore, this technology can effectively dispose of the waste we already have. These are known as “Fast reactors”. Whenever nuclear energy is mentioned we instantly envisage a skull and cross bones and the fact of what to do with the waste for 10,000 years. So why, if this new technology is real, and I believe there are three plants already running, have we not been told about it? If these reactors are so good, if they leave zero waste to dispose of, if they can clean up existing waste, let’s take it on board, power problems solved. Could it be this economy thing again? Australia makes a lot of revenue from the export of coal and uranium, what more can I say.

Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAD7LfZFCCI> -

Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bExX2J48uZg&feature=related>

Part 3: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5NZA1P5UOY&feature=related>

Check this guy out if you’re interested in this.

Conclusion

I suppose the pity of all this is that if the world as we know it does blow apart, it will probably be only the high ranking politicians and other multi millionaires who will have the bunkers to survive the whole thing then we'll be left with a world that is full of Kevin Rudd's. Mmmm, maybe perishing in the holocaust is the better option.

One thing I feel fairly sure about is that we are making a huge mistake removing trees from our landscape. Trees support whole ecosystems, they clean our air, they fertilise the ground by attracting birds. Trees are the great silent achievers – while they are alive – once we axe them, that’s that.

It is certainly interesting times in which we live.

Now, do the right thing for the planet, turn off that computer and save some energy.