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a couple of decades would NOT warm the planet is in ...denial... big time.
Not to mention each year that figure jumps another couple percent.
In twenty five years that'll be another 40% increase. Assuming of course countries like China and India don't turn to coal, which emits twice as much CO₂.

Oh, that's right, China and India ARE turning more to coal every day
.....I forgot! Double what I just said.

No, but I do deny he is a scientist.

Does the word 'activist' mean anything? In politics, some dramatic license is considered fair play. It's up to the other side to balance the emotional appeal.

Jimmy Carter is more of a scientist than he is (if we wanna pick on politicians) and look where it got him. Many people forget that Herbert Hoover was some sort of an engineer, and obviously the wrong man in the wrong place at the wrong time.

And our current President was an oil man. By the end of this year we'll have oil at \$200 a barrel. It was as low as \$8 under his Clinton.

I'm not sure scientists should be in the public arena as advocates and not as experts on their field. Even Einstein went a little wacky when he got mixed up in commenting on things outside of physics and its applications.

Seriously, if people want to take a look at GW, get a copy of this month's Sceptic Magazine. They have an article on the error bars of many of the computer models which are being presented to the general public as fact, and a couple of other articles covering a spectrum of viewpoints. Wired Mag also has an interesting take that tech is going to save us— well, that's one take on things, but going blissfully pastoral isn't gonna happen, either.

Climate changes...that's a given. That the current virus of 6.7 billion people (many of whom have air conditioners and more than half live in heat island cities) has no impact on weather and climate — well, I don't buy that. On the other hand, the GW crazies who claim people are most of the problem, and the

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sun, sunspots, volcanoes, Milankovitch cycles and weather patterns are incidental — well, I don't buy that, either.

So, you don't think human activity has the potential to overwhelm natural forces? Humans have transformed the face of the planet in terms of the diversity of life, geology and the biosphere at rates of change that far outstrip natural evolution.

Intelligence is an emergent creation. An emergent evolutionary step is generally so large as that which came before cannot even comprehend the new emergent creation. Such as plants to animals and animals to intelligence.

Intelligence emerges once all the physical niches have been filled. As intelligence expands a niche...dimensionally...not physically. And has orders of magnitude more potential for change and control than what came before.

I think most rational folks agree that we shouldn't foul this planet unless we have an alternative, we should clean up our messes as much as we can, and doing more with less is a good thing. I've about had it to here with the true believers in global warming as preached by Gore, and the mainstream media. We don't need to cry wolf== we need to work on coming up with real solutions.

A slow steady drip of dry information is the path to complacency.

For self organization to occur...for the forces of nature to be unleashed... on this problem, the whole must be pushed far from equilibrium. It is that large sudden push that generates the debate and initiates the problem solving.

A self organizing system, having then been established, will always settle on the optimum solution in the end. Just as nature always finds a way, so will the solution to global warming.

Provided enough people demand a solution be found. That 'demand' is the goal of an activist. Not any particular number or final result. The solution will then find itself. But an emotional response is what is needed to drive the whole far enough from equilibrium to establish a new level of problem solving.

Still swimming in the middle of the river and enjoying the float down the stream.

Contentment to me is following a somewhat different path. Instead of merely observing and being a creation of the environment. I believe imagining the ideal future is our first scientific task, not documenting the past and present. As...only then...do we have two points, the present and the future, that we can connect to determine the best path we should follow.

We can then easily see an exciting and meaningful path that creates a powerful personal inspiration to keep chasing that dream. Each and every day.

It's the path to personal evolution, to becoming wrapped every single day in the warm embrace of Mother Nature.

By chasing the future, instead of watching the present become the past, we become part of nature and part of the solution. Nothing can be more inspiring, or provide more hope.

"Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;
And sore must be the storm
That could abash the little bird
That kept so many warm.

I've heard it in the chillest land,
And on the strangest sea;
Yet, never, in extremity,
It asked a crumb of me."

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