

erty, and the economy - all must be sacrificed to save the diminishing trees and wildlife in American forests. But what are the facts?

Figure 7 shows the growth rate of timber in the American Northwest as a function of time during the past 40 years. Figure 8 shows the total amount of soft and hard wood timber in all American forests during the same time period. Our forest trees are not decreasing; they are increasing at an accelerating rate. The United States has about 60 tons (120,000 pounds) of growing forest trees for each man, woman, and child and that quantity is increasing at a rate of over 600 pounds of trees per person per year.

Part of this rapid growth of American forests may be due to forest management practices, but part is undoubtedly due to increases in CO<sub>2</sub> levels in our air as a result of the burning of coal, oil, and gas. The total amount of carbon stored in our forests has increased by 30% during the past 40 years. In large part, this extra carbon has been made available through its release by the burning of coal, oil, and natural gas.

At their "Earth Summit" 30,000 earth and animal worshipping pseudoenvironmentalists gathered to bewail the end of "mother earth's" plants and animals and to call for an end to the release of carbon dioxide that they claim is damaging the earth's environment through global warming and ozone destruction (like chlorine, CO<sub>2</sub> is now being cast as an enemy of the ozone). The only solution to all of this (they say) is to transfer vast economic, political, and social power into their hands, so that they can save "mother earth" through totalitarian and bureaucratic controls.

The remarkable fact is that their program of CO<sub>2</sub> control would achieve an opposite effect on plant and animal life. Plants and animals would die (or never live in the first place) as a result. The pseudoenvironmentalist program is based upon pagan religions that were discredited thousands of years ago and upon pseudoscientific claims that are entirely false.

Just as it did in Old Testament times, the religion of the pagans - the worship of earth, animals, and trees instead of God - leads to death.

*All they that hate me love death.* Proverbs 8: 36

## QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE

It is an essential obligation of scientists to do all that they can to optimize the quality of human life. This optimization requires, in part, the minimization of diseases and the maximization of vitality and lifespan for all individuals within the human population.