

The science catechism

Somewhere along the way, science stopped being science and became a false religion. Today it claims absolute authority to define truth; and to charge Christians with being “anti-science” is the nuclear put-down.

Serving an ideology, instead of searching out the true workings of the natural world, preoccupies contemporary science. Its agenda, simply put, is to have the whole human race ruled by “experts”—that is, statist politicians—guided by their venerated scientific advisers. Then they’ll stop Climate Change in its tracks, do away with Income Inequality, etc., etc., etc.

This vision of science rests on three presuppositions accepted unquestioningly, as presuppositions are, by many scientists and many more college-maleducated saps who like to feel like scientists.

(One) The only truth to be found in all the universe consists of “scientific facts” that can be proved. Everything else is just a matter of opinion, freely disregarded. In fact, as you read this, children in the public schools are being taught this doctrine as part of Common Core. In our colleges and universities, it’s usually expressed as “your truth, my truth”—which, of course, translates to “no truth.”

It would be bad enough if those who taught this took it literally; but being hypocrites, they don’t. Just see what happens to “your truth, my truth” if you say something really controversial—like, “A man is still a man even if he says he is a woman.” You are a hater and a biggit! “Your truth,” it turns out, is not allowed. They also want to throw you into prison if you voice disbelief in “Man-made Climate Change.” The list of opinions you must not express grows longer by the day.

“Science guys” like former kid TV star Bill Nye get terribly upset if you take issue with their “facts.” Their emotional investment in their “facts” rivals that of Islamic jihadis in shari’a law.

(Two) Scientists—and their camp followers—are way, way smarter than anybody else. Atheists are the smartest of them all, with political progressives a close second.

It’s an article of faith with them that they really are the cream of the crop and the rest of us have a duty to believe them. They get angry if you don’t. Skeptical about, say, evolution? That makes you not only a moron, but guilty of gross intellectual sin. If you were only stupid, but at least kept your stupid thoughts to yourself and did what you’re told, they can condescend to the point of just ignoring you. But if, for instance, a high school science teacher, or even just the parent of a student, expresses a shadow of a doubt regarding Darwinism, then that person is trying to corrupt the youth and something must be done about it—fire the science teacher, or teach the child that his parents are dull, backward, ignorant fools who are disrespectful of their betters.

(Three) Who needs to study nature anymore, now that we’ve got computer models?

Studying real weather, for one, is such a hassle. It’s so complicated. When you say “global warming,” it’s too cold, and if you switch around to “global cooling,” it’s too warm. There’s really too much data to handle, you can’t possibly collect all of it, and then you can’t get the results you need to justify a climate tax. It’s so much handier to study a computer model that you created from the data that you chose to accept, and which will give you the answers that you wanted in the first place. And if that still comes up short, you can always just “hide the decline” in global temperature increases.

There's nothing like a well-constructed computer model to give you what you're looking for. If the data won't cooperate, simply don't include it in the model.

I am aware that there are scientists who don't subscribe to any of these three great pillars of the scientific catechism. For these individuals we give thanks, knowing they have a hard row to hoe. The dogmatists attack them as bad persons, idiots, or both, lobbying to cut off their funding, blacklist their children from the best colleges, or seek ways to charge them with a criminal offense. Remember them in your prayers.

Once upon a time, science gave us electric lighting, miracle drugs to overcome diseases, pain-free (or nearly so) dentistry, world-wide communications, and a host of other blessings.

Maybe someday it'll go back to doing that—but not until the world stops treating science as religion.

I have discussed these topics, and others, on my blog, <http://leeduigon.com>, throughout the week. Please stop by and read! All it takes is just one click to get you there.

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