

Notes: October 24, 2020

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Can Man Override Adonai? - A Response to Human Influenced Climate Change

Is the World coming to an end?

I ask this question because in this week's Parsha Noach, we read of the destruction of mankind through a flood of the entire earth. An event so profound, Adonai said He would never do it again. An event so impactful it changed the very composition of the atmosphere. A moment so devastating grieved His creation of man for the only thing on their heart was evil.

Gen 6:5 Adonai saw that the people on earth were very wicked, that all the imaginings of their hearts were always of evil only.

Gen 6:6 Adonai regretted that he had made humankind on the earth; it grieved his heart.

I ask this question because, depending on who you ask will depend on the answer you get. The response isn't really if, but when.

The flood puts today's narrative of "rising tides" to shame.

Back in 2006 Al Gore, former vice president under Bill Clinton made a movie called "An Inconvenient Truth" about Global warming and climate change.

Predictions by Al Gore in 2006:

- Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. will be snow-free “within the decade.”
- He goes on to claim heatwaves will become more common
- “And of course when the oceans get warmer, that causes stronger storms,”

- “That same year that we had that string of big hurricanes, we also set an all-time record for tornadoes.”

We would hear that global warming would melt the polar ice caps and thus cause the sea levels to rise, causing enormous disruption because a large percentage of the world's population live on the coasts.

<https://dailycaller.com/2016/05/03/an-inconvenient-review-after-10-years-al-gores-film-is-still-alarmingly-inaccurate/>
<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/leahbarkoukis/2017/06/05/chris-wallace-confronts-al-gore-over-climate-claims-n2336464>

Yet, since 2006, what has actually happened? VP Gore predicted doom for the planet?

Today, there is still snow on the top of Mount Kilimanjaro.

And

Global temperatures showed little to no warming trend after VP Gore released his film. In fact, [surface temperature data showed no significant global warming for a period of about 15 years](#), starting in the early 2000s.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/An_Inconvenient_Truth

Today you are hearing much of the same regarding the earth's climate:

- "Millennials, and Gen z, and all these folks that come after us, are looking up and we're like 'the world will end in 12 years if we don't address climate change, and your biggest issue is how are we gonna pay for it?'"
Alexandria Occasio Cortez – January 21, 2019

<https://www.inverse.com/article/52659-alexandria-ocasio-cortez-climate-change>

- The increase number of hurricanes this year is a result of climate change.
- The wildfires of the west coast, specifically California are a result of climate change.
- More extreme winters (colder) and hotter summers

If we don't do something such as spend 93 trillion dollars over the next 10 years with the goal of net zero carbon emissions we are doomed...this is my summarization of all that is being said.

The reality of all this is the climate of the earth cycles. The primary catalyst for the change in climate is not man made but rather sun-made. The greatest impact on the earth's climate is the sun, even from 93 million miles away. Sun spots and solar flares are a greater source of impact upon the climate of the earth than the emissions (the greenhouse gases) that occur within the earth's environment.

Consider these two spanish names...La Nina and El Nino

La Nina - *La Nina (the girl) impacts the global climate and disrupts normal weather patterns, which as a result can lead to intense storms in some places and droughts in others. During a period of La Nina, the [sea surface temperature](#) across the equatorial Eastern Central [Pacific Ocean](#) will be lower than normal by 3 to 5 °C (5.4 to 9 °F)*

La Niña events have occurred for hundreds of years and occurred on a regular basis, during the early parts of both the 17 and 19th centuries. Since the start of the 20th century, La Niña events have been recorded 24 times.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_Ni%C3%B1a

El Nino - *E Nino (the child) affects the global climate and disrupts normal weather patterns, which as a result can lead to intense storms in some places and droughts in others. El Nino is the warming phase phase where the sea*

surface temperature will be higher than normal. (It is thought that there have been at least 30 El Niño events since the start of the 20th century)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/El_Ni%C3%B1o

Are La Nina and El Nino caused by carbon emission? The earth's total population in 1900 was 2 billion people. In 1950 it was 2.5 billion. In that 50 year span there were 17 combined El Nino and La Nina events. Our carbon footprint and population density were nowhere near what it is today, yet these events still transpired.

I lay this as a foundation, providing context as I continue. Ultimately this is a narrative that is man centered not God centered.

We have seen this type of narrative play out before whereby Adonai's creation truly believes they can be like Adonai and make a name for themselves rather than honor the Name of the one who created them. Also in this week's Parsha we read of man's desire to build a city and a tower.

Gen 11:1 The whole earth used the same language, the same words.

Gen 11:2 It came about that as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shin`ar and lived there.

Gen 11:3 They said to one another, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them in the fire." So they had bricks for building-stone and clay for mortar.

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city with a tower that has its top reaching up into heaven, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered all over the earth."

Gen 11:5 Adonai came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.

Gen 11:6 Adonai said, "Look, the people are united, they all have a single language, and see what they're starting to do! At this rate, nothing they set out to accomplish will be impossible for them!"

Gen 11:7 Come, let's go down and confuse their language, so that they won't understand each other's speech."

Gen 11:8 So from there Adonai scattered them all over the earth, and they stopped building the city.

Gen 11:9 For this reason it is called Bavel [*confusion*]*—because there Adonai confused the language of the whole earth, and from there Adonai scattered them all over the earth.*

The key verse here is verse 4...

Gen 11:4 Then they said, "Come, let's build ourselves a city with a tower that has its top reaching up into heaven, so that we can make a name for ourselves and not be scattered all over the earth."

We can see why the motivation to “make a name for ourselves” was so evil. Through thematic analysis, we see that “making a name for ourselves” is all about creating a man-centered society that rejects the idea of glorifying Adonai. Instead, this society wanted nothing to do with Adonai (**the LORD**), the true source of Life.

Now, the generation of the Tower of Bavel (**Babel**) is using the same phraseology!

Remember what the serpent (**the adversary**) said would happen if humankind partook of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil?

(He told Chava [Eve] that mankind could be like God!

[Genesis] 3:4-5 – *4 The serpent said to the woman, “It is not true that you will surely die; 5 because God knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” !)*

As you can see, this temptation was too great for the generation of the Tower of Bavel (**Babel**) and they succumbed. Their usage of the phrase, “let us,” is thematically connected to its usage by Adonai (**the LORD**) in

Bereshit (**Genesis**) 1:26 - *Then God said, “**Let us** make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth.”* -

Thus conveys that the generation of the Tower of Bavel (**Babel**) had been seduced into thinking they were like gods! They think they are so much like the Holy One that they even try to talk like Him – let us!

Furthermore, they are trying their hand at creation just as Adonai (**the LORD**) created *the heavens and the earth*. They state that they are trying to build a city and a tower that will connect *the earth to the heavens!* Once again, we see that man is glorifying himself to the point that he believes he's like Adonai. As you can see, the error of the generation of the Tower of Bavel (**Babel**) has begun to take on a religious flavor. They are essentially trying to mix the things of heaven (Adonai's [**the LORD's**] ways) and earth (**man's ways**) together. This is further strengthened because the name Babylon means mixture.

Can you think of any other Scriptures thematically related to a city, with a tower (**religious center**), and a name in one place?

Deu 12:10 But when you cross the Yarden and live in the land Adonai your God is having you inherit, and he gives you rest from all your surrounding enemies, so that you are living in safety;

Deu 12:11 then you will bring all that I am ordering you to the place Adonai your God chooses to have his name live—your burnt offerings, sacrifices, tenths, the offering from your hand, and all your best possessions that you dedicate to Adonai;

Deu 12:12 and you will rejoice in the presence of Adonai your God—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female slaves and the Levi staying with you, inasmuch as he has no share or inheritance with you.

(The plan of Adonai was to choose one place [city] where He would build a temple and cause His Name to dwell!!!) Another aspect of the true motivations of the generation of the Tower of Bavel (**Babel**). Remember, we already know they think they are gods, similar to the Holy One. But this is just too much. Yet it is true.

The source of this temptation, the adversary even tries to tempt Yeshua with worldly riches yet with a string attached...

Luk 4:5 The Adversary took him up, showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world,

Luk 4:6 and said to him, "I will give you all this power and glory. It has been handed over to me, and I can give it to whomever I choose.

Luk 4:7 So if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

For which Yeshua's response was...

Luk 4:8 Yeshua answered him, "The Tanakh says, 'Worship Adonai your God and serve him only.' "

It is this mindset that fuels the narrative whereby we as His creation have the means by which WE believe we can impact the vastness of Adonai's creation – the whole earth.

It should now be increasingly evident that the unholy purpose of this generation was the establishment and propagation of a counterfeit religious system. Have you ever heard of Mystery Babylon! It was the ultimate deification of man. In this counterfeit system, man could behave as if he were the Holy One, glorifying himself as god. Obviously, Adonai (**the LORD**) wanted to thwart this evil plan. Mankind tried to fulfill Adonai's (**the LORD's**) plan on their own—establish one place, in one city (**Shin'ar/Babylon**), with one religious house of worship (**the tower**), where mankind could make a name for themselves (**instead of calling upon the Name of YHVH**) with one

language.

Worshiping that which is created – reference types of earth worship – mother earth, nature, wicca / witchcraft, a specific practice that is forbidden by Scripture...

Lev 19:31 " 'Do not turn to spirit-mediums or sorcerers; don't seek them out, to be defiled by them; I am Adonai your God.

Lev 20:6 " 'The person who turns to spirit-mediums and sorcerers to go fornicating after them—I will set myself against him and cut him off from his people.

The vast diversity of religions that fall under the title of *earth religion* offers no real consensus of beliefs. However, the ethical beliefs of most religions tend to overlap.

What do you notice about this list of a concensus of beliefs?

1. There is no divine judgement
2. It is up to each individual to decide what is ethical
3. Each individual is responsible for his or her actions
4. Nature and all life should be honored
5. There is no one correct path or religion, only that which fits best for each individual
6. Moral doings are done for their own sake and not for a reward

The center of this ideology is creation worshipping creation. Adonai has not only been replaced, He has been removed entirely.

In reality, only Adonai can impact the earth He created...

Amo 9:5 For Adonai Elohim-Tzva'ot is the one who can melt the earth with his touch, and make all who live on it mourn. It will all rise, just like the Nile, and then subside, like the Nile in Egypt.

Amo 9:6 He builds his upper rooms in heaven and establishes his sky-vault over the earth. He summons the waters of the sea and pours them out over the earth. Adonai is his name.

Consider what is written in Revelation...

Rev 17:2 The kings of the earth went whoring with her, and the people living on earth have become drunk from the wine of her whoring."

Rev 17:3 He carried me off in the Spirit to a desert, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast filled with blasphemous names and having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 17:4 The woman was dressed in purple and scarlet and glittered with gold, precious stones and pearls. In her hand was a gold cup filled with the obscene and filthy things produced by her whoring.

Rev 17:5 On her forehead was written a name with a hidden meaning, BAVEL THE GREAT MOTHER OF WHORES AND OF THE EARTH'S OBSCENITIES

Rev 14:8 Another angel, a second one, followed, saying, "She has fallen! She has fallen! Bavel the Great! She made all the nations drink the wine of God's fury caused by her whoring!"

What is this whoring but that which is considered to be adultery. Adonai's creation being unfaithful to Him and establishing other things to be god and worshipping it.

There will be a time when you will actually see the earth impacted in such a way that it will cause an enormous impact, caused by man's contribution, but not for what you hear today.

Rev 8:6 Now the seven angels with the seven shofars prepared to sound them.

Rev 8:7 The first one sounded his shofar; and there came hail and fire mingled with blood, and it was thrown down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

Rev 8:8 The second angel sounded his shofar, and what looked like an enormous blazing mountain was hurled into the sea. A third of the sea turned to blood,

Rev 8:9 a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

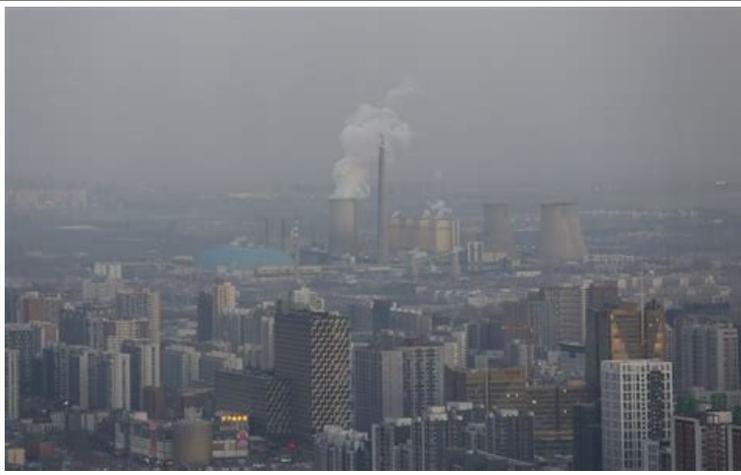
Rev 8:10 The third angel sounded his shofar; and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky onto a third of the rivers and onto the springs of water.

It is not man's affect on the climate that causes such devistation but man's rejection of Adonai.

Nothing will happen to the earth until Adonai says so.

Does anyone honestly believe that Adonai is inept in understanding His creation. Part of the earth includes the crude oil that we utilized to produce energy, heat, electricity. It was already there, thus Adonai had intended it to be used by us for this purpose. He knew what it would emit – carbon. Thus he established vegetation would be the consumer of carbon and thus expel oxigen which is what we consume. A rather efficient and self sustaining design.

Show images...Bejing



And Los Angeles



Pay attention to what is missing from these pictures...

Just as we are created with care and intricate detail, so to is the earth. Adonai has made it regenerative and self sustaining. Carbon emissions are the very substance vegetation consumes.

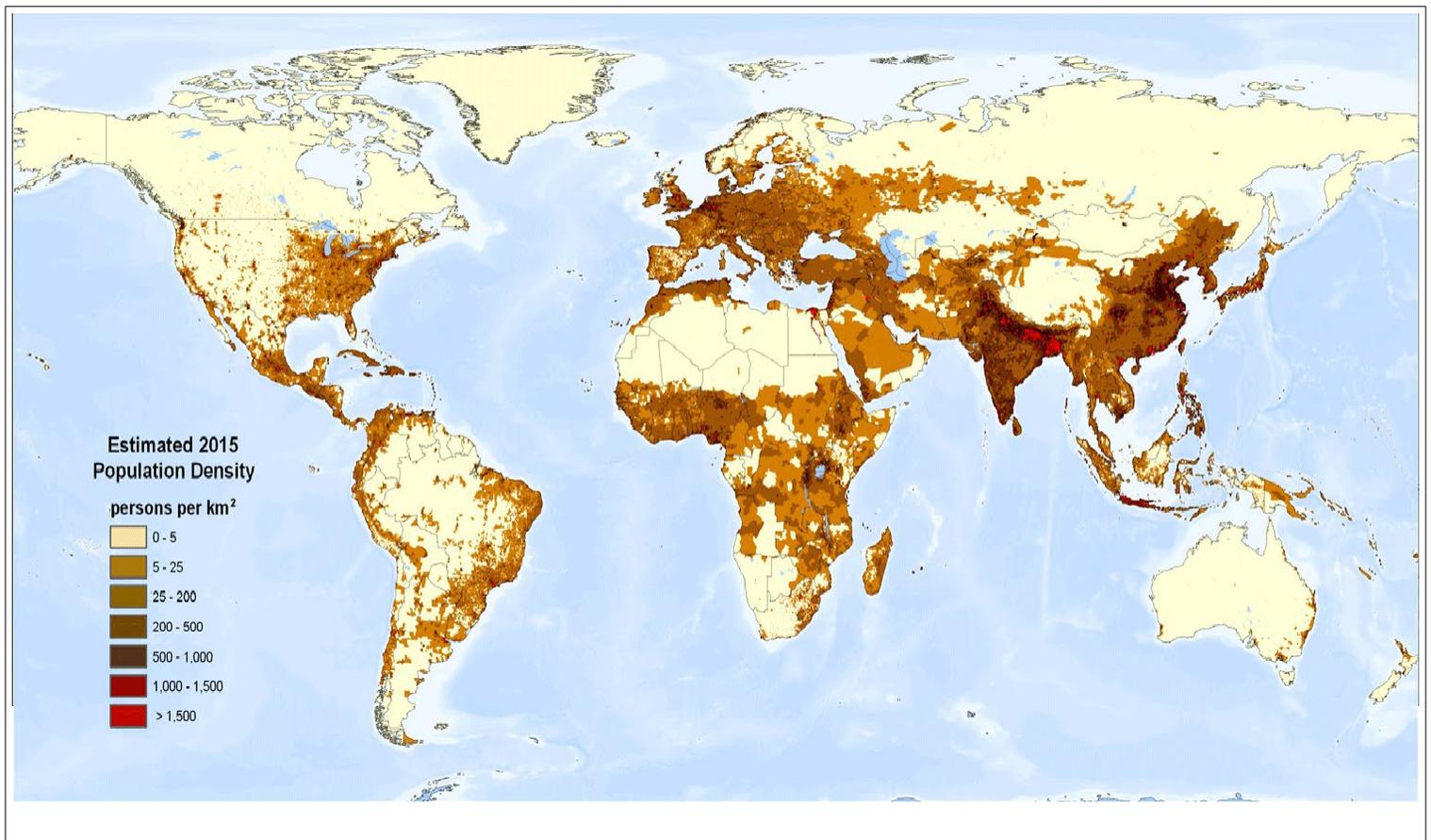
When you hear about our implied impact upon the earth in terms of our use of "fossil fuels" consider this...

Earth surface – 315 million square km

Water surface – 71% or 224 million square km

Land surface – 29% or 91 million square km

Show population density maps.



When you look at this population density map, you will see vast amounts of sparsely populated land.

Approximately half the land mass offers a population density of 5 people or less or 45 million square km

This means approximately 15% of the entire earth is populated, thus 85% of the earth's surface is not populated. Thus the vast majority of all man-made carbon is confined to 15% of the entire earth's surface.

Many will tell you climate change as a result of human activity is settled science. The number, 97% of all scientists consider it to be settled therefore it must be if the experts agree. Yet, it is not settled. I have provided you with enough evidence that raises doubt, both scientific and Scripture.

Yet, from Adonai's perspective this is not the issue. His Word should be sufficient, but for many it isn't because they don't know Him and therefore don't respect His Word. So, in order to be able to defend your position you need to know what others are saying, what others believe and what others do.

Climate change caused by man is not the issue of Adonai, it is the issue of man in relation to that which has become an idol of worship.

We are to be stewards of that which we have been given dominion over, yet we are not to worship it. Adonai is the one who sustains His creation – both man and earth. To this day, the earth still obeys its creator as should we...

Gen 2:15 Adonai, God, took the person and put him in the garden of `Eden to cultivate and care for it.

We are to care for earth and tend to the earth but we are not supposed to worship the earth.

Be good stewards, not obsessed stewards.

Worship Adonai, not His creation.

Post Sermon Script:

After my sermon it was pointed out to me that one carbon consuming source I did not mention was the ocean and its vegetation, thus further amplifying Adonai's wisdom and thus taking into account His creation's potential impact on the earth.

The following article was published on Monday, two days after Shabbat. I am including it because it speaks further to the points I had made regarding climate change as a result of man made contributions.

New Data Shows Climate Change Hysteria Isn't Grounded In Science

By [Glenn T. Stanton](#)

October 26, 2020

While we must steward the planet God has gifted to us, there is no empirical basis for apocalyptic predictions of impending doom.

The "[Climate Clock](#)" looms ten stories above Manhattan's Union Square so all passersby can track the precise moment the world passes its supposed tipping-point toward irreversible, apocalyptic environmental demise. This clock has that moment of doom pegged at a little more than seven years from today. One of the men who created the clock, artist Gan Golan, said his motivation for the project was the birth of his daughter two years ago:

What we did in the next few years would determine the world my daughter would live in, that all of us would live in, and I felt that timeline needed to be understood by everyone, everywhere.

As a result, Golan and a friend constructed a massive digital alarm clock on the side of a building in one of the busiest places in the world to track just how little time we have. Last year, they even made a smaller climate clock for Swedish teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg; one she could hold in her hand during her famed appearance at the United Nations Climate Action Summit.

"This is arguably the most important number in the world," the team explained to [The New York Times](#), adding, "You can't argue with science, you just have to reckon with it." And that is where the problem lies with the environmental doom and gloom — you can *absolutely* argue with science. That is precisely what the scientific method *is*: the careful, relentless discipline of skepticism and discovery. It's testing and questioning what others claim is beyond debate.

Nine leading climate scientists from Germany, France, Finland, and Ireland have, indeed, questioned whether anyone can reliably determine how much time remains between now and an irreversible trajectory toward environmental ruin.

Drawing from 36 different meta-analyses on the question, involving more than 4,600 individual studies spanning the last 45 years, their findings were recently published in the journal [Nature Ecology and Evolution](#). They conclude that

the empirical data doesn't allow scientists to establish ecological thresholds or tipping points. As natural bio-systems are dynamic, ever-evolving, and adapting over the long-term, determining longevity timeframes is currently impossible.

These scholars write that frankly, "we lack systematic quantitative evidence as to whether empirical data allow definitions of such thresholds" and "our results thus question the pervasive presence of threshold concepts" in environmental politics and policy. Their findings also reinforced the contention that "global change biology needs to abandon the general expectation that system properties allow defining thresholds as a way to manage nature under global change."

Professor José M. Montoya, one of the nine authors and an ecologist at the Theoretical and Experimental Ecology Station in France, told the French National Center for Scientific Research "many ecologists have long had this intuition" that setting reliable, empirically situated tipping-points "was difficult to verify until now for lack of sufficient computing power to carry out a wide-ranging analysis." But that has now changed.

So no, there is no reliable science behind the new seven-years-to-the-point-of-no-return countdown of the Climate Clock in Union Square, nor for Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's infamous "[The world is going to end in 12 years if we don't act now](#)" scare, or Thunberg's just-10-years-til-inevitable-doom drum pounding. Such claims simply do not — and *cannot* — be firmly grounded in any scientific knowledge we currently possess.

Evidence for this conclusion, however, goes beyond the aforementioned conclusive new study. 2020 saw the publication of two extremely important books from leading, mainstream environmental-climate scholars on what science says about the earth's future.

The first is Michael Shellenberger, a Time magazine "Hero of the environment" who explains in his book "[Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All](#)" that nearly every piece of scare data presented by the likes of AOC, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Thunberg is not only incorrect but tells a story that is the *opposite* of the scientific truth. Not only is the world not going to end due to climate change, but in many important ways, the environment is getting markedly better.

As Shellenberger explains, environmental improvements are coming from technology and industry, not the do-goodism of Greenpeace and other activists. Certainly no conservative, Shellenberger wrote "Apocalypse Never" precisely because he was "getting fed up with the exaggeration, alarmism, and extremism that are the enemy of a positive, humanistic, and rational environmentalism." Shellenberger is both pro-people and pro-technology, [explaining counter-intuitively](#) that the scientific "evidence is overwhelming that our high-energy civilization is better for people and nature than the low-energy civilization that climate alarmists would return us to."

Another major environmentalist voice challenging hysteria is Bjorn Lomborg of the Copenhagen Consensus Center think tank, listed by the UK's liberal Guardian newspaper as one of the 50 people who could save the planet. In his book "[False Alarm](#)," he explains how "climate change panic" is not only unfounded, it's also wasting trillions of dollars globally, hurting the poor, and failing to fix the very problems it warns us about. Lomborg explains:

'The rhetoric on climate change has become more extreme and less moored to the actual science' at the very time that 'climate scientists have painstakingly increased knowledge about climate change, and we have more — and more reliable — data than ever before.'

So, what science genuinely telling us? "Science shows us that fears of a climate apocalypse are unfounded." Lomborg explains, admitting that while "global warming is real ... it is not the end of the world." "It is a manageable problem" he adds. He is dismayed that we live in a world "where almost half the population believes climate change will extinguish humanity" and do so under the mistaken assumption that science concludes this. It doesn't, and he is

vexed this mantra parades under the banner of enlightenment.

It's imperative we properly steward this beautiful planet God has gifted to us. It was the [second command](#) He gave to humanity, after the charge to populate it with generation after generation of new people. But hysteria is not what is called for in this work. Shellenberger, Lomborg, and these nine other international ecologists tell us that not only is there no empirical basis for the apocalyptic prognostications so needlessly disturbing the dreams of the world's young people.

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