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The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance –

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "We must not forget the Greenhouse Effect's Twin Terror, the Great Polar Ozone Holes. Here the anxiety mobpsyche to which we are all being subjected goes along these lines: Scientists have discovered a huge hole in Earth's fragile screen of ozone over the Antarctic, and another is threatening over the Arctic regions. These let through deadly, cancer-forming ultra-violet (uv) radiation. Just 1% depletion of the ozone layer would cause 70,000 more cases of skin cancer; and it severely damages plants too.

The effect could be disastrous to the whole world's ecology! The culprit chemicals have now been identified as the gases in our spray-cans, refrigerators and some foam packaging, called CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons). This is a global problem which can be solved only by global action. International agreement has been reached in principle for limiting and finally banning CFCs in favour of ozone-friendly spray and refrigerant gases, and some major chemical firms have started to produce such substitutes, but the pace is far too slow and Britain lags behind. Use only goods containing ozone-friendly gases!

As with the Greenhouse Effect, the propaganda does not tell us whether these 'holes' are regular annual natural phenomena. We are left to assume it is due to human activities. A bit of enquiry reveals that one Sir Gordon Dobson and his colleagues observed the regular springtime depletion of the ozone over the Antarctic as long ago as 1956, long before CFCs were in general use, and described it is an interesting natural phenomenon.

He also noticed similar variations at Spitzbergen (Svalbard) in the North polar region, and explained some of the wide variations in ozone level from season to season and even day to day in his book *Exploring the Atmosphere*. Why then are we told that this discovery dates from 1982, or sometimes 1985?

An article by John Gribbin in the *New Scientist*, 5th May, 1988 explains that scientists of the British Antarctic Survey at Halley Bay had been observing ozone levels above that spot since the 1950's but had not notified anything like the pattern that unfolded there in 1982, and since..."

– "*The Local World Part VIII*" by Geoffrey Dobbs www.alor.org/

THE HUNDRED BILLION DOLLAR QUESTION from Senator Barnaby Joyce: In Senate Economics Estimates today, Senator Barnaby Joyce asked the CSIRO the million dollar question – or should that be the hundred billion dollar question, "Will the Australian Emissions Trading Scheme change the temperature of the globe?"

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"The answer confirmed my worst fears," he wrote, "in that I could not get the answer 'Yes'. I was told it would depend on global factors of course! There will be no global factors if the rest of the world is not part of a global scheme. The CSIRO was sensibly and more inclined to tell me that my question was a policy issue. That is correct as it lacks scientific credibility that there will be any discernable change in the climate by reason of an Australian ETS.

Later in the morning, the chief scientist said there would be a change in the climate by way of an Australian Emissions Trading Scheme. She also acknowledged there would be a change in the climate if I personally parked my car in the garage. That is to say an indiscernible change, apart from the fact that the process involved in the most absurd form of minutia, follows the same mathematics as the overall equation of climate change."

Merely a policy for a huge tax hike!!! "The Australian Emissions Trading Scheme is merely a policy, a political statement, a gesture. The cost to the Australian citizen of this massive new tax associated with it, is very real however. If you are involved in the emission of carbon, which might be from anything as obscure as ironing your clothes, cooking dinner, putting fertiliser on your field or pouring a concrete slab for your house, you will pay the tax. You may not see it but you will definitely pay it. The removal of wealth from your life and transferred to the Treasury will be discernable, with the commission going to stock brokers and bankers on the way through.

"I have to query, is the purpose of the Emissions Trading Scheme to cool the planet, which clearly it will not do, or is it to prop up a parlous state of our Government finances? The more I hear, the more I am inclined to the latter. Australians will deliver tens of billions of dollars to the Treasury by reason of this tax in the near future.

There is far more empirical evidence in what it will cost you, the resident of Australia, than any scientific evidence that an emissions scheme will do anything for the climate."

Further reading: Heaven+Earth Global Warming: The Missing Science by Ian Plimer. Price \$40 plus postage.

PROPAGANDA JUST AS BLATANT AS WAS THE SOVIET'S by Betty Luks: Those of Latvian background will recognise my surname as being of Latvian origin, but I am Australian born of British parents. After WWII, my husband having fled from the Soviet re-occupation of his native-land, had made his way to Australia's shores early in 1948.

Having experienced the Soviet system at first hand – Latvia was invaded by the Soviets a year before Hitler's armies invaded the Baltic state and forced the Soviets out – he was well aware of their propaganda methods. He, along with others of European background, recognised the more subtle propaganda Australians were being subjected to through the mainline media, and, many the time he would comment "that is pure propaganda" about some TV program or newspaper article.

The Greenhouse Hoax was one of them: 'Greenhouse gases' became 'global warming' and then 'climate change'; the media and government articles had spin doctors' finger prints all over them. (I had forgotten the earlier Ozone Holes scare but Geoffrey Dobbs' article posted on the League's website reminded me of it.) Having been psychologically terrorised, it was assumed by those pulling the government and media strings, the general public would accept the apocalyptic scenario and meekly submit to a carbon trading scheme 'to save the planet'.

Be that as it may, the facts are becoming clearer, the real purpose behind all that propaganda is a huge world-wide tax that, as Senator Joyce notes in his media release (above): "The removal of wealth from your life and transferred to the Treasury will be discernable, with the commission going to stock brokers and bankers on the way through."

I was pleased Christopher Booker *Sunday Telegraph*, 18/10/2009, used the term 'propaganda' in his article:

"Meanwhile back in the U.K's. Cold Reality":- "For the third year running there are signs of an abnormally hard winter in many parts of the world. Not many people in Britain were aware, I suspect, that 20 per cent of the entire United States was last week covered in snow, the greatest October snow cover the country had known for years (for details see the *Watts Up With That* website). Similarly unseasonable snowfalls blanketed central Europe and the Alps. Freak October snows caused traffic chaos in New Zealand. Hundreds of Tibetan herdsman had to be rescued when blizzards swept their summer pastures weeks early.

This is now the third year running when there have been signs of an abnormally cold winter across large parts of the world. Last year's October snowfalls in the U.S. broke records which in some cases had stood for over a century, prefacing one of America's coldest winters for decades. This summer's Arctic ice-melt stopped nearly 1 million square kilometres short of its record low in 2007. Around Antarctica this year's sea ice-melt was the lowest recorded since satellite data began in 1979, leaving the ice 30 per cent above its 30-year average.

What a startling contrast is provided by all these events in the real world to the ever more surreal frenzy of the 'warmists' as – with only weeks to go before their doomed Copenhagen treaty conference in December – they make a last desperate bid to keep climate change hysteria at fever pitch.

"Last week the Advertising Standards Authority was showered with more than 200 complaints over a bizarre £6 million campaign launched in the breaks of Monday's Coronation Street. Three ministries, led by Ed Miliband's Department of Energy and Climate Change, are trying to win round an increasingly dubious public to the idea that soaring energy bills are a small price to pay for saving the planet. (*Ofgem* last week warned that bills could soon rise by 60 per cent to pay for all the measures the Government is now imposing.)

"The Government's advertisement shows a middle-class Dad trying to frighten his little girl with a bedtime story: "There was once a land," he begins, "where the weather was very, very strange." There were "awful heat waves", "terrible storms and floods", and "scientists said" this was all caused by too much CO₂ being pumped into the air by "ordinary, everyday things like keeping homes warm and driving cars". (Cue for a cartoon of this filthy, black, polluting "carbon" rising up over a city and turning into a fearsome monster.)

And all this was happening "faster than they had thought". Eventually, "some places could even disappear under the sea", leaving "the children of the land" to face catastrophe. But so long as we all cut down on keeping our homes warm and driving our cars, was the message, there can still be a happy ending.

Government claiming it is 'objective truth': "As complainants were quick to point out, this tawdry piece of propaganda appears to breach pretty well every requirement of Section 4 of the Television Advertising Standards Code, which prohibits any advertisement "directed towards any political end". It will be fascinating to see how the ASA responds to the Government's claims that every detail of its babyish caricature represents objective truth which no serious person could dispute. "Equally surreal was the Gadarene rush last week by 'warmist groupies' in the media, led as usual by the BBC, to revive interest in the fiasco of Pen Hadow's Catlin expedition in the spring to measure the thickness of Arctic ice with an old tape measure. Sponsored by a City firm with a commercial interest in promoting "insurance against climate change", Mr. Hadow's forlorn bid to walk across the ice to the North Pole (from which he had to be airlifted less than halfway to his goal because it was so cold) lived up in every way to *Watts Up With That's* description of it as "the worst scientific joke of 2009".

Greatest scare-story the world has ever known: "Despite Hadow's claims that the ice was "thinner than expected", the scientific value of this publicity stunt was zero. A team of Canadian and German scientists flying across the ice at the same time, measuring its thickness with the latest electromagnetic equipment, found exactly the opposite, that the ice was "thicker than expected", as was confirmed when the summer melt stopped 970,000 sq km short of its 2007 low. But this didn't deter the *Today* programme and much of the press from trying, with the aid of a tame Cambridge professor, to pretend that Hadow's tape measure had proved that Arctic ice will soon disappear.

"The debate on global warming has truly become "a tale of two planets", as I say towards the end of my new book, "The Real Global Warming Disaster: Is the obsession with climate change turning out to be the most costly scientific delusion in history?"

"On one planet – where David Cameron proved himself to be at home on Friday – we see all these increasingly reckless attempts to keep the panic afloat. On the other, evidence piles up to show that this is the greatest scare story the world has ever known. Alas, it is those who inhabit that first planet who still control the high ground in politics and the media. As we shiver through yet another cold winter, it is high time reality began to break in on their mad dreams."

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/6360124/Meanwhile-back-in-cold-reality....html>

TO COPENHAGEN FOR THE TREATY: The *Guardian* newspaper published the following information on the coming December Copenhagen Conference: "The draft document includes sections on the traditional sticking points that have delayed progress on climate change to date. It is a blueprint to save the world. And yet it is long, confusing and contradictory. Negotiators have released a draft version of a new global agreement on climate change, which is widely billed as the last chance to save the planet from the ravages of global warming.

Running to some 200 pages, the draft agreement is being discussed for the first time this week as officials from 190 countries gather in Bangkok for the latest round of U.N. talks. There is only one short meeting after this before they meet in Copenhagen aiming to hammer out a final version.

The draft text consolidates and reorders hundreds of changes demanded by countries to the previous version, which saw it balloon to an unmanageable 300 pages. It has no official status yet, and must be formally approved before negotiators can start to whittle it down. Here, we present key, edited sections from the text and attempt to decipher what the words mean. The text includes sections on the traditional sticking points that have delayed progress on climate change for a decade or longer.

- How much are rich countries willing to cut their greenhouse gas emissions, and by when?
- Will large developing nations such as China make an effort to put at least a dent in their soaring levels of pollution?
- How much money must flow from the developed world to developing countries to grease the wheels and secure their approval? How much to compensate for the impact of past emissions, and how much to help prevent future emissions?

According to the U.N. rules, for a new treaty to be agreed, every country must sign up - a challenging requirement. The new treaty is designed to follow the Kyoto protocol, the world's existing treaty to regulate greenhouse gases, the first phase of which expires in 2012. Because the U.S. did not ratify Kyoto, the climate talks have been forced on to awkward parallel tracks, with one set of negotiations, from which the U.S. is excluded, debating how the treaty could be extended past 2012. This new text comes from the second track, which lays out a plan to include all countries in long-term co-operative action.

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