

How Many Angels?

Nobody asked but ...

And you learn something new every day. Recently, I learned a new point of view regarding global warming. The source of my learning was a WWW article, *Libertarian Principles & Climate Change*, from the Niskanen Center, written by Jerry Taylor. I'm not sure that I am less confused, or just confused in a new direction.

When I was younger, the prevailing wisdom was that "everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Now, it seems that everybody talks even more, and demands to know what can be done.

Medieval philosophers wondered how many Angels could dance on the head of a pin. I believe that the pursuit of climate prediction, principled or otherwise, is such a futile practice. Natural law will prevail. The weather, the temperature, and the climate have been managing themselves for eons.

Of course, humans and other species have pushed the needle a few centimetres off of true. But that certainly does not mean that we humans will have either the will or the way to fix anything.

I am not a denier. Natural law will run its natural path. That is the only libertarian principle involved. We will not be able to ratiocinate the outcome, else we would have done so long ago. The same applies to war.

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