Messing with Nature

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A U.K. government-funded entity, the **Advanced Research and Invention Agency** (ARIA,) has approved geoengineering experiments that will attempt to "dim the sun." These are rationalized as a response to the allegedly rising temperatures caused by "global warming." Researchers plan to dim the sun's rays by dispersing materials such as sulphur dioxide to reflect solar radiation back into space, thus lowering the Earth's surface temperatures and help mitigate global warming.

Some experts warn that efforts to manipulate the climate could have disastrous consequences and might even be counterproductive. Moreover, ARIA is acting with total disregard for the mountainous evidence that belies the theory of *global warming* or its recent reincarnation as *"climate change."* Once again, *climate alarmists* have created an alleged *solution* to a problem that doesn't even exist, and one that may even be disastrous. One expert declared, *"...it's hypocritical for them to assert they're acting on humanitarian grounds, while moving ahead without meaningfully engaging with the public..."*

This is *NOT* a new phenomenon in scientific debate. In her novel *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley's intentions went well beyond simply creating a fascinating and scary plot: her purpose was to warn of the risks inherent in man's attempts to thwart nature's laws. Implicit in her novel is the warning that just because science *CAN* do something doesn't mean that it *SHOULD*, and that scientific inquiry may have profound but unintended moral consequences.

More recently, Shelley's concerns were echoed in the novels of Dr. Michael Crichton, particularly *The Andromeda Strain* and *Jurassic Park*. Crichton's novels and their film adaptations hypothesized catastrophic consequences resulting from certain pioneering scientific research. In *The Andromeda Strain*, catastrophe results from a military satellite that returned to Earth after becoming contaminated by a new and virulent microorganism. And in *Jurassic Park*, catastrophe followed the cloning of DNA from long-extinct dinosaurs, in order to create a commercial theme park to exhibit them and profit from doing so.



"Interactive" T-Rex "Exhibit" at Jurassic Park

Another example involves China's *Wuhan Institute of Virology*. There should no longer be any doubt that arrogant fools like Anthony Fauci illegally funded so-called *"gain-of-function research"* at the *Wuhan Lab*. It was this very research that converted a common and relatively harmless bat virus into the *COVID-19 virus* that killed eight million people, worldwide. Echoing the *"Chaos Theory"* introduced in *Jurassic Park*, that gain-of-function research was quickly appropriated by the Chinese military's *Virologic Warfare Program*, and then probably used to

target those in the West who were foolish enough to have helped fund it. Fortunately, President Trump prohibited further government-funded *gain-of-function* research with an Executive Order in May of 2025.

Equally alarming, in November of 2018 a Chinese molecular geneticist named He Jiankui announced at an international conference that he had successfully produced genetically "edited" human offspring. Jiankui modified a key gene sequence in *human embryos* to confer resistance to HIV among his subjects and their offspring, using conventional methods of *in vitro* fertilization. Fortunately, his announcement generated a severe **backlash** among scientists and biomedical ethicists worldwide. Their primary criticism was that more effective measures already existed to prevent HIV infection, so his research unnecessarily exposed his subjects to the risks of gene editing with questionable benefits.

Similarly, the Biden Administration aggressively promoted so-called *"gender dysphoria,"* and even widely funded *"gender counseling"* in public grade schools. Anyone with sense should recognize that grade-schoolers are too young and naive to even begin to appreciate the consequences of *altering* their gender, and that many cannot resist the prompting of gender counselors with appalling judgement.



"The Gender Counselors are here for their interviews..."

Meanwhile, unethical hospitals willing to perform lucrative *gender reassignment* therapy and surgery have sprung up all over the nation like mushrooms after a warm rain. Yet, many individuals who underwent hormone therapy or surgical mutilation to "*reassign*" their gender have later experienced profound regret. Many feel they were wrongly pressured into undergoing dubious medical procedures, and believe their lives have been ruined as a result.

A couple of years ago, Elon Musk, Steve Wozniak and 1,100 other *tec leaders* issued a statement recommending that scientists voluntarily pause their research into artificial intelligence (AI) for six months, and use that time to assess the inherent risks that AI may pose to humans. These are individuals who have actually learned the lessons of *Pandora's Box* and *Frankenstein*.

The pause they recommend would provide an opportunity for debate and allow them to establish *ethical standards* and *"safety protocols"* to govern such research. Many who signed the letter are deeply involved in AI research, so if those having a vested *financial and professional interests* in AI harbor concerns, so should the rest of us.

Such caution would seem be even more urgent when conducting experiments intended to modify the Earth's climate.