



Press statement on behalf of The Rt. Hon. The Viscount Monckton of Brenchley

Peer “to sue St. Thomas U for libel”

Lord Monckton today issues a withering 84-page, blow-by-blow critique and refutation of an astonishing and unprovoked but very widely-circulated 83-minute personal attack on him by one J.P. Abraham, a lecturer in fluid mechanics at the University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, a Roman Catholic bible college.

His Lordship’s crushing, unanswerable, and unanswered response takes the form of a devastatingly detailed letter asking Abraham, an associate professor at St. Thomas U, almost 500 questions about the Professor’s attempt to rebut a talk about climate change that His Lordship had given in Minnesota in October 2009. More than 2.5 million people have seen His Lordship’s talk on YouTube, making it one of the most popular speeches on the web.

Lord Monckton today publicly accuses the Professor of –

- **Bad faith** in having furtively spent eight months preparing his savage personal attack behind His Lordship’s back, entirely contrary to accepted academic practice, and in having failed to reply to questions about who had paid him to spend several months preparing and then launching his attack on His Lordship;
- **Malice** in having made dozens of serious allegations about Lord Monckton when he knew the allegations he had made were false in every material particular, or had no reason to believe the allegations were true;
- **Appealing to a false authority** on the subject of the climate that, as a lecturer in fluid mechanics, he did not possess (indeed, His Lordship demonstrates that the Professor is not even competent in arithmetic);
- **Academic dishonesty** in having repeatedly made up statements that His Lordship had not made, having put those statements to other scientists, having obtained hostile responses from those scientists, and having included those hostile responses in his attack on His Lordship as though they were responses to what His Lordship had said; and
- **Lying** over and over again by misstating what His Lordship had said and then attacking the misstatements; by falsely and repeatedly alleging that His Lordship had misrepresented scientists’ results when His Lordship had either accurately represented the results or not cited the scientists he was alleged to have misrepresented at all; by unjustifiably and repeatedly impugning His Lordship’s integrity, qualifications, experience, and competence in a manner that he knew to be inaccurate; and by repeatedly taking His Lordship’s words out of their context and making a wilful nonsense of them.

Lord Monckton backs up his accusations with a breathtaking wealth of detail. Also, His Lordship also today makes public his correspondence with Professor Abraham, with Father Denis Dease, the University’s president, and with solicitors acting for the University. His Lordship commented: “Read, and watch them wriggle!”

Professor Abraham’s 83-minute lecture with 115 slides purported to demolish a talk about climate change that Lord Monckton had given in St. Paul, Minnesota, in October 2009. In June 2010, the Professor had posted up his attack on the internet via the servers of the University of St. Thomas. Within a week, His Lordship’s 84-page letter with its near-500 questions was in the Professor’s hands, but the Professor has not replied to it, though he was fairly given a full month in which to reply.

The University of St. Thomas has refused a request by Lord Monckton that it should take down the Professor's talk from its servers, and – astonishingly – has also refused to comply with its duty to investigate His Lordship's complaint about the Professor's shoddy academic misconduct. The Professor and the University are half-heartedly attempting to characterize the issue as a mere academic dispute. Lord Monckton, however, is passing the case file to a firm of Minnesota solicitors with a view to suing the Professor, the University, and its President for libel.

Lord Monckton said: "Preliminary advice is that the libel is plain and grave and that damages will be very substantial. The courts take a dim view of wilful persistence in libels after the perpetrators have been given a full demonstration that the libels were in every material particular and in substance untrue, especially where the perps have also been given a fair and reasonable opportunity to put matters to rights. The mission statement of St. Thomas University has as its first commitment 'the unfettered and impartial pursuit of truth'. It is regrettable that a Catholic University can only be brought to face the truth by the civil courts." A report is to be sent to the Holy See.