

## **CARBON IS NOT A SYNONYM FOR CARBON DIOXIDE**

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From the very day that Al Gore signed his name to the well known book, "An Inconvenient Truth", the general population was told that carbon emissions were going to destroy our planet. Gore, more or less, coined the term "carbon footprint", always hiding the enormity of his own footprint, that is. He and his cohorts, of course, were never actually talking about carbon. They were talking about carbon dioxide, but initially they understood that most people recognize that they exhale carbon dioxide and plants take it up in order to live. Not a dark thought. So, in a universally evil desire to scare the populace, they seized on using the term carbon as a synonym for carbon dioxide knowing it would conjure up visions of soot, lamp black and coal dust none of which were warm and fuzzy. Carbon is a solid. Carbon dioxide is a colorless, odorless gas, which while containing a single molecule of carbon bears no other resemblance to elemental carbon.

The public around the world has unwittingly accepted it without realizing their minds were being manipulated toward negative thoughts. It is possibly the best example of subliminal brain washing mankind has encountered. In this writer's view, fear that carbon dioxide increases can deleteriously impact the temperature of our planet should be scuttled by the simple fact that carbon dioxide can only absorb a narrow wave length of the radiation returning to the atmosphere from the earth which initially absorbs it from the sun. That wavelength is 15 microns or millionths of a meter. It is a fact that the 400 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today has already absorbed all of that heat's wavelength the earth has to give. Therefore, further additions of carbon dioxide can have no measurable impact on the earth's temperature or greenhouse effect.

Those desiring to delude the public make no concession to this fact because it is not really their goal to mess with the planetary weather,

but rather it is their goal to do as H.L. Mencken, the sage of Baltimore, once said “the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed and hence clamorous to be led to safety by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.” Global warming has been among their very best hobgoblins .

It is time to attack those who play games with the English language in order to subject society to further government control and thereby reduce individual freedom, moving our country closer and closer to socialism and away from capitalism. If you think such a nefarious word play could not have such an impact, just hark back nearly two decades ago when the term Y2K struck fear into the hearts and minds of the public, fearful of the turmoil that awaited us on New Year’s Eve 1999. Most of us woke up laughing at how we had been fooled into worrying for months and years before the century ended. Turning to a new millennium required the change of two digits on each of the world’s computers, that control the planes, trains and electric grids. This was destined to wreak havoc on society.

But today, fear of carbon is not a laughing matter. Those heaping fear upon us desire to deprive the less fortunate among us of sorely needed inexpensive energy by eliminating life giving fossil fuels and the miracle molecule of life “carbon dioxide.

In the coming days and weeks take note of how many times you read the word carbon when the words carbon dioxide are in fact the subject of what you are reading. Capture the picture in your mind when you read it. Go back and reread it as carbon dioxide and capture your thought again. This is not a casual thought of a descriptive word such as describing a flower as pretty or beautiful. It is an intentional distortion aimed at provoking a level of fear.