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On Tue, 21 Oct 2008 06:38:45 -0700 (PDT), "M104gal...@xxxxxxx"

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Exactly how was man causing global warming in the 1850ties? Millions of cars running around?

Coal was used increasingly as a fuel in Europe from about AD 1000 on. The usage increased dramatically around the late 1700s. For the most part, this was low grade coal by modern standards, and burned almost always in very inefficient ways.

The rise in coal burning, followed shortly by an observed rise in atmospheric CO₂ and in global warming, represents one of the stronger pieces of evidence that the climate is influenced by human activities.

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Interestingly, a very large part of the rise of CO₂ can be attributed to the way we grow our food now. Food production used to be solar powered and sustainable. Not too many years ago there were 15 million individual farms in the US, now there are only about 1 million. Most farming is now done by large agribusinesses. Extensive uses of hydrocarbon based fertilizer and oil for mechanized farming are contributing a huge portion of the CO₂ in the atmosphere. The use of corn and soybeans as the staple of our food supply has replaced time honored ways of land use such as crop rotation and leaving fields fallow to replenish the soil fertility. Corn here in the Midwest is not grown on traditional fertile soil any more, rather it is grown with ancient hydrocarbons that we pump out of the ground. We are

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literally eating oil in our daily food stuffs. Can we do this forever?

The petroleum cycle gets even more interesting. We make and use vast quantities of plastics out of oil. These are used once and discarded. Slowly but surely this stuff makes its way to the ocean, the ocean being the lowest elevation on the planet. Large amounts of plastic rides around in the top layer of the ocean, being slowly pulverized into finer and finer bits, but never really degrading into its molecular components. Oceanographers have found that these fine bits of plastic, which resemble zoo plankton, are making up more and more of the material constituents of the top few meters of the ocean water. Filter feeders ingest them, small fish eat these filter feeders, and eventually larger fish (tuna) eat these smaller fish. Then we eat the fish. We are literally eating our own plastic waste (yum, have you had your sushi today?).

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