

**The Week That Was: 2017-12-30 (December 30, 2017)**  
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**THIS WEEK:**

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To TWTW Readers,

We live on a dynamic globe, in a dynamic solar system, and a dynamic universe. Yet, many people falsely assume the climate of the earth is static, except for increasing carbon dioxide. It is far from static and results from two fluids, the oceans and the atmosphere, placed into motion from the sun unevenly heating the surface of a rotating globe in a varying orbit. We have yet to fully understand this complex, dynamic system.

We thank all our readers for their support, and our critics who describe weaknesses in our arguments and logic, so we may improve them. In the upcoming year, we will continue to emphasize the weaknesses in the logic and the science of those who advocate that human emissions of carbon dioxide are the dominate cause of our changing climate. They assert that a small change in average global temperature is dangerous, even though it is tiny compared with daily change.

The fear of carbon dioxide is largely based on long-range forecasts from inadequately tested climate models that greatly overestimate the short-term temperature change that is occurring in the atmosphere, where the greenhouse effect occurs, also influenced by natural variation. The fear of carbon dioxide is promoted by relatively few scientists, and a great number of supporters. Government policies based on such fears are draining the vitality of our society, which has been long marked by constant striving for improvement, for a better future. TWTW will continue to address the fear of carbon dioxide and its associated fears. It will emphasize the benefits of increased carbon dioxide and what little warming it may cause.

We wish all our readers the best in this New Year.

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TWTW will resume next week.