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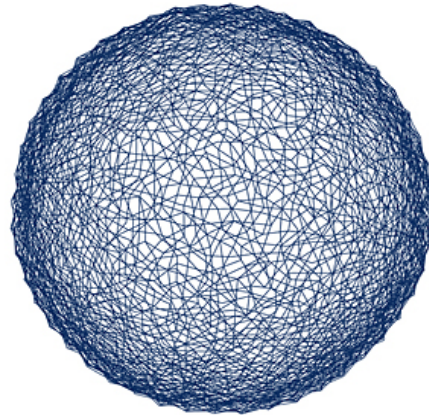


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Welfare Earth: Copenhagen and the Game of Global Management

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You didn't have to attend COP+15 to know that civilization was tensed like a tightly wound spring. The surge of press reports, video feeds, and media hype gave one the impression that nothing else on the planet mattered during those two weeks (Dec. 7-18). With a religious-like fervor the planet's inhabitants were repeatedly told that unless the world "came together," we could expect massive environmental catastrophes.

This was the theme of a short video titled "Please Help The World," which played during the opening ceremony. In it, a young girl sees television newscasts of devastating weather events attributed to man-made climate change. Once in bed and asleep she experiences a vivid nightmare: an earthquake chases her across a dead landscape, a tornado destroys an entire city, and the ground cracks under her feet from the severity of drought. All of this is followed by a wash of unstoppable waves as the earth is terminated in a flood of Biblical-proportions, even to the point of covering the surrounding mountains. So much for God's promise to not destroy





the world in another flood (Gen. 9:11); now Man wields the power to wipe out everything in a deluge of human-caused melting sea-ice and global superstorms.

This dim world is at an end. In desperation this little girl dangles from the branch of a single dead tree now surrounded by a raging sea-scape – this lifeless tree is her last chance for hope! She even loses her teddy bear in the global carnage. Of course, the stuffed bedtime toy was a cute polar bear.

Screaming herself awake, she's comforted by a dad who takes her through the COP+15 website where she watches videos of world leaders making appeals to save the planet. This is followed by an historical piece of footage: a young Severn Suzuki, the daughter of Canadian environmental guru David Suzuki, speaking at the 1992 UN Earth Summit – a speech where she lamented the future extinction of the birds and butterflies. "In my fear, I'm not afraid of telling the world how I feel."

Spurred on by the example of young Severn, our little girl grabs a camcorder and races to the top of

her apartment block; taping herself, she tells the COP+15 delegates, "Please help the world."

Other children flash into the screen, making up the round logo of COP+15. They plead to global leaders; "Please help save the world..."

The film is a well-done piece: Great videography, a dynamic string-orchestra soundtrack, and the young girl did a super job portraying her emotions through subtle facial expressions and body language. *It's an amazing piece of propaganda.* Shown to a school classroom, I'd have to call it "psychological child abuse."

It reminds me of a quote from the International Institute for Sustainable Development,



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“During any ‘issue-attention-cycle’ in environmental campaigning, there is a phase in which the issue needs to be strategically exaggerated in order to establish it firmly on an agenda for action.”¹

It all makes sense. A “strategically exaggerated” opening video for a conference designed to perpetuate one of the biggest exaggerations of all time – catastrophic, human induced climate change.

Welfare Earth

Over forty thousand participants converged at COP+15: the fifteenth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change. Besides the actual negotiation process and official assemblies, COP+15 was a veritable zoo of side events, press meetings, and demonstrations. It was messy.

Probably the most ironic side-event took place in Copenhagen’s harbor. Here, CFACT – an American-based conservative think tank – came alongside the Greenpeace vessel, *Arctic Sunrise*. Then, with the promise of free donuts the ship’s crew let CFACT board, upon which CFACT members draped a banner over the side that read “Ship of Lies.” Later on CFACT managed to hang another banner over the side of a second Greenpeace vessel.

Of course, the irony is that this is a trademark Greenpeace tactic. For years this radical environmental group has hung “green” banners over the sides of bridges, ships, and monuments – often disregarding the law in the process. All CFACT had to do was offer free donuts.

But what was COP+15 really about? Three core realities emerged from this two-week event.

1) **The West is Evil:** Over and over, Western enterprise and capitalism was blamed for the demise of the planet. Never mind that enterprise and capitalism go hand-in-hand with national prosperity – a fact that even “Communist” China has picked up on. Yet this reality doesn’t sit well with the leftist nature of climate lobbyists. Hence, when Venezuela’s leader, Hugo Chavez, gave his speech at COP+15, he received praise from an audience more than happy to denounce the West.

As Chavez explained,

“...a spectre is haunting Copenhagen, to paraphrase Karl Marx, the great Karl Marx, a spectre is haunting the streets of Copenhagen, and I think that spectre walks silently through this room, walking around among us, through the halls, out below, it rises, this spectre is a terrible spectre almost nobody wants to mention it: Capitalism is the spectre, almost nobody wants to mention it.

It’s capitalism, the people roar, out there, hear them.

I have been reading some of the slogans painted on the streets, and I think those slogans of these youngsters, some of which I heard when I was young, and of the young woman there, two of which I noted. You can hear among others, two powerful slogans. One: Don’t change the climate, change the system.

And I take it onboard for us. Let’s not change the climate, let’s change the system! And consequently we will begin to save the planet. Capitalism is a destructive development model that is putting an end to life; it threatens to put a definitive end to the human species.

... Socialism, the other spectre Karl Marx spoke about, which walks here too, rather it is like a

counter-spectre. Socialism, this is the direction, this is the path to save the planet, I don't have the least doubt. Capitalism is the road to hell, to the destruction of the world."

And the crowd went wild with applause. Chavez had struck a mighty blow to the evils of the West. Then he boarded a passenger jet – ultimately a product of Western capitalism; powered by jet fuel – another product of capitalism, and carved a trail across the sky from one side of the Atlantic to the other.

This anti-West theme coursed through COP+15: Chavez was playing to a crowd that generally sympathized with his leftist views. At its core, Copenhagen wasn't about saving the world from "warming," but from the West.

2) Give Me More Money: While climate lobbyists decried the evils of Western capitalism, developing nations were desperately seeking an agreement that would incorporate climate-debt language.

Climate debt is the idea that the Western nations should pay reparations to poor countries over damages due to global warming. It's basically a massive wealth transfer scheme, and represents the reality behind much of the push for a climate agreement.

Naomi Klein, a Canadian author with a socialist slant, explains climate debt.

"Climate debt is about who will pick up the bill. The grass-roots movement behind the proposal argues that all the costs associated with adapting to a more hostile ecology – everything from building stronger sea walls to switching to cleaner, more expensive technologies – are the responsibility of the countries that created the crisis."²

Again, the West created this terrible global crisis; or "non-crisis" if you're interested in the climate facts (www.friendsofscience.org). Therefore the West *must* pay.

Global tax schemes were also circulated as part of the COP+15 fiasco. In technical language, this is called finding a "new international source of finance." According to one pre-COP United Nations' document, this could involve taxes on in-

ternational air travel and a Tobin Tax – a levy on currency transactions.³ All of this is to be used for "adaption," that is, payments to developing nations so that their societies can adapt to catastrophic climate change.

We're told that this wealth transfer isn't "a matter of charity."⁴ True. It's not charity; it's a type of global welfare – one that will no doubt impose "conditionalities" upon the recipients (a conditionality is a prescribed action that the recipient must enact in order to obtain the money; examples include revamping a nation's banking structure to conform with international standards, the relinquishing of certain natural resources, the implementation of "family planning" programs, etc).

When COP+15 was done, a non-binding agreement was reached. The mainstream media said it was a lame-duck document. However, because of an official "take note" approach to the document, the accord is considered "operational." This means that while the document hasn't been formally approved, it can move forward at an *operational* level. Hence, world leaders will be meeting over the next year to flesh this out and find methods for implementation. Financing is a major part of this deal. Signed on December 18, this accord scales up "new and additional" funding to be transferred from developed to developing nations.

How much? Here are the figures:

- Approximately \$30 billion to be transferred "for the period 2010-2012."
- An additional \$100 billion to be raised by developed countries, and distributed *each year*, by 2020.

The Accord explains; "This funding will come from a wide variety of sources, public and private, bilateral and multilateral, including alternative sources of finance."⁵ Can you say "tax-and-spend"?

How *exactly* this money is going to be raised, and which banking institutions will manage the funds, are issues being discussed in the post COP+15 political environment.

But this tax-and-spend approach is a drop-in-

the-bucket to how much money is going to be created “out of hot air” in the ballooning carbon market. *Trillions* are potentially at stake, and the biggest winners will be international banks and brokerages that mediate these accounts and contracts.⁶ Already in 2008 this was a \$126 billion dollar market.

In this game of hot money, whether through a welfare-styled tax and spend program or through an international carbon market, you can be assured that “wealth transfers” will mean less in your wallet – for much of this is where it ultimately comes from. Sadly there will be little, if any, appreciative standard of living for the common man in developing nations. But the rich will get richer, and power will be magnified.

3) International Management: International financing requires global management, a fact that the Accord recognizes: “New multilateral funding for adaptation will be delivered through effective and efficient fund arrangements, with a governance structure providing for equal representation...”

Likewise, an agreed-to carbon reduction agenda with “accountability” measures – which is what was demanded at COP+15 – requires international oversight. Climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution, or so we are told. Over again, at COP+15 and elsewhere, the need for *global governance* pops up.

This came through during the last days of the conference by none-other than the UN Secretary General. In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* on December 16, Ban Ki-moon said that he expected a legally binding political agreement sometime in 2010. His statements are revealing.

“We need to have a very strong, robust, binding political deal that will have an immediate operational effect. This is not going to be a political declaration, just for the sake of declaration. It is going to be a binding political deal, which will lead to a legally binding treaty next year...”

...How can you scrap the role of the United Nations? The United Nations has global reach.

The United Nations will be there and should be involved in this implementation process...

...We will establish a global governance structure to monitor and manage the implementation of this.”⁷

Simply put, this is a form of world government. One reporter writing for the UK *Telegraph* had this to say immediately following COP+15.

“2009 was the year in which “global” swept the rest of the political lexicon into obscurity. There were “global crises” and “global challenges”, the only possible resolution to which lay in “global solutions” necessitating “global agreements”. Gordon Brown actually suggested something called a “global alliance” in response to climate change...

... Was this to be regarded as the emergence of world government? And would it have powers of policing and enforcement that would supersede the authority of elected national governments? In effect, this was the infamous “democratic deficit” of the European Union elevated on to a planetary scale. And if the EU model is anything to go by, then the agencies of global authority will involve vast tracts of power being handed to unelected officials. Forget the relatively petty irritations of Euro bureaucracy: welcome to the era of Earth-bureaucracy, when there will be literally nowhere to run.”⁸

Looking Forward

Many in the Green movement walked away from COP+15 disappointed: the actions taken by world leaders appeared too slow, too little, and too late. Many delegates from developing nations walked away disappointed that a legally binding agreement wasn’t concluded, one that would immediately open the financial floodgates. Many global warming skeptics walked away thrilled by the breakdown of COP+15, knowing that individuals around the world are waking up to the scam of human-induced climate change.

And world leaders walked away anticipating the next step forward: Mexico City, 2010. They also left with the knowledge that, while a binding

treaty didn't materialize, their national environmental offices would still be pushing the climate agenda through agency regulations. Moreover, the climate change agenda will still be promoted and advanced at state/provincial, sub-regional, and city-levels. Just because COP+15 seemed, on the surface, to have collapsed doesn't mean that the UN climate pretext hasn't gone away.

The real game is still in play: It's not about "negotiations," but about economic and political matchmaking.

Thus, it is anticipated that 2010 will be a time of high-level meetings, many unannounced, setting the stage to accept a "binding legal instrument" – the political machinery of *management*. Regardless if such an agreement materializes in Mexico City or later down the road, the point is this: World leaders are looking forward to the next play in this extraordinary global game. **FC**

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Global Warming: What Can I Do?

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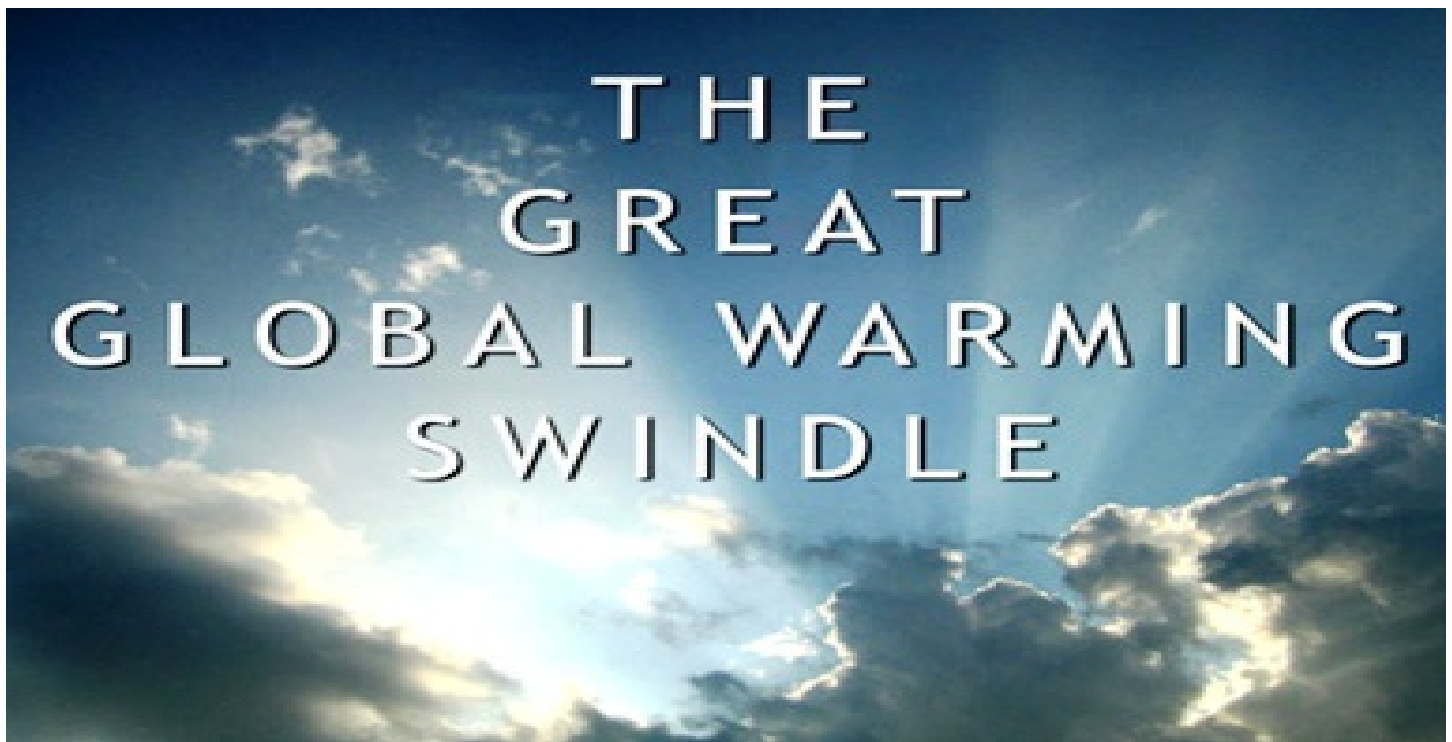
The issue of global warming/climate change will not go away. No matter how flawed the science behind the agenda may be, too much is at stake in terms of politics and economics. Thus, climate change will continue to be a hot-button issue in every sector of society.

What can you do about it? Beyond the obvious of informing yourself (numerous back issues of *Forcing Change* touch on the global warming debate), we need to inform others. After all, the reality of this issue revolves around *worldviews* and how people *think*.

Besides printing off articles and reports, be they from *Forcing Change* or elsewhere, that raises concern regarding the political, economic, or pseudo-science of global warming, an effective way to bring a fresh approach to this issue is through video.

Before suggesting a number of DVD's on this topic, here's some ideas on how to use them.

- Buy a case and hand them out to friends, family, and co-workers.
- Donate copies to your local public library, schools, and colleges. Look for other venues.
- Give copies to your pastor, church and community youth leaders, and to local officials. Ask for their feedback, pro and con.
- After you have watched the DVDs, write up a short review or letter-to-the-editor for your local newspaper.
- Give copies to local newspaper editors.
- Set up a community "open house." Simply contact the producers – the information is given in the DVD or is on the respective webpage – and obtain permission and/or a viewing-license to host a public showing. Then promote the event well, introduce it as a public service, supply coffee and cookies, and make sure people have some time to mingle afterwards. It's also a good idea to have



a number of free articles available as take-home handouts.

- Do the above but with more than one video: Start a “Climate Change Film Festival” and show two or three videos over as many evenings.

- Arrange to do a viewing at community clubs, the chamber of commerce, or even town hall! Usually such settings have strict time limitations, so it’s important that you determine the proper procedures and act accordingly. Therefore, you may only be able to show a “teaser.” If that’s the case, make sure you leave enough time in your slot so that you can invite the group for a private or public viewing.

- See if your community has a local cable access channel; the kind where community programming can be broadcast. Make sure local organizers have a copy of the videos, and request that they be aired.

Be creative! There are many ways that you can make a difference in your community. Think, build support if necessary, and act.

Here are some DVD possibilities worth considering. You can order these items from the web-pages provided.

1) *The Great Global Warming Swindle* [86 minutes]: www.greatswindle.com

2) *Global Warming or Global Governance* [90 minutes]: www.globalwarmingglobalgovernance.com

3) *Not Evil Just Wrong* [86 minutes]: www.noteviljustwrong.com

4) *Climate Catastrophe Cancelled* [30 minutes]: www.friendsofscience.org

5) *Climate Chains* [22 minutes]: www.climatechains.com

6) *Apocalypse? No!* [86 minutes]: www.greatswindle.com

7) *An Inconvenient Truth... Or Convenient Fiction?* [45 minutes]: www.aconvenientfiction.com

Before **publically** showing any of the above videos, please contact the producers and determine if there are any restrictions, limitations, fees, or other copyright issues. *This isn’t hard to do.* Just email, or better yet, pick up the phone. **FC**

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ClimateGate, the Green Dragon, and the End of Christianity

By Cliff Kincaid

NOTE: Only weeks before the Copenhagen climate conference in December, someone leaked thousands of internal emails from Britain's University of East Anglia and its Climate Research Unit. These emails from environmental scientists and leaders in the United Nations climate network, revealed a long-time pattern of outright fabrications, blocked scientific investigation, and strategic exaggerations. Dubbed "ClimateGate," it was painfully obvious that the so-called "climate science" was nothing more than a lapdog for international politics.

The following article by Cliff Kincaid touches on ClimateGate while demonstrating a disturbing side to Christendom – the move by major religious groups, Evangelical, Protestant and Catholic, toward a false, "green" religion. The pretext: save the world from global warming.

Cliff Kincaid is a veteran journalist, author, and researcher. He heads up the US-based watchdog organization, America's Survival (www.usa-survival.org), a group that monitors the drive toward global governance. He's also involved with Accuracy in Media, a body that monitors how major news outlets deal with stories and events of significance.

It's a pleasure to introduce Mr. Kincaid to the readership of *Forcing Change*.

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With the ClimateGate revelations of flimsy "science" behind the man-made global warming theory, the role of the religious left in promoting this fraudulent scheme now deserves serious media scrutiny. Walter Grazer, who served as the Director of the Environmental Justice Program for the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops from 1993 to 2007 and is now interim executive director of the National Religious Partnership for



the Environment (NRPE), was asked for a comment on ClimateGate and replied, "I am really not up on that issue at all."

Ignoring the growing scandal, the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care issued a press release on the occasion of the opening of the Copenhagen climate change conference, declaring that "climate change is a moral and ethical issue because it deals with lifestyle issues and choices that all people must face."

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick was quoted as saying that Catholic bishops will be promoting a new "Climate Covenant" and "take the message on the seriousness of climate change to every Catholic parish in America."

But what is the real agenda behind the fraudulent "science?" Is it something more than political and economic control over people's lives?

Dr. James Wanliss, Associate Professor of Physics at Presbyterian College, has written *The Green Dragon*, a book about how environmentalism is actually committed to "the reconstruction of a pagan world order" and "rejection of Christian spirituality."

Wanliss argues that the environmental movement “is a religion with a vision of sin and repentance, heaven and hell. It even has a special vocabulary, with words like ‘sustainability’ and ‘carbon neutral.’ Its communion is organic food. Its sacraments are sex, abortion, and when all else fails, sterilization. Its saints are Al Gore and the InterGovernmental Panel on Climate Change.”

“Both professing Protestants and Roman Catholics bear a burden of guilt for the current political mess we are in with the global warming and other hysterias,” he argues. “If the church had not turned from the gospel of Jesus Christ it is unlikely the Green Dragon would have been able to so deeply sink its fangs into our lives.”

## Green Religion

Major U.S. religious groups involved in the “climate change” campaign include the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, the Catholic Campaign on Climate Change, the Evangelical Environmental Network and the Evangelical Climate Initiative.

Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, national spokesman for the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, identifies evangelical leftist Ron Sider as a key figure behind the Evangelical Environmental Network and the Evangelical Climate Initiative. Beisner notes,

“He’s been pressing for wealth redistribution for over thirty years, and the global treaty being touted to fight global warming is nothing if it isn’t an exercise in wealth redistribution,”

Sider, who is also founder and president of Evangelicals for Social Action, is the author of *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger*.

Richard Cizik, who served for ten years as vice president for governmental affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, was instrumental in creating the Evangelical Climate Initiative. He now serves as a fellow of the George Soros-funded Open Society Institute, where his current job is to “organize and host gatherings of evangelical faith leaders, policy-makers and academics” on climate change.

Beisner says it’s a shame that evangelicals are being asked to jump on the global warming bandwagon right when the wheels are falling off because of the ClimateGate scandal.

## Big Liberal Money

Wanliss identifies the National Council of Churches (NCC) as playing a major role. He says massive infusions of “green” – money, that is – for the NCC come from left-leaning philanthropies including Pew Charitable Trusts, Tides Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Turner Foundation, W. Alton Jones Foundation, V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation, and New World Foundation.

As a result, “There has been, in past decades, a cosmic shift towards a social climate that begins to favor the environment – polar bears, trees, and bugs – over human beings.”

Another major player, Wanliss explains, is the National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE).

“[It] has an awesome army of organizational links and is itself something of a matryoshka,



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the Russian nested doll, which is never what it appears at first sight. For it is also not grassroots but launched with funding from left-leaning foundations, primarily the Pew Charitable Trust...”

NRPE describes itself as “an association of independent faith groups” that includes the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the National Council of Churches, the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, and the Evangelical Environmental Network. Wanliss tells us,

“When it began in 1993, NRPE had over \$5 million in grants to accomplish the goal, according to executive director Paul Gorman, of utilizing churches to produce a ‘distinctly religious response to the crisis of environmental sustainability and social justice.’ The Partnership has been able to spread environmentalist propaganda and teaching aids to almost every Jewish, and to several hundred thousand Protestant congregations in America.”

Through another entity, the Au Sable Institute, Wanliss says that these forces

“...have infiltrated Christian higher education by careful placement of teachers and teaching materials on environmental activism in schools associated with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCCU). Many of these schools are conservative in politics or theology. What they teach there under the Au Sable banner, will surprise their supporters. Not surprisingly, the Au Sable Institute and the NRPE share a subset of the same donor pool. Little by little wolves try to douse Christian resistance and lead sheep by troubled waters to accept the inevitability of a divine environmental movement.”

The Catholic Coalition on Climate Change was launched in 2006 as a vehicle of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. This group says that, “Because we are not experts on climate change and its consequences, we rely on a scientific consensus (best represented by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) to guide our activities.” Of course, it is the IPCC that is embroiled in the ClimateGate scandal.

In addition to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Coalition on Cli-



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mate Change enjoys the active support of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Carmelite NGO, Catholic Charities USA; the Catholic Health Association of the United States, Catholic Relief Services, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Franciscan Action Network, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and the National Council of Catholic Women.

A related organization is the Catholic Climate Covenant, which claims that the poor are suffering because of the “carbon footprints” of people in the United States and other “rich” nations.

Wanliss says such notions are essential to the “alternative religion” of environmentalism.

## ***Penance for New “Sin”***

Wanliss gives us an important view into environmental penance.

“...people with money to burn can buy indulgences just like in the medieval Roman Catholic Church. In that religion priests sold indulgences to souls burdened with guilt over their sins. Even today, when Roman indulgences are not generally for sale – at least not for money – forgiveness is only assured to those who complete the required tasks that earn the indulgence. The green move-

ment has absorbed these faux religious elements, and for each one has its own ersatz affectation. Whatever it may mean, raping the earth is not ecologically sound or morally attractive. But if you must rape Mother Earth, then be sure to visit the Green Dragon and pay a sum of money to cleanse your guilt, until next time. Forgiveness for sins is only a carbon offset away.”

Wanliss points out the obvious correlation.

“It is possible to calculate the extent of one’s sins online...according to TerraPass, over the past three years my weekly driving has resulted in about 5,224 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> a year, and for a mere \$29.95 I can buy an indulgence that will offset the environmental impact of my reckless, indeed sacrilegious, lifestyle. These ‘carbon offsets’ will do as little for the salvation of the world as papal indulgences would for my soul. But for people with a desperate spiritual hunger it is a panacea and penance they are eager to embrace, and an incredible gift to give – it promises guilt free living and a purpose driven life. If only it were true. Go ahead, say the Gore-like business barons, pay the toll at our gate, and this year ‘Give the gift of green.’”

Meanwhile, *America Magazine*, the national Catholic weekly published by the Jesuits, is complaining that Congress did not pass legislation on greenhouse gas emissions before the current United Nations Copenhagen meeting. “The United States will thus remain the only developed nation with no established target for carbon reduction,” it says.

The magazine praises the National Religious Partnership for the Environment and the Catholic Campaign on Climate Change for being “vigorous advocates for integrating the world’s poor in a climate covenant with funding for both adapting infrastructure to meet the hardships of changing climate and for transferring green technology.”

American Magazine goes on to explain,

“If the planet is to survive, as Pope Benedict XVI concluded in *Caritas in Veritate*, all nations must accept binding reductions in carbon emissions and construct an equitable structure for energy consumption and for sharing the develop-

ment of green technology among rich and poor nations—for the sake of this generation and generations to come.”



## ***Pope Endorses Green Religion***

As Accuracy in Media has reported, in his 2009 encyclical, the Pope says that there is a need for a “a worldwide redistribution of energy resources...”

“The technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption, either through an evolution in manufacturing methods or through greater ecological sensitivity among their citizens.”

At the same time he warned that, “it is contrary

to authentic development to view nature as something more important than the human person,” and that this position “leads to attitudes of neo-paganism or a new pantheism.”

Indeed, the U.N. Environmental Program, which is now promoting a “Global Green New Deal,” has celebrated the idea of an “Environmental Sabbath,” in which children hold hands around a tree and meditate.

Wanliss notes that George Orwell’s book *Animal Farm* tells of the visionary pig Old Major who had a dream that soon proved disastrous,

“And now, comrades, I will tell you about my dream of last night. I cannot describe that dream to you. It was a dream of the earth as it will be when Man is forgotten.”

Wanliss cautions that attempts by Church leaders and Christian organizations to synthesize a Christian environmentalism can succeed “only by exorcising truth, and ultimately, by expelling Christianity...”

But he adds, “Will it not be ironic if the Green Dragon they so adore ends up destroying them?”

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2. **“...we need to get some broad based support, to capture the public’s imagination... So we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements and make little mention of any doubts... Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest.”** – Professor Steven Schneider, discussing global warming, quoted in “Our Fragile Earth,” *Discover* (October, 1989).

3. **“No matter if the science of global warming is all phony... climate change [provides] the greatest opportunity to bring about justice and equality in the world.”** – Christine Stewart, then Canadian Minister of the Environment, as reported in the *Calgary Herald*, December 14, 1998.

4. **“During any ‘issue-attention-cycle’ in environmental campaigning, there is a phase in which the issue needs to be strategically exaggerated in order to establish it firmly on an agenda for action.”** – International Institute for Sustainable Development, *Empowerment Towards Sustainable Development* (IISD, 1995), p.51.

5. **“Like anything valuable, science has been seized upon by politicians and ideologues, and used to forward their own agendas... the disinterested search for truth – the hallmark of real science – has taken a back seat to a political crusade.”** – Thomas Sowell, “The ‘Science’ Mantra,” *RealClearPolitics.com*, December 22, 2009.

6. **“Future generations will wonder in bemused amazement that the early 21st-century’s developed world went into hysterical panic over a globally average temperature increase of a few tenths of a degree, and on the basis of gross exaggerations of highly uncertain computer projections contemplated a roll-back of the industrial age.”** – MIT Professor Richard Lindzen, as quoted in the *Daily Mail*, online edition, December 2, 2009.

## Global Events 2010:

### A Calendar of Events on World Change

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The purpose of this calendar is to help readers better grasp the scope and extent of world change. This calendar not only lists dates and places, it provides contextual information that will help you understand the movements and agendas being put into play.

Upfront, it must be noted that this calendar provides only a brief glimpse into what’s being planned. Each year, hundreds of other meetings crop up throughout the international landscape: 2010 will be no different.

Overall, this calendar provides a contextual basis to help you understand the agendas on the horizon: It’s a “heads-up” for 2010.

#### 2010: Earth Charter +10

##### Where: Global

Over the course of 2010, events will be held to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the *Earth Charter* – a soft-law document that aims to instill “planetary ethics” for a new global civilization. Initiated in the 1990s by Mikhail Gorbachev, Maurice Strong, and Steven Rockefeller, it was officially launched in the year 2000. This tenth anniversary will witness a resurgence of interest in the *Earth Charter*, with celebratory events in different locations around the world.

#### January 8-9: New Foundations for Global Governance

##### Where: Princeton University, New Jersey

An invitation-only event that seeks to identify new trends in global government, and “draw up a comprehensive agenda for policy.” This event is sponsored by four major policy groups that support an empowered United Nations – The Stanley Foundation, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) International Institutions and Global Governance



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Program), Centre for International Governance Innovation, and the Princeton University's Project on the Future of Multilateralism.

**January 11-13: Global Governance: Future Trends and Challenges**

**Where: Wilton Park, United Kingdom**

The purpose of this conference, ultimately, is to shape policies that will promote global governance. To that end, participants will explore issues of world change, including the drive towards regional governments and the creation of new alliances for global security. This event is hosted by a number of UK government offices, including the UK Ministry of Defence, along with the United States National Intelligence Council. Only invitees are allowed to attend this high level meeting.

**January 15-17: Implementing Responsibility to Protect**

**Where: Tarrytown, New York**

An invitation-only event sponsored by The Stanley Foundation, this conference will discuss ways to fully implement the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) principle. What is R2P? The brainchild of former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs,

Lloyd Axworthy, and the World Federalist Movement, R2P holds that the international community has a responsibility – militarily – to intervene in situations where national governments fail to protect their own people. On the surface this seems well intentioned, however, it opens up Pandora's Box in that a multitude of questionable excuses can be used to justify "intervention."

**January 17-20: World Spirit Forum**

**Where: Arosa, Switzerland**

Hosted only a few days before the World Economic Forum, the World Spirit Forum is a conference designed to raise global spiritual synthesize and unity. Although not a large gathering, it is important in that it sets a spiritual tone for the World Economic Forum. This event is sponsored by the European SPES Forum (European Spirituality in Economics and Society), a continental group that works with European business players and seeks to advance an interfaith, humanist-based spirituality.

**January 27-31: World Economic Forum Annual Meeting**

**Where: Davos-Klosters, Switzerland**

This is the grand-daddy of global economic meetings, bringing together heads of state, government authorities, international business leaders, and members of civil society. It is the global meeting place for the crème-de-crème of world shakers. For 2010, the forum's motto is "Improve the State of the World: Rethink, Redesign, Re-build."

Presently, the WEF has two primary branches constantly working around the planet. The first is the Network of Global Agenda Councils, which works with leading experts to find solutions to global problems. The second group is the Forum's Global Redesign Initiative, which focuses on reshaping the international community to meet the global governance agenda. Representatives and change agents from both of these branches will be at Davos. Last year England's Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, used the World Economic Forum as a launching pad to brazenly lobby for world

management.

2010 will witness additional World Economic Forum events in Colombia, Tanzania, Belgium, Vietnam, China, and Morocco.

### **January 23-February 1: World Social Forum**

**Where: Porto Alegre, Brazil**

The World Social Forum is the premier event for the global, progressive left. It's a significant gathering of leftist politicians, environmental leaders, social activists, and internationalists. In many respects the World Social Forum is the trend-setting event for international socialism.

What makes 2010 special is that this year is the 10th anniversary of the World Social Forum movement – a massive, organized movement of socialist leaders and activists who have met annually during the last decade, and whose actions have been instrumental in shifting political thought to the far left. To mark this milestone, numerous World Social events will be held around the globe. Some of the other cities hosting World Social conferences for 2010 include Madrid, Prague, Tokyo, Stuttgart, Osaka, Mexico City, La Plata, Lagos, Detroit, and Istanbul.

### **February 27-28: Interspiritual Wisdom: Sharing the Mystic Heart**

**Where: San Francisco, California**

Just one of many interfaith events in the United States, the Interspiritual Wisdom event will bring together mystics from Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity. Participants will explore mystical paths and encounters, with the aim of finding mystical linkages between the above five world faiths. This event is hosted by the First United Lutheran Church, and will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Chapel.

### **February 28-March 3: Beyond Copenhagen**

**Where: Washington D.C.**

This event is part of the State of the World Forum, a series of global events originally put together by Mikhail Gorbachev to move us into a one-world system. Billing itself as “the first major

opportunity for activists, political leaders, business executives and scientists to come together in the aftermath of Copenhagen,” *Beyond Copenhagen* will design radical practices to curb “global warming.”

What will this look like? According to organizers, the summit will include a Global Lobbying Day – an opportunity for green lobbyists to place extra pressure on US congressional representatives. Another side is the creation of Rapid Response Teams – a team of environmental world-change experts who can be deployed at the request of governments, corporations, and non-profit groups. Once deployed, this team of high-pressure lobbyist will assist governments to make the transition to new global standards.

### **March 12-15: The Rise of Atheism: 2010 Global Atheist Convention**

**Where: Melbourne, Australia**

According to the organizers of this event, “The 2010 Global Atheist Convention will be the biggest ever atheist event in Australia’s history.”

Leading atheists such as Richard Dawkins and Peter Singer will attend, and the event will be chock-full of presentations and workshops. It is anticipated that 2000 people will attend.

# Atheism

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

**Makes perfect sense.**

An interesting aspect to this event is the *attitude*: “The bigger we can make this convention, the stronger the signal it will send to Australia’s religious and political institutions that atheism and secularism are forces to be reckoned with.” Catherine Deveny, one of the speakers who will be participating, wrote the following; “The number of churchgoers in Australia is about 9% and dwindling, the diversity of spiritual belief is flourishing and atheism is going off like a frog in a sock” (all quotes from the organizer’s website).

### **March 22-26: World Urban Forum 5**

**Where: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

This is the fifth United Nations World Urban Forum, an international event that will focus on the impact of cities and climate change, global economics, population movements, and the role of major urban centers in world management.

### **April 11-13: Interfaith Understanding Conference**

**Where: Rochester, New York**

Professional leaders from five religions will meet at the Nazareth College. Billed as “a groundbreaking moment in the global interfaith movement,” this event is set to tighten the professional linkages between Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Tibetan Buddhism, and Hinduism.

### **April 13-15: Enhancing Black Sea Co-operation**

**Where: Wilton Park, United Kingdom**

The Black Sea is vital as a major energy transport corridor, and is a tension point between Russian, Ukrainian, European Union, Turkish, and American interests. Hence, this meeting will look for ways to enhance NATO’s role in the Black Sea, and how NATO and the EU can support Black Sea nations to become part of the Western security and economic community.

Most people in North America never give this part of the world a passing thought, yet the Black Sea region is of colossal importance. It’s the intersection of regional and global powers – a point where energy, military, and geo-political interests collide.

Another Wilton Park conference of a similar nature will take place in November, with the focus on the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

### **April 22: Earth Day**

**Where: Global**

An annual, international celebration that focuses on the Earth, and advocates Earth-centric values and goals. This global celebration incorporates pagan elements, advocacy and education promoting Earth values, various festivals, etc.

### **May 26-27: Renaissance 2: WorldShift Leadership Circle Gathering**

**Where: Undetermined**

Renaissance 2 is a move to awaken the planet spiritually and socially, thus propelling humanity towards an evolutionary leap into cosmic consciousness – essentially, Man becomes God. It’s the desire for one-world, one-people, one-mind.

The WorldShift Leadership Circle is part of the Renaissance 2 program, which includes events in October 2010. According to the literature for Renaissance 2, those involved in this movement include Mikhail Gorbachev (former Soviet leader), Hazel Henderson (noted futurist), Deepak Chopra (author and Eastern spiritualist), Barbara Marx Hubbard (major New Age leader), Jim Garrison (heads the State of the World Forum), and Ken Wilber (well-known Western mystic/Buddhist).

Those involved in this leadership gathering will be evaluating what the most pressing global problems are, and working to put a roadmap in place for total planetary transformation.

### **May 27-29: Harmonic Convergence 2010**

**Where: Mount Shasta, California**

With the full moon rising on the 27th, New Agers will gather at the Mount Shasta Resort to participate in elevating the world’s spiritual energies towards global convergence. Through meditation, consciousness exercises and spiritual rituals, this event is intended to help humanity prepare the

“supramental consciousness that the Universal Underworld will bring.”

#### **June 3-4: Brussels Economic Forum**

##### **Where: Brussels, Belgium**

The Brussels Economic Forum is one of the most important events in the European Union system. Leaders from across the continent will discuss the “consequences of the crisis for globalization.” This interesting topic will focus on “the global financial and monetary system” and the issue of “global governance.” Part of this meeting will explore the role of carbon credits as a mechanism to bolster the world economy. It is expected that close to 1,500 people will attend.

#### **June 3-5: ASEM Interfaith Dialogue**

##### **Where: Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

ASEM’s Interfaith Dialogue is meant to increase religious cooperation in light of globalism, construct universal values of pluralism, and find ways to directly advance the interfaith agenda at national and regional levels. Please keep in mind; this is not a grassroots conference – it’s top level.

Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is a high-level leadership network combining European and Asian heads-of-state, the President of the European Commission, and assorted government offices and experts. ASEM has an Economic Pillar – made up of Financial and Economic Ministries; a Political Pillar – linked through coordinators directly to the top of the power pyramid; and a Cultural/Intellectual Pillar – which deals with social issues, religion and culture, and education. The overall purpose of ASEM is to bridge Asia and Europe at the highest points possible, thus creating new avenues for cooperation and partnership in the areas of economics, politics, and culture.

#### **June 7-10: International Economic Forum of the Americas**

##### **Where: Montreal, Quebec**

Government leaders – including heads of state – business executives, and officials from interna-

tional organizations will be meeting in Montreal to expanded regionalism and economic globalism. While this is a formal conference dealing with major international issues, another important aspect is the unofficial aspect: the allowance and encouragement of discreet side-meetings between participants, including government to corporate encounters.

This event is sponsored by a wide assortment of banking and financial interests, including the Royal Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Asian Development Bank. The Government of Canada and Quebec are partners, and major industries are also involved. International groups include UNESCO, the Commonwealth Secretariat, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The theme for 2010 is “Innovating to Succeed in a New Global Market.” Last year the theme was “Towards a New Global Economic Order.”

#### **June 20-27: Pagan Spirit Gathering**

##### **Where: Salem, Missouri**

This is one of America’s largest and oldest pagan gatherings, and 2010 marks the 30th anniversary of PSG. According to the Pagan Spirit Gathering website: “PSG is open to long-time practitioners as well as newcomers to paths of Wicca, Paganism, Shamanism, Celtic traditions, Native American ways, Ecofeminism, Animism, Nature Mysticism, Pantheism, and related forms of Ecospirituality.”

A “sacred fire” is lit at the opening of the event and continually burns during the entire gathering. Moreover, throughout the week participants can take part in a variety of pagan rituals and ceremonies, including “child blessings” and a “Pagan Children’s Pageant.”

#### **June 22-26: US Social Forum**

##### **Where: Detroit, Michigan**

Socialist leaders from across the United States will converge in Detroit. Climate change and global social justice will be talking points during this event. The US Social Forum is the main ral-

lying event for radical leftist organizations in the US; it acts as a lobbyist/activist platform, and as a way to demonstrate solidarity to the international socialist movement.

#### **June 26-27: G-20 Summit**

##### **Where: Toronto, Ontario**

Canada and South Korea will each host a G-20 meeting in 2010. At the Toronto summit, the Canadian government hopes that world leaders will move to implement a global financial framework under the authority of the Financial Stability Board – a committee of central bankers operating under the umbrella of the Bank for International Settlements. In essence, it's the move to centralize and control the world's financial system under a new global order.

#### **July 1-7: Rainbow Gathering**

##### **Where: Somewhere in the wilderness, Eastern USA**

Since 1972 there has been an annual gathering of pagans, New Agers, naturalists, hyper environmentalists, and radical peace activities called the Rainbow Gathering. This is no small event; tens of thousands flock to a makeshift city setup in a wilderness zone somewhere in the United States. They refer to themselves as the "Family."

Apparently the Rainbow Gathering is a relatively leaderless event and lacks overall structure. Different "councils" convene and help set the tone for the event, but the idea is to keep the assembly "organic" – "No individual may officially represent the Family as a whole."

The start of each Rainbow Gathering is with the Hindu "Om," and throughout the event shamanism and New Age themes are strongly evident. Finally, because the "city" is erected on National Forest land, there have been clashes with the US Forest Service. Although the exact location hasn't been announced, it is known that an eastern state will be the gathering point for 2010.

#### **July 24-28: NAIN Connect**

##### **Where: Salt Lake City, Utah**

This is the annual conference for the North American Interfaith Network, an interfaith umbrella organization that incorporates inter-religious organizations from the United States and Canada – including the Interfaith Center at the Presidio. Spiritual immersion activities and workshops will be held throughout the event. The goal is to solidify the interfaith platform in North America and internationally by advocating for interfaith education (including the seminary level).

#### **July 26-29: The Responsibility to Protect**

##### **Where: Wilton Park, United Kingdom**

Strategists and foreign policy experts will be examining the progress that the international community has made in advancing R2P; the Right to Protect. This concept is designed to give the United Nations the legal right to militarily intervene in nations that fail to safeguard their own citizens. The motive on the surface seems good: quash genocide, halt the displacement of ethnic groups, and ensure human rights obligations are being met. However, the R2P idea moves the international community into the role of world policeman, and reasons for national interventions thus expand. This Wilton Park event will seek ways to overcome obstacles to R2P.

#### **July 30-August 1: Green Spirit Festival**

##### **Where: Barneveld, Wisconsin**

This is one of many weekend pagan events that take place throughout the US during the summer months. Fire rituals, drumming, divination, labyrinth walks, and eco-spirituality will be part of the Green Spirit Festival.

#### **August 30-September 6: Burning Man**

##### **Where: Black Rock City, Nevada**

For years The Burning Man festival has drawn tens of thousands of participants to the harsh Black Rock Desert of northern Nevada (almost 50,000 participated in 2008).

In the days before the actual event a tent city, known as Black Rock City, comes into existence.



This community is built in a massive C-configuration around an enormous figure: The Burning Man. Constructed out of wood, this forty-foot high human effigy is the focal point for the week-long celebration. And at the end of the week, The burning Man is ritually razed to the ground in a towering inferno.

So what is The Burning Man about? It's festival of inclusiveness – a gathering of pagans, occultists, New Agers, and free spirits. Sexual adventurism and all manner of alternative lifestyles are accepted; clothing is optional. It's a week of rituals and pagan ceremonies, with the culmination being the act of "burning the Man." At times it has been described as a "pre-Hell celebration."

The Burning Man also draws to itself hundreds of artists and entertainers, and artistic expressions of all types are encouraged. No one is considered a spectator; all are expected to participate in build-

ing the "new world."

Burning Man regional festivals are now happening in different parts of the world.

#### **September 4: IARF Congress**

**Where: Kochi, India**

The International Association for Religious Freedom is one of the oldest interfaith organizations. This congress will bring to the table interfaith players and leaders from around the world, including former and current high-level United Nations officials. The purpose of this event is to elevate the global interfaith movement, with the theme "Beyond Conflict to Reconciliation" – the idea being to move beyond dialogue into actual interfaith collaboration.

#### **September 16-20: Earth Charter +10**

**Where: Brisbane, Australia**

This is just one of the many *Earth Charter* events slated for 2010. It will focus on inspiration, education, and celebration – and seek to inspire Australia towards embracing the *Earth Charter*, and thereby adopting the ethics for a new world civilization.

#### **September 21: International Day of Peace**

**Where: Global**

Instituted by the United Nations, the International Day of Peace (IDP) is meant to bring the world closer together in peaceful co-existence. All major religions participate in this annual event with peace ceremonies, celebrations, rituals, and meditation for world harmony.

According to the International Day of Peace website,

*"Since its inception, Peace Day has marked our personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world, and each year events are organized to commemorate and celebrate this day. Events range in scale from private gatherings to public concerts and forums where hundreds of thousands of people participate."*

In the past the IDP has promoted the idea that

world peace can be furthered through the Hindu practice of yoga.

### **October 10: World Day of Interconnectedness**

#### **Where: Global**

At 10:00 AM, in every time zone around the world, groups and individuals will engage in activities that promote world citizenship. Many of the ideas presented are actually very good, taken on their own: smile to everyone, practice forgiveness, etc. However, the motive for the event itself (along with many other activity ideas) has a decided New Age slant – the creation of a world order based on global spirituality and social transformation.

### **October 20-23: Ancient Wisdom, Sustainable Futures**

#### **Where: Taidong, Taiwan**

This conference will integrate aboriginal spirituality, New Age beliefs and environmentalism under the banner of the *Earth Charter*. Government dignitaries, leaders of civil society, and recognized world authorities are expected to attend this event.

### **October 21-25: Renaissance 2: Great Shift Gatherings**

#### **Where: Undetermined**

Building on the energy of last years Great Shift Gathering – a small meeting of dedicated global change agents – the 2010 get-together will revolve around two events; 1) Designing a Resilient Civilization (Oct. 21-23), and 2) Conscious Evolution (Oct. 24-25). The purpose of these events are straight-forward: to catapult a new social revolution that will change the planet, hence the name “Renaissance 2.” This includes a global shift in spirituality to accept a universal religious system, global political governance, a new international financial order, and the elevation of the environment to that of highest command. Through Renaissance 2 and the Great Shift Gatherings, it is anticipated that humanity will begin to take an

evolutionary step and attain cosmic consciousness – Man becomes God.

In many respects, this gathering is the heartbeat and brainchild of Barbara Marx Hubbard, a New Age leader who is connected to a host of internationally recognized figures, including Mikhail Gorbachev.

### **October 28-31: World Education Forum**

#### **Where: Palestine, exact location not announced**

Part of the World Social Forum group of events, the World Education Forum will be held in Palestine. The purpose of this event is to develop educational strategies regarding the teaching of international socialism, global activism, and the formation of socialist curriculum. Western-based economic systems will be demonized, and Israel and Western-oriented tendencies will be vilified.

### **November 29-December 10: UN Climate Change Conference**

#### **Where: Mexico (city undetermined)**

Because the Copenhagen Climate Conference (COP+15) in December 2009 didn't come up with a workable, global agreement on climate change, the task now falls to world leaders who will meet in Mexico. It is anticipated that this event will be considerably smaller than COP+15, and thus will be more focused on implementing a global management deal.

### **End of 2010: Earth Charter – New Vision**

#### **Where: Global**

At the end of 2010, the *Earth Charter* Initiative will launch a program to rejuvenate the *Earth Charter* idea; that is, to expand the influence of the *Charter*, and seek ways to incorporate its vision deeper into governments and the international community. This new program will have a global scope. **FC**