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"Freedom of the Press belongs to those who own one."

A. J. Liebling of the New Yorker

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Taking the Point Position...

Global warming is real! Just last month some intrepid paleontologist found a 100-foot-long dinosaur whose bones had been lost fifty years ago - and he found them in the middle of the Sahara Desert!

It was amazing...this young Ph. D candidate had in effect rediscovered this giant vegetarian dinosaur whose bones had been once found but whose site had been lost during WWII. The general area was known through diaries, but this young man rediscovered the bones of this huge lumbering vegetarian.

Now it is obvious to anyone that a herd of these things could not have survived in the desert. They must have been around a giant lake, the rediscoverer said, and indeed that must have been the case. Something, undoubtedly "global warming," took place.

Actually, a check of the PBS website from the Nova series reveals that during the Eocene Period, trees grew in the Arctic and Antarctic, and crocodiles lived on Ellesmere Island - North of Greenland! Now THAT is "Global Warming!"

Like most young kids, I was enthralled with fossils, and I had a great collection of ocean trilobites, a crustacean that existed about the same time as the dinosaurs. I collected them in and about San Antonio, which must have been, once upon a time, under the ocean. My home today features the great fossil of a fish which existed in a huge lake (Lake Uinta it has been named although it has not existed in the life of man on the planet) about 50 million years ago in a place we call Wyoming!



Commentary

Looks like we might have had a lot of global warming and global cooling going on, and all of it before we had pollution from cars or power plants. Whatever pollution we humans create is infinitesimal compared to what nature does naturally. We humans are puny pretenders, so impressed with our pollution power. Can we turn the Ocean into Wyoming? Can we make a lush lake area into a desert?

We are capable of trashing a freeway with litter, but nature can, and has, dammed the mighty Colorado for tens of thousands of years with a volcanic flow. Our dams are so small and puny in comparison, and cannot last tens of thousands of years with our best engineering.

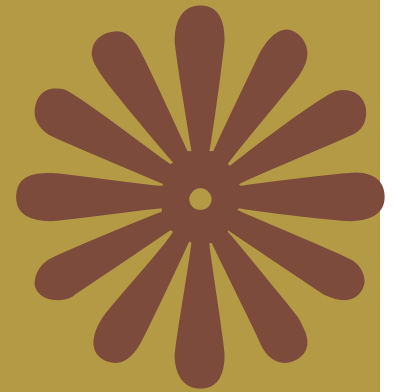
With our best effort, we could not cause an ice age that would cover most of Europe and the United States to the Mason-Dixon Line – but nature can, has, and will do it again.

This is not an excuse for trying to trash the planet, but it is certainly a plea to stop the crises insanity. Nothing we do (short of a nuclear or biological world war), or don't do, will have any lasting impact on this earth. All of our nuclear weapons exploded at the same time would not equal the power of Mt. St. Helens, but I grew up as a child thinking that such an eventuality would cause "Nuclear Winter" and destroy all life. It wouldn't.

Buy your Yugo or Toyota electric car if it makes you feel good. Support a mere 644,000 windmills in Tehachapi, which I calculate, will produce enough power for our California homes, if that makes you feel better. There are only 4,600 such windmills so far...but remember that we had a local blackout when the wind stopped just a few months ago.

But before you get too exercised about Global Warming, remember that those same people predicted Global Cooling in the middle of the 1970s...I have a computer file full of their quotes and predictions. They make great reading by candlelight during Gray-outs, but they were right – there is global warming and global cooling going on, always.

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