# In A Post-Truth World Justice Dies



We are told that we live in a Post-Truth age. This of course raises the question - 'What is Truth?' This is important for Christians because essential to God's nature is that He is Truth. He is also perfectly Just. Thus, Truth and Justice are intimately linked.

This two-part essay examines the effects on Justice wrought by the world of Post-Truth.

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# Part One – Truth

Pontius Pilate famously asked Jesus the question 'What is Truth?',¹ a question particularly relevant in these times when it is frequently said that we live in a 'post-Truth' age.

A major characteristic of the socio-spiritual cultural Vacuum that has formed since the loss of the Judeo-Christian 'Built-in-operating-system' (BIOS), and its moral guidelines for western society, is the consequent evacuation of 'Truth' from the public square and social discourse. Indeed, our times have been described as 'post-Truth' because of that evacuation. Further, because he is Truth, post-Truth equals post-God.

Essential to the nature of a Vacuum is that it is an 'emptiness' seeking to be filled with something. This is also true of the spiritual/cultural vacuum created by the banishment of the biblical world view from the public square, an emptiness that has now been filled by a mixture of Orwellian group think, cultural tribalism, Humpty Dumpty (a word means what I want it to mean) speak, feelings (the Vibe) replacing facts, and a post modernistic mosaic of truths in place of a singular, absolute Truth.

From a Christian perspective this is of particular concern because a major characteristic of God is that he is the 'Truth', and so Christians are called to be agents of the One who is Truth, in whose Image we are made. That then links to the second characteristic of God. That is the issue of Justice, for another aspect of his nature is that he is perfectly Just. So a Christian is also required to be an agent of his Justice. Truth and Justice are therefore intimately linked, such that in a post-Truth world Justice dies, to which issue we will later return.

In this examination of the socio-spiritual cultural consequences resulting from the evacuation of the Christian meta-narrative from society, my intention here is to look at the interrelated issues of Truth and Justice. I have chosen to do this mostly through the lens of the current, often acrimonious, debate in regard to a changing climate. However, it should be noted that a whole range of topics other than climate change have equally been used to make the same case for the evacuation of Truth. A few examples-

a. The frequent re-writing of history in regard to the treatment of Australian Aboriginal people in the period of colonization by Britain.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> John 18:37,38

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Author's note. This is not a denial that some serious mistreatment of aboriginal people did occur, but it was not to the degree or to the extent that is often claimed. This author spent several years working to provide better public health facilities on some of the most deprived and remote aboriginal communities in the Top End of Australia. Even today the conditions on some of those communities can only be described as third world and no one has more sympathy for those who live there than I do, especially

b. The Covid 19 pandemic, where allegedly 'settled science' was used by politicians and health authorities to lockdown societies for long periods of time This even though large numbers of world renowned epidemiologists refuted the 'settled science' but were shut down and 'cancelled'. The resultant effects of those lockdowns are the, for some life-long, emotional and mental health problems, with children being particularly affected.

Much of the 'settled science' has now been shown to be 'Untrue'.

c. The energy debate, where it is claimed that renewable energy, particularly wind and solar, is constantly being said to be the cheapest form of electricity.

This is true, but only if you don't need to transport the cheap energy anywhere, i.e. don't need any poles and wires.

d. The Gender debate where Alice in Wonderland, fanciful alleged 'science' says that sex and gender are fluid, such that biological men can become women if they so choose. This against the real science which states that, apart from in the case of some very rare genetic abnormalities, there are two, and two only, types of human; those with XX chromosomes aka Women, and those with XY chromosomes aka Men.

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Of course, it might be asked what the connection between the Climate Change debate and the Unbounded Church the purpose of which is to promote new ways of Gospel mission (that in my book I have called Quantum Mission)<sup>i</sup> to Australian (western) society? The answer to that question is that mission is the essential link between two of the major characteristics of God, namely that He is both Truth and is perfectly Just. Therefore, Christians are to be agents of both Truth and prosecutors of Justice in society.

As already stated, in these times it is frequently said that we live in a post-Truth age, and this inevitably also means post-God. I would further posit that post-Truth means post-Science, and this is where we connect with the Climate issue, for the practice of true science essentially involves the search for Truth in the way the universe works.

# Catastrophe and the Death of Truth

'Catastrophe - 'an event causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering-

for the children. However, the serious problems that continue to exist will not be helped by constructing an 'untrue' history of the past.

a disaster, a calamity, a crisis or ruination'. Merriam-Webster Dictionary<sup>3</sup>

Catastrophe! Sounds like a good theme for a movie, doesn't it? And it would so seem to be, as shown by the sheer number of Catastrophe movies made ranging from 'The Rains Came (1939)' to 'The Burning Sea' (2021)! However, while people will flock along to see such movies for entertainment this is a serious topic. All the terms in the dictionary quote above, and many more, have been frequently applied in recent years to the alleged effects, often described as threats, of a changing climate.

'The multitude of prophesied Catastrophes, which at various times have warned us that we are about to freeze, fry, drown or starve, but failed to eventuate'.

I have lived long enough to be quite experienced in the area of threats of looming catastrophe, having been bombarded with them at regular intervals throughout my life. Indeed, without a regular dose of catastrophe, and the usual accompanying hysteria, life would just not be the same! In fact, I have coined a new word to capture the two things, namely 'Catysteria'!

My long experience of the multitude of prophesied catastrophes, which at various times have warned us that we are about to freeze, fry, drown or starve, yet have all failed to eventuate has caused me to be somewhat sceptical when the latest prophecy of doom comes along. For this reason, for a long time I didn't pay much attention to the latest one, that of the alleged dire consequences of Climate Change.

At this point, and before continuing, I wish to make it clear that I have no particular axe to grind on the specific issue of climate change or the development of renewable energy power systems. However, what caused me to take more interest in the climate change debate was when I started to notice what appeared to be obviously debatable, allegedly scientific, and at times plainly untrue, pronouncements, and the great deal of misleading media spin that increasingly pervades the reporting of this topic. I am using the word debate, but the reality is that there appears to be a great reluctance to debate the topic, rather there are ongoing attempts to shut it down.

Where I do have a major concern however, is in the linkage of the issues of Truth and Justice. In fact, the only reason I have started to take significant interest in the climate change/global warming topic is because of its ramifications for those issues of Truth and Justice. These two topics are ones in which Christians should be significantly concerned as they are two of the characteristics of the very nature of the God who is Truth and perfectly Just. It is through the biblical lens which reveals God's essential nature that this topic should be examined.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 2022 Edition

The first question I want to address is what Truth can be attached to the regular dire threats associated with the claims of human-driven climate change/global warming, and then second, to examine the consequences for Justice.

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While for a long time blasé about the topic, the thing that caused me to take more interest in the climate change/global warming issue was that I kept hearing the statements that the 'Science is settled' and that we should 'Listen to this (settled) Science'. That is funny I thought, for I always understood that the essence of the scientific method is scepticism such that science is never settled. It was this that set me off on a research journey into the world where science was avowed to be settled.

I do however want to make very clear the important point that there is no denying that the Earth's Climate is changing, it has been for billions of years and will continue to do so. For example, at various times in the planet's history there was little to no ice at all at the poles, indeed the South Pole is believed to have been forested, whereas at other times ice sheets covered most of the European continent and a large part of the North American continent.<sup>ii</sup> However, as the climate debate has grown more passionate and even at times vitriolic, various things started to raise my concern, initially three often heard allegations in particular.

- 1. The previously noted statement that 'The Science (of climate change) is settled'. As a person who has always had a great interest in and spent great deal of time studying science, and then practicing it in my first career as a professional engineer, my response to that statement is that science is never settled. Indeed, there can be no more unscientific statement than 'the science is settled'. The trail of History is littered with the carcases of once strongly held allegedly 'settled' scientific theories which were overturned by new knowledge. Three examples suffice to make the point.
  - a) On the macro-scale, there is the 'Steady State Universe Theory'. This was the firm conviction (by scientists!) that the Universe had no beginning and has no end. This for a long time widely held belief was overturned by new scientific knowledge that revealed the 'Truth' that the universe expanded from an extremely small and dense single point (singularity) that exploded outwards to the universe we have today. That explosion generally being known as the Big Bang.
  - b) On the micro-scale, there is the 'Stomach Ulcer theory'. For decades the 'settled science' was that stomach ulcers were cause by stress. For this reason, large numbers of stomach ulcer sufferers (especially stressed businessmen and women) were treated by doctors with stress-relieving remedies. Indeed the 'science was settled'. Then two Australians, Barry Marshall and Robin Warren, discovered the 'Truth' that there is an ulcer-causing bacterium, Heliobacter, residing in the stomach and 'lo and behold' the 'settled science' caved in again!
  - c) Then there are the revelations of NASA's recently deployed James Webb telescope which is being used by astronomers to peer back in time to the early moments of the universe, and through which they spotted something unexpected.

The space observatory revealed six massive galaxies that existed very soon, between 500 million and 700 million years, after the big bang that originated the universe. This discovery is **completely upending existing theories** about the origins of galaxies.

Joel Leja, assistant professor of astronomy and astrophysics at Penn State University, iii stated that -

'This revelation that massive galaxy formation began extremely early in the history of the universe upends what many of us had thought was settled science". 4

These new-found galaxies are so massive **that they conflict with 99%** of models representing early galaxies in the universe. So the 'settled science' once more bit the dust, which means scientists need to rethink how and when galaxies formed and evolved.

These comments on the complete failure of models to predict galaxy size should also make us somewhat sceptical when climate-warming models are frequently cited as evidence of man-made global warming. It should also be noted that the global-warming models so cited have ALL, by actual observations, been shown to overestimate the degree of warming – some to a great extent.

Large numbers of other examples of allegedly 'settled science' could be given, but I have made my point. In fact, to repeat, the very statement that the 'science is settled' is in itself the most unscientific statement that can be made. Science is only 'settled' until it retreats in the face of new knowledge.

2. The exhortation to 'Listen to the Science', but rarely is it asked as to 'which science'? There is the science that largely comes from the 2023 United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report, which, while the reports themselves are far less alarming, is frequently catastrophised by the media.

There is also however, the science of the large numbers of highly respected and qualified scientists who have a very different take on the issue. For example-

a) A letter written by 500 eminent scientists to the UN Secretary General Guterres, which demanded that the UN end what they described as the hysteria and return to rational dialogue.

These 500 scientists from all over the world, among them distinguished MIT climate scientist Prof. Richard Lindzen, (urged) the UN Secretary-General for a further, de-politicised discussion of the climate issue, in which alternative scientific views are also given a voice. The letter stated in part that-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Author's emphasis

'The general-circulation models of climate on which international policy is at present founded are unfit for their purpose. Therefore, it is cruel as well as imprudent to advocate the squandering of trillions (of dollars) on the basis of results from such immature models. Current climate policies pointlessly, grievously undermine the economic system, **putting lives at risk** in countries denied access to affordable, continuous electrical power'.

#### To this point we will return in Part 2.

- b) I recently came across the results of an international study, delivered by leading scientists from the Italian Institute for Nuclear Physics that found no statistical, data-linked evidence of any kind that the earth is in the grips of a climate emergency. These scientists concluded after a long-term analysis of a range of extreme weather events such as heat, drought, floods, hurricanes and fires, that there were no clear positive trends.
- c) Then there is the 'World Climate Declaration (WCD)' published in 2022, and signed by nearly 1200 scientists led by Norwegian physics Nobel Prize laureate Professor Ivar Giaever. This also argues that there is no Climate Emergency.
- d) There is also the 2025 report by the US Department of Energy 'A Critical Review of Impacts of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on the U.S. Climate'. Some conclusions of which are
  - i. "Claims of increased frequency or intensity of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and droughts are not supported by U.S. historical data"
  - ii. "U.S. tide gauge measurements in aggregate show no obvious acceleration in sea level rise beyond the historical average rate"
- iii. "Solar activity's contribution to the late 20th-century warming might be underestimated"
- iv. "Excessively aggressive mitigation policies could prove more detrimental than beneficial".
- v. "Carbon dioxide (CO2) differs in many ways from the so-called Criteria Air Pollutants. It does not affect local air quality and has no human toxicological implications at ambient levels. It is an issue of concern because of its effects on the global climate."
- vi. "CO2 enhances photosynthesis and improves plant water use efficiency, thereby promoting plant growth."
- vii. "Global greening due in part to increased CO2 levels in the atmosphere is well-established on all continents."
- viii. "Most ocean life evolved when the oceans were mildly acidic. Decreasing pH might adversely affect corals, although the Australian Great Barrier Reef has shown considerable growth in recent years."
  - ix. "Wildfires are not more common in the U.S. than they were in the 1980s. Burned area increased from the 1960s to the early 2000's, however it is low compared to the estimated natural baseline level." "U.S. wildfire activity is strongly affected by forest management practices."
  - x. "Heatwave activity in the U.S. reached a peak in the 1930s"
- 3. The often-made allegation thrown at those who want to debate the climate issue of being 'Climate Sceptics'. A more unscientific accusation could not be made, for the very essence of true science is scepticism. Scientists have always been sceptical of new theories and discoveries. It is through an ongoing

process of sceptical re-examination and robust debate that theories are tested, refined, and sometimes discarded, as the examples I have previously given above. Many in the current climate arena seem to want to avoid such a process despite this being the very essence of any true scientific enquiry.

The reader should please understand, I am not claiming that change in the climate may not be some extent be due to human activity, just that many of the arguments for it are highly debatable.

Which brings me back to the 'Truth' Catastrophe.

# Truth And Long Memories

'Truth is always scarce, but the supply of it is always more than the demand'.

Josh Billings<sup>5</sup>

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As already stated, 'Truth' is an issue about which Christians must always be concerned because it is of the very nature of God. To be an agent of 'Untruth' by frequently claiming that something is happening when it really isn't (or it is at least uncertain), may eventually result in subsequent valid claims being rejected. This reminds me of the expression to 'Cry Wolf' which comes from Greek mythology, namely one of Aesop's fables (The Boy Who Cried Wolf). In this, a young shepherd boy lies about a wolf threatening his flock so many times that people do not believe him when he and his flock are really in danger.

'Cry Wolf' Catastrophic 'untruth' warnings have littered the history of the West for seventy years or more. The following list gives just some, note only some, examples.

## We Will All Starve.

In 1968 Dr Paul Ehrlich, an American biologist, warned about the consequence of population growth in his controversial book '*The Population Bomb*', ix which was that 'in the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now'! It also warned that Americans would be subject to food rationing by 1980.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Josh Billings (Pen name of Henry Wheeler Shaw). The 19 century American humourist.

One main solution to the looming starvation that Erlich suggested was population control, including 'various forms of coercion' such as eliminating tax benefits for additional children, to be used if voluntary methods were to fail.

Strangely though, this forecast of catastrophe failed to materialize!

#### We Will All Freeze

At a time when we are constantly being urged to 'listen to the settled science' warning us of a looming global warming (recently upgraded by the UN to 'Global Boiling') catastrophe, it is worth noting some of the 'settled science' of the last 50 years or so scared us to death with the very opposite with predictions that we were all going to freeze. Here are just a few.

- a) In April 1970, the Boston Globe ran predictions of a global ice age that would consume us all by the year 2000.
- b) On July 9th, 1971, the Washington Post newspaper carried a report that fine dust from fossil fuel burning would block sunlight and result in a six degree drop in global temperature by 2020.
- c) On December the 3rd 1972, a letter was sent from Brown University to the President of the United States of America informing him of the conclusions of a science conference attended by forty-two top scientists. The letter started with the following excerpt-

"Dear Mr. President

'Aware of your deep concern with the future of the world, we feel obliged to inform you on the results of the scientific conference held here recently. The conference dealt with the past and future changes of climate and was attended by forty-two top American and European investigators.

The main conclusion of the meeting was that a global deterioration of climate, by order of magnitude larger than any hitherto experience by civilized mankind, is a very real possibility and indeed may be due very soon.

The (cooling) has natural cause and falls within the rank of processes which produced the last ice age.  $x^{i}$ 

- d) On January 29<sup>th</sup>1974, the British Guardian newspaper published long term analysis of satellite data from which the authors concluded that the world was approaching a Mini-Ice age. That's funny I thought, fifty years later the same newspaper is now warning us against catastrophic heat!
- e) On June 24, 1974, Time magazine carried a report sounding the alarm that 'tell-tale signs are everywhere warning a of new ice age'. This it claimed was a conclusion reached, in part, from the unexpected persistence and thickness of pack ice around the waters of Iceland, and the fact that

areas of Baffin Island once totally free of ice in summer were fully covered. That's funny I thought, for now very the opposite i.e., the currently alleged shrinking of the ice is apparently a cause for alarm!

- f) On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1975, the New York Times ran an article headed 'Scientists ask why the world climate is changing'. It cited some scientists as saying a new Ice Age is on the way . . . with hints that it has already begun . . . claiming that a drop in mean temperatures since 1950 had shortened Britain's growing season for crops by two weeks.
- g) Again, the same newspaper on January 5<sup>th</sup> reported the findings of an International team of specialists that there was no end in sight to a thirty-year cooling trend in the northern hemisphere.

Strangely though, we haven't so far frozen!

#### We'll All Die of Thirst.

Predictions of prolonged drought, and a general lack of water, because of climate change, have been common in recent decades.

Examples of this are the various predictions by Professor Tim Flannery (Professorial Fellow at the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute, The University of Melbourne), including but not limited to telling us back in 2007 that "even the rain that falls isn't actually going to fill our dams and river systems", as he was seen to say in oft repeated showings of a Video clip of him making that statement.

Since Professor Flannery's prediction that the dams would never fill again, Sydney's large Warragamba Dam has overflowed multiple times! Then in 2025, in a 24-hour period over the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of September, Sydney totaled its highest rainfall since 1879.

Then for another example, in September 2019 the Victorian government Minister for Water, Lisa Neville, declared that because of climate change, the government wouldn't build any more dams because it would never rain enough to fill them. Instead, they would invest more in Desalination plants!

Funny though, the east and southeast of Australia subsequently experienced sustained record-smashing rains and multiple flood events that caused great damage as well as loss of life and livelihoods.

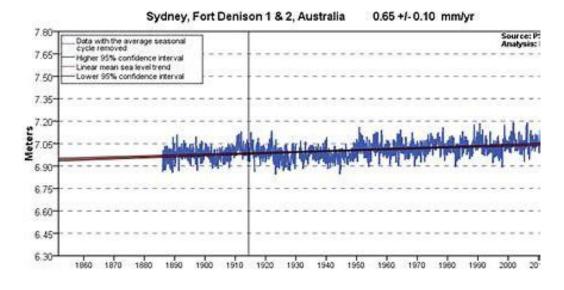
#### We Will All Drown

Part of the alleged 'Settled Science' is that because of global warming sea levels are rising and this is going to inundate vast areas of currently dry land and parts of coastal cities, resulting in great economic and social disruption. Some claims-

- a) On September 26th, 1988, the Canberra times published a report predicting that rising seas threatened to completely cover the Indian Ocean nation of the Maldives by 2018. That's strange I thought, as over thirty-five years later (in August 2025) I read several newspaper adverts for holidays in the Maldives!
- b) In 2014, the ABC (Australia) aired a very scary program which included the claim that sea levels would rise by nine metres and showed maps indicating the coastal areas that would be inundated.<sup>xii</sup>
- c) Many times, in recent years, claims have been made that many Pacific islands were being drowned by rising sea levels. These were dramatically emphasised by a picture of the president of the United Nations standing knee deep (in a very nice suit!) in the allegedly rising sea. However, an Auckland University report stated that the surface area of 40% of the islands has not changed in 60 years, and further the land area of another 40% plus is actually larger. xiii
- d) Some of the evidence cited for catastrophic sea-level rise would seem to be somewhat patchy. For example,

'*Marine Science Australia*' gives the trend for sea-level rise measured by the two longest tidal gauge records for Australia, at Fort Dennison in Sydney harbour as 0.73mm/yr. And at Freemantle in Western Australia as 1.78mm/yr. <sup>xiv</sup> Over 100 years this amounts to a rise of 73mm and 178mm respectively. I would suggest that this hardly warrants cause for great alarm.

The Trend for Fort Dennison is shown in the following Graph 1.



Also, a 2025 report by Dutch engineering consultant Hessel G. Voortman and independent researcher Rob de Vos, titled 'A Global Perspective on Local Sea Level Changes', printed in the 'Journal of Marine Science and Engineering' concludes that 'Global sea levels have not continued to rise at the rates predicted by many scientists'.xv The report also concludes that there is no evidence that climate change has contributed to any acceleration in sea level rise.

The research found that the average sea level rise in 2020 was only around 1.5mm per year, or 6 inches per century, according to the paper's authors, Dutch engineering consultant Hessel Voortman and independent researcher Rob de Vos.

This is significantly lower than the 3 to 4 mm/year often reported by climate scientists in scientific and the media.

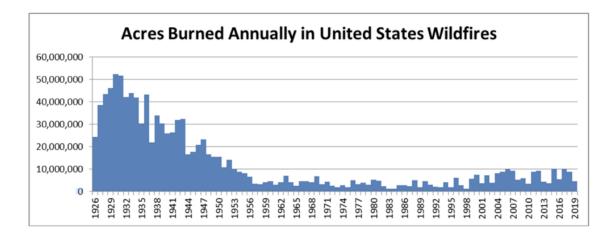
# We Will All 'Perish in Flames' xvi

One frequently heard claim in recent years is that there has been an increase in catastrophic bush (wild) fires because of global warming.

This seems somewhat odd, for in October 2020 the most prestigious Royal Society (in London) noted that there had been no overall increase in the total area burnt by fire across the globe. Further, Professor of Wildfire Stefan Doerr and Dr Christina Santin from Swansea University in South Wales wrote a paper stating that the 'Truth' is that the global area burned 'appears to have declined over past decades' and that there was 'increasing evidence that there is less fire in the global landscape than centuries ago'."

An interesting note on this topic is that a 2011 research project funded by the UK Forestry Commission discovered that over 90% of South Wales grassland fires were recorded within 100 metres of a road or public right of way. The figure climbed to 99% if you extended the distance to 500m. It would seem that most bush/wildfires have little to do with climate change, but a lot more to do with human activity, whether deliberate or otherwise.

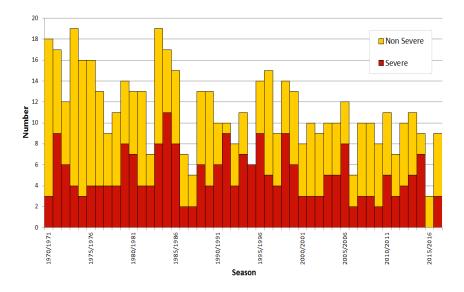
The following Graph shows that fires in the United States were much worse in the past, which indicates a decline in fire over the last century. The slight increase in fire since 2000 is mainly due to political interference hindering proper forest management.



# **Global Disasters**

Much of the reporting around climate warming has related to alleged trends of increasing global disasters.

One repeated claim in the current debate is that Climate Change is causing an increase in dangerous tropical cyclones. The 'Truth' is that there has been a long-established decline in such storms in the Australian region, as the record from 1971 to 2017 in the following Graph shows.



Then there is the United Nations report that Global disasters have surged over the last half century or so and are affecting more people than ever. XiX However-

#### a) According to the Encyclopedia Brittanica, xx

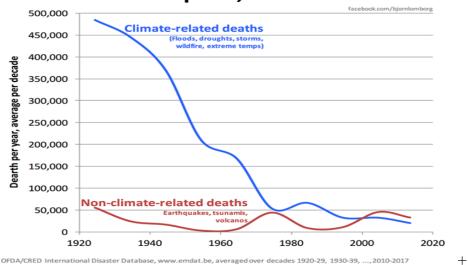
'the number of deaths from natural disasters also varies by location and the intensity of the event; however, the overall trend points to a decline from several hundreds of thousands of deaths annually during the first half of the 20th century to roughly 45,000 deaths globally each year.'

#### b) Further, as Bjorn Lomborgxxi has said-

"Ever-fewer people die from climate-related disasters — also in 2021 Climate-related deaths have dropped 96-98% over the past century. Breathless climate reporting misleads us and panic makes us less likely to tackle climate smartly".

See the following Graph from Lomborg (who does not deny that the planet is warming) which paints a very different picture from the United Nations.

# Deaths from Climate and non-Climate Catastophes, 1920-2017



Lomborg argues that the belief in an alleged increase in global disasters is more the result of patchy recording in the 1970s (where there were no mobile phones) and the claimed increase is actually due to an increase in the accuracy of, and increased prevalence of, the recording of such events.

He argues that a better measure of the number of catastrophes over time is the number of deaths caused by them, the recording of which has been far more reliable. Such a metric shows that in reality climate related events are not actually killing more people, in fact there has been a massive reduction over the last century.

## The Great 'Pollutant'

While some posit other causes such as methane gas or atmospheric water vapour, for the main part, the culprit alleged to be responsible for human induced global warming is the gas Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Consequently, the majority of steps taken to rein in warming are geared to reducing emissions of this gas. These, as we will argue later, include the implementation of often quite drastic, extremely costly and damaging policies to reduce the use of fossil fuels (coal, natural gas, oil etc).

Rather than shut down debate on this issue, as many seek to do, there are a few things worth considering which might give a different slant on the CO<sub>2</sub> issue. These are rarely communicated to the public through the media or government reports.

a) One of the great pieces of misinformation (untruths) frequently claimed in relation to the global warming space is that CO<sub>2</sub> is a pollutant. Nothing in fact could be further from the truth, for CO<sub>2</sub> is actually the 'Life' molecule, indeed it is essential for life. When the proportion of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere drops below 150 ppm organisms start to die and below 130 ppm everything is dead including us!

- b) The current (2025) level of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is about 420 ppm, and this is considered a cause for alarm. That's a bit strange, because the 'science' tells is that in past times CO<sub>2</sub> levels have been vastly higher than currently, yet at those same times global temperatures were much lower. In fact CO<sub>2</sub> levels and the global temperature have been significantly out of sync for most of the last 550 million years.<sup>xxii</sup>
- c) It is a bit odd that those who warn of a climate catastrophe only consider the period since the start of the industrial revolution which ignores the fact that there 'have been periods of tens of millions of years where there was no correlation between carbon dioxide and temperature'.xxiii
- d) In the current debate it is claimed that rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels are driving temperature increase. Again, this is at least worthy of debate, because the same 'science' we are told to listen to tells us that in past major 'warmings' temperature rise preceded CO<sub>2</sub> rise, often by many hundreds of years!
- e) The generally proclaimed cause of global warming is that it is driven by increase in CO<sub>2</sub>. However, and this is of first importance yet given nowhere near the coverage it deserves, there is so far actually *no scientific proof* that this is the case. The link between the two is simply an hypothesis, and not so far, a proven fact. Like all scientific theories it may in the future be proved or disproved.
- f) A 2022 research paper by four scientists printed by the Royal Society London, xxiv suggests that it is Temperature rise that drives CO<sub>2</sub> rise rather than vice versa. At the very least this suggests that the science is not settled.xxv
- g) Again in 2022, the owners of the large Loy Yang A coal-fired power station in Victoria, AGL, announced that the plant would close much earlier than previously scheduled. According to interim chief executive at the time, Damien Nicks, the early closure represented "a major step forward in Australia's decarbonisation journey" because it would avoid up to 200 million tonnes of greenhouse gases being emitted".

Commenting on this, Greenpeace Australia Pacific CEO David Ritter welcomed the move, saying "This is a change which will make a real difference to the climate".

However, and with the greatest respect to Mr Ritter, this is basically a gross 'Untruth'. For as the Chief Government Scientist at the time, Alan Finkel, when asked in a Federal Senate Estimates Committee hearing, what the complete elimination of Australia's carbon emissions would do for the climate, answered 'Virtually nothing'. So the small effect of Loy Yang A's early closure would in fact be far less than 'Virtually nothing'.

This is because the total Australian emissions in 2025 amount to only about 1% of the global total, as against China's emissions of around 30%, USA at 14% and India at 7%.

# Catysteria!

One of the characteristics of forecast catastrophes over the years is that they are often accompanied by a good dose of, my new word, Catysteria. That is alarming, verging on hysterical predictions of looming catastrophe, even apocalyptic end of the world scenarios. Some examples serve to make the point.

a) In June 2018 the (then) teenage Climate activist Greta Thunberg, who had gained a huge international following (including by national and United Nations leaders), posted the following quote.

'A top climate scientist is warning that climate change will wipe out all of humanity unless we stop using fossil fuels over the next five years.'

Strangely, in 2023 she quietly deleted the post!

- b) In 2021 Roger Hallam, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, posted a video with the scary title 'Advice to Young People as they face Annihilation'. \*\*XXXXII\* Another he began with 'In these End Times...', and in yet another religiously flavoured one, he exclaims: 'Only when we admit the utter destitution of our souls at this time of utter annihilation will we begin a journey we can be proud of, regardless of the outcome. 'XXXVIII\*
- c) In July 2022, the English national newspaper '*The Guardian*' ran this headline which was their summary of the book '*Hothouse Earth*' by Bill McGuire.

'Soon it (the Earth) will be unrecognisable': total climate meltdown cannot be stopped, says expert'.

- d) In July 2022 Britain was experiencing extremely hot weather and on the 19th of July the forecast was that it would be Britain's hottest ever recorded day, with 40 degrees plus temperatures expected. Indeed, such a record was claimed at RAF Coningsby, but two points might be noted.
- i. First, experts warned that there would be 1000 deaths from the extreme heat. In fact, how many deaths were there? The 'Truth' is that there were just 13! And these were all drownings, by people desperately trying to keep cool!
- ii. Second, the alleged record lasted 60 seconds!
- e) The health of the Great Barrier Reef has regularly been described as in terminal decline or even dead. In 2016 The Huffington Post declared that due to climate change –

'93 percent Of the Great Barrier Reef Is Practically Dead'. xxviii

f) Then in 2018, the United Nations released a report warning that coral reefs worldwide were projected to decline by up to 90 per cent even if warming was capped at 1.5 degrees Celsius. xxix

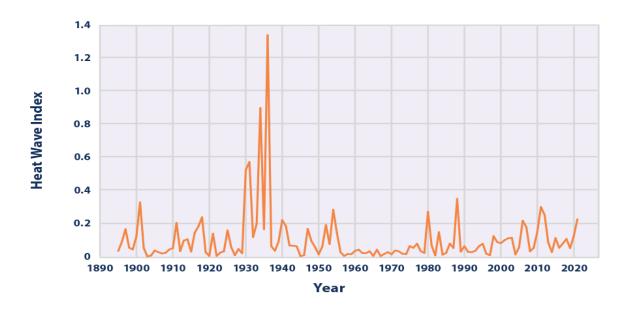
Once again, that's strange I thought, for according to the Australian Institute of Marine Science the 'Truth' is that Coral cover of the reef in 2022 was at a 30-year maximum.<sup>xxx</sup>

g) On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 the head of the U.N., António Guterres, issued a scary warning on climate change-

"The era of global warming has ended; the era of global boiling has arrived." . . . . Climate change is here. It is terrifying. And it is just the beginning".

h) In early August 2023 newspaper headlines and news bulletins were proclaiming experts claims that July was the hottest month for 120,000 years. That's really strange I thought, as any sort of reliable records only go back less than 150 years.

Current Catysterical claims regarding heatwaves seem to forget to mention the 1930s US Heatwave Index record, as seen in the following Graph. This was long before concerns regarding climate change became an issue.<sup>xxxi</sup>



# Benefits

In discussions on Global Warming something that is little mentioned is the fact that a warmer planet actually produces benefits. For example-

- a) It is ironic that while western nations take drastic and hugely expensive steps to remove the alleged 'pollutant' (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere, farmers/horticulturists pump the 'great pollutant' into their greenhouses so as to increase the yield of their crops!
- b) Also, the reason for the greening of the planet, xxxii and the accompanying increase in crop yields seen in recent years, is the result of rising CO<sub>2</sub> 'pollution'! This means that we are able to feed more, especially the poorest people in various parts of the world.

- c) Maybe this might just be the reason for claims that house plants grow better when people 'talk or sing' to them, for when we breath out there is 40,000ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> (the great pollutant) in our breath and when we breathe over the plants, we are actually breathing fertilizer on them!
- d) Then there is the well documented fact that a warming planet produces less deaths than a cooling one. This is because somewhere over 10 times more people die from cold than from heat. A study published in The Lancet shows 6.5% of deaths in Australia are attributed to cold weather, compared with 0.5% from hot weather. This is a 'Truth' that is relevant to the issue of Justice which we will consider later.

# In Summary

As a result of this brief search for one area of 'Truth' in the 'post-Truth' land of allegedly 'settled science', a number of conclusions can be drawn. These at the very least should promote an extensive debate as to the reasons for, and effects of, climate change, and the degree to which there is any human agency in it.

- 1. Is the climate changing? Most certainly, it always has and always will.
- 2. Is it warming? Probably, but not anywhere nearly as much as the 'models' show.
- 3. Is the Science 'settled'? No.
- 4. Is there a scientifically proven causation link between increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels and the global temperature? No. In fact, scientific analysis over, not just the last few hundred but tens of millions of years, reveals that the relationship between the two is uncertain.
- 5. Is there human agency in currently rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels? Possibly, but the degree of it is unclear.
- 6. Since WW 2 we have been warned regularly that we are about to freeze, fry, drown or starve. Yet all have failed to eventuate.
- 7. Has there been an increase in global disasters as a result of climate change? No. The reality is that there has been a 90% plus decrease in such disasters and resulting deaths (including from wildfires and cyclones) over the last century or so.
- 8. Is Carbon Dioxide a 'pollutant'? No. It is in fact essential for all carbon-based life forms, including us.
- 9. Are there benefits flowing from higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels? Yes many. Less climate related deaths and far greater crop yields. A point the media for the most part chooses to ignore.

A major characteristic of the socio-spiritual cultural Vacuum that has formed since the loss of the Judeo-Christian 'Built-in-operating-system' (BIOS), and its moral guidelines for western society, is the consequent evacuation of 'Truth' from the public square and social discourse. Indeed, our times have been described as 'post-Truth' because of that evacuation. Further, because he is Truth, post-Truth equals post-God.

However, as we have seen, two aspects of God's nature are linked, that of Truth and that of Justice, for God is perfectly Just. So while we could just leave the issue of 'Truth' in our post-Truth equals post-God age that is only half the task for the evacuation of Truth has very serious consequences in the area of Justice which we will address in Part Two.

# Part Two – Justice

'And Truth was cast to the ground' Daniel 8:12

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In 2023 'Doctors for the Environment Australia' called on the Western Australian government to stop approving high-emissions gas projects. xxxiv

Roger Cook premier of Western Australia responded to that call by saying that -

'I'm worried about people in other parts of the world who will die if they don't have access to clean, affordable electricity and Western Australia has a key role to play in making sure that that's available.

If we simply turn off the tap to electricity, if we simply put people in the dark, force them to turn off the air conditioners, whether it's in Western Australia or in other parts of the world, people will die.' <sup>6</sup>

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As we said in Part One, one of the consequences of the socio-spiritual cultural Vacuum that has formed since the loss of the Judeo-Christian 'Built-in-operating-system' (BIOS), and its moral guidelines for western society, is the evacuation of 'Truth' from the public square and social discourse generally. Our times, have been described as 'post-Truth' because of that evacuation. Further, because he is Truth, Post-Truth equals post-God.

As an example of the Truth Vacuum, in Part 1 we particularly looked at the issue of Truth through the lens of the current debate on the changing climate, although many other areas of current public debate can be used to demonstrate the Truth vacuum.

Essential to the nature of a Vacuum is that it is an 'emptiness' seeking to be filled with something. This is also true of the spiritual/cultural vacuum created by the banishment of the biblical world view fromwestern society. This emptiness has now been filled by a mixture of Orwellian group think, cultural tribalism, Humpty Dumpty (a word means what I want it to mean) speak, feelings (the Vibe) replacing facts, and a post modernistic mosaic of truths in place of a singular, absolute Truth.

From a Christian perspective this is of particular concern because a major characteristic of God is that he is the (singular, absolute) Truth, and so Christians are called to be agents of the One who is Truth, in whose

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on 28/11/23

Image we are made<sup>7</sup>. That then links to the issue of Justice, for another essential aspect of God's nature is that He is perfectly Just. Truth and Justice are therefore intimately linked, such that in a post-Truth world there are consequences for Justice. Many such consequences are the result of government policies shaped as they are by an uncritical adoption of the settled science mantra.

This link between Truth and Justice and God's concern with both is clearly shown in the Old Testament, for example in the book of Isaiah (Chapter 59, verses 14 and 15).

'So, justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.

15 Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.'

The uncritical adoption, by governments and a range of institutions and authorities around the world, of the claim that 'the Science is settled' regarding global warming, and the pejorative demonisation of those who question it as 'Climate Deniers', has serious consequences for Justice in a variety of ways.

#### Justice Definition

In the Bible, the words Justice and Righteous(ness) occur more than 250 times in the Old Testament (both being translations of the same Hebrew word 'Tsedek' or its derivations) and over 180 times in the New Testament (both being translations of the same Greek word 'Dikaios' or its derivations). This clearly indicates that Justice is a primary concern of God as we would expect, flowing as it does from His essential nature. However, before we go any further it is important that we clarify what we mean by the word Justice as its meaning in general parlance can often be quite different from what it means in the Bible. Properly to define Justice would require at least a completely new article in itself, but for our purpose here we will seek to develop a working definition of Justice and how it relates to Truth. Dictionary definitions

The Oxford English dictionary (2013 Revision) has a range of definitions for Justice including those that are the common usage of the term, e.g.-

'Maintenance of what is just or right by the exercise of authority or power; assignment of deserved reward or punishment; giving of due deserts.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Genesis 1:26

## The Bible

Dictionaries often also include the biblical understanding of the term e.g. -

'The quality of being just or right, as a human or divine attribute; moral uprightness; . . . . . the exhibition of this quality or principle in action; integrity, rectitude'.

And Justice in the Theological sense such as-

'Observance of divine law; righteousness; the state of being righteous or justified in the eyes of God'

Also biblically, being perfectly Just or Righteous is by definition what God is, so Justice exhibits itself in behaviours that reflect God's character, that is by acting as God would act.

An essential aspect of Biblical Justice is ensuring that people are treated as God would treat them, that is Justice wears God's clothes.

# Justice as Rightness

An illustration of what God means by Justice can be found in the vision given to the prophet Amos (Amos 7:7,8) after centuries of the people of Israel acting very unjustly, primarily in how the ruling caste were treating the poor and less powerful.

'This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in His hand.

And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer".

Among many other things, the plumbline vision represents, in the same way as a builder uses a plumbline to check whether a wall is upright, and built True, how any society, relationship, company, organization, government etc. is measured for its straightness, uprightness, whether it is built True or not. This assessment being made against God's guidelines (i.e. the Old Testament Law as it reflects God's character) for the Just, that is Right functioning of human society.

The main word for Justice in the Old Testament is 'Tsedek', which means right, upright, straight, rightness, and in the New Testament 'dikaios', meaning righteous(ness), i.e., the quality with which God intended a society to be built, and people to be treated, that is Rightly.

On the basis of the above, we can reasonably use the terms 'Fair' or 'Right', as measured against God's character or nature, as a working definition of Justice. Therefore, we will define the practical application of Justice as a person or group being treated 'Fairly' and 'Rightly'.

### Truth Distorted

Given the intimate link between Truth and Justice, the Truth Vacuum in western society inevitably leads to a lack of, or distortion of, Justice or Rightness in human affairs, and the resultant moral vacuum. This leads to people NOT being treated Justly, that is Rightly when their treatment is tested against God's character.

One, only one, example of this we see in the consequences of the lack of Truth in the climate change space as the following seeks to show. However, it needs to be noted again that there are many parts of public discourse where Truth is an absent commodity as we described in Part 1.

# Post Truth and the Consequences for Justice

The evacuation of Truth from the public square has serious consequences in area of Justice. Various examples of this can be cited. One of which is the alleged need to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, based on the scepticism-free claim that 'the science is settled'. This claim must always be debated for the simple reason that the essence of the scientific method is scepticism, so the science is never 'settled' on anything.

Therefore, no matter their particular view on the subject, everyone must be a 'climate sceptic'. However, the lack of scientific scepticism has caused governments to enact policies that fail the plumbline or 'Rightness' test.

# Justice and Energy

One of the major areas in which the evacuation of Truth from society has brought about 'Injustice' is that of the alleged Climate emergency as we discussed in Part 1. The reality is that, the now demonised, Coalfired cheap electricity has lifted millions of people, including children, in the poorest of countries out of abject poverty. Its removal, without replacement with any reliable, cheap alternative, threatens to plunge them back into the misery they were rescued from.

This concern was expressed by the Premier of Western Australia (Roger Cook) who said-

'I'm worried about people in other parts of the world who will die if they don't have access to clean, affordable electricity..... If we simply turn off the tap to electricity, if we simply put

people in the dark, force them to turn off the air conditioners, whether it's in Western Australia or in other parts of the world, people will die.'8

Further as previously referenced in Part 1.

'The general-circulation models of climate on which international policy is at present founded are unfit for their purpose. Therefore, it is cruel as well as imprudent to advocate the squandering of trillions (of dollars) on the basis of results from such immature models. Current climate policies pointlessly, grievously undermine the economic system, putting lives at risk in countries denied access to affordable, continuous electrical power'.

Further as stated in 'Papua New Guinea Perspective' -

'Some of the highest exposures to air pollutants in developing countries occur inside homes where solid biofuel, particularly wood fuel, is used for daily cooking. A relatively high proportion of the world population living in these countries is exposed to increased levels of indoor air pollutants produced by inefficiently burning stoves. Inhalation of these pollutants may have serious consequences, which are highlighted in this paper, for the respiratory health of the people who have been exposed.<sup>9</sup>

Also, an Abstract of a paper by <u>J R Pérez-Padilla</u> , <u>J Regalado-Pineda</u>, <u>A O Morán-Mendoza</u> claims that-

'A high proportion of the world population, especially in developing countries, is exposed to indoor pollutants produced by inefficient biomass stoves. The levels of pollutants, including toxins and carcinogens in the kitchen are usually very high. This potential pathogenic exposure has been scarcely studied. The exposure to biomass smoke has been associated to chronic bronchitis and chronic airflow obstruction in adults and to acute respiratory infections in children. At the National Institute of Pulmonary Diseases in Mexico, we have observed the entire spectrum of diseases associated with tobacco in people who never smoked and who were exposed to wood smoke. Women exposed to wood smoke had a five-fold risk of chronic bronchitis and chronic airflow obstruction, as compared to the non-exposed, according to a recent case-control study done at our Institute. The indoor levels of suspended particles smaller than 10 microns were frequently above 1,000 micrograms/m3 in a rural community in the state of Mexico. This information supports a causal role for biomass smoke for the genesis of several respiratory diseases, representing a potentially public health problem.' 10

In a Post-Truth World Justice Dies

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As reported in the Sydney Morning Herald on 28/11/23. Author's emphasis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Respiratory health effects associated with exposure to indoor wood burning in developing countries: a Papua New Guinea Perspective - PubMed (nih.gov)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 'National Library of Meicine - Web site - PMID: **10204309** -2005 Sep-Dec;48(3-4):196-205.

The removal of access to a range of fossil-fuelled electricity will continue these unhealthy practices in the poorest of societies.

Fundamentally, these are examples of how the too ready adoption of debatable 'truths' damages Justice and leads to people, usually the poorest and vulnerable, not being treated Rightly.

# Justice and Temperature

In the climate debate it is rarely mentioned that cold related deaths are 10 or more times those caused by heat. <sup>11</sup> Thus, in terms of temperature, a warming climate causes less harm than a cold one. The poor and the frail, even in developed countries, suffer injustice, including ill health and even death, that is they are not treated Rightly, when they cannot heat their homes adequately because of elevated power bills resulting from the climate-policy-driven restriction on and closure of fossil fuel electricity generation. <sup>xxxv</sup>

The provision of cheap fossil-fuelled electricity has provided significant health benefits to the world's poorest societies.

# Justice and Children

It is arguably in the case of children that we see the greatest injustices being perpetrated in the name of the allegedly 'settled' science, resulting from government or United Nations policy diktats ranging from climate to the Covid 19 pandemic.

As well as the hundreds of thousands of children in third world countries who would be plunged back into poverty by the loss of cheap electricity produced from fossil fuels, there are many other ways children are not being treated 'Rightly' by government policies driven by the uncritical adoption of the 'settled' science mantra.

### a) Children Provide the Materials for Renewable Hardware

Battery production for Electric Vehicles is driving a boom in small-scale or "artisanal" cobalt production in the Democratic Republic of Congo which supplies two thirds of global output of the mineral. The work practices in the cobalt mines are dangerous and employ child labour. A recent United Nations Report warns that the raw materials used in electric car batteries are highly concentrated in a small number of countries where environmental and labour regulations are weak or non-existent. \*xxxvi\*

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Previously referenced

An example of what might be called 'renewable injustice' is provided by Dr Saul Griffith, who is the leader of a project (Electrify 2515), to electrify a local suburb in NSW. Writing in 'the Illawarra Flame' Dr Griffith said, 'it's about making smart decisions today that will benefit our children tomorrow'. 12

Dr Griffith omitted to mention however, several things in his article. Firstly, to benefit our children tomorrow as he claims, requires that Congolese parents' children are set to work for long shifts in holes in the ground in dangerous and toxic conditions. This to provide us with the rare earth metals required for renewable energy generation and storage devices.

Also, Dr Griffith's article applauds the fact that one in three Australian homes now has roof top solar, but no mention is made of the fact that most panels are made by Uighur people including children kept as slaves in Chinese concentration camps. Nor is there any mention of the fact that some components of solar panels and wind turbines, which have short lives before needing replacement, contain virtually unrecyclable toxic metals.

## b) Mental Illness

Then there is the continuous 'settled science'- driven anxiety in children and young adults. One example of which the author recalls, was watching a young girl have a semi-nervous breakdown near Flinders Street station, Melbourne, during a schools' climate protest. With tears pouring down her anguished face, expressing her belief that the world was doomed, she pleadingly asked 'why won't somebody do something?'.

Writing in the Australian newspaper on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, the paper's Environment Editor Graham Lloyd stated that –

The campaign to link "extreme weather events with climate change" has been "relentless" and "extrapolated out to a very frightening scenario,"

And on May 28th, 2022, that-

'Youth mental health is being affected by a 'relentless' climate change campaign.

Speaking to Sky News host Chris Kenny, Mr Lloyd also said that-

"The results are showing that this is causing a great deal of mental health issues and concern, particularly among young people and it's getting worse,".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Postcard from the Future, Griffith S, The Illawarra Flame, December 2024. <a href="www.theillawarraflame.com.au">www.theillawarraflame.com.au</a>, p.32 Author's emphasis.

Another example of children being damaged by government policies shaped by the non-sceptical adoption of the 'settled science' mantra, is contained new report by leading educational and developmental psychologist Clare Rowe who says that alarmist content in Australia's National Curriculum is causing an 'epidemic of climate anxiety' and 'real damage to the mental health of young Australians', which is robbing kids of their childhood. xxxvii Ms Rowe argues climate change content being taught to young kids is 'developmentally inappropriate', and should, at the very least, be postponed until secondary school.

In a television interview, Ms Rowe said, 'As a clinician, it is alarming to see so many children in my practice who are fearful and feel hopeless due to the climate education they receive at school'.

Treating children 'Justly' that is 'Rightly' does not include them being terrorized.

Another area where children's mental health was damaged, that is not being treated 'Rightly', was the blatant the distortion of Truth by politicians and health authorities during the Covid 19 pandemic. False 'settled science' was used to close schools and lock children up at home for long periods of time for their 'protection'. Many internationally renowned epidemiologists were highly sceptical (there is that word again) of the official 'science' but were marginalized and shut down.

However, the actual science said that children were the *least* vulnerable to Covid 19 and that there was no reason to close schools. The application of the false 'settled science' caused a huge injustice, and (often life-long) damage to the mental well-being of a whole generation of young people, who have most certainly not been treated 'Rightly'. In fact, they have been the victims of 'settled science' driven, statesponsored child abuse.

# c) The Great Starvation

As discussed in Part 1, there is a great long list of 'scares' that have failed to come to fruition, but which have been the source of injustice. To make the point here, one of these might be called the great 'Starvation Un-Truth' which was a major cause of children not being treated 'Rightly'.

In 1969 Dr Paul Ehrlich made various scary claims that "Most of the people who are going to die in the greatest cataclysm in the history of man have already been born,", and that "Sometime in the next 15 years, the end will come," Ehrlich told CBS News a year later. "And by 'the end' I mean an utter breakdown of the capacity of the planet to support humanity."

Doomsday statements such as these contributed to an international wave of population-alarm. However, while untrue, a range of government and other organizations acted in on this great 'untruth' with policies and programs that failed the 'Rightness' test on a large scale.

Such included, The International Planned Parenthood Federation, the Population Council, the World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund, the Hugh Moore-backed Association for Voluntary Sterilization and other organizations which promoted and funded programs to reduce fertility in poor societies. Betsy

Hartmann, author of Reproductive Rights and Wrongs, is quoted as saying that 'The results were horrific' xxxix

In Egypt, Tunisia, Pakistan, South Korea and Taiwan, health workers' salaries were dictated by the number of IUDs they inserted into women. Millions of people were sterilized, often coercively, sometimes illegally, frequently in unsafe conditions, in Mexico, Bolivia, Peru, Indonesia and Bangladesh.

In the 1970s and 80's, the Indian government introduced policies that required sterilization for men and women in order to obtain water, electricity, ration cards, medical care and pay raises.

For its part, China adopted a "one-child" policy that led to huge numbers—possibly 100 million—of coerced abortions, often in poor conditions contributing to infection, sterility and even death.

If Justice is defined as people being treated 'Rightly', then the result of the death of Truth is that children in many parts of the world, as in the examples above, have, and are not being treated 'Rightly'. Indeed, these are cases of extreme Injustice many of which amount to child abuse.

## Justice for Farmers

Many government policies, driven by the uncritical adoption of settled science claims have forced farmers to yield large areas of land as part of the West's crusade for the installation of vast areas of solar panels, and the construction of mind-blowing numbers of wind turbines. Also, for thousands of kilometres of transmission lines which, as well as being a fire risk (and with areas being made inaccessible to firefighters), sterilize a wide easement of the land under them from being used productively. In addition, meeting the net-zero by 2050 target is estimated to require the covering an area of land more than one and a half times the size of Tasmania with wind farms and solar panels. Imagine how many farms, the source Australia's food supply, will be required to cease food production in order to achieve that?

The prosecution of such policies is increasingly involving the use of totalitarian tactics to force farmers to accede to the sequestration of their land or face hefty fines of up to \$12,000. This without any avenues to appeal against such great an injustice, which many farmers say is a direct threat to their livelihoods.

This is reminiscent of policies enforced in the Marxist Soviet Union and Mau Tse Dung's China in the last century and has provoked the holding of large rallies by farmers and supporters against the state government plans.

It has been said that 'Our farmers are the human toll of the reckless race of an all-renewables approach'

# Justice for the Environment

In Genesis chapter 2, verse 15 we read that God-

'Took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it'.

Literally, the verb translated 'work' here means to serve. That is, Mankind (Adam) is commissioned as stewards, to care for the earth, i.e. treat it 'Rightly, justly. However, the raping of land to feed the voracity of the settled science-driven 'Renewables' beast, destroys and blights the landscape as well as destroying wildlife ranging from Eagles to Koalas. The damage to the environment, to the landscape, animals and marine life, by land and sea-hungry wind turbines and solar panels is an abuse of humanity's commission.

It is an irony that the drive to 'save the planet' is by 'destroying the environment'.

# Justice for Slaves

The claimed 'Truth' that the science is settled, and the planet is threatened, brings with it, as already noted, the demand for the installation vast areas of solar panels and huge numbers of wind turbines and the replacement of Internal Combustion Engine-powered cars with Electric Vehicles. However, much of this equipment or components of it, is produced by slave labour working in, and held in concentration camps, as in the case of the Uyghur people in northwest China. Various scholars, human rights organizations and governments consider abuses perpetrated against the Uyghurs to amount to crimes against humanity, or even genocide.

This barely gets a mention in the Australian media, although on May 24, 2022, the BBC did carry a report that-

'Several countries, including the US, UK, Canada and the Netherlands, have accused China of committing genocide - defined as the "intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group".<sup>xli</sup>

The declarations follow reports that, as well as interning Uyghurs in camps, China has been forcibly mass sterilizing Uyghur women <sup>xlii</sup>to suppress the population, separating children from their families, and attempting to break the cultural traditions of the group.'

The UK parliament declared in April 2021 that China was committing a genocide in Xinjiang.

A UN human rights committee in 2018 said it had credible reports that China was holding up to a million people in "counter-extremism centres" in Xinjiang Province. People who have managed to escape the camps have reported physical, mental and sexual torture. Women have spoken of mass rape and sexual abuse.'

# Justice for the Poor

As we have already stated, it is a well-documented fact that a warming planet produces less temperature-related deaths than a cooling one. This is because more than 10 times more people die from cold than from

heat. As we have noted previously, a study published in The Lancet shows 6.5% of deaths in Australia are attributed to cold weather, compared with 0.5% from hot weather, a 'Truth' that is relevant to the issue of Justice (Rightness).

As quoted in Part 1, a letter from 500 eminent scientists to the Secretary General of the United Nations said that-

'The general-circulation models of climate on which international policy is at present founded are unfit for their purpose. Therefore, it is cruel as well as imprudent to advocate the squandering of trillions (of dollars) on the basis of results from such immature models. Current climate policies pointlessly, grievously undermine the economic system, putting lives at risk in countries denied access to affordable, continuous electrical power'.<sup>13</sup>

Thus, the ban on the use of fossil fuels, though it might well be applauded in the wealthy inner-city communities of the West, who can afford to pay ever increasing power bills, has consequences for Justice.

Firstly, it foists the injustice of denying 'access to affordable, continuous electrical power' on the poorest nations of the world also on the increasing cohort of poor in Australia. Secondly, it is cheap fossil fuel generated electricity that has dragged millions out poverty over the last two centuries, poverty into which they would be plunged again if such electricity were denied. As previously noted, this is a concern expressed by the Premier of Western Australia.

More importantly however, this would be contrary to the nature of God who 'raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap'. Psalm 113:7

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We referred in Part One to this quote by Josh Billings-

'Truth is always scarce, but the supply of it is always more than the demand'.

This is a truism that is clearly evident in our own times. The Truth that reflects the nature of God, who is Truth, has now been diced into a mosaic of false 'truths'. So the pursuit of Truth has become like a children's 'seek your own adventure' storybook, indeed stories are often the result. This was our argument in Part One where we listed some of the numerous, subsequently failed, prophecies of doom that have littered the last 70 years of western history. These were designed to scare us and governments into radical very costly and often dangerous responses.

In Part 2, we outlined the many consequences of Truth's demise a main one of which is that another essential and intimately linked characteristic of God, namely Justice, dies.

While many other topics could be used to illustrate this thesis as we briefly mentioned in Part One, we chose for the main part to use the example of the Climate change debate where the most unscientific claim that the 'science is settled' has manifested itself in a whole range of uncritically examined untruths. The result of which is the perpetration of a multitude of very damaging injustices to many societies, most significantly the poor and children.

We have entered a world where the language is 'Humpty Dumpty Speak'. That is, a word means what I want it to mean. That includes the word 'Truth' which, now unshackled from its connection with the God who is Truth, can freely roam through whatever realms of belief its user wants to construct. All this is the consequence of the Vacuum created by the evacuation of the Gospel influence and Biblical world view from the public square.

To this the word Catastrophe can most certainly be applied.

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