Political Realities versus Physical Realities

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The political reality is that a large part of the population in the Western World has been deluded into thinking that mankind is responsible for changing the world’s climate with politicians acting their part to make most of this wonderful opportunity to display their competence in managing world affairs.

The physical reality is that mankind’s influence on the climate is minuscule in comparison with the energy the earth receives from the sun and any change in the sun’s emissions is bound to affect the climate on earth to a greater or lesser extent no matter what ethnocentric man chose to do to alleviate the situation.

In historical times the climate has undergone both heating and cooling cycles which are well documented and which fall outside the temperature variations experienced by our planet in the present time period.

The delusion of mankind being able to change the climate/environment is not new and we have the ancient history of King Canute the Great, placed on his throne at the sea shore trying to command the tides without success.

The political success in convincing a large part of humanity into thinking that CO2 from burning fossil fuels is mainly responsible for climate change is indisputable. So much so that popular opinion now drives the politicians to further manipulations in order to control the situation which according to some doom-sayers is on the verge of being out of control with rising temperatures threatening mankind globally with all kind of disasters.

Physical reality, however, has refused to play along with the political idea of climate control by limiting CO2 emissions. In spite of rising CO2 content of the atmosphere over the past ten years the global temperature has not risen in accordance with the doom and gloom -sayers from the IPCC which ought to put these people in the same situation as the great king Canute, namely that in terms of climate change their forecasts are of no value and should not be trusted.

Politically it is going to be interesting to see what contortions our so-called leaders are going to put themselves through in order to explain how they were mislead and in turn mislead their peoples into this massive morass of irresponsible spending of public funds to support a cause of no benefit to humanity whatsoever. That a number of individuals and large organizations stood and stands to benefit from this massive re-organization of the economy is clear. As clear as it is to any thinking person that a general increase in the cost of energy will be to the detriment of the wellbeing of the common man.

Great credence is placed on alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, thermal and nuclear energy but it seems to be conveniently overlooked that all these sources are more expensive than efficiently run fossil fuel plants. The Western World is built on the availability of cheap energy and once cheap energy disappears our western world will collapse without it.

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