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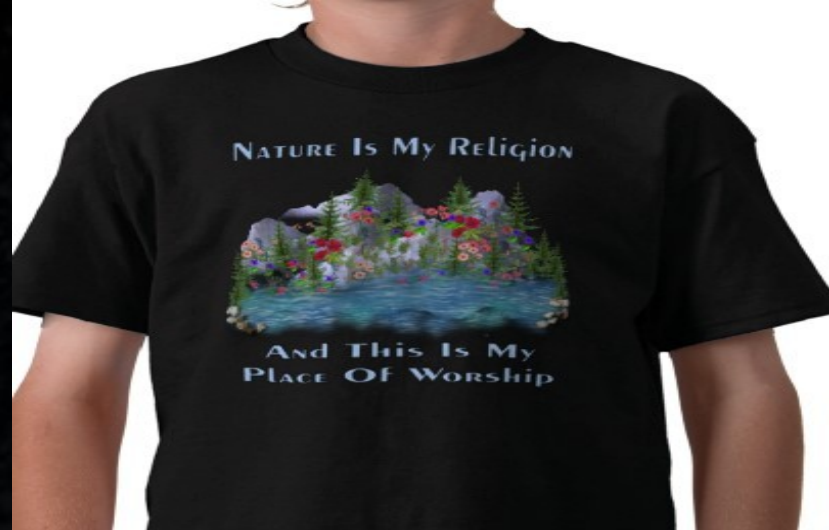
Stereotypes of 'Environmentalists'...

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- Tree huggers/protesters
- Granola eaters
- Socialists/leftists
- New Agers/pagans/atheists
- Hippies

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Environmental issues in the media...

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Environmental issues in the media...

- Global warming
- Over-logging/fishing
- Whaling/seal-hunting
- Toxic waste/spills/landfills
- Oil sands/mining
- Fresh water consumption/waste

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Reasons for secular apathy/opposition...

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Reasons for secular apathy/opposition...

- Nature robustness
- National/global politics
- Capitalism/wealth/greed
- Economics/jobs
- Personal comfort/convenience
- Controversy/science
- Powerlessness

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Reasons for Christian apathy/opposition...

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Reasons for Christian apathy/opposition...

- Dominion theology
- Second Coming/New Earth
- Soul saving
- Nature punishment
- Enemy alignment

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Environmentalism vs Creation Care...

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Environmentalism vs Creation Care...

- Environmentalism
 - Earth belongs to humanity
 - We preserve it to avoid our own extinction
 - People are the biggest problem
- Creation Care
 - Earth belongs to our Creator
 - We are stewards
 - Our concern is for both nature and people

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"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world and everyone in it"

Psalm 24:1

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord."

Psalm 96: 11-13

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Biblical basis for creation care...

- Creation belongs to God.
- He has entrusted it to us.
- We will be held accountable.

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...nature: it is not our own. It belongs to God, and we are to exercise our dominion over these things not as though entitled to exploit them, but as things borrowed or held in trust. We are to use them realizing they are not ours intrinsically. Man's dominion is under God's dominion.

Francis Schaeffer, *Pollution and the Death of Man*, 1970, p. 69

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Creation Care groups/sites...

- www.arocha.org
- www.creationcare.org
- www.mennocreationcare.org
- www.mcc.org/careforcreation
- www.marvelbelievecare.org
- www.wonderofcreation.org
- www.webofcreation.org
- www.restoringeden.org
- www.we-get-it.org
- www.beholdtheearth.com
- www.climatestewards.net

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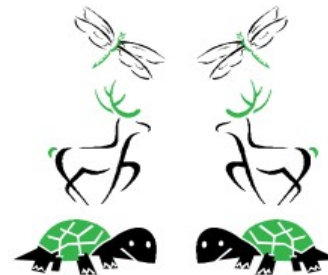
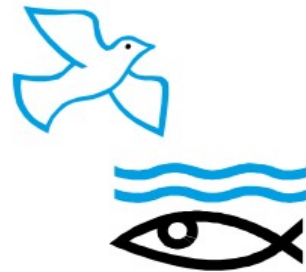
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<p>Listen to this, Job, stop and consider God's wonders.</p> <p><i><u>Job 37:14</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.</p> <p><i><u>Psalms 104:24</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you.</p> <p><i><u>Job 12:7-8</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.</p> <p><i><u>Psalms 111:2</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>
<p>The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;</p> <p><i><u>Psalms 24:1</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature —have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.</p> <p><i><u>Romans 1:20</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.</p> <p><i><u>Psalms 50:10-11</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p><i>Wisdom's response to God's creation:</i></p> <p>...I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world...</p> <p><i><u>Proverbs 8:30b-31a</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>
<p>The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.</p> <p><i><u>Genesis 2:15</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.</p> <p><i><u>Genesis 6:19</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?</p> <p><i><u>Ezekiel 34:18</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>	<p>A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children...</p> <p><i><u>Proverbs 13:22a</u></i></p> <p>marvelbelievecare.org</p>

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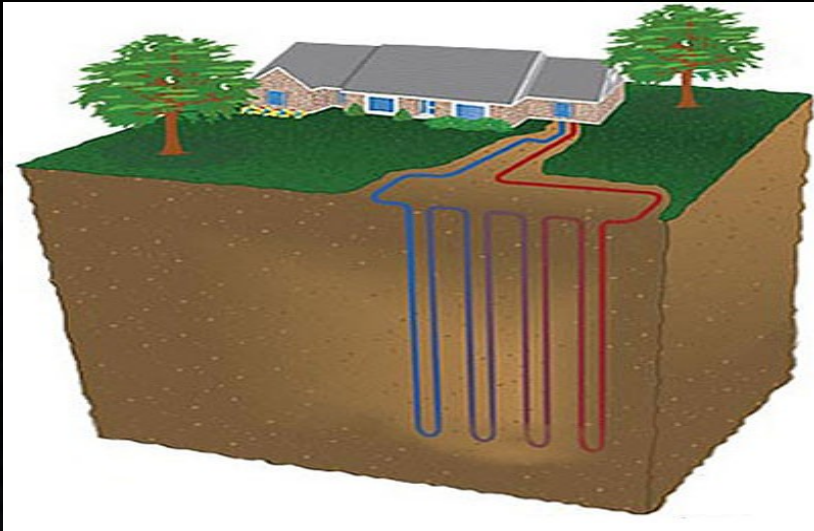
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Green energy alternatives...

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Being 'Green' can save money...

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Green ways of getting around...

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Green lifestyle...

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Global Warming = Climate Change
Climate Change \neq Weather Change

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Is it real?

Does it matter?

What is causing it?

How bad is it?

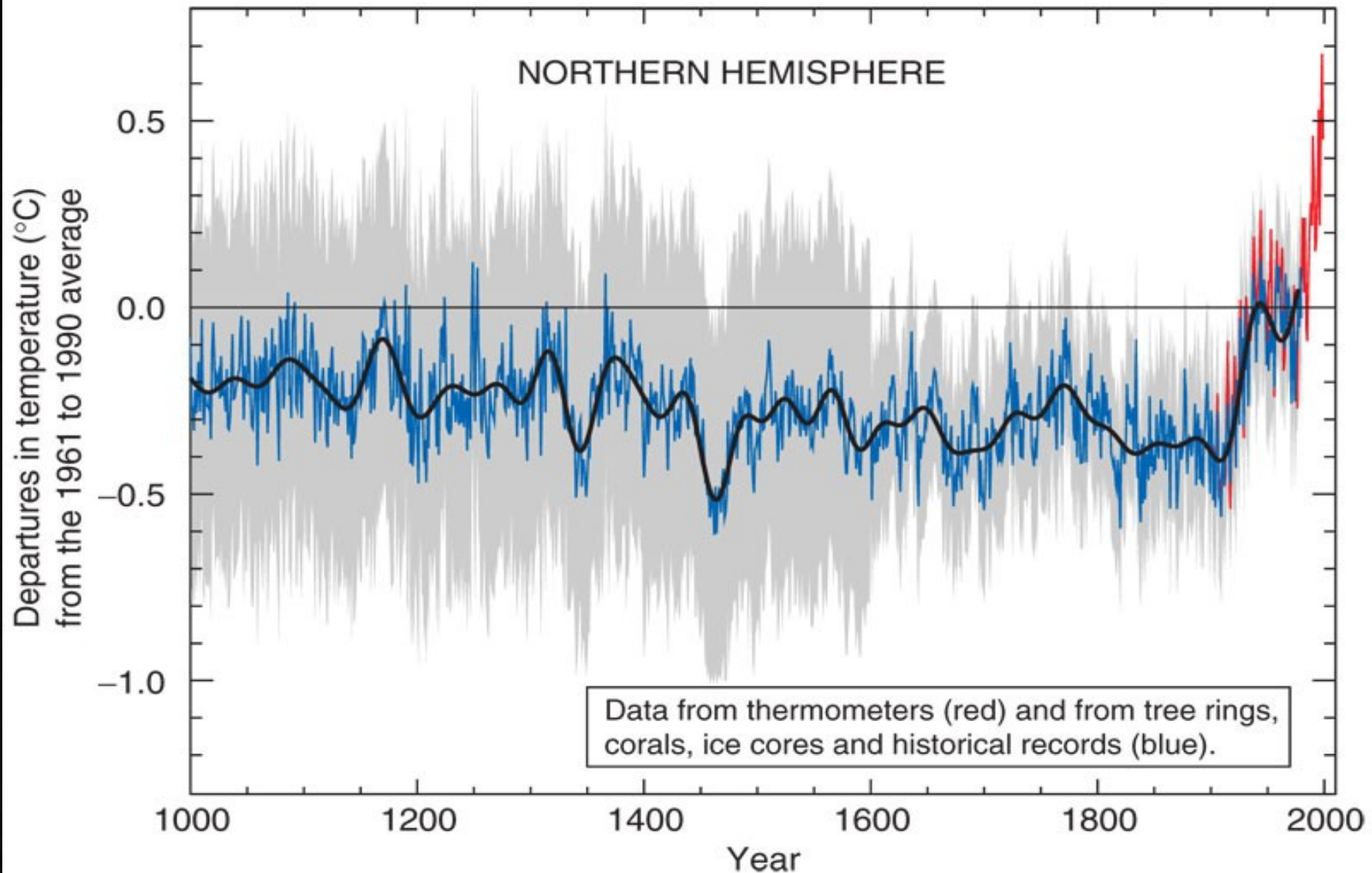
Can/should we stop it?

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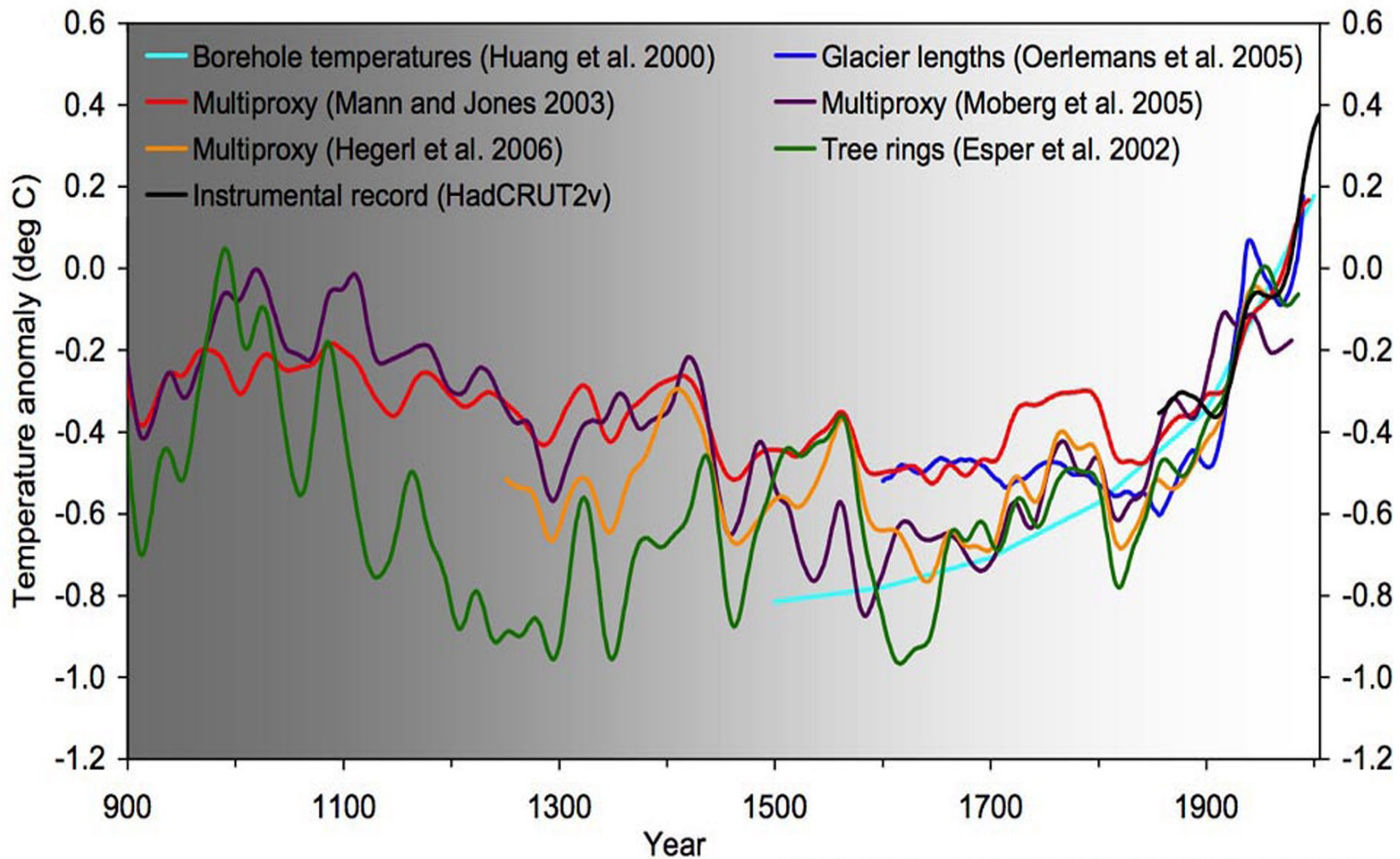
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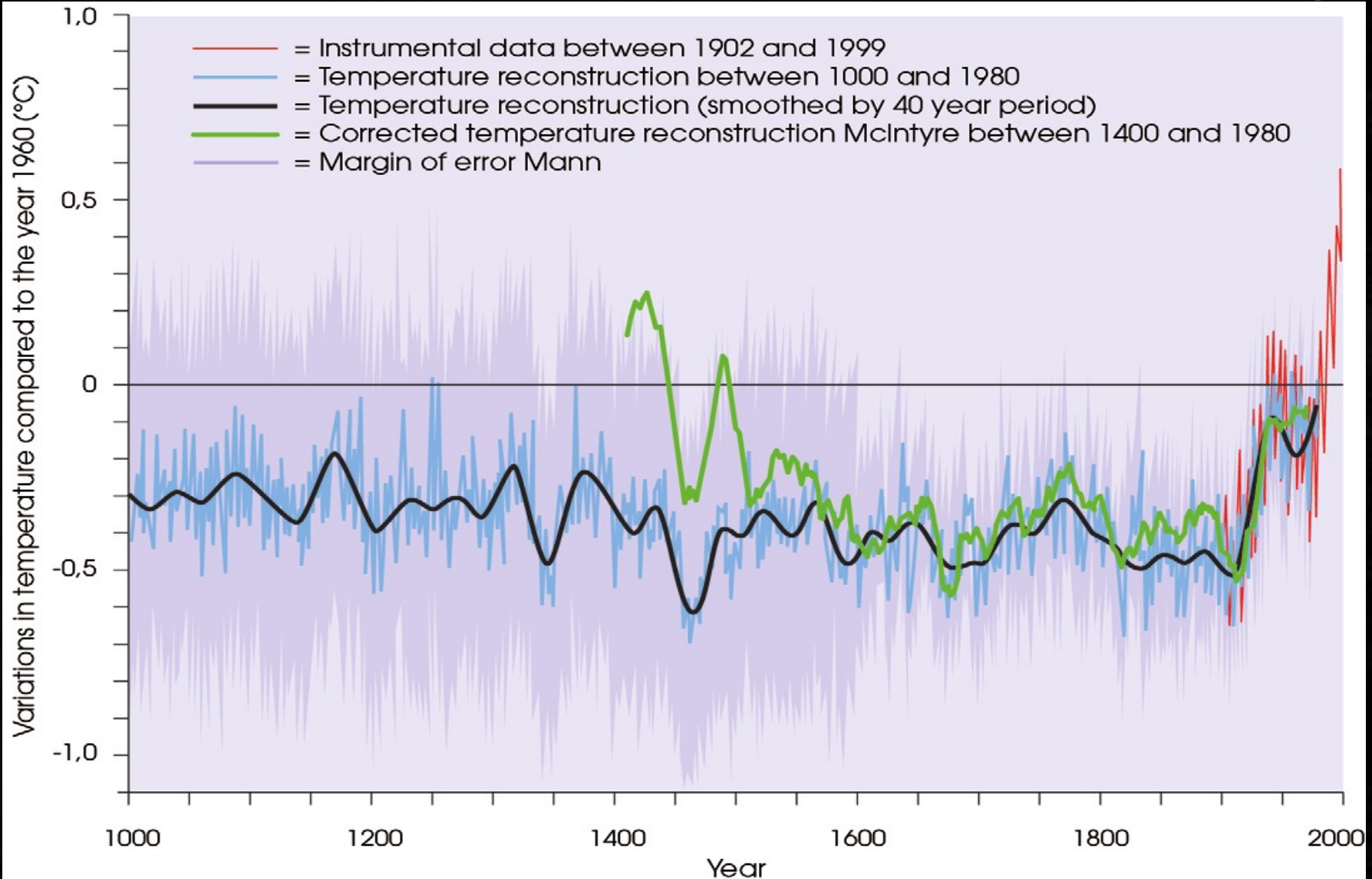


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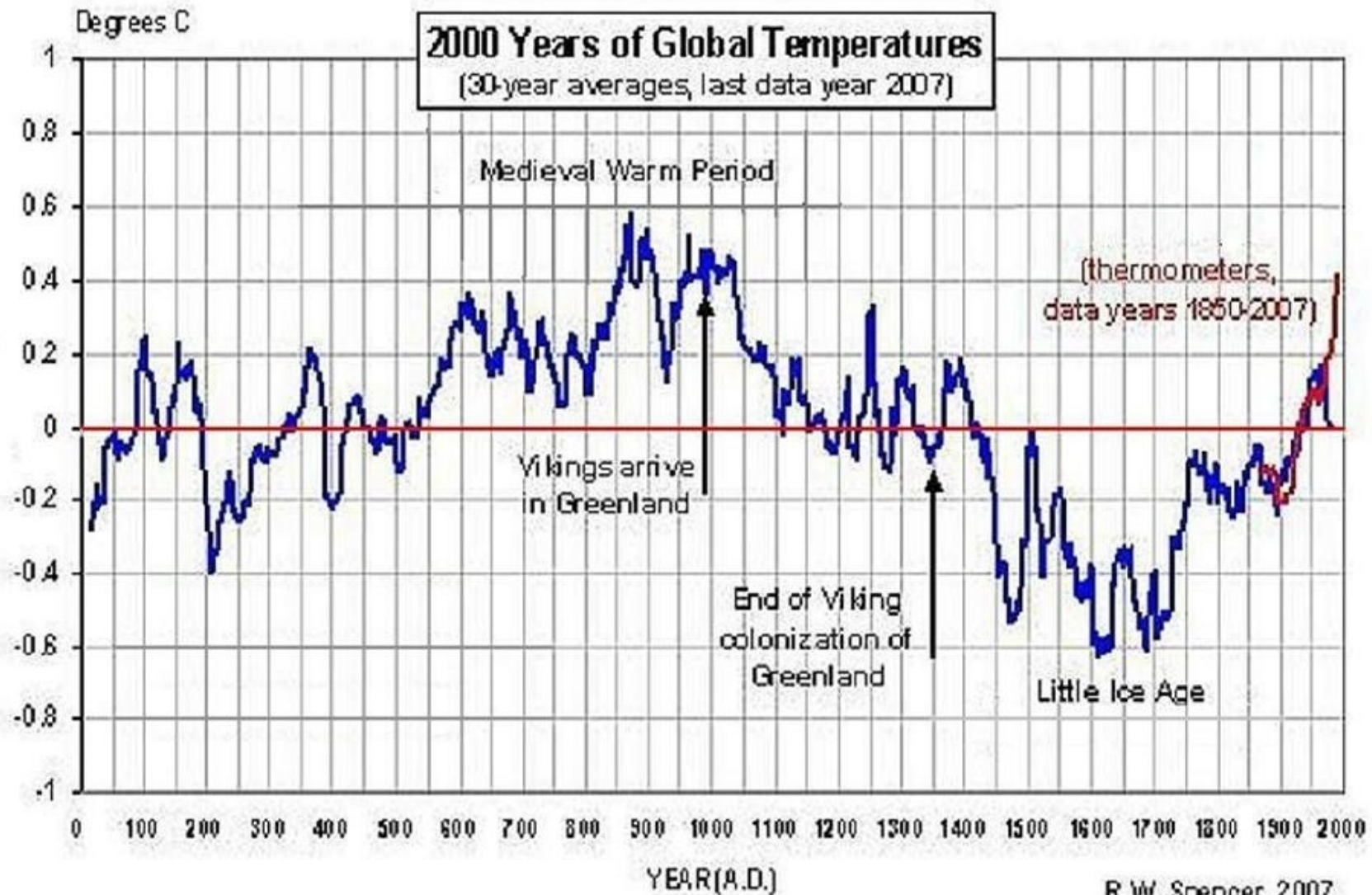


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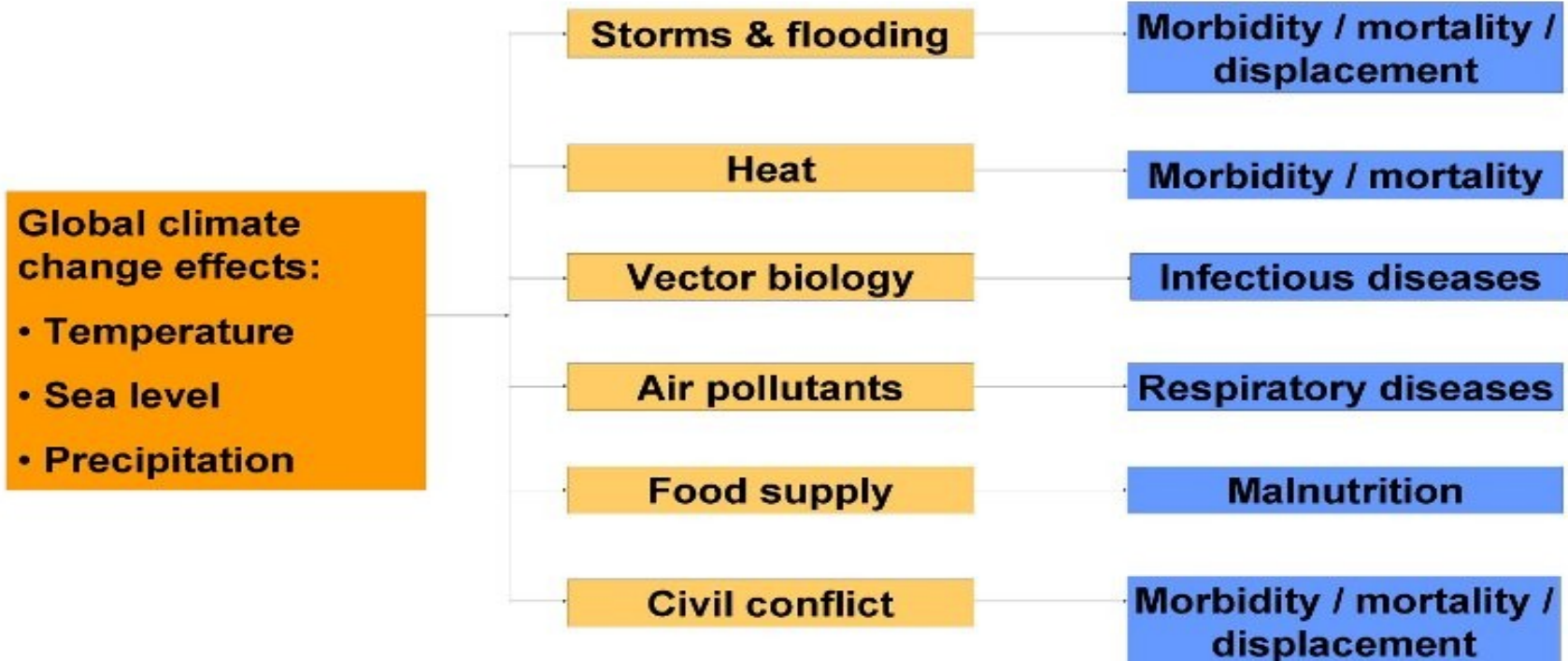
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Does it matter?

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Potential Impacts of Global Climate Change on Human Health



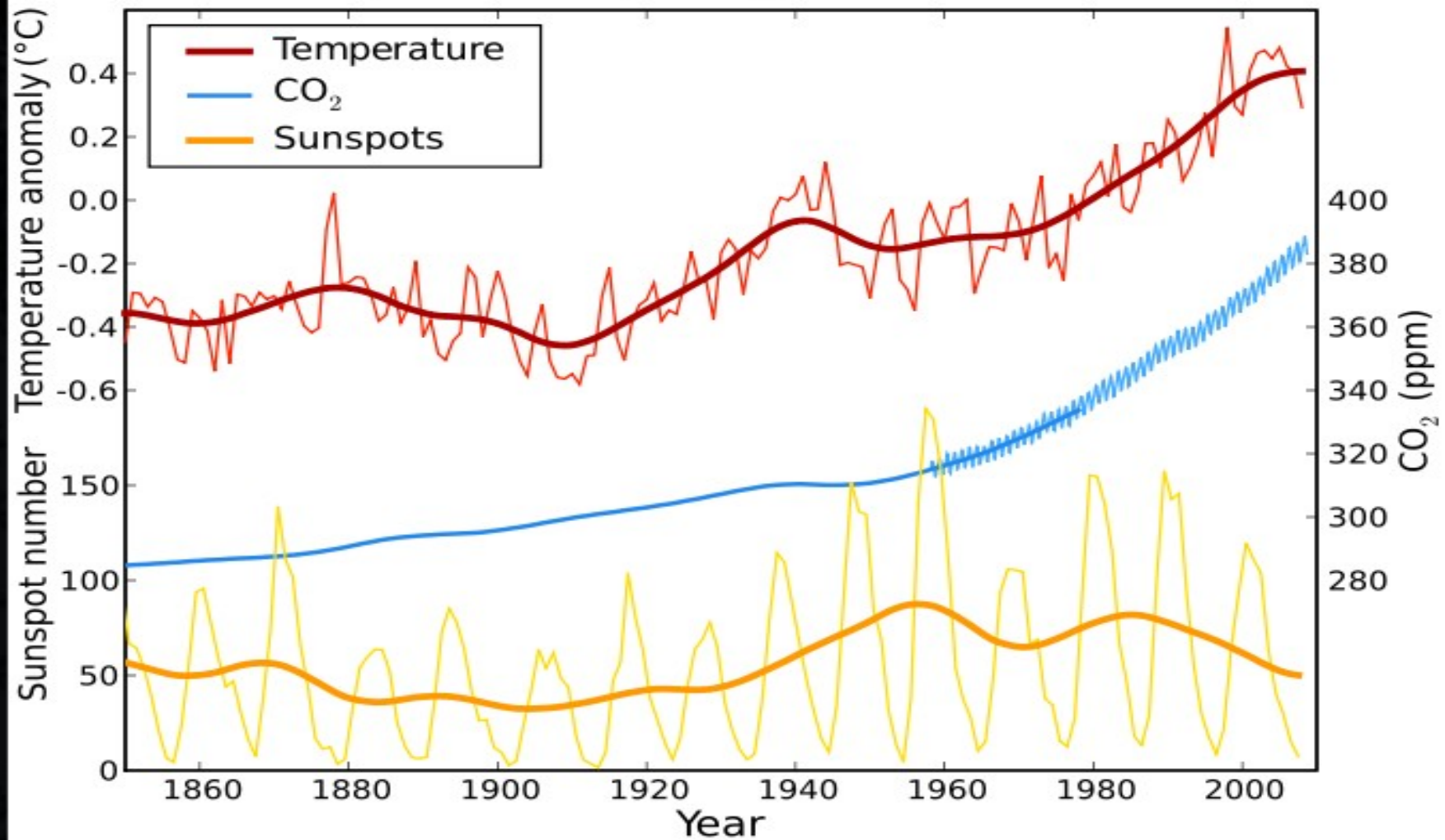
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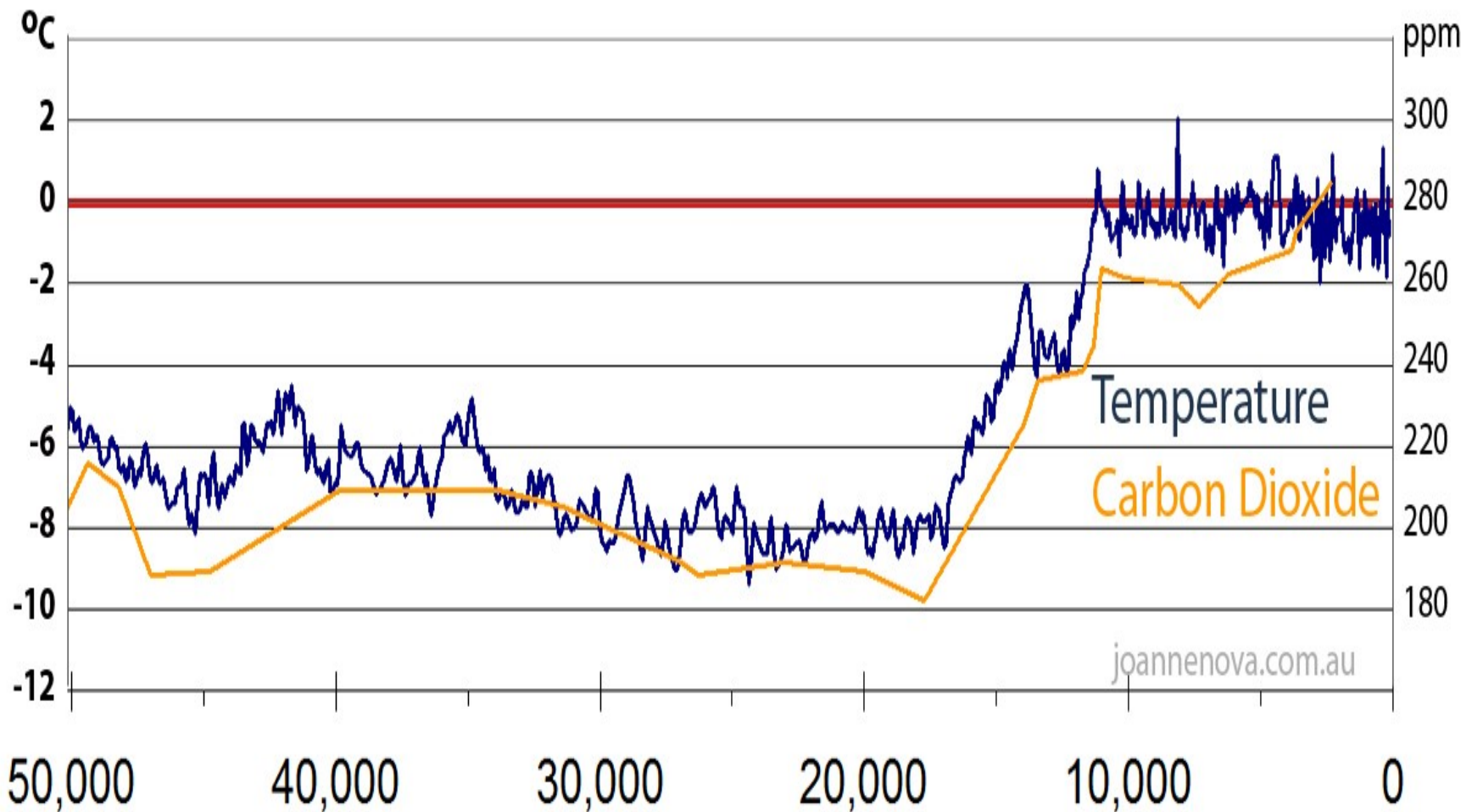
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Temperature, CO₂, and Sunspots



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Vostok Ice Cores 50,000 - 2,500 years ago

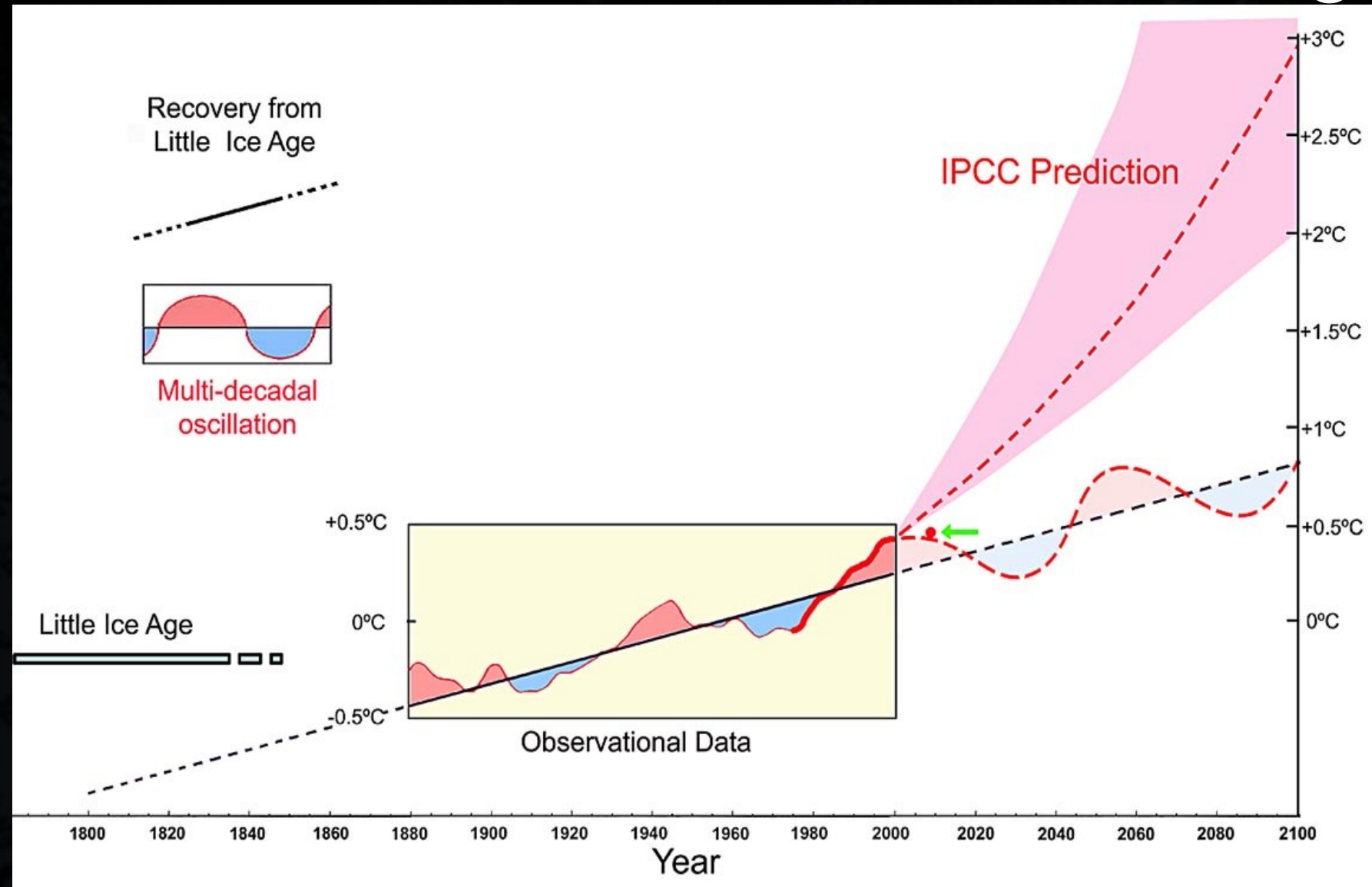


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“Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, causing it to scorch everyone with its fire. Everyone was burned by this blast of heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had control over all these plagues. They did not repent of their sins and turn to God and give him glory.”

Revelation 16:8-9

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“There was a terrible hailstorm, and hailstones weighing seventy-five pounds fell from the sky onto the people below. They cursed God because of the terrible plague of the hailstorm.”

Revelation 16:21

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Questions to think about...

- Did God intend us to use wood, oil, uranium to supply our energy needs?
- Could we have avoided exploiting and polluting the earth?
- Would we be better off now if we had?
- What superior alternatives might exist on the New Earth?

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Possible Future Topics?

- Creation care and treatment of animals
- Creation care and materialism
- Creation care and healthy lifestyles
- Creation care and Eternity

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