



COP28 – The Fire only Fizzled!

The recent UN, 12 day gathering of Apocalypticism for COP 28 in Dubai, was a repeat of the previous 27, an intense planet saving worry-fest in a posh setting guaranteed to produce nothing of real value except for selecting a comparable venue for the next one. Secretary General Antonio Guterres' fiery opening remarks of "a burning planet", Earth in flames, didn't disappoint the overly earnest 70,000 or more in attendance, exhorting them forthwith, to bring an end to the fires and to prosecute the arsonists for their crimes. US Vice President Harris responded assuredly, insisting that we "must do more", but it wasn't until US Special Envoy for Climate, John Kerry demanded, "No more coal-fired plants anywhere, anymore", that put everyone in fine alarmist form.

Updated slogans and protest banners adorned the venue and extensive media coverage with interviews and commentary with the more important delegates were broadcast to the world. Past repeated fears that, "2 billion will live in areas...beyond the human limit" were retrieved to hype the urgency one more time; presumed the result of polar glaciers melting and seas rising to flood and destroy densely populated coastal cities.

The FAO also reaffirmed its 2016 Paris commitment of a 25% reduction in livestock methane production by 2030, seemingly oblivious to recent strong protests of Danish and Dutch farmers whose dependency on hogs, cows, sheep and goats is paramount, as are the appetites of meat, milk and cheese consumers. Stern warnings of the need to reduce meat consumption were emphasized and the choice of foods offered at cafeterias and restaurants was plant biased, notwithstanding, "all flesh is grass".

The rhetoric is infused with science-based assurances that are thinly veiled obnoxious attempts at de-industrializing economically prosperous and productive nations by denying their burning of coal, oil and natural gas. However, Saudi host, Dr. Al Jaber's sober request, "Please help me, show me a roadmap for a phase-out of fossil fuels that will allow for sustainable socio-economic development, unless you want to take the world back into caves", drew everyone's attention. It was a well-directed warning that the use of fossil fuels was not going to end soon, despite previous Kyoto and Paris commitments. This resulted in a bellicose rebuke from former US Vice President Al Gore, whose remarks and advice in his 2006 documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth", have been ignored. Status acquired as a co-winner with the IPCC of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, also failed to influence present IPCC members who have decided to, "Transition away from fossil fuels", instead of banning their use as was anticipated.

Reason has prevailed. Coal will still be used in the production of steel and cement; natural gas, fertilizer. Both will continue as heat source(s) for steam power to generate electricity until equally reliable cost-effective alternatives are found to replace them. Oil will continue as the main power source and lubricant for industrial and recreational machinery and equipment. Airline use for commerce or wanderlust, requires large

amounts of fuel refined from oil. Nevertheless, expect air travel to continue until a substitute fuel is invented. Tropical island tourism requires it.

Sheep, goats and cattle flatulations will have been waived as in fairness to wild and feral ungulates that are exempted from it. Hunters, fishers, ranchers, and farmers will be able to maintain their production and supplies of fish, meat, milk and cheeses, to the relief of consumers.

Assurance that our standard of living will continue has been affirmed but with ever increasing demands for moderating the uses of all natural resources. Respite is brief; the great expectations of COP 28 failed to materialize, the fire only fizzled, but is certain to flare up again as the defeated rally with evermore scientifically unproven theory to rationalize their actions. "Net Zero CO2" and "Carbon Capture and Storage" exemplify a perversity: CO2 is deemed a pollutant instead of a life requiring gas to be withheld from plant production...that is also a strongly recommended means of carbon sequestration!

Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan has been chosen for COP 29. Like Dubai, it is also an old city in a historic petroleum producing region, and hopefully, where the discussions and deliberations will maintain the flame of COP 28.

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[See attached - Predictions of World Catastrophes](#)

A new prediction to add to the list of those that have not materialized:

"By 2050, a third of the planet will be uninhabitable. We are going to the wall, and people need to be aware of that".

Marine Tondeller, National Secretary of the Ecologists in France.
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