

## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Smokescreen of Carbon Pollution



*For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)*

To environmental alarmists, carbon dioxide is a pollutant and its existence in Earth's atmosphere is one of the greatest threats facing our planet today. But if plants could talk, they'd tell you a totally different story. To plants, carbon dioxide is food, and right now they are begging for more!

According to Mike Adams, editor of NaturalNews.com, "CO<sub>2</sub> is desperately needed by food crops, and right now there is a severe shortage of CO<sub>2</sub> on the planet compared to what would be optimum for plants." He also notes that "greenhouse operators are actually buying carbon dioxide and injecting it into their greenhouses in order to maximize plant growth."

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food supports this position when it says, "CO<sub>2</sub> increases productivity through improved plant growth and vigour ... earlier flowering, higher fruit yields ... improved stem strength and flower size."

To keep carbon dioxide from being viewed in a positive light, environmental alarmists often shorten "carbon dioxide" to just "carbon". Dr. E. Calvin Beisner, founder of the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, writes, "By calling carbon dioxide 'carbon,' the alarmists fool people. They raise specters of black soot that's truly dangerous to health. Then they speak of a 'carbon tax,' or 'carbon footprint,' or reducing 'carbon emissions' or 'carbon pollution'".

If anything, our planet would be a whole lot greener if we put more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. And the plants would breathe easier, too!

Ref: Mike Adams, "CO<sub>2</sub> myth busted: Why we need more carbon dioxide to grow food and forests," NaturalNews.com, 3/31/13. E. Calvin Beisner, "A Call for Accurate Language About CO<sub>2</sub> in the AGW Discussion," The Cornwall Alliance, 11/25/15. Photo: (PD)

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