

Obituary:



Ernst-Georg Beck

Tribute by his friend, Edgar L. Gärtner

My friend Ernst Georg Beck died this week after a long battle with cancer. Ernst Beck was a biology teacher at the Merian technical grammar school in Freiburg and co-founder of the European Institute for Climate and Energy (EIKE). He was a teacher of the old school, whom nobody could lead up the garden path. If a statement of politicians did not fit into its solid scientific conception of the world, he examined it by intensive study of international technical literature and, if possible, by own experiments. His website www.biokurs.de is still a treasure trove for everybody, who prepares for examines or finding answers to current scientific questions.

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Because he knew that for a long time before the introduction of the costly spectroscopic and/or electro acoustical CO₂-measures relatively simple, but reliable chemical methods of the CO₂-measures were available. Thus, well-known chemists as for instance German chemistry Nobel Laureate Otto Warburg analysed also the composition of air in industry-free, rural regions. With his special meticulousness Beck collected and analysed thousands and thousands of older measurements of the CO₂-content of the air and found out that such content has been sometimes higher than today in the first half of the 20th century and also partially in the 19th century. Obvious conclusion: The rise of the CO₂-content since 1958 cannot have been caused alone by the burning of rising quantities of coal and oil in the post-war period. And there is also no straight-line connection between the CO₂-concentration in the atmosphere and the global temperature development.

Ernst Georg Beck published this analysis three years ago in the British technical periodical "Energy & Environment" and sowed thereby already before "Climategate" in late autumn of 2009 serious doubts about the reliability of the statements of the IPCC. Climatologists who depend on financial funding from the German Government and the European Union and who are closely linked to the IPCC could not forgive him that publication. They tried to denounce Ernst Georg Beck in the Internet as naive amateur and data counterfeiter. Unfortunately, Ernst could hardly defend himself in the last months because of its progressive illness. It is therefore particularly necessary that we as members of EIKE feel obligated to continue the work of our dear colleague, who left us much too early.

Edgar L. Gärtner

Tribute by Dr Tim Ball, Canada

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I was saddened to hear that Ernst Georg Beck died after a battle with cancer. I was flattered when he asked me to review one of his early papers on the historic pattern of atmospheric CO₂ and its relationship to global warming. I was struck by the precision, detail and perceptiveness of his work and urged its publication. I also warned him about the personal attacks and unscientific challenges he could expect. On 6 November 2009 he wrote to me, "In Germany the situation is comparable to the times of medieval inquisition."

Fortunately, he was not deterred. His friend [Edgar Gärtner](#) explained Ernst's contribution in his obituary. "Due to his immense specialized knowledge and his methodical severity Ernst very promptly noticed numerous inconsistencies in the statements of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC. He considered the warming of the earth's atmosphere as a result of a rise of the carbon dioxide content of the air of approximately 0.03 to 0.04 percent as impossible. And it doubted that the curve of the CO2 increase noted on the Hawaii volcano Mauna Loa since 1957/58 could be extrapolated linear back to the 19th century."

A key claim of the hypothesis known as anthropogenic global warming (AGW), is that human activities and particularly industry, are producing CO2 that is causing warming and climate change. There were critical points they had to establish to prove their case. As they did with almost all issues, they created the data they needed by manipulating modern and historic records or creating computer-generated results that became 'real' data.

They had to show that,

- Increases in atmospheric CO2 caused temperature increase in the historic record.
- Current levels are unusually high relative to the historic record.
- Current levels are much higher than pre-industrial levels.
- The differences between pre-industrial and current atmospheric levels are due to human additions of CO2 to the atmosphere.

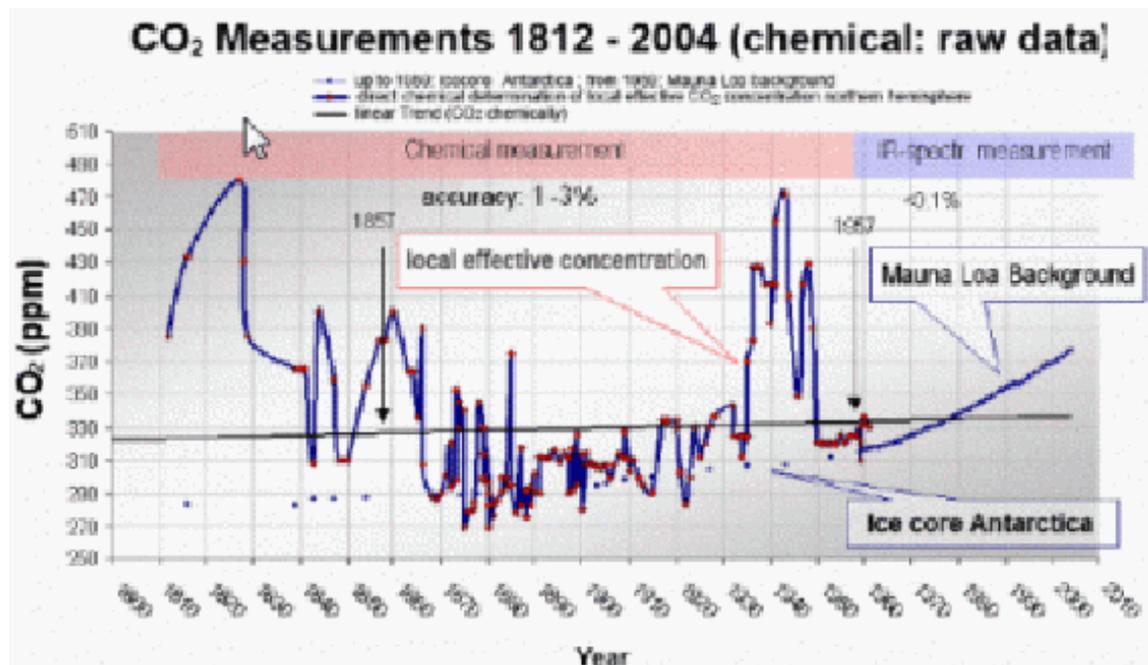
Beck's work showed the fallacy of these claims.

It's an axiom that the more someone is personally attacked and vilified, the higher likelihood their work is valid. We also know from the leaked emails the extent to which official climate science, controlled by the CRU people who also controlled the IPCC, worked to block publication of research that falsified their claims. One journal, Energy and Environment (E and E) showed integrity and courage led by its editor Sonja Boehmer-Christiansen, but was attacked by the CRU gang. On 28 October 2009 Phil Jones wrote to Hull University trying to stop Boehmer-Christiansen using her affiliation with that Institute. "You are probably aware of this, but the journal Sonja edits is at the very bottom of almost all climate scientists lists of journals to read." Ironically, this is likely true because they didn't want to read the truth. E and E published McIntyre and McKittrick's first exposure of the hockey stick and Beck's first major work on the 19th century record.

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He drew attention to the fact that more than 90,000 measurements of atmospheric carbon dioxide were published in peer reviewed journals before 1958. Some of the authors were winners of Nobel prizes. He even published the original papers on the Internet. Yet all of these papers have been suppressed by the IPCC. They have also deliberately distorted their own measurements by rejecting any figures that do not suit their theory as "noise".

This behaviour is so scandalous that few people are able to believe that supposedly qualified scientists would behave this way, to the extent that Beck has been vilified for telling the truth

I never met him, but he was one of my Email contacts who shared my vision that the colossal fraud of "Climate Change" has to be exposed.

