

Rush Limbaugh thinks that the new coronavirus is just "the common cold," and he may well be right. But regardless of what it actually is, the response to it has been as if it were the Black Death.

The Chinese are reportedly a low death rate. But nobody believes them. They say you have to multiply the numbers by 10.

But might the Chinese government be telling the truth? Why should they lie about it?

I can't be at all surprised if the new coronavirus turns out to be a slightly variant of the common cold. But if the response of governments is to lock down entire cities, and keep people at home, so that economic production shuts down, there will be an economic crisis, even if there isn't a medical one.

The Diamond Princess seems to have now been evacuated, and the passengers flown home. And it seems that no particular care was taken with them. They were put on regular air flights.

But if it's no worse than the common cold, why not?

We've got a smoky haze because the danger from tobacco smoke has been vastly exaggerated. And we have global warming alarmism because the threat of CO₂ has been vastly exaggerated. And now that we have a new coronavirus epidemic it's most likely because the health risks have been vastly exaggerated as well.

But just because the real threat is small doesn't mean that the imaginary threat will also be small. So we still may have an economic crash and a deep depression simply for what the new coronavirus is perceived to be.

I am breathing a bit heavily this morning when I get up, and in fact I have been breathing a bit heavily all day, and coughing up sputum from my lungs as well. So I think I have some stronger lung infection.

I've been far more breathless in my feet today than I've been breathing heavily. I've been tottering around by little feet.

I haven't thought about Glaciator (1) at all today. I've been thinking about coronavirus instead. But if it turns out to be simply "the common cold," why will change, and everything will return to normal pretty soon, and "normal" means fear of a global warming.

Tomorrow I am thinking of taking a few bottles to the Co-Op, and buying a few sandwiches, and getting £50+ in cash. What I do that? I haven't been out of my flat for 2-3 weeks, and getting Tesco deliveries.

I think maybe I should try. I'm not proposing a deep visit to the Co-Op, or buying any milk or whisky or food. Just a brief trip inside. It should be quite easy for me.

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Breathing quite heavily on getting up, after not doing much deep breathing before. But the heavy breathing soon abated, and breathing was near-normal later on.

Reading about plans to increase the Earth's albedo by putting sulphur dioxide into the atmosphere, and how climate change denial should be prosecuted, it occurs to me I could use Glaciator (1) to see if I can start an ice age by decreasing the absorption of air, which would cause air temperatures to fall.

For as I see it, if we remove CO₂ from the atmosphere, we're likely to start a new ice age.

As I see it, ice ages are as the Earth's thermostat. During cold glacial periods, subglacial surface rocks heat up and melt the overlying snow, and when it has melted they "switch off" and cool down. The result is that the surface of the

Earth is kept at around 0°C , or slightly above.

In the distant past, periods of glaciation were short, and interglacials long. But now that the Earth's interior has cooled, interglacial periods are short, and glaciations long.

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My interest in Glaciation(?) has fired up again today. I ran it to see whether South pole column 18 melted (it did). Also looked at Southern Russia column 6, I seemed to be getting quite long interglacial periods, at least in terms of air temperatures. I didn't actually edit the code today, except for the Vostok latitude and valley gauge outputs.

I'd like to see what the mean global air temperature is. It's somewhere near 300°K during interglacials, and might only 10°K colder during

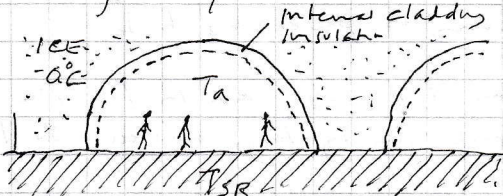
So I've come alive today. Why was I dead? Perhaps because when I read about plans to move global altitudes, I thought that would trigger a new ice age.

If I've been thinking about anything for the past week or so, it's been the coronavirus epidemic. But today I swung back to Glaciation(?)

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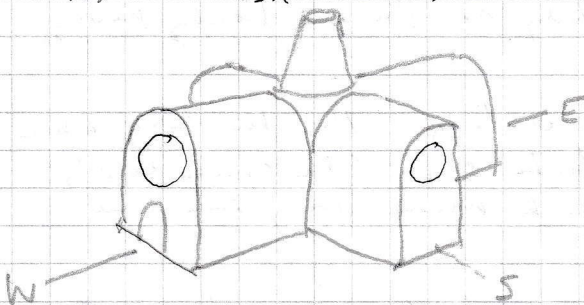
One question I had today: was it warmer under the ice during glaciations than it was on the surface in interglacials? Surface rock temperatures were stable during glaciations, but fell during interglacials. And surface rock temperatures are generally up around 300°K or 28°C . Might they have been so warm beneath the ice that they could be naked? Might they have only needed clothes in the highly changeable interglacial environment.

The subglacial world would have had a constant, changeless environment, where didn't even rise and fall like day and night. They would have had constant underfloor heating. They would have had warm floors and cold ceilings.



If they'd been able to insulate the underside of the ice, with an air gap between, the ceiling surface temperature would have been higher, and the air temperature T_a would have been higher, and they'd stay the

If they had such insulation, they would have been dark.



Barrel-vaulted cathedrals with high central spires may well have reflected similar subglacial structures. If they were aligned E-W, it was so that people could be well lit by the rising sun in the east when they left to perform work in the subglacial world, and could be well lit at sunset when they re-entered from the west, and stayed all night.

The spine would have been a ventilation shaft, and a way of a steady to the upper world above the ice. The spine would have been the way that most food and other supplies would have been lowered into the basilica(?)

The bell in the tower would have been a door bell. It would have had to be loud enough to hear both above and below.

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The subglacial world probably had lots of hot springs that rose through the hot rocks. They would have had hot, tepid, and cold baths.

All chambers would have had underfloor heating.

Barrel vaults and domes would have been the structural norm. Roman had both underfloor heating would have been ubiquitous. Roman had underfloor heating.

Underworld would have had fresh running water and sewers. Romans had fresh water + sewers. Far more than the Greeks, Rome seems to have preserved/re-created the Underworld.

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The underworld dead would have been preserved in death exactly as they were in life. They would have been buried in the ice steady up.

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