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U.N. Official Admits Belief In Global Warming Is Religious

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Environment: One United Nations official has admitted that the global warming scare is an effort to destroy capitalism. But that's only part of the motivation. For others, as a second U.N. official confirms, it's a religious experience.

Alarmists started to come clean at a news conference in Brussels in early February when Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the U.N.'s Framework Convention on Climate Change, owned up to their agenda.

She made clear what so many already know: The goal of environmental activists is not to save the world from ecological ruin but to extinguish capitalism.

"This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution," she said.

Anti-capitalist activists can operate under that framework without ever believing that man is responsible for climate change. But many alarmists are true believers.

For them, the global warming scare has a mystical allure. Outgoing Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Chairman Rajendra Pachauri is one of these disciples.

Pachauri resigned this week from his cushy U.N. job after a female researcher lodged a sexual harassment complaint against him in his home country, India. In his letter of resignation, he explained why he did what he did at the U.N.

"For me, the protection of planet Earth, the survival of all species and sustainability of our ecosystems is more than a mission. It is my religion and my dharma."

And all this time we were supposed to believe that global warming and climate change were about rigorous science.

Pachauri's admission merely confirms what we have said for years. The zealots have concocted a warming religion.

This is an observation also made by Czech President Vaclav Klaus, who told a gathering at the Cato Institute in fall 2009 that all of environmentalism, not just the climate-change belief system, "is a religion."

University of Wisconsin law professor Ann Althouse made a similar remark a year later. "When everything is evidence of the thing you want to believe, it might be time to stop pretending you're all about science," she wrote in her blog.

Given Pachauri's admission, maybe Althouse should lead a team of lawyers to sue the U.N. for scientific fraud. It's taken tens of millions of dollars through the years from American taxpayers to perpetuate its scam, a big part of which is to relieve American taxpayers of even more of their money.

Yes, the U.N. has been using our dollars to run a campaign to drain us of even more.

At the very least, Congress should pass a bill that would prohibit the U.S. from funding the IPCC and the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change.

(And just why does the U.N. need more than one agency to handle climate change? Obviously U.N. officials know a gravy train when they see one and have coupled as many cars as possible to increase the money flow and expand their power base.)

Now would be a good time for Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer, a Missouri Republican, to re-introduce his defunding legislation, this time adding the Pachauri admission to his reasoning.

He could buttress it by citing comments by James Lovelock, the scientist who brought us the Gaia theory that Earth is a living being.

On MSNBC three years ago, he said that environmentalists have created a "green religion" that "is now taking over from the Christian religion." He admitted then: "We don't know what the climate is doing."

We don't know what the climate is doing because it doesn't ask our permission or respond much to our input. To think otherwise is to believe in a fairy tale.