The Rt. Hon. Christopher Walter Monckton, Third Viscount Monckton of Brenchley

The Viscount Monckton of Brenchley, born 14 February 1952, businessman, newspaper editor, inventor of the million-selling *Eternity* puzzles and of a promising new treatment for infectious disease, classical architect, Cambridge-trained public orator, autodidact mathematician and “high priest” of climate skepticism, prevented several government-level scientific frauds while serving as a Downing Street domestic and science policy advisor to Margaret Thatcher, saving British taxpayers billions. In 1986 he was among the first to advise the Prime Minister that “global warming” caused by CO2 should be investigated. Two years later she set up the Hadley Centre for Forecasting; but she, like him, has since changed her view.

In 2006 a finance house in London consulted Lord Monckton on whether “global warming” would prove catastrophic. His 40-page report concluded that, though some warming could be expected, it would be harmless, and beneficial. At the request of a US Senator, he discovered evidence that a well-funded clique of scientists, officials and politicians had been manipulating data and results to exaggerate the imagined (and imaginary) problem. Two weeks after his report, the Climategate emails confirmed the existence and identities of the clique he had named, revealing not only their questionable methods but also the close links between them.

Lord Monckton’s two articles on global warming in *The Sunday Telegraph* in November 2006 crashed its website after attracting 127,000 hits within two hours of publication. Al Gore replied to the articles, which also provoked the then Foreign Secretary, Margaret Beckett, to say during a speech on terrorism that “climate deniers” should be treated like Islamic terrorists and refused all access to the news media. Beckett was subsequently dismissed. The European Union is now making plans for a “European Environmental Criminal Court” to prosecute those who publicly express scientific doubts about the magnitude of “global warming”. Journalists in Australia have demanded that “deniers” be publicly branded with tattoos to mark them out as society’s pariahs, and have also called for them to be gassed. The same journalists criticized Lord Monckton for having described one of the opinions of a government adviser as “a fascist opinion”, in that the adviser had demanded unquestioning deference to authority.
Lord Monckton is widely consulted by governments on climate issues. He has discussed the subject with President Vaclav Klaus of the Czech Republic, who accepted his invitation to participate in a climate conference at Cambridge University in May 2011. Lord Monckton has twice spoken before representatives of the Chinese Government, one of whom asked for copies of his papers on climate sensitivity for forwarding to the administration in Peking, saying that his research conclusions to the effect that manmade global warming would be small enough to do little harm had major implications for China. Lord Monckton has also prepared a brief on the climate for Canada’s Prime Minister.

In 2009 Kevin Rudd, Australia’s former Prime Minister, devoted a 45-minute speech to criticizing Lord Monckton and other “deniers … small in number but too dangerous to be ignored”, who, he said, base their thinking on the notion that “the cost of not acting is nothing”, and whose logic “belongs in a casino, not a science lab”. Lord Monckton’s 2010 speaking tour of Australia in response to these allegations played to packed houses, with hundreds turned away from many meetings. The tour, reported some 650 times in news media, is credited with having achieved a 10% shift in public opinion away from climate alarmism in one month, particularly among opposition parties. Rudd is no longer Prime Minister. During the visit, Lord Monckton was invited to give a personal briefing to Tony Abbott, leader of the Opposition.

Lord Monckton returned to Australia for another successful tour in June/July 2011, during which he delivered the annual Hancock Free Enterprise Lecture at the University of Western Australia. He was also the first-ever sceptic to be allowed to address the nationally-televised weekly meeting of the National Press Club, in a debate against the head of the Australia Institute. A second-by-second tracking survey by the Roy Morgan polling organization among 300 previously-neutral members of the public during the debate found a 9% swing towards Lord Monckton’s position at the end of the hour. Gary Morgan, the CEO, said this result was unprecedented in his long experience of polling.

During the debate a journalist asked whether Lord Monckton should be addressed as such, given that the Clerk of the Parliaments in the UK – apparently at the instigation of environmentalists determined to damage Lord Monckton’s reputation (as they have tried to libel many others) – had published a statement that Lord Monckton was not entitled to say, “I am a member of the House of Lords, but without the right to sit or vote.” However, a legal Opinion by Hugh O’Donoghue, a leading constitutional lawyer, concludes that he “is a member of the House of Lords, albeit without the right to sit or vote, and he is fully entitled to say so.”

Lord Monckton has testified four times before the US Congress on climate science and economics, and is credited with having influenced the Republicans in both Houses to reject collaboration with the Democrats on the climate question, preventing the Bill to enact a cap-and-tax regime for carbon dioxide in the US from passing the Senate.

He was invited to submit a paper to the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell, UK, on the strategic implications of “global warming”. His abstract pointed out that national defence is inevitably expensive and that, if foreign powers implacably hostile to the free-market, democratic West wish to destroy our capacity to defend ourselves they have only to infiltrate our environmental movement, fund it, and steer it towards persuading us to dismantle our economies from within, using the climate as a pretext.
Lord Monckton has organized and led international climate conferences and has given speeches, lectures, and faculty-level lectures and seminars throughout the world. He gave a public lecture at the convocation of all 12,000 staff and students at Liberty University, Virginia; lectured at Hartford University, Connecticut, before the university’s President; and gave a seminar on climate sensitivity to the physics faculty at Rochester University, after which the Professor of Physics presented him with a Nobel Peace Prize pin made of gold recovered 35 years previously from a physics experiment, saying he had earned it for correcting a major error in the IPCC’s Fourth Assessment Report. The international Left failed to see the joke.

Lord Monckton gave an invited presentation on climate sensitivity at the 2010 annual seminar of the World Federation of Scientists on planetary emergencies – one of the very few laymen ever to be asked to address the Federation on an explicitly scientific topic. His talk contributed to the Federation’s decision to establish a permanent monitoring panel on the climate, addressing the mathematics, the data, the predictions and the economics. He suggested a session at the World Federation’s annual meeting in 2011 on the cosmic-ray effect posited by Professor Henrik Svensmark, who attended and led the session at his invitation, during the week when CERN in Geneva announced experimental results confirming the theory. For the 2012 meeting, Lord Monckton has been asked to chair a session on climate economics.

Lord Monckton has addressed numerous student groups, including the Oxford, Cambridge, Durham and St. Andrews University Unions and the Trinity College Dublin Philosophical Society, and numerous environmental groups, including Friends of Science in Canada and several university chapters of the Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow. At St. Andrews in 2009, the undergraduate audience voted down “global warming” alarmism. This is believed to be the first time a student vote anywhere in Europe has opposed the climate scare. The Oxford Union followed suit in 2010, the first student audience in England to reject the climate scare. Lord Monckton is much in demand to speak before corporate audiences. His major speeches include a presentation to the 2009 annual conference of the Advent International Investment Fund; the keynote opening address at a conference on renewable energy in China and addresses to senior officials in Hong Kong in 2010; and board-level presentations to the Pratham Institute, to leading law corporations, to clients of major clearing banks in Sydney, Australia, in London, England, and in Shenzhen, China, and to an international conference in Kerala, India, organized by the Santhigiri Foundation, in 2010.

In 2011 Lord Monckton delivered the opening keynote speech at the first climate conference to be held at official level in Colombia and also gave talks in the UK, Ireland and Sicily. He also gave a lecture on climate economics at the Prague School of Economics, and will address the World Affairs Group at Keele University in November, during a week in which he will also address audiences at the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews, following his return from a visit to the United States, where he addressed a scientific conference in New Mexico, the county commissioners of Maryland, and staffers in both Houses of the US Congress. In December 2011 he will attend the UN climate talks at Durban. In 2012 he will speak during Oxford University’s “climate change week” and will also give the Nerenberg Memorial Lecture on Mathematics and Physics at the University of Western Ontario.

In 2009 the South-Eastern Legal Foundation in the United States awarded him the Meese-Noble Award for Freedom jointly with Congressman John Linder for their work on climate.
He has authored more than 100 papers on the climate issue for the layman (many of them published at www.scienceandpublicpolicy.org), as well as for the scientific journals. His 8000-word paper Climate Sensitivity Reconsidered, published in Physics and Society in July 2008, shows that a doubling of CO₂ concentration, expected by 2100, will be harmless, causing ~1 C° (2 F°) of warming. Numerous recent results by leading climatologists support his estimate. The commissioning editor who had asked for the paper and the review editor – an eminent Physics professor – who had reviewed it were both dismissed for publishing it. The new editors then pretended it had not undergone any scientific review, leading several dozen fellows of the American Physical Society to protest, and to demand that it should revise or abandon its official statement on global warming.

A further paper, Global brightening and climate sensitivity, appeared in the 2010 Proceedings of the World Federation of Scientists’ Seminars on Planetary Emergencies, and also in a book on empirical climate science published in 2011 under the editorship of Dr. Don Easterbrook. Another paper Is CO2 Mitigation Cost-Effective?, on climate economics, is currently out for review, and yet another, an 8000-word work entitled On the Coherence of Climate Sensitivities, demonstrating by a dozen distinct methods in the data and the literature that little more than 1 C° of manmade warming is likely occur this century, is in draft.

Lord Monckton has challenged Al Gore and John Kerry to a televised debate, but without response. The Republicans in the US Congress invited him to testify before the House in response to testimony due to be given by Gore, but the Democrats – for the first time since Congress was founded – denied the elected minority their right to choose their own witness, saying the Republicans could have “anyone but Monckton”. Newt Gingrich stood in for him.

Lord Monckton’s movie, Apocalypse? NO!, based on a lecture he gave at the Cambridge Union when all invited speakers for a proposed global warming debate withdrew when they learned he was to be among their opponents, has been seen throughout the world. The BBC broadcast an hour-long documentary on his climate-related activities in January 2011.

The peroration of a speech by Lord Monckton to 1000 citizens of St. Paul, Minnesota, in October 2009, in which he drew public attention to a then little-known draft plan by the UN to establish an unelected world government at the (now-failed) climate summit at Copenhagen in December 2009, received 1,000,000 YouTube hits in a week – thought to be the fastest-ever YouTube platinum for a political speech. Some five million have now seen the extempore peroration (text attached) on various websites, despite a well-funded attempt by persons unknown to post up dozens of pages of gibberish on the Web containing the words “Monckton Video” in the hope of breaking the viral chain by preventing viewers from finding the speech on search engines. An expert on the internet has said that the cost of giving the gibberish pages a ranking above the page with the genuine video was probably not less than $250,000.

Lord Monckton’s speech about “global warming” to 100,000 mineworkers and their families on a mountain-top in West Virginia in summer 2009 and his address to 15,000 at a Tea-Party Rally in Houston, Texas, in September 2009 are also on YouTube. His now-famous interview with a Greenpeace activist in Berlin in December 2009 is used in US university law classes to teach the techniques of cross-examination.

Lord Monckton is now writing a book, entitled Climate of Freedom, which is expected to be a worldwide bestseller among his millions of followers on YouTube and Facebook.
The Viscount Monckton of Brenchley in the Summer-House at Carie, his Highland seat
The Minnesota Peroration

- On 14 October 2009, Lord Monckton addressed 1200 members of the Minnesota Free Market Institute at Bethel University, St. Paul. The organizers, on hearing that he had come across a draft of the Treaty of Copenhagen that was due to be finalized by world leaders including President Obama in climate negotiations that December, asked him to add a warning about it to his lecture to the Institute. A member of the audience used his cell-phone to film Lord Monckton’s extempore 4-minute peroration sounding that warning, and posted it at once on YouTube. Within a week, a million people had seen it. This is thought to be the fastest You-Tube Platinum for any speech.

- By the end of the week, hundreds of thousands of concerned US citizens had contacted their Congressmen and, in particular, their Senators, who have the power to ratify Treaties. At this point, a Professor at Texas A&M University contacted Lord Monckton and said that two dozen bogus internet pages had been created, each containing strings of meaningless characters and symbols, except that somewhere the words “Monckton video” were included en clair, had appeared on Google’s search engine. What is more, these pages of gibberish had each been given a prominence in the search order that was higher than that accorded to the real video with its million hits. The Professor explained that, at a cost of perhaps $250,000, someone had been desperate to break the viral chain and prevent tens of millions more from seeing the speech.

- Nevertheless, around 5 million saw the speech, and the Treaty of Copenhagen failed. Lord Monckton was present in the auditorium on a bitterly cold December day in Denmark to see it die. The verbatim text of the Minnesota Peroration, transcribed from the video of the event, follows.

At COPENHAGEN, this December, weeks away, a Treaty will be signed. Your President will sign it. Most of the third-world countries round the world will sign it because they think they’re going to get money out of it. Most of the left-wing regimes round the world – like the European Union – will rubber-stamp it. Virtually nobody won’t sign it.

I have read that Treaty, and what it says is this: that a world government is going to be created. The word “government” actually appears as the first of three purposes of the new entity.

The second purpose is the transfer of wealth from the countries of the West to third-world countries in satisfaction of what is called, coyly, “climate debt”, because we’ve been burning [fossil fuels and emitting] CO2 and they haven’t. We haven’t been screwing up the climate, but that’s the line.
And the third purpose of this new entity, this “government”, is enforcement. How many of you think that the word “election”, “democracy”, “vote” or “ballot” occurs anywhere in the 200 pages of that Treaty? Quite right – it doesn’t appear once.

So, at last, the Communists who piled out of the Berlin Wall and into the environmental movement and took over Greenpeace so that my friends who founded it left within a year because they [the Communists] had captured it – now the apotheosis is at hand: they are about to impose a Communist world government on the world. You have a President who has very strong sympathies with that point of view: he’s going to sign. He’ll sign anything: he’s a Nobel Peace Laureate. Of course he’ll sign.

And the trouble is this. If that Treaty is signed, your Constitution says it [the Treaty] takes precedence over your Constitution, and you can’t resile from that Treaty unless you get agreement from all the other States Parties. And because you’ll be the biggest-paying country, they’re not going to let you out.

So, thank you, America! You were the beacon of freedom for the world. It is a privilege merely to stand on this soil of freedom – while it is still free. But in the next few weeks, unless you stop it, your President will sign your freedom, your democracy and your prosperity away forever, and neither you nor any subsequent government you may elect will have any power whatsoever to take it back again.

That is how serious it is. I have read the Treaty. I have seen this stuff about “government” and “climate debt” and enforcement. They are going to do this to you whether you like it or no.

But I think it is here, here in your great nation, which I so love and I so admire – it is here that, perhaps, at this eleventh hour, at the 59th minute and the 59th second, you will rise up, and you will stop your President from signing that dreadful Treaty. That purposeless Treaty: for there is no problem with the climate and, even if there were, economically speaking there is nothing we can do about it.

So I end by saying to you the words that Winston Churchill addressed to your President in the darkest hour before the dawn of freedom, in the Second World War. He quoted from your great poet Longfellow:

    Sail on, o Ship of State!
    Sail on, o Union strong and great!
    Humanity, with all its fears –
    With all the hopes of future years –
    Is hanging, breathless, on thy fate!