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Global Warming: A New Religious Craze?

The prophet Al Gore is touring the world to announce the looming Apocalypse: Global Warming. The followers are cursing and fighting the great devil carbon. Those who ask questions are denounced as heretics. A new Decalogue has emerged, among the commandments are thou shalt offset thy carbon emissions. But does this new religion need a reformation? Adeline Vieusse writes in Sidney Morning Herald, June 17:

"AFTER decades of spiritual wandering, Western societies seem to be experiencing yet another religious craze. With the decline of Christian religions in the 20th century, our societies have gone through a chaotic soul-searching era, some of us trying to fulfil spiritual cravings through Buddhism, others experimenting with free love or communism. The latest whim of this century-long mystical quest is our **Cult of Sustainability**, which is emerging as the new global religion.

Like any religion, it features an all-powerful Supreme Being, sometimes referred to as Gaia, to whom we must express infinite gratitude and devotion. Of course, it also boasts a malevolent creature, the **great devil carbon**.

Al Gore stars in the role of prophet, touring the world to announce **the looming Apocalypse**, Gaia's final vengeance: **Global Warming**. No one really knows what form it will take, just that it will be bad, bad, bad!

But above all, like any religion, it claims to be the unique holder of the Truth, intent on imposing its system of belief on a trusting society. Attempts at questioning its dogma, through scientific examination or logical thinking, are dismissed as heretical.

It compels us to obey its canon in every action of our daily lives, some sort of **Green Decalogue**: Thou shalt recycle, thou shalt offset thy carbon emissions, etc. And it relies on the good old trick discovered by the church, many centuries ago, to manipulate and control the populace: guilt!

Everyone agrees that we must protect our natural environment - however, one cannot serve God and Mammon; or to put it in a more contemporary framework, one cannot serve Gaia and GDP. The delusion lies in the idea we can continue to live the way we do (eat, consume and travel) but do so in a "sustainable" fashion.

Isn't it a fantasy to believe that recycling is the miraculous solution to deal with the obscene amount of waste produced by our overstuffed societies? Isn't it an illusion to think we can "offset" a flight to London by paying for trees to be planted, and thus fly with a clean conscience? We should realise our cult of economic growth is not compatible with sustainability and denounce the superstitions and hypocrisy of the current Sustainable Development doctrine. Time for a Green Reformation?"

[Time for a Green Reformation?](#)¹

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