**It brings me great pleasure to send you this story:**

[**http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/22/us/ties-to-corporate-cash-for-climate-change-researcher-Wei-Hock-Soon.html&assetType=nyt\_now?\_r=1**](http://www.nytimes.com/2015/02/22/us/ties-to-corporate-cash-for-climate-change-researcher-Wei-Hock-Soon.html&assetType=nyt_now?_r=1)

**No. Please. Don't thank me.**

**Consider this a public service.**

**neo**

**(as always, replies are encouraged)**

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**I hooked one sucker: E. Calvin Beisner of the Cornwall Alliance**

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***Scurrilous hogwash.***

**Thanks for clearing that up Calvin.**

**I knew that story couldn't be true.**

***Aside from the fact that the whole argument (“Smith’s argument is to be rejected because Smith was paid to make it.”) is fallacious (the fallacy of argumentum ad hominem circumstantial),***

**Calvin, nothing is more precious than when you Ghost Worshipers try to get all sciencey and logical.**

**Smith's arguments weren't rejected because he was bought off by the power companies. They were rejected because nearly 100% of climatologists destroyed this aerospace engineer's specious arguments about global warming.**

**The fact that he was nothing more than an unqualified shill for Big Oil merely alerts everyone to his motivations and conflict of interest - which is why he is now in trouble.**

***it is also counterfactual in its premises.***

**Calvin, now you are just making yourself look like a jackass.**

***See, among many other refutations of its factual claims, and many discussions of its fallaciousness and dangerous precedent:***

**1.** [**http://www.breitbart.com/london/2015/02/28/DR-WILLIE-SOON-A-SCIENTIST-IN-THE-HUMBLE-QUEST-FOR-TRUTH/**](http://www.breitbart.com/london/2015/02/28/DR-WILLIE-SOON-A-SCIENTIST-IN-THE-HUMBLE-QUEST-FOR-TRUTH/)

**Calvin, a more accurate title would have been "an engineer, outside his field of expertise, in his secretive quest for payola."**

**2.** [**http://www.judithcurry.com/2015/02/25/conflicts-of-interest-in-climate-science/#more17867**](http://www.judithcurry.com/2015/02/25/conflicts-of-interest-in-climate-science/%23more17867)

**Calvin, Judith Curry? Seriously?**

**She's one of the 7 other academics under investigation for conflict of interest. She should worry less about global warming, and more about how she plans to furnish her cell.**

**3.**[**https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2015/02/25/mccarthyism-not-dead/**](https://notalotofpeopleknowthat.wordpress.com/2015/02/25/mccarthyism-not-dead/)

**Calvin, earlier you were complaining about attacking the person instead of the argument. On this link I saw "McCarthyism" and "Stalinist nature of the investigation." So obviously, you are fine with personal attacks and name-calling ... as long as it is coming from your side.**

**I also noticed that this site disputes the claim that 2014 was the hottest year ever recorded. What's next ... an attack on gravity?**

**Calvin, you'll have to forgive those of us who choose to accept the facts as given by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Maybe we'll come around eventually and learn how to blind ourselves to reality ... as you do. Oh that's right; you are a Dominionist Theologian, aren't you?**

**So that's why you can ignore reality ... you've been professionally trained to do so.**

**4.**[**http://0z37.mj.am/nl/0z37/sr55l.html?a=eKiTGY&b=bf4887c9&c=0z37&d=d82fb170&e=fa7d388d&email=calvin%40cornwallalliance.org**](http://0z37.mj.am/nl/0z37/sr55l.html?a=eKiTGY&b=bf4887c9&c=0z37&d=d82fb170&e=fa7d388d&email=calvin%40cornwallalliance.org)

**Calvin, what exactly is this link supposed to prove?**

**(By the way Calvin, don't bother unsubscribing, I took care of that for you)**

**5.** [**http://www.drroyspencer.com/2015/02/the-skeptical-seven-witch-hunt-is-just-the-beginning/**](http://www.drroyspencer.com/2015/02/the-skeptical-seven-witch-hunt-is-just-the-beginning/)

**Calvin, Roy Spencer should be sitting in a jail cell in Guantanamo. His lies have been shredded by a multitude of climatologists. That guy can't even show his face around other scientists ... but I hear he's always welcome at the Koch Brothers' mansion.**

**We all know what Spencer is really afraid of, and why he is jumping to the defense of soon-to-be-inmate Soon ... because he's next.**

**6.** [**https://stevengoddard.wordpress.com/2015/02/24/barack-obama-goes-full-stalin/**](https://stevengoddard.wordpress.com/2015/02/24/barack-obama-goes-full-stalin/)

**Calvin, "Goddard" or "Heller," or whatever his name is, admits that he is not a climatologist ... next!**

**7.** [**http://www.nationalreview.com/article/414359/global-warming-follow-money-henry-payne**](http://www.nationalreview.com/article/414359/global-warming-follow-money-henry-payne)

**Calvin, yet another Conservative rag. You must have your TV tuned to Fox News 24/7.**

**Hey Calvin, question: Cliven Bundy ... moocher or patriot?**

***A particularly relevant excerpt from the first link above is this:***

**Calvin, let's skip to the pertinent part about Soon. Besides, most of that copy/paste was nothing more than a pathetic attack on the "concept" of conflict of interest because they couldn't defend their crook.**

***Dr Soon, for instance, simply do not know what interests the funders of his research have, though he does know that he has not been influenced by any of them. He does not know what conclusions they would like him to reach. He simply writes his scientific proposals, which are submitted to the potential funders, who are asked if they are willing to fund the proposed research. Where is the conflict of interest in that?***

**Calvin, reread that paragraph, only this time, imagine you are talking about one of the other 97% of climatologists (the honest ones).**

**See what you've done, Calvin?**

**In your desperation to defend your crook, you have sacrificed one of the main arguments that you science deniers rely on: that the vast majority of climatologists are involved in a giant conspiracy and have been dishonest with the public. Everything you pasted above applies to the other 97% every bit as much as it does to Soon; and now that we know about the money behind Soon, it's obvious that your text does not apply to Soon, but still applies to the others.**

**(reading this debate must have been like watching a farmer get knocked out by stepping on a shovel)**

***Sincerely, Cal***

**HEY CALVIN, HOW COME YOU NEVER RESPONDED TO MY EMAIL ABOUT THE SENATE REPUBLICANS DESERTING ALL YOU CLIMATE DENIERS, AND LEAVING YOU OUT THERE ALL BY YOURSELVES TO BE RIDICULED BY EVERYONE IN AMERICA?**

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**Calvin chose not to answer a single question, but instead sent this email ... which is basically a white flag.**

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***Should have known not to waste my time trying to reason with you, Neo. Ta-ta.***

***Cal***