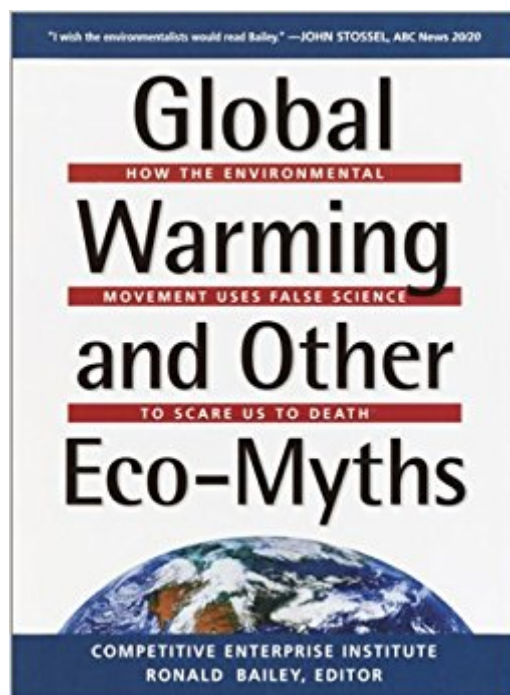




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Global Warming And Other Eco Myths: How The Environmental Movement Uses False Science To Scare Us To Death



Synopsis

Includes essays by Nobel Laureate Dr. Norman E. Borlaug and other noted scientists and scholars

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In this eye-opening book, some of the most respected researchers in the country explode the myths behind much of the doom and gloom of today's environmental movement. You will discover how the hysteria about global warming, overpopulation, mass extinctions, imminent famines, biotechnology, energy shortages, and more are grounded not in reason but in false science and a fear of progress. When placed beside the overwhelming facts, some of the most pervasive eco-myths crumble, including:

- Myth: Antarctica is melting due to global warming—threatening to raise ocean levels
- Fact: Antarctica has been cooling—and its glaciers thickening—for the past 30 years
- Myth: The global population is growing faster than our ability to produce food
- Fact: Global fertility rates are falling dramatically, and with advanced technology, farmers are producing more food using fewer resources than ever before
- Myth: Solar- and wind-powered generators are a renewable, efficient, and less intrusive alternative to gas-, oil-, and coal-burning generators
- Fact: Global fossil fuel supplies are in no near-term danger of being depleted, and a single 555-megawatt natural gas power plant produces more electricity than 13,000 windmills
- Myth: Modern pesticides and fertilizers are increasing the rates of cancer in humans
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And many more

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Praise for *Global Warming and Other Eco-Myths*"Global Warming and Other Eco-Myths challenges the tired orthodoxies of ideological environmentalism. It's refreshing to read that there is no environmental 'cancer epidemic,' that climatologist John Christy says there is no imminent global warming catastrophe, and that Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug predicts that we will be able to feed 10 billion people using less land. If market forces are unleashed, even drinking water can last forever. I just wish the environmentalists would read Bailey's book." — John Stossel, ABC News 20/20

"Facts are stubborn things, and Ronald Bailey has once again assembled the best environmental fact-checkers in the business to explode the common misconceptions and distortions about the real state of our planet." — Steven Hayward, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute, and author of the Index of Leading Environmental Indicators

"A stunning riposte to the eco-alarmists. Beyond debunking environmentalist scare mongering, *Global Warming and Other Eco-Myths* is the clearest explanation in print of the promise that eco-friendly technology offers to the human race. A must read for anyone who wants to know how we can build a healthy world environment for our children and grandchildren." — Denis Dutton, editor of Arts & Letters Daily on the Web and professor, University of Canterbury, New Zealand

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I believed whole-heartedly in global warming before I read this book. I was a big believer. This book completely turned me around and helped me see how shallow my thinking was. I recommend it to anyone. It's also great about the other myths out there. Such a great analysis. Thank you for opening my eyes.

The good part about anthologies is that they tend to cover more ground than an author normally would on his/her own. Such serves the reader well. "Global Warming and Other Eco-myths" does cover much ground in the realm of "fierce ecological advocacy," handling topics on population, natural resources, water, industrial products, and of course, global warming. There are three chapters on general policy-philosophy which go along with topic-specific chapters. The themes which run through all parts of the book may roughly be summarized as: 1. Strident environmentalism needs to be braked with logical thinking and a truthful look at actual data; 2. Too many "hot" environmental topics of the past have been misunderstood at best, intentionally misleading at worst; 3. Human beings are not Earth's pests; and 4. Human brains are the most powerful force for solving these largely technological problems discussed in the book. No reader will agree with everything in this work. In fact Ron Bailey, the editor, has since this book's publication changed much of his mind on the global warming part! [...] For sure it is worth your picking up this book. This reviewer purchased a copy for reference. Who know? In a decade and one-half, let's see how much of this pans out -- results are always the best judge!

I read this good book, here in Brazil. I'm an agronomist and I like to read books. In more than 350 pages, this book has many excellent parts. I'll give you ten examples of these excellent parts: 1-On Page 24: "The five most significant droughts in the past 2,000 years all occurred prior to 1600." 2-On page 42: "One of the last major land frontiers are the vast acid-soils areas found in the Brazilian cerrado and llanos of Colombia and Venezuela, central and southern Africa, and Indonesia." 3-Page 51: "Despite the formidable opposition by many ideological environmentalists to transgenic crops, commercial adoption by farmers of the new varieties has been one of the most rapid cases of technology diffusion in the history of agriculture. Between 1996 and 2001, the area planted commercially to transgenic crops has increased 30-fold (Table 2.9)." 4-Page 78: "The vision of the link between rapid population growth and political destabilization, however, is sometimes undercut by the very evidence to support it. Take Gore's aforementioned attribution of the carnage in the former Yugoslavia in the early 1990s to rapid population growth. The problem with the argument is that the former Yugoslavia was characterized by especially rapid rates of population growth nor by particularly high levels of fertility." 5-Page 115: "Economic development and free markets are the keys to increasing energy efficiency. In 1986, a few years before the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the United States and the other developed countries used less than half the amount of energy per dollar of GDP that the socialist economies used. Communist North Korea uses roughly three times as much energy to produce a dollar of output as South Korea does." 6-Page 133: "It is not the natural

resources, but good ideas that developing countries lack."7-Page 206:"What is too often overlooked by antibiotech activists, however, is the fact that bioengineered crop varieties have substantial positive impacts on the environment."8-Page 223:"Thus on a global scale, renewable water supplies exceed demand by a factor of about 12. Not purifying water can be disastrous. In 1991, failure to chlorinate drinking water supplies in Peru contributed to a massive outbreak of cholera that infected more than 300,000, killing several thousand. "9-Page 288:"As two malaria researchers observe,:"DDT has saved countless millions of lives, while Greenpeace struggles to find some evidence that it harms mankind."10-Page 336:"Agricultural production has consistently outpaced population growth over the past 30 years."Even with so many excellent parts, I can't give five stars for this book, because of some minor mistakes:1-Page 44 has a mistake about Brazilian company Embrapa.2-Page 137 has a mistake about Bengal famine. Maoist and Chinese famine between 1958 and 1964 was the biggest in world's history.3-Pages 245 and 262 have a mistake about hydrogen.4-Page 336 has a mistake about crops in the former USSR. The author takes as true the ghost-crops in the former USSR. These mistakes are combined less than one page, in a book with more than 350. This book is a good choice to learn about ecology, global warming, malthusian beliefs, etc. Please, I'm an agronomist, but this book is for anyone, including yourself.

This is an essential book to uncover the facts behind the validity of the Global warming concerns and possible impact of humans on this possible effect. It is an essential if you care about the facts. This is not a book for those who embrace the religion of Secular Humanism, as they will not want to encounter any facts that might conflict with their pre-determined religious beliefs. If you want your concerns and sacrifices to be aligned with any sort of fact and reality, you must read this to round out your education, and off-set the distortions of a media that have decided, with no scientific knowledge, that this religion is true and must be defended against all facts. Read it and decide for yourself, if you can think independently.

Since I cannot respond to all the reviewers pretending to be "climatologists" or engineers using the same tired intimidation techniques of anyone who questions global warming is a shill for the oil co.s or desperate and transparent arguments from authority, I will respond here. Shell and BP (rechristened "Beyond Petroleum") are among the biggest contributors to global warming activism! It gives them an edge over unrepentant companies like Exxon for one! Environmentalism is now a huge industry itself, \$4 billion a year in the US and \$8 billion yearly world wide. Moreover this industrial Gorilla is not beholden to things that "evil corporations" are, like accountability and

transparency.

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