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Dear Lord Rees

Global Warming aka Climate Change

On 20 April last year you wrote to me in the following terms:

The issues are sufficiently important that they deserve wide discussion, but this should be on the basis of the best scientific evidence.

Tactfully side stepping the fact that, on other occasions, The Royal Society has thrown its weight behind the proposition that no further debate was either necessary or desirable, a number of recent developments have caused me to solicit your guidance as to what should be regarded as "the best scientific evidence". To be precise about it, Hadley, UAH, and RSS has each reported either stasis over the past decade and/or a declining global average temperature trend. Hansen, of course, continues to maintain an overall increase over the same period.

Naturally, I discount reports circulating on the net that he has been influenced by an upper six figure payment for continuing to press the warming scenario. For Hansen is an honourable man.

But Hansen says the world is getting hotter and that CO₂ is to blame, as does The Royal Society, and as do Porritt, Monbiot, Juniper, King, Houghton, Dessler, Pierrehumbert, Gore, Pachauri, Mitchell, Jarraud and many another. If so, 'tis a grievous fault and grievously hath CO₂ answered it, being declared therefor polluting and anathema; But, sure, Hansen is an honourable man - so are they all, all honourable men.

But come I to speak in defence of CO₂. CO₂ has been my friend, faithful and just, granting unto me the plants of the forest, beasts of the field and birds of the air – yea, even fish of the ocean and caressing softness of the zephyr. But Hansen says CO₂ is an abomination in the eyes of men; And Hansen is an honourable man.

But CO₂ hath brought to Man not just the copious bounties aforesaid, but more - even unto the possibility of life itself. Yet Hansen says it is accursed and fit only for banishment; And, sure, Hansen **is** an honourable man.

And not life simply, but the dwellings wherein men live, breath, conceive the very fruits of their loins and flourish. In this, doth CO₂ deserve to stand reviled? But Hansen says that CO₂ is guilty and must be damned and excluded from the councils of the elect; And, sure, Hansen is an **honourable** man.

Selfless too and sagacious.

So, there we have it. Who am I to believe – Hansen or Hadley? It's a tough one and I, and others amongst the worldwide congregation of purblind nodding donkeys, have sore need of Olympian guidance; hence this appeal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

R.C.E. Wyndham

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