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The Hypocritical Religion Richard T. Ritenbaugh Given 05-Dec-09; Sermon #967c

Over the years, I have watched the global warming—or "climate change"—debate quite closely, and it became apparent a long time ago that the whole uproar over rising temperatures and our *need* for "green" energy and "green" technologies and "green" this and that was a scam. This really became clear to me a couple of years ago when it was shown conclusively that the famous picture of polar bears floating on a melting iceberg was confirmed to be a hoax. A couple of pictures had been Photoshopped together to tug at our heartstrings—that these poor bears and all their little relatives all over the arctic would die because of melting polar ice caps. What they failed to consider is that if you do any research on polar bears, you find that polar bears can swim, and quite well. They have been known to swim for 60 miles or more in the Arctic Ocean, going from ice floe to ice floe, or land or whatever it happened to be. They are not going to die out there. They have been made to survive in those frigid temperatures and icy water. There is also good evidence out of Canada that the polar bear population is actually rising, and has been over the past decade or so.

Now comes Climate-gate—you've probably all heard about Climate-gate, where there was published on the Internet a bunch of emails between leading climate-change scientists that reveal that they have been fudging the data and undermining the research of so-called "climate skeptics" to push their own radical Leftist agenda. They are absolutely sinister in the way they come across. They say, "We're going to have to change this data because it is not coming out the way we want." There was even a physical threat against one of the "climate skeptics"—a guy said he wanted to accost him the next time he saw him, physically—punch his nose or take him out, or whatever he said, because this particular scientist at the Cato Institute—his name is Patrick Michaels—was giving them body-blows every time he wrote an article because the research he was doing himself was showing that warming was minimal and that it was not going to produce what they were saying it would.

Ultimately, it exposes the total politicization of science and scientists. All they are trying to do is push a certain political agenda. For money and power, these scientists prostituted themselves, their reputations, and their field of study to advocate for greater government control, higher taxes, and reduced human industrial activity. Essentially, they would have been happy to return society to the pre-Industrial Age, because they felt that all of these things that have given us our current lifestyle, especially in the West, and certainly in the United States, had caused all this environmental catastrophe, in

their minds.

But there is more. The Green movement, or the Environmental movement, has been shown to be, not just a socialist agenda, but a religion—a faith—as well. Not only are many of its leading proponents talking about Gaia and Mother Earth and such—calling it a "living planet" and giving it human feelings and abilities and talking about Earth's retribution against the polluters and such—but its proponents idolize Nature in their desires and activities. What can it be other than a religion when people wholeheartedly, and without much study, accept as true a set of beliefs that they have to take on faith?—that sounds like a religion right there. Then they go evangelize their family, friends, neighbors, and anybody they come in contact with, and they practice a sacrament called "reuse, reduce, recycle." That's a religion, isn't it?

Worse, the environmental agenda has taken root in government, particularly among liberals, progressives, leftists—whatever we want to call them. It has already turned Europe green, and with the Democrat majority in Congress and an ultra-liberal in the White House, it is threatening to turn America green, too, unless something happens to stop it. Though it has been put off until next year, the Cap and Trade Bill is still out there, though perhaps what is happening with Climate-gate will help to undermine it—we can only hope. But if it passes, we are likely to see both higher taxes and higher energy bills for years to come, all in the name of reducing so-called greenhouse gas emissions to forestall global warming, which we now know is nothing but a fabrication by lying, cheating scientists!

Another clue that the climate-change movement is a scam is the almost universal hypocrisy among its leading lights. We probably all know about Al Gore, the high priest of environmentalism, has the largest "carbon footprint" of anything on earth, with his house that burns more electricity in one month than any house around it does in an entire year. Of course, he jet-sets all over the world on private jets and is driven around in big limousines and SUVs. But he says he trades his carbon allowances for credit—he gets carbon credits from those who don't use as much. It is the "Cap and Trade" type of thin. But, don't you, he's one of the founders of this carbon-trading brokerage, and he's making money hand over fist by all these carbon traders, which is just absolutely stupid.

Prince Charles does the same sort of thing. He flies around in his private jet and talks about reducing emissions. It is all about money, control, and power, and they are very willing to use as much carbon as they can in order to get those things. They are willing to take the slings and arrows of people calling them hypocrites in order to get money, control, and power.

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For instance, this Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen is one of the biggest carbon-producers in the next year, probably. According to a report at FOXNews.com:

The U.N. estimates the 12-day conference will create 40,584 tons of carbon dioxide equivalents, roughly the same amount as the carbon emissions of Morocco in 2006.

Those greenhouse gas emissions are comprised of two parts: international travel and local emissions from hotels and transportation venues. Organizers will also reportedly lay 900 kilometers of computer cable and 50,000 square miles of carpet, along with more than 200,000 meals to be served and 200,000 cups of coffee [all these things requiring energy to be burned]. . . .

Approximately 140 aircraft carrying world leaders, heads of state and VIPs will land in Copenhagen. [And, of course, they will have to go home, too.] . . .

To minimize the conference's carbon footprint, the U.N. says the main venue, The Bella Center, aims to reach a 20 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. To reach that goal, delegates have been urged to use public transportation to the site [you know they're not going to do that; I mean, heads of state taking public transportation?!], to drink water from the tap instead of plastic bottles, and to minimize paper waste. Hotel owners have been asked to offer rooms that have been certified as environment-friendly.

And I have not even mentioned that many of these people want to reduce the earth's population to one-quarter to one-tenth of its current number. It is truly a sick, totalitarian, hypocritical scheme for these elites to put themselves in control.

I'd like to read just a couple of verses from Micah:

Micah 3:9-12 Now hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice and pervert all equity, who build up Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with iniquity: Her heads judge for a bribe, her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the Loord, and say, "Is not the Loord among us? No harm can come upon us." Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple like the bare hills of the forest.

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For their lying, cheating, and stealing, this nation is going to pay. It is coming—this reckoning. Let us pray that we are not caught in it.