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"Mickey" <Mickey@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Justin C <justin.0703@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 2007-03-23, Tom S, <toms615@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On 2007-03-23, Demonick
<demonick@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

PLEASE – watch the Great
Global Warming Swindle.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4520665474899458831&q=great->

I'm afraid Martin Durkin, the guy behind the
show, has been widely
discredited.

I'm afraid you're wrong.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/03/18/ngreen218.xml>

In what way? Are you saying he hasn't been discredited?

<http://tinyurl.com/2gc3cn>
<http://tinyurl.com/27auvk>

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(From the above: Channel 4's scientific credibility recently plunged to new depths with Martin Durkin's Great Global Warming Swindle, but the channel appears to want to build a bridge back to sanity and has said it will host a "major scientific debate" on global warming next month.)

<http://tinyurl.com/2wrm7u>

<http://tinyurl.com/2cbtg2>

http://www.theecologist.org/archive_detail.asp?content_id=804

<http://tinyurl.com/2ujr28>

(I've used tinyurl.com because of the length of those site addresses, not to hide them).

How can you say he has not been discredited? He does himself a discredit when in debate on this subject he tells an eminent doctor from Imperial College to "go and fuck yourself", and later called him a "big daft cock". Any man who behaves like that, in serious discussion, with eminent people in their field, cannot be taken seriously.

He is not the issue. Are the data he has presented accurate, or not? Maybe he shouldn't have said those things, or maybe the "eminent doctor" goaded him into an ill-considered reaction. I might have a similar reaction if I tried to discuss facts and reason with a GW "True Believer" .

I daresay we might consider the current remarks of certain "species" of greenie that are right up there with the _Inquisition_ and it's persecution.

Here are some other ill-considered remarks from the opposition that the media _conveniently_ ignored and continue to ignore to this day:

"We have wished, we ecofreaks, for a disaster or for a social change to come and bomb us into Stone Age, where we might live like Indians in our valley, with our localism, our appropriate technology, our gardens, our homemade religion — guilt-free at last!"

– Stewart Brand (writing in the Whole Earth Catalogue)

"We must ... reclaim the roads and the plowed land, halt dam construction, tear down existing dams, free shackled rivers, and return to wilderness millions and tens of millions of [acres of] presently settled land."

– David Foreman, Founder of Earth First! (taken from his book Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkey Wrenching)

"We must make this an insecure and uninhabitable place for capitalists and their projects. This is the best contribution we can make towards protecting the earth and struggling for a liberating society."

– Ecotage, an offshoot of Earth First!

"To feed a starving child is to exacerbate the world population problem."

– Lamont Cole (as quoted by Elizabeth Whelan in her book Toxic Terror)

"This is as good a way to get rid of them as any."

– Charles Wursta, Chief Scientist for the Environmental Defense Fund, in response to the banning of DDT (as quoted in Toxic Terror by Elisabeth Whelan) ("Them" refers to "all those little brown people in poor countries.")

"I got the impression that instead of going out to shoot birds, I should go out and shoot the kids who shoot birds."

– Paul Watson, founder of Greenpeace (quoted in Access to Energy, Vol. 10, No. 4, Dec 1982)

"The planet is about to break out with fever, indeed it may already have, and we [human beings] are the disease. We should be at war with ourselves and our lifestyles."

– Thomas Lovejoy, tropical biologist and assistant secretary to the Smithsonian Institution (quoted by David Brooks in The Wall Street Journal article, "Journalists and Others for Saving the Planet, 1989)

"Now, in a widening sphere of decisions, the costs of error are so exorbitant that we need to act on theory alone, which is to say on prediction alone. It follows that the reputation of scientific prediction needs to be enhanced. But that can happen, paradoxically, only if scientists disavow the certainty and precision that they normally insist on. Above all, we need to learn to act decisively to forestall predicted perils, even while knowing that they may never materialize. We must take action, in a manner of speaking, to preserve our ignorance. There are perils that we can be certain of avoiding only at the cost of never knowing with certainty that they were real."

– Jonathan Schell (in his book, Our Fragile Earth)

"A global climate treaty must be implemented even if there is no scientific evidence to back up the greenhouse effect."

– Richard Benedick, an employee from the State Department working on assignment for the Conservation Foundation (from his report Who Needs Evidence?)

"[W]e have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements, and make little mention of any doubts we may have. Each of us has to decide

what the right balance is between being effective and being honest."

– Stephen Schneider (quoted in Our Fragile Earth by Jonathan Schell)

"Let's face it. We don't want safe nuclear power plants. We want NO nuclear power plants."

– A spokesman for the Government Accountability Project, an offshoot of the Institute for Policy Studies (reported in The American Spectator, Vol 18, No. 11, Nov. 1985)

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"Scientists who work for nuclear power or nuclear energy have sold their soul to the devil. They are either dumb, stupid, or highly compromised.... Free enterprise really means rich people get richer. And they have the freedom to exploit and psychologically rape their fellow human beings in the process.... Capitalism is destroying the earth. Cuba is a wonderful country. What Castro's done is superb."

– Helen Caldicott, Australian pediatrician, speaking for the Union of Concerned Scientists (as quoted by Elizabeth Whelan in her book Toxic Terror)

"We've already had too much economic growth in the United States. Economic growth in rich countries like ours is the disease, not the cure."

– Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University biologist

Paul Ehrlich deserves special attention, because his views sum up the anti-human trends of political-environmentalist thought — trends that frequently manifest themselves in predictions of global famine or plans for draconian measures to halt or reverse population growth. In "The Population Bomb", Ehrlich predicted that the "battle to feed humanity is over. In the 1970s, the world will undergo famines. Hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. Population control is the only answer."

Of course, that inevitable mass starvation didn't happen unless you were unlucky enough to have it imposed upon you by a Communist government in Ethiopia. But Ehrlich has persisted in his predictions. He predicted global famine in 1985 and was wrong. Now he says that the population of the United States will shrink from 250 million to about 22.5 million before 1999, because of famine and global warming.

He still recommends reducing population by force, saying: "Several coercive proposals deserve serious consideration, mainly because we will ultimately have to resort to them, unless current trends in birth rates are revised."

Among Ehrlich's "coercive proposals" for the United States are deindustrialization, liberalized abortion, and tax breaks for people who have themselves sterilized. Ehrlich has many supporters in the environmental movement.

"The right to have children should be a marketable commodity, bought and traded by individuals but absolutely limited by the state."

– Kenneth Boulding, originator of the "Spaceship Earth" concept (as quoted by William Tucker in Progress and Privilege, 1982)

"Childbearing [should be] a punishable crime against society, unless the parents hold a government license.... All potential parents [should be] required to use contraceptive chemicals, the government issuing antidotes to citizens chosen for childbearing." – David Brower, Friends of the Earth (as quoted by Rael Jean Isaac and Erich Isaac in The Coercive Utopians, 1985)

Lastly, when Prince Philip of the United Kingdom, leader of the World

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Wildlife Fund, stated recently that, were he to be reincarnated, he would wish to return as a "killer virus to lower human population levels."