

Re: OT -- attacking science and fighting back

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SBC Yahoo wrote:

In science, only the truth matters.

Well SBC Yahoo I couldn't agree with you more, have you seen any truth lately?

That's a partial yes/no thing. The truth is "out there", but where "out there" might be I'm not sure. I see a definite division between those that go "out there" and those that don't go "out there." Those that venture "out there" say they've seen it and they know what it looks like, whereas those who haven't been "out there" say they've read about it and they too know without having to see it. I'm not sure if this is a clear division between geologists and others or not, but it's puzzling for sure.

I'm in the group that likes to go "out there", touch it and see if it agrees with the papers people have written as sometimes it's darn interesting, because once "out there" you know that whomever wrote some of those papers had no idea at all that what they said was so far off the mark that it couldn't possibly be anywhere near "the truth."

As for those on Capital Hill, well I'm sure they have differences of opinions too. Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey who sits on the Science Committee, (whom I've known for ten years) sent me a nice letter just last week commending me on my proactive stance on earthquake safety issues in California. It's good we can agree on that one.

So SBC, what's your uptake, is going "out there" a good thing or unnecessary?

Petra

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