

## Question

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I'm struggling with my lack of real understanding about what scientific dictation is. Can you explain and give some examples?

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In ages past, people were controlled by religious dictation--established religious authorities imposing totalitarian edicts upon the commoners. People obeyed those commands, because they were told that the dictates were requirements to "save their souls". So what has the Establishment done to maintain control in an age when most people do not believe in or worry about souls being resurrected after death? They have promulgated a new gospel of salvation: what each of us must do to "save the planet". And the so-called scientists are the new "established authorities". Consider the following small sampling of current scientific dictation:

1. You shall not question the science.
2. You shall not question the motives of the scientists.
3. You shall not drive to any destination that one can walk to in fifteen minutes or less.
4. You shall not drive a gas-powered vehicle.
5. You shall not cook your meals on a gas stove.
6. You shall not eat meat.
7. You shall not have more than one child.

The first two injunctions establish the supremacy of all scientific dictation, and the five other commandments are promulgated in the name of "saving the planet from the infestation that is mankind". However, these dictates are actually about control: serfs must content themselves mainly in small villages; their energy use must be controlled through a centralized electric grid; their strength weakened by poor nutrition; and their numbers greatly reduced to a manageable, dependent herd. And once the masses submit to this secularism, the self-proclaimed lords of our world will pour out an endless river of such "beneficent mandates". The revelation was given to us because of this secular totalitarianism.

[Note: The midwayers expound upon the topic of "secular totalitarianism" in TUB section 195:8 (the title of the section); and, while illuminating Jesus' teachings, they address the issues of "scientific dictation" and "established authority" in sections 132:2 and 140:4, respectively.]