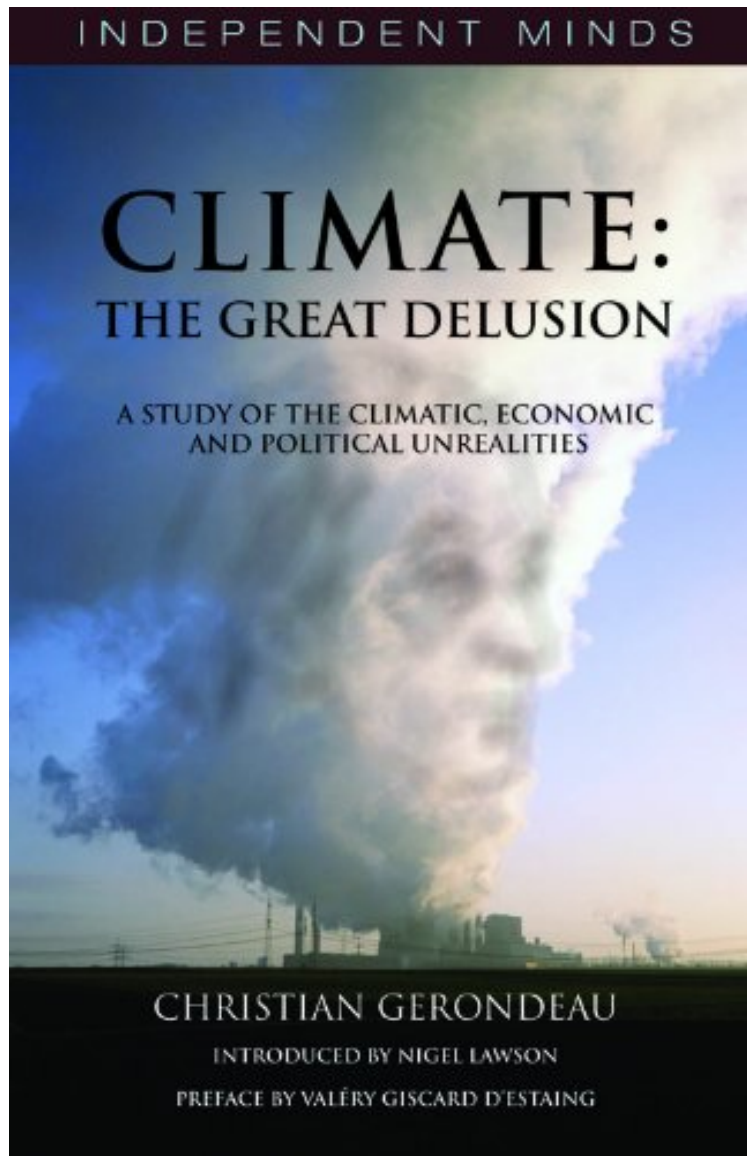


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Common sense on Climate ChangeBy ian sutherlandI first read this book as an eBook and now wish to keep it as a reference for discussion on the vexed question of anthropogenic climate change. As a general rather than a specific climate scientist I am persuaded by the scientific evidence that Bob Taylor produces with its peer reviewed support. He has a momentous task in trying to turn around the world wide perception that human produced CO2 is dangerous. He also make the valuable point that we waste our resources

combatting this threat when the naturally occurring variability of the climate poses a real threat in some areas. I enjoyed the book, it is lively, readable and intensely important. Instead of the invective he generates in the climate world he deserves credit for courage and initiative. 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Essential Penetrating Key Insights By B. Hutchins This is an excellent and very refreshing book, presented with great clarity, and with penetrating, key insights. While it does not get bogged down in details - the presented points are nonetheless far from being superficial. First, the author points out that CO2 emissions WILL continue to increase throughout this century. NOTHING - politically, economically, or technologically will prevent the citizens of the world from exploiting cheap fossil energy to make their lives better. Clearly, the developing nations (who are already producing most of the CO2 now) are not going to stop needing and producing more energy-generation capacity. And the developed nations cannot cut back without economic disaster to themselves, and even if they did, the developing nations would gobble up the same fossil fuels the developed nations forgo. What WILL limit the increased emissions is the exhaustion of economically recoverable resources. When it's gone - it's gone - perhaps in 100 years - but not before. Reducing consumption now would delay the transfer from ground to atmosphere only slightly. So, the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere will approximately double over the next century (and then taper back), regardless of what anyone would like to see done. Fortunately this is NOT a serious problem - far far from the disaster the alarmist have been shouting about for even modest increases, and this is Gerondeau's second major point. His view that dangerous, man-made global warming is not a problem (indeed that CO2 does not cause significant warming) is consistent with what at least a dozen recent books on the science have been telling us - contrary to the IPCC. As to the IPCC, Gerondeau's third major point (should we trust the IPCC, Hansen, Gore, etc.) is an overwhelming NO. Once again, there are many books and websites consistent with this agenda-questioning view. Is Gerondeau telling us to just go ahead and expend energy and not worry about tomorrow? Yes and no I think. Yes because the earth has an immense capacity to take care of itself, and the human race has an immense capacity to solve problems as they come up (with somewhat less predictive ability). And "no" because we will have to deal with finding new sources of energy in a hundred years. But we will adjust and adapt, not to forestall a disastrous climate consequence (unsolvable anyway, and fortunately, imaginary), but nicely tailored to solving real, sensible, economically realistic, and manageable problems with useful results for the near and far term. Toward the end of the book we find an optimistic and sensible look at alternative energies, and adaptations to any possible climate changes. For example, he reminds us that corn ethanol is a foolish net energy loss (not to mention and destruction of food!) while other bio-fuels will eventually be developed and make sense. Overall, he nicely sets myths and trumped-up alarmist fears in the proper perspective, relative to real problems and realistic solutions. I almost wish the author had begun his book with words like "now pay attention stupid!" and I am tempted to work in the word epiphany to my reaction to it. This book is translated from the French, so one wonders if the French was exceptionally clear and survived translation, or was it just the clarity of the issues in the author's mind that shines through. A relatively short and easy read. Essential. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lifting the lid on a conspiracy. By Bruce Rapley A fascinating and very important book. If you want to cut through all the hype of the global warming scam, this is a good place to start.

There is now a raging global debate around attempts by the international community to counter what 'consensus' science has declared to be catastrophic climate change due to human activities. Gerondeau demonstrates the absurdity of the counter-measures to which the G8 countries are now committed. These complex and formidably expensive measures: will be nullified by the actions of China and India, where such restrictions are economically and politically unfeasible; will have no discernible effect on the carbon-dioxide in the atmosphere and climate change; make no sense in the light of the impending exhaustion of hydro-carbon sources within the coming century; will come to be viewed as a scarcely credible response to a global delusion amid harmless shifts in climate. Having sold over 10,000 copies in France, under the title *CO2 Un Mythe Planeétaire*, the author has brought his work fully up to date for the English edition. The endorsements of Nigel Lawson and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing speak volumes for the authority of this work.

About the Author Christian Gerondeau - A major figure in French scientific and engineering circles, Christian Gerondeau was an adviser to France's Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas and is President of the National Heritage Fund. He is author of 10 works on the environment and related transport issues.