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Global Warming

It is August and the first anniversary of hurricane Katrina. Science is showing a distinct link between a coal and oil powered lifestyle and the abrupt, substantial rise in the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The increased carbon dioxide acts as a thicker blanket, holding more of the sun's heat on earth, melting glaciers and warming the oceans. This is named global warming. Global warming destabilizes worldwide weather patterns, fueling such horrific storms as Katrina. I believe that my lifestyle is contributing to global warming. I believe I have choices that can slow or reverse those effects. I believe I have a responsibility to learn about the effects, about the choices, and then to act responsibly, as best I can. I believe I should remember the consequences of not making the best choices. I recommend the book "The Weather Makers" (www.theweathermakers.com) and the movie (or book) "An Inconvenient Truth" (www.an-inconvenient-truth.com). Study the science; make your choices; take action.

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