Logan Airport

I'm from Boston. A couple hundred years ago, Boston, now a big city, was a rather small place. As the inhabitants needed more and more space, they began filling in wetlands, up to and including **no**-lands, namely, the Atlantic Ocean!

What is now Logan Airport, used to be the Atlantic Ocean in the area known as East Boston. Do you know what's east of Boston? Right. The Atlantic Ocean.

Tidal flats were filled in with dirt/stones/rocks and such from other areas of the state. Essentially, they filled in the ocean to make enough land to build an airport.

This was done about a century ago, in the early 1920's, by the US Army which owned the airport until 1928 when municipal authorities took control of things.

Why do I mention Logan Airport?

I can see it from my house

... no, not Logan...

Today is November 2nd 2021; election day here in CT. We'll be voting for our civic representatives (touting themselves as our civic leaders). Many of them will support the larger, statewide and national agendas, and a few will oppose them.

What's the tie in here? Why it's the Atlantic Ocean of course, that I can see from my house! As I type this, I can see the Atlantic Ocean out my office window. I've seen it out that window for some 27 years now. With the exception of a little change in some waterfront construction and some beach erosion and deposit, it looks just like it looked 27 years ago.

Bradley Point with its Savin Rock is still there. Twin Rock still gets just slightly covered when the tide is high, and revealed when the tide goes out (as an aside, it's only slightly covered at high tide, and several times since we've lived here, small boats have gotten stuck on it and had to wait for the high tide to float them off).

You can still walk to both rocks at low tide, and this marvelous waterfront "playground" at the end of my street has been a place for all of our family and friends to bring their kids.

I've been looking at that Ocean view for close to three decades now. It's really quite stable... at least for as long as I've been here looking at it. But that's been for only about 30 years.

Back to Boston

Logan on the other hand, has been there for a century. My family is still there, and we have friends and family flying in and out of Logan even now.

What's the connection between the two; just this.

My, and your, lyin' eyes

For about 30 or so years now, about as long as I've been here on the CT shoreline, the experts have been telling me that the sea level is rising. In fact, that's only one of the many dangers of "global warming"... now called "climate change" since the warming thing didn't work out too well for those experts.

The story goes that, man-made climate changes brought about by increases in atmospheric CO2 (greenhouse gasses causing the greenhouse effect), caused largely by the continued, human use of fossil fuels and the continued, human consumption of meat, are the worst dangers mankind faces; an actual existential threat to humankind all over the world.

(Just as an aside, while they no longer use the term "global warming", they still refer to greenhouse gasses and the "greenhouse effect"... know what greenhouses do? They keep things warmer than they would otherwise be. Something about a rose by any other name, I shouldn't wonder...)

As a result of the greenhouse gasses causing the greenhouse effect, sea levels would rise and would be,

if not the first, certainly the most visible "symptom" of the greenhouse effect, wiping out vast areas of human population and making other areas unlivable.

But wait... Logan is still there a hundred years later; and Twin Rock is still exactly the same in terms of exposure and water level on its sides, as it was three decades ago when I moved here.

When observing this and having the nerve to vocalize it in a conversation with a young lady who believes the "existential threat" thing, I was told, "Oh yeah, well you don't believe in science! Science says that the sea level is rising in some places!".

La Luna

I pointed out to my young friend, that each and every day, the moon, about which we can do nothing, traverses the skies above us, drawing by its gravitational force, the oceans; pulling them away from the shore, and then dropping them back to the shore, twice a day, every day, like clockwork, all over the world. The water, having no more sense than to "seek its own level" returns to the shorelines, rocks, dams, marshes, etc, just like it always has. It could no more rise in one place and not in another as it could lower itself in one place and not in another. This is neither "science" nor conjecture, this is plain, *observable* fact. Even if one doesn't believe that the moon is causing tides, the tides, twice a day, every day, all over the world, have neither stopped nor changed. Ever.

Guesswork

Internationally renowned theoretical physicist, Dr. Richard Feynman spoke to this phenomenon of observation, long before it was a phenomenon. He said,

"First you guess. If it disagrees with experience, it's wrong. In that simple statement is the key to science. It doesn't matter how beautiful your guess is, or how smart you are, or what your name is. If it disagrees with experience, it's wrong. That's all there is to it."

News Flash: The guesswork has been done, and it has disagreed with experience. As Feynman says, that's all there is to it.

I said all that to say this

One of my favorite things in public speaking is tying things all together at the end. In fact, I frequently say, "I said all that, to say this..."

Look outside and see that Fall in New England is Fall in New England. The beach at the end of my street is still the beach at the end of my street, unchanged in the three decades that I've lived here. The leaves will fall, the days will get shorter and then longer, it will snow in the places that get snow and in a few that usually do not... in other words, as God told Noah after He destroyed the Earth in flood...

"While the Earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease". Gen 8:22

With all that is going on in the world today - *don't make me begin to list all the stuff, not the least of which is the world teetering on a global takeover of each and every country* - the "civic leaders" of the most powerful, influential leaders of the most powerful, influential countries in the world, are in Scotland as I write this, at a United Nations Climate Change Summit, ostensibly working hard on behalf of their respective countries, to solve a problem that does not exist. Genesis 8:22 is a promise from God, climate change notwithstanding...

Pastor