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# What planet would you visit?

**Editor:**

I am rather puzzled about what research Jack Carradice is referring to (letters, *Chilliwack Times*, Dec. 18) in regards to Dr. Throness doing his research. After examining the Hansard, the evidence Throness presented has been thoroughly refuted by further analysis. For instance, Throness referenced "climategate" as a significant flaw related to climate change science. Nine panels in both the United States and the UK found no evidence that scientists were attempting to deceive the public or that put the evidence supporting climate change in question.

As for the University of Alabama study (referenced by Throness) saying that global warming stopped for the past 18 years, many other data sets from a wide variety of institutions show a continued increase in global temperature. Additionally, the time period is suspicious as 1998 was a particularly warm year and hence would obscure any warming trend. Also, the ocean's heat content is also significantly increasing showing that global warming is still happening, even if air temperature levels were to have stayed constant.

It is extremely likely that greenhouse gases are causing global warming. The fact of the matter is that the fossil fuel industry has invested millions of dollars in causing doubt, similar to what the tobacco industry did. In fact, some of the same organizations such as

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the Heartland Institute are behind anti-science campaigns related to both tobacco and climate change.

The allegation that nothing can be done about climate change frankly ignores a considerable amount of economic research. Appropriate market-based mechanisms can allow us to protect the climate while increasing employment at a cost of only a few per cent of GDP.

I would like you to imagine that there is a choice to go to two different planets: one where we have an economy with plenty of jobs but a slightly slower-growing economy and a stable climate, or one where the economy grows slightly faster, but there is a significant risk of a dangerous and geopolitically unstable future due to climate change. What planet would you take your family to?

**Thomas Cheney  
Chilliwack**

## Very grateful for selfless rescuers

**Editor:**

We are a family from Richmond who on Dec. 27, around 3 p.m., rolled off an embankment on the road coming from Princeton, just 27 km before Hope. The car tumbled and stopped metres from the raging river and while we are all unhurt, we were trapped inside the vehicle—or so we thought.

Three cars who witnessed the incident had already stopped, rushed over and broke in the car window, got us all out, sent for help ahead with no cell coverage available and stayed with us by the side of the road for at least one hour until help arrived, providing comfort, support and shelter.

There was one gentleman in a black jacket who had stopped first; two young men from Chilliwack in snowsuits, and a couple with two girls (the dad was from a rescue squad and the mom a trained nurse).

Neither of them thought that what they did was a big deal, but if it had not been for them, our family would not be toasting to a New Year right now. Their selfless act of courage and devotion made it possible for us to enjoy the holidays together and for that we will always be grateful.

**Manuela, Constantin, Sonia  
and Naomi**



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