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**So much hot air**  
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So much BS was emitted by the 15,000 people attending the recent United Nations

conference on global warming in Bali, Indonesia, I was unable to describe it all

in a recent column.  
  
  
Hence, today's update: The BS in Bali, Part II.  
  
  
First, whoever chose this luxury island resort to host this conference is a  
total BS artist.  
  
  
Bali's primary industry is tourism. The way you get to it is by flying. That  
means its economy would collapse, as would that of many developing nations that  
have based their economies largely on tourism (and cheap air travel), if people  
ever get serious about fighting global warming.  
  
  
I'll explain why in a moment, but first some media BS - all that video you saw  
of conference delegates looking hot and sweaty while being interviewed outdoors  
on their way to and from their air-conditioned hotels and meetings, thus  
visually emphasizing the urgency of fighting "global warming."  
  
  
More BS! First, "weather" isn't the same thing as "climate." That a normally hot  
place is, uh, hot tells us nothing about global warming. Second, if the theory  
of global warming is correct, some places will actually get colder.  
  
  
Third, flying (in addition to building energy-hungry luxury hotels in Third  
World countries) is one of the worst things you can do to the planet.  
  
  
Flying injects greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere at high altitude,  
meaning the effect is up to three times greater than at ground level.  
  
  
As for buying the so-called "carbon offsets" that movie and rock stars and

"environmental" celebrities are forever telling us they do, thus claiming to  
reduce their "carbon footprint" to "zero" when they fly, that's more BS.

Some GHG emissions remain in the atmosphere for thousands of years. The most  
common one, carbon dioxide, (from burning oil, coal and natural gas) lasts 50 to  
200 years.  
  
  
Thus, paying someone to plant a few trees to "offset" your GHG emissions caused  
by flying today 40 to 50 years from now, assuming the trees don't die from  
disease or fire, thus releasing their stored carbon dioxide back into the  
atmosphere, is total BS.  
  
  
Even so-called "gold standard" projects to offset GHG emissions are BS.  
  
  
The best thing to do is not to fly, period. Hold a teleconference instead.  
  
  
Besides, if what Al Gore is preaching is true, we have two or three decades to  
dramatically cut GHG emissions or risk global catastrophe. Removing GHG going  
into the atmosphere today 50 years from now will be too late.  
  
  
(For a hilarious satirical website mocking carbon offsetting, visit  
"[cheatneutral.com](http://cheatneutral.com)" the brainchild of two Brits, Alex Randall and Christian Hunt.  
It offers people who cheat on their spouses a way to "offset" their cheating by  
paying someone else not to cheat, thus making their own cheating "neutral."  
Randall and Hunt, who are not BSers and are serious about fighting global  
warming, came up with their inspired idea in a pub.)  
  
  
Finally, if idiot celebrities jetting around the world claiming they are "carbon  
neutral" because they buy carbon offsets understood the Kyoto Accord, they  
wouldn't bother, considering what hypocrites they already are.  
  
  
That's because Kyoto doesn't count GHG emissions caused by flying, although it's  
one of the world's fastest-growing sources of GHG.

Which concludes today's report on The BS in Bali, Part II.

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