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## Ten Years After Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth"

Condensed from an article by **Larry Tomczak**, *Charisma News*, 2/16/16

**"T**he sky is falling! The sky is falling! Wake up before it's too late!"

Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* celebrated its 10th anniversary this year, revealing the "grave" threat of global warming. On Jan. 26, 2006, *The Washington Post* stated Al "believes humanity may have only 10 years left to save the planet from turning into a total frying pan."

Gore won an Oscar and Nobel Prize for sounding the alarm in book and film as a Climate Control Caped Crusader. He crisscrossed countries waving his arms, passionately declaring, "We can't wait. ... We have a planetary emergency. ... The future of

human civilization is at stake! ... Global warming is the greatest challenge we've ever faced!" This is no exaggeration.

In an article highlighting his tireless service for humanity, *The Washington Post* labeled him "the world's most renowned crusader on climate change." Wow! And remember he almost became President of the United States, were it not for a few "hanging chads" that didn't go to his column.

President Obama subsequently picked up the "crisis" telling world leaders that "climate change (not Islamic terrorism or skyrocketing, unsustainable debt) is the Number 1 issue facing us today." At the recent Global Paris Summit, Obama pushed this agenda with

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urgency. The cost of his United Nations Global Warming Treaty came in at \$12.1 trillion, or \$484 billion dollars yearly, according to Bloomberg.

Today, Al Gore alternates residence in two gorgeous, spacious homes in Nashville and California. Leaving his VP office with assets of \$2 million, Gore now has wealth estimated at over \$100 million. Al's movie cost \$1 million and brought in \$50 million. He hauls in at least \$100,000 in speaking fees, is tied to at least 14 green-tech firms, sits strategically on certain boards, plus benefits from Obama grants and millions in tax breaks. He's on his way to becoming what one congressional leader called "our first carbon billionaire."

Ten years after Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth* guilt/fear producing predictions, let's examine just how accurate his "science" proved to be on his way to the bank:

1. Rising Sea Levels: inaccurate and misleading. Al was even discovered purchasing a beachfront mansion!
2. Increased Tornadoes: declining for decades.
3. New Ice Age in Europe: they've been spared; it never happened.
4. South Sahara Drying Up: completely untrue.
5. Massive Flooding in China and India: again, it didn't happen.
6. Melting Arctic: false—2015 represented the largest refreezing in years.
7. Polar Bear Extinction: actually, their population is increasing!
8. Temperature Increases Due to CO2: no significant increase for over 18 years
9. Katrina, a Foreshadow of the Future: false—in the past ten years, no Category 3 hurricanes; "longest drought ever!" [2016's Hurricane Matthew was a rare Category 5 hurricane.]
10. The Earth Would be in a "True Planetary Emergency" Within a Decade Unless Drastic Action Taken to Reduce Greenhouse Gasses: never happened.

**Masses of people are misinformed or misled on issues regarding dire climate change/global warming reports.** This hysteria and apocalyptic fear mongering reminds many of the

1970 Earth Day predictions that fizzled like a firecracker: end of civilization in 15–30 years; 100–200 million deaths to starvation yearly for 10 years; a new ice age by 2000.

The good news is that many people are wising up! Because of longstanding behavior that is suspect to say the least, multitudes view as con artists multimillionaires like Gore, Michael Moore, the Clintons, and others [more recently, actor Leonardo Di Caprio in his apocalyptic documentary, *Before the Flood*] who prey on the gullible and get rich off causes, advance their fame, and live lavish lifestyles off the backs of the unsuspecting.

A January YouGov poll of 17 countries found that 91 percent of Americans are not concerned about global warming. Their Number 1 concern: global terrorism. A recent Fox News poll revealed that today only 3 percent are concerned about global warming!

Patrick Moore, the legendary, past president of Greenpeace says, "There is no definitive scientific proof, through real-world observation, that carbon dioxide is responsible for any of the slight warming of the global climate that has occurred during the past 300 years." He is skeptical of those who express certainty that "the science is settled" and "the debate is over."

This is not to say that we should be unconcerned or uninvolved regarding legitimate environmental concerns. Christians are compelled to be good stewards of God's resources and the earth. We do not need to succumb to fear by doomsayers and scientists contradicting God's promise to maintain stability in seasons and oceans. (Gen. 8:22, Gen. 9:11, Jer. 5:22).

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*NOTE: TEF VP MerryLynn Gerstenschlager and former TEF president Cathie Adams will attend the UN climate change conference in Marrakech, Morocco later this month. Please pray for their safety and wisdom as they report on the latest from the UN's environmental zealots.*

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## Free Speech Denied At School (Unless It's Porn)

**A** recent display at Metea Valley High School, in Aurora, IL, in the school's library promoted "Ally Week," encouraging securely heterosexual students to endorse peer homosexual behavior. The display offered students "Rainbow Resources," including a printed bookmark listing titles openly advocating homosexual and gender-bending behaviors—books like "Rethinking Normal: A Memoir in Transition," and "Two Boys Kissing," a book featuring a photo on the cover of ... two boys kissing.

It gets worse. Between the covers of this book are numerous explicit hard sex passages. Forget "romance," this is a homosexual cruising tutorial for young teens. These books are typical of "LGBTQ" fiction routinely shoved at middle and high schoolers now. It's a corruption strategy parents need to vigorously oppose.

Explicit sexual passages, vulgar language, rebellious attitudes toward parents, disrespect for Christian faith, underage alcohol use, teens using false IDs, visiting porn shops—all detailed and normalized in the novels chosen for this radical display. Also featured was the "Top 250 LGBTQ Books for Teens," published by the American Library Association, which approves virtually any sexual content as "age-appropriate" for minors. The table also offered a poster explaining the alleged differences among the terms "gender identity," "gender expression," "sex," and "sexual orientation."

Wait ... isn't there some law about sexual corruption of minors? Apparently, we aren't supposed to worry about adults advocating and glamorizing such relationships.

SOURCE: Linda Harvey, *Mission America Newsletter*, 10/16

# Sharia USA

Condensed from an article by **Aynaz Anni Cyrus**, *The American Thinker*, 9/7/16

**F**ourteen years ago my life changed forever as I arrived in the United States as a documented immigrant at the age of 18, holding tightly to the promise of freedom. After surviving 15 years of oppression under Sharia in Iran, I knew all too well the suffering of those who were subjected to Islam. But in America, I felt safe. I could stop looking over my shoulder and living in fear. I've never forgotten those who I left behind—I know all too well the vicious suffering women endure in Islamic-ruled countries.

At the age of nine, Qur'anic teachings and Islamic traditions forced me into womanhood. My thoughts, my actions, and my life were no longer my own. From that moment on, I lost all rights as a person, as my instruction in preparation to marry and bear children became my only purpose in life. No longer would I be allowed in public without my hijab; prayer and submission would dominate my days. The life of a carefree child at play came to an abrupt and sudden end.

For the next nine years, I would suffer terrible cruelty under Islam. Rape, lashings, arrests and beatings were my life because I was regarded as property to be "handled" rather than a human being to be loved. During those nine years, I was sold into marriage to a much older man who abused me terribly...and there was little I could do to stop it. Divorce was not an option. Islamic law offers women little support in abusive marriages.

My silent screams of desperation would remain unheard—until the day I decided I would rather die escaping than continue to live my life as a slave.

Fourteen years have now passed since I gained my freedom and began my mission to help and liberate those still trapped in Islamic countries.

I also fight for my fellow Americans. The present danger that Islam poses to this nation is very real, despite what our leftist government and media would have you believe. And because of the willful blindness and corruption within our government and media, America is now in grave danger vis-à-vis Islamic Supremacism and Jihad.

There are those voices that argue that Sharia is compatible with American life and can coexist harmoniously alongside the U.S. Constitution. Sorry, but I know Sharia. I know Islam. **The coexistence of Sharia with the U.S. Constitution is impossible.** And it is crucial to crystallize this fact and to expose exactly what Sharia is because it is now making significant gains on our territory.

Sharia severely limits individual rights, and every country ruled by Sharia forces its citizens to adhere to a strict code of living in accordance with the Qur'an, Hadith and the Supreme leader's ruling. The concept of free speech, for instance, is anathema to Islam. So is the notion of the individual. In Islam, it is "Allah" who dictates and defines the limits on acceptable and unacceptable actions. In Islam, it is the Qur'an that dictates the lives of the believers, and they have no freedom of choice in anything they do.

Submission of the individual is also evident in Islam's denial of freedom of religion. Under Sharia, you must practice Islam. Anyone born in an Islamic country is, by law, a Muslim, regardless of heritage. Attempting to change your faith is punishable by death.

In my homeland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sharia is the law of the land. To speak out against it has dire consequences. Because of Sharia, Iran has one of the highest number of executions in the world. Reports and evidence of crimes against humanity come out of the Islamic Republic daily, many from released prisoners and their families. Patterns of torture, abuse, and death of political prisoners are an undeniable truth.

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I am saying all of this because today, as I look at what is happening in America, I see our freedom gravely threatened. Islam is at war with us, and it will stop at nothing in its deliberate and sustained attack on our freedoms. Islamization of the West is occurring at a very fast pace and one of the vehicles Supremacists are using to achieve it is the flooding of Western countries with Muslim refugees. Islamic Obama has opened the floodgates.

Our leadership and media, meanwhile, perpetrate the lie that accepting these refugees is somehow about tolerance. It is not about tolerance—it is about our values being exploited by our enemies to assist us in cultural suicide and leaving ourselves vulnerable to jihadist attacks.

Our country is headed down a very dangerous path. The Left has succeeded in making resistance to Islamization appear to be racism and hatred. We must fight this malicious lie. We must fight to become well-informed and educated about Islam in order to defeat Leftist and Islamist propaganda. By remaining silent, being afraid to be called names, and ignoring reality, we will be surrendering our freedoms to the enemy.

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## Lubbock City Council Okays Counseling for Employee Transgender Surgery

The Lubbock City Council has voted unanimously to add additional insurance coverage for employees who require counseling for transgender surgical services. The discussion and vote came from an obscure item on the Consent Agenda related to the city's responsibility "to follow certain portions of the Affordable Care Act." Director of Human Resources Leisa Hutcheson told the city council that the coverage for counseling services for an employee who wanted transgender surgery was one of the provisions of "Obamacare." "The city receives Health and Human Services funds in several ways. Because of this, we are required to add this coverage," Hutcheson said. The vote was 7-0; however, recognizing his own and other council members' reservations about the dilemma, Mayor Dan Pope observed that the vote was hardly enthusiastic. SOURCE: KCBD News, 10/13/16

NOTE: Lubbock Eagle Forum founder Skeet Workman observed that while "not enthusiastic," not one city council member had the courage to oppose the vote.

## One in Five Us Residents Speak a Foreign Language at Home

The Center for Immigration Studies, which breaks down new Census data, shows a record number of new immigrants in the country whose primary language is not English, and the fastest growing language is Arabic. In 2015, a record 64.7 million U.S. residents spoke a foreign language at home—up 5.2 million since 2010, and up 1.5 million in just the last year. The largest percentage increase from 2010 to 2015 was for speakers of Arabic, Hindi (an Indian language), and Urdu (Pakistan's national language). More than one in five U.S. residents now speak a foreign language at home, according to the CIS report.

"A common language is the means by which immigrant groups communicate with each other and with the larger society," said Steven Camarota, the center's director of research and co-author of the new report.

SOURCE: WorldNetDaily, 10/18/16

## Chief Justice Moore Receives Longest Suspension In Alabama History

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was given an unprecedented judicial suspension when the Court of the Judiciary (COJ) unlawfully suspended him on September 30 for the remainder of his term, which runs through January 2019. COJ Rule 16 requires a unanimous 9-0 vote to remove a judge from office. "The COJ did not have the required 9-0 votes, so the case should have been dismissed. Instead, the COJ violated the law and removed the Chief by suspending him for the rest of his term. This is illegal," said Mat Staver, of Liberty Counsel, who has filed an appeal with the Alabama Supreme Court. The longest suspension of any Alabama judge under amended Rule 16 is six months. Therefore, Moore's suspension of 28 months is the longest judicial suspension in Alabama history. This unprecedented punishment by the COJ is much worse than removal because the Chief is left without salary, benefits, and the ability to receive retirement or earn any income. When his term expires in 2019, Moore cannot run again due to his age. Therefore, the suspension is a de facto removal from the bench and is far more punitive. "This is another example that Chief Justice Moore's punishment is based on politically-motivated charges and nothing to do with the law," said Staver.

SOURCE: Liberty Counsel, 10/18/16

NOTE: The complaint centers on Moore's advisory to probate judges that an order from the state Supreme Court to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples remained in effect despite the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling establishing same-sex marriage.

### Quote of the Month

*"This law—and laws like it—violate the U.S. Constitution, and they are a violation of our Christian conscience, and this ruling is yet another example of the power of activist judges. I have a simple word of advice to those...who run California's crisis pregnancy centers. If California attempts to enforce this law then do not comply. Make them put you in jail."*

~ Dr. James Dobson, in response to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision upholding a California law that calls for pro-life crisis pregnancy centers to promote abortion to women they serve.

### Great American Quote

*"To disarm the people is the best and most effectual way to enslave them."*

~ George Mason, "Father of the Bill of Rights," 1786

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