Global Warming Skeptics

The two highly-respected scientists below believe that global warming is NOT caused by humans. They believe, for different reasons, that combustion and the release of large amounts of CO2 are not the reason for global warming.

See what they have to say...

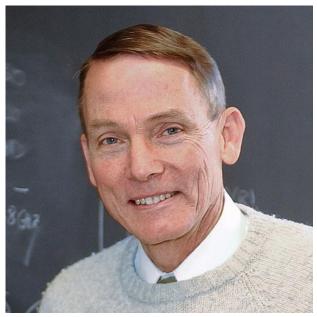
Will Happer is a highly-respected physicist from Princeton University. He agrees that the earth is warming, but he thinks that a large amount CO2 is not the main reason for Earth's rising temperatures.

This is what Happer said when explaining his view to the United States Congress...

"The earth's climate really is strongly affected by the greenhouse effect, although the physics is not the same as that which makes real, glassedin greenhouses work. Without greenhouse warming, the earth would be much too cold to sustain its current abundance of life.

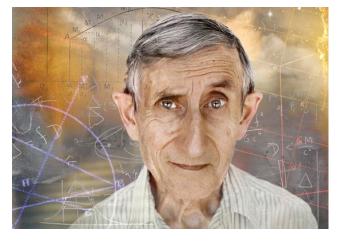
However, at least 90% of greenhouse warming is due to water vapor and clouds. Carbon dioxide is a bit player. There is little argument in the scientific community that a direct effect of doubling the CO2 concentration will be a small increase of the earth's temperature -- on the order of one degree. Additional... (amounts) of CO2 will cause... less direct warming because we already have so much CO2 in the atmosphere that it has blocked most of the... (solar) radiation that it can.

It is like putting an additional ski hat on your head when you already have a nice warm one below it, but you are only wearing a windbreaker. To really get warmer, you need to add a warmer jacket. The IPCC thinks that this extra jacket is water vapor and clouds."





Read more: <u>http://www.businessinsider.com/the-ten-most-important-climate-change-skeptics-</u> 2009-7?op=1#ixzz3VGlydvPU **Freeman Dyson** is also a physicist who teaches at Princeton University. He believes that the planet is heating up, but the concern over global warming is greatly exaggerated. He sees the facts pointing towards natural changes – cooling and warming periods of time - similar to those in Earth's history. His quotes below offer more insight into his views...



"Just because you see pictures of glaciers falling into the ocean doesn't mean anything bad is happening. This is something that happens all the time. It's part of the natural cycle of things." <u>[interview with, 2007]</u>

"There is no doubt that parts of the world are getting warmer, but the warming is not global." [essay by, 2007]



"We have no reason to think that climate change is harmful if you look at the world as a whole. Most places, in fact, are better off being warmer than being colder. And historically, the really bad times for the environment and for people have been the cold periods rather than the warm periods."

(http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/f/freemandys467899.html# v3z4xRGpwvrrXeJy.99)



"The idea that global warming is the most important problem facing the world is total nonsense and is doing a lot of harm. It distracts people's attention from much more serious problems." [interview with, 2007]

"We do not know how much of the environmental change is due to human activities and how much [is due] to long-term natural processes over which we have no control." [essay by, 2007]

"In the history of science it has often happened that the majority was wrong and refused to listen to a minority that later turned out to be right." [article by, 2008]

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