



The Global Warming Debate by Hannah McCarthy

Global warming is a heated debate that has been going on for years. Many people ask what is global warming? What is the controversy about man's role in creating global warming? These are questions to think about.

Global warming is the heating up of the atmosphere. Our atmosphere is heating up more and more. Climate change, greenhouse gases, like methane, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, and fluorinated gases, are possible factors causing this. Some effects of global warming are the heating up of the atmosphere and the melting of the polar ice caps. There have been many efforts in the world to stop global warming but none have yet worked. Let's hope that changes.

There are some pros and cons about what has caused global warming. Some say that the sun may be the root cause global warming, "The sole cause of this has been and will always be the sun". Others believe man-made greenhouse gases may be the cause of global warming, "And it is said that some—but not all- of these extreme events are caused by the increase of man-made greenhouse gases in the atmosphere." Some believe that climate change may be the root cause of global warming and that climate change is natural, "This planet has warmed up and cooled down umpteen times and will continue do so ..." Others disagree and believe that man-made fossil fuels, the loss of our forests, and the use of fertilizers have negatively affected the environment by causing global warming, "The UN agency cited fossil fuel-burning, loss of forest that absorb CO² and the use of fertilizers as the main culprits."

Global warming is probably man's fault. Greenhouse gases are building in the atmosphere, negatively affect global warming. "... Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are building up so high and so fast that some scientists now think the world can no longer limit global warming." This shows that man may be part of the cause of global warming because most greenhouse gases are man-made. One big man-made cause of global warming may be fossil fuel-burning. "... fossil fuel-burning... the main culprits." This emphasizes that man is a big part of the cause of global warming because man is the one that burns the fossil fuels, for gasoline in cars and many other items man uses raises greenhouse gases into the air which may lead to global warming. Lastly, the loss of our forest and the use of our fertilizers negatively affect global warming. "The UN agency cited... loss of forest that absorb CO² and the use of fertilizers as the main culprits." This shows that man may be the cause of global warming because we cut down our forest and use fertilizers.

Overall we can negatively affect global warming. We also need to put more of an effort into stopping global warming. Hopefully we will find something that will stop heating our atmosphere. Global warming is increasing by a lot for the past few years. The atmosphere above us is heating up fast, we need to take action!

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