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Knowing the elegance with which God designed everything in creation, creationists suspected that God probably designed the Earth with built-in thermostats that help keep it from warming up too much. When the Pacific Ocean warms more than normal, it sends increasing amounts of water vapor into the air. If heating continues, the water vapor will actually cause the heating to increase until vapor is forced higher into the atmosphere, creating icy cirrus clouds. These clouds reflect enough incoming sunlight to shut down the temperature increase and return things to normal.

We are called to be good stewards of the Earth. We can be good stewards in joyful service, freed from the fears that afflict those who don't know God.

Prayer: Father, it is very easy for us to pick up the fears of those around us who don't know Your personal love and care. Forgive me when I, too, have shared the fears of the unbelieving world, and strengthen my faith. Amen.

Notes: "Clouds keep ocean temperatures down." *Science News*, v. 139, May 11, 1991. p. 303.

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