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Weird Weather in our planet

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Are you enjoying the nice weather around us nowadays? Did you notice anything new? Whatever it is, better enjoy and get adapted in the atmosphere of the changing time. There is utterly warming throughout the world. Scientists have made pronouncement on this matter many times in the past but not so many people are alarmed. The issue seems not so sensational and, therefore, fell into deep ears.

The United States government is very much concerned of these changing times. It is campaigning worldwide for things to be done to slow down the process that would surely be a disadvantage to man's existence. This phenomenon has utterly startled some countries and they are trying hard to twists its direction and effect.

Planet Earth seems getting older faster than ever. And like an aging human being, it displays strange movements in its life in many ways. The planet perhaps also suffers from age-old loss of memory. See the weather nowadays? It is surprising. Very surprising!

It was said that since 1979, land temperature has increased about twice as fast as ocean (0.25 degrees centigrade per decade against 0.13 degrees centigrade per decade according to the Satellite Temperature Measurement.

I have been in California for many years and temperature during winter varies from low 32 to high 50 to 55. Lately, we have straight 60-65 high and 43-45 low. And it is not spring yet. And rains are scarce. January is usually a raining month. Some flowers can start blooming if things do not change.

This is part of the global warming that is eating our planet because of man's own blunder and stubborn behavior. We over heat the world through excessive use of motor vehicles, land machineries, energy devices, testing of nuclear weapons, and pollutions in the air with our aircraft, etc.



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The weather station in Northern California announced of a one-week daily shower and rain. Yes, there were drizzles and showers but very little rain. Of course, we used rain for water supply and to give life to vegetation around us.

Room temperature is nearly normal which means a unit of heater is not necessary. This saves electricity. But notice that there are a few people who are really worried about this astonishing activity. Not so many understand the scenario of the planet that surrounds them. They don't care about rain or snow, sun or whatever.

And did we ever pose for a moment and figure out why giant icebergs in Alaska and elsewhere are getting dissolved? They melt slowly and those objects the height of a 25-storey building is going down? They used to be solid ice rocks, which now went down to join the liquid form. As ice near the Poles melts, land or open water take its place. Both land and open water are, in average, less reflective than ice, and this absorbs more solar radiation. “Greenhouse gases are transparent to short-wave radiation from the sun the main source of heat on the Earth.

A lot of people never even imagined that sea water is getting higher - -several feet in nearly a century. This is another effect of global warming. When I was in the Philippines last year, I went to the beach to get a nice glimpse of fresh air and an invigorating swim. I noticed a considerable space of shoreline vanished and the water moving towards land. The beaches retreating inward while the seawater advances.

With this trend, many low areas worldwide will find themselves in level with the lost Atlantis. I cannot figure out what the world will look like a century from now. According to scientific findings, this unusual happening is man-made. This is good news since man can remedy it too. It is not beyond their control, thus things can be introduced if mankind unites for a cause.

Man has ignored so much the need of the planet to maintain its form, shape, life and its activity and existence. It is like a structure or houses where we live that also need maintenance of sort or cares in our use. We never even realized this is the only planet we have and if we destroy it, we have nothing and nowhere to go.

We have burned our forest excessively, the so-called land clearing. We cut down trees in the mountains. We never think nature needs all these things in their proper place not for beauty and wonders but truly to supplement the strength of the earth. They formed part of the foundation. They strengthened the structure that holds billions of people and all the things around them.



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As I said the cause of this warming is man-made as per Scientists study. Man, therefore, can do something to reverse the effects for the future generations. “Burning fossil fuel to power our homes and run our cars create global warming.” Some simple tips say conservation of energy in the home is necessary. For instance do not use big electric bulbs, turn off appliances that are not in use, avoid excessive electricity, open room windows to allow sunlight to get into and help warm the area, stop luxurious use of gadgets that only increase bills for power energy. When driving cars, avoid idling for too long, be on average speed so the engine does not exert so much effort and minimize the use of all engines/machineries and electric motors. (Ben Emata)