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Writer: Science made up the story behind fossil fuels

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The word “science” congers up images of Albert Einstein, medicine, etc., and connotes truth, honesty and validity.

Some of the things we accept as science are anything but.

One of my favorite examples is the concept of fossil fuels. The story goes that dinosaur and plant detritus, over millennia, became oil, natural gas and coal. This is still taught today. If you’re younger than 120, you learned it, too.

The concept of fossil fuels dates back to the 14th century, but didn’t become part of the American lexicon until the 1890s. That’s when John D. Rockefeller and some of his oil baron buddies resurrected it.

They needed something to increase the monetary value of oil.

The fossil fuels concept created a sense of rarity, finiteness, and a very limited resource. Sound familiar? It worked like a charm.

Governments, the media and academia jumped in on the concept with both feet. The problem is, the entire concept is a fairy tale. We now know that these products are constantly being created by abiotic processes deep inside the core of the earth. This was a trick to make more money.

So woven into our national mindset was this idea, that we lowered our road speed limits to save fuel.

Which brings me to climate change. I have written about it before, and don’t have the word space to do so today.

One of the best discussions I’ve seen on the subject was on the Oct. 21 showing of a TV program, “Life Liberty and Levin,” which you can Google, and watch. Mark Levin interviewed Dr. Patrick Michael, director of the Cato Climatology Institute, who has a Ph.D from UW-Madison.

You will find it interesting.

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