

## Re: Hey Mr. Hyde!

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Frank Kotler wrote:

> *Beth wrote:*

>> *Nevertheless, to be blunt, you're a lying toad,*

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> *You been sharing a glass of wine with Betov, or what???*

Ah, a touch of the melodramatics, for sure...just feeling in such a foul mood at the time that the above is actually the "edited" version, suitable for public broadcast...

>> *You said:*

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>> *"Hmm... going by Beth's logic, I should install thousands of thumb-sized gasoline engines under the hood of my car. These engines,*

>> *taken individually, are less efficient than a full-sized engine, but,*

>> *by some Bethonian magic, when taken together in the thousands, are*

>> *more efficient than a full-size engine."*

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>> *I replied:*

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>> *"So, tell me, how many \_valves\_*

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> *Apparently not Alex (I thought it was, too - too lazy to look it up).*

Yeah, did someone misattribute a post or something? Could have sworn it was...oh, well, if it wasn't, of course, then I was shouting in a foul mood at the wrong person...

Ah, you know what it probably is...at least from my perspective why I got confused? Because Alex always posts constantly in response to me with a campaign of pedantic commentary, it was so easily mistaken...this is normally his trademark, so a stolen identity leads to a mistaken identity...

- > *In any case, it's kind of a mis-statement of the "Beth logic".*
- > *Decentralization would mean putting one engine on each wheel, not*
- > *thousands under the hood.*

Actually, good point; I should have noticed that...

- > *When you think of it, the current scheme *\*is\***
- > *decentralized – the "efficient"(?) solution would be one massive*
- > *centralized engine towing cars around on cables (which has been*
- done,
- > *and may have its advantages).*

Another good point; And what I was trying to stress also is that the "engine" is really "a collection of sub-engines" too (by a typical configuration, anyway)...indeed, short of putting an engine on each wheel, it IS decentralised...

Well, one obvious advantage of cable cars is that you don't need to drive them (lest we risk another misreading and misunderstanding...I mean, they don't need a human driving it with a steering wheel and pedals and gearstick (US: gear shift) in the actual cable car itself...they do need to be "driven", as in moved around, by the central tower :)...hence, as a tourist your hands are freed up to take photos from your dizzying height, rather than to steer the cable car around...

[ Right, now I await those without any sense of humour at all to fail to realise the above is a joke point, not some great serious argument about the "importance of taking photos" or anything, to which we'll get a thesis on "actually, in Southern Austria there are cable cars where the taking of photographs was banned in 1706, so you are yet again factually inaccurate and should immediately be burned at the stake for this transgression against our neurotism!"...blah–blah–blah \*yawn\* ;) ]

- > *In the case of solar energy, the fact that it's already distributed*
- has
- > *to come into the equation – a fact that some of your detractors seem*
- to
- > *be discounting...*

My detractors – as they have done since the very first time I've spoken on this subject – discount any facts which gets in the way of the pre-determined conclusion that everything is fine, that nothing needs to be done, that the alternatives aren't an alternative, that renewables won't work in any way (ignoring all those dams powering cities, ignoring wind farms, ignoring houses that do have solar roofs, etc. already and which operate perfectly satisfactorily in violation of the "nothing works unless you're paying oil men to destroy the Earth on your behalf" pre-determined – dare we say "brain-washed"? – conclusion), etc....

Perhaps I have sometimes pushed the argument too hard in the other direction at times...but in these gale force winds from the choir of death, if you don't keep pushing, then you get blown over...they do understand one thing about the notion of "decentralisation": A choir of voices can always be far, far louder than even the loudest single voice...pardon the paranoia, but you must have seen, Frank, thus far, how hard and repeatedly I've had to push merely to stop being called "a complete whacko" about this...I now manage to at least get: "There are a number of people who think that you're worth reading" (a clever way of saying "I personally don't think that you're worth reading at all" without anyone noticing that's what they are really saying) which is better than "total whacko"...for all my "factual errors", they've stopped dismissing me out of hand, they have to start with stuff about how great "conservation instincts" are (a miracle in comparison to the flat, outright refusal of any problem whatsoever that was the reply to my first postings on the matter), etc....the responses to my first postings on this subject could only really be classified "denial" as you'd hear from an alcoholic...outright denial that there was even a problem to begin with...but my perservance to take the flak allowed those shy voices who daren't say anything to speak up and say "no, there is a problem, you know"...voices which are no longer shy that the "bullies" are on the defensive to drop the denial, even if they still try to destroy everything elsewhere (you know, a tad contradictory: "You are right about the problem and to look for alternatives...blah-blah-blah [ rest of post goes here ] blah-blah-blah...nevertheless, in conclusion, there is no problem at all and we should ignore alternatives because they could never ever work in a month of Sundays to power anything at all (e.g. I will conveniently ignore and deny and snip out any response including the words "Hoover Dam" in it...if I don't acknowledge it, then it doesn't exist)")...

Paranoid? Conspiracy theory? Yeah, you're damn right about that one! But what else explains a species-wide denial of a problem...when the problem is clarified as "inevitable" in a way they can't argue, then it's a denial of the alternatives...when the alternatives are shown to have some application and actual usage, then it's because, ooh, I misnamed the inventor of a device...yes, because I said the wrong name, this is clearly a case for the blind destruction of civilisation and the Earth...

Note, I don't think it's a "people sitting around a desk in an underground base" kind of conspiracy theory...but a conspiracy of denial by ordinary people everywhere...people deny the problem at all costs, they create a climate where those who speak otherwise are to be automatically ridiculed out of existence, they create a climate where schools educate, quite literally, on the "infallibility" of the "one and only way" in how our "glorious, perfect" power stations work (ask yourself WHY is electricity a topic that, unlike the rest of science, is regularly mistaught without the slightest complaint from the pedants: <http://amasci.com/miscon/elect.html> ...imagine having the

need to similarly "debunk" the teaching of Newton's laws of motion or atomic theory...there'd be an outcry from scientists about the "factual inaccuracies"...but, instead, kids are taught things like: "power companies send electrons through a circuit at the speed of light, which is like a dumper truck unloading electrons into your appliances...why, we must be grateful to the kind power companies for being so nice as to loan us all of their lovely, perfect electrons! Praise be!"...I note with interest that this debunker – who is making a separate point to me and doesn't dwell on the significance of it – writes: "Unfortunately the meaning of the word [ electricity ] became corrupted in the early 20th century when electric companies started selling electrical energy" (my emphasis)...now is that a complete coincidence or was the ambiguity added to create confusions? I draw your attention to how, in our own field, we have jargonisers everywhere who invent a whole field of terms for things like OOP and, my oh my, what a coincidence that after creating impenetrable jargon for an essential easy and obvious subject, which confuses and obfuscates it, they all go off and write books – which make them money – or they start up "OOP consultancy" – which makes them money – and, what a coincidence, the impenetrable jargon and almost deliberate confusion they create just so happens to be a source of income for them! It's "undeniable fact" that renewables can't work, you know, which exactly why the power companies built the Hoover Dam or put up wind farms...oh, wait, that's a contradiction...seems it's ONLY an "undeniable fact" that they "can't possibly work" when someone other than them is using it and they aren't getting all the money for it...in the words of Public Enemy: "Don't...don't...don't, don't...don't believe the hype!"...

Money, indeed, is a powerful motivator...I wonder when Bush will admit he was just after the cash, ignoring terrorism for a while because there was multiple opportunities for cash generation? Wreck a country's infrastructure – which they PROMISED NOT TO DO "for the sake of the innocent Iraqi people", if you remember back way back when ("we will concentrate our 'precision' missiles only on sites of military significance, as we have no argument with the innocent Iraqi people, only the 'regime'" must be something you haven't forgotten...are you reminded yet? Because that was why there was a fuss about how "precise" does "precise" mean?) – in order to put American companies in for lucrative "reconstruction"...kick out the guy who's trying to deny selling you oil – the "oil for food" blackmail depended on Saddam giving a crap about his people...big mistake there...he was a genocidal murderer that didn't care in the slightest about that...yeah, he'd let a million die before giving in to become a reliable oil supplier to American interests – and, "for the good of the Iraqi people", we'll let their culture be destroyed, their home looted and burned because we must protect the "ministry for oil"..."reconstruction" for the "good of the Iraqi people" is so important that when an Arab company gets mobile phone services running again, we must shut it all down again because they aren't an American company and they aren't using the unique American mobile phone

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protocols which requires American mobile phone handsets...yes, "reconstruction" is so important to Iraq and its people, that we will have everything constructed by American companies so that it all depends on foreign American companies and there are no local Iraqi companies involved at all with local materials and local expertise (they do have it...contrary to some of the propoganda, they are NOT "dumb barbarians" NOR "animals" at all)...yup, it really helps put Iraq back on its feet that most of its people are unemployed – they mount protests all the time about this, you must have heard this on the news...no, no...not Fox news, true enough...but there's got to be one honest media company left somewhere, surely? – in a country desperately in need of "reconstruction"...please tell me you've spotted the contradictory absurdity here already and I'm not broadcasting "news" here...there's tons of work needed to be done with "reconstruction" but all the Iraqis are in desparate need due to a lack of employment...put two and two together yet? All the "reconstruction contracts" are going to American and "American approved" foreign and non-local companies, while Iraqis are massively unemployed and their society needs rebuilding and for them to take control back of their own country...worked it out yet? If America does all the work, then how does Iraq learn to stand on its own two feet from that? And, amazingly, when they tried, that mobile phone network was shut down – by people "reconstructing for the good of the Iraqi people" – because it was an Arab company and lacked the all important "Made in the US" stamp on its butt...then we see the priorities...when the invasion was over, they made sure that the Iraqi oil wells were back up to double the pre-invasion production...this was one of the first priorities...again, "for the good of the Iraqi people"...those Iraqi people, by the way, had no clean water, no power, a serious hygene problem from the mountains of sewage and rubbish in the streets and so forth...but, clearly, the priority for the Iraqi people was to get that oil pumping to the West at twice the rate of before...or, in Bush terms, getting out twice the amount because Saddam was holding it back – even under sanctions designed to force him to sell because only oil gets them, you know, food that keeps them alive – when he was in power...

It's all to do with your twist of phrasiology..."we're reconstructing" sounds great until you think: "Wait a minute...why 'we'? Should it be them reconstructing with all those mass unemployed and the need to put things back into Iraqi hands and have the country able to stand on its own two feet and look after itself?"...or "oil for food" until you realise it killed a million by NGO estimates and that were you yourself under this, you'd have no problem recognising it as being "blackmail" (quite literally, in a sense, as the oil is black in colour and should be sent – like mail – to the West)...

Fundamentally, it boils down to this...ignore our national flags (that's just British Empire style "divide and conquer"...get arabs hating Americans, get Americans hating arabs...get Europe arguing with America, America arguing with Europe...so that there's all this

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in-fighting in the human race for \_everyone\_ to be distracted from the real "enemies" of the sinister piece)...we're \_ALL\_ being lead around by selfish arseholes...it's not Bond villan style conspiracy...but a conspiracy of accumulated selfish agendas...the politicians want power so they appease the companies that hold the money...we all just blindly accept whatever they say to be the case because we'd Love to not be interested at all and just go about our work and play without any of this nonsense..."We need a war!" / "Really? Okay, whatever...do whatever you need to that means I get left alone to live my life and I'll let it pass"...they know this which is why they know simply keeping quiet about the energy crisis and just pretending it isn't there or going to be there is the way to carry on making money...oh, crap...some "environmentalists" jumped out of the woodwork to make a big fuss then people like MTV promoted it all with their "idents" for a entire generation of "do gooders" that won't shut up about it...okay, let's give them something else to "emote" about (bloody student types...it took us ages and ages to stop them being interested in political philosophy about "communes" and trade unions and such...the idea of making them poor as a means to attack that troublesome issue of education – a dangerous thing for us to have around – backfired...so, we worked on turning it around and saddling them with "consumer items" and loan debts and handing out credit cards to force them into the "consumer rat race" stuff...it pacifies the rest of the nation to make them slaves to the dollar, should have thought of this idea earlier)...war and terrorism are the trusty old "distractors" of old and I'm sure they'll work again...

Now, let's all sing the song together...

"Cos' it's a bittersweet symphony this life...

Trying to make ends meet, you're a \_SLAVE TO THE MONEY\_ then you die.

I'll take you down the only road I've ever been down...

You know the one that takes you to the places where all the veins meet, yeah.

NO CHANGE, 'I CAN'T CHANGE! I CAN'T CHANGE! I CAN'T CHANGE!'

but I'm here in my mold, I am here in my mold.

But I'm a million different people from one day to the next.

I can't change my mold, no, no, no, no, no, no...

Well, I never pray,

But tonight \_I'M ON MY KNEES\_, yeah.

I need to hear some sounds that recognize the \_PAIN\_ in me, yeah.

I let the melody shine, let it cleanse my mind, I feel 'free' now.

But the airwaves are clean and there's nobody singing to me now.

NO CHANGE, 'I CAN'T CHANGE! I CAN'T CHANGE! I CAN'T CHANGE!'

but I'm here in my mold , I am here in my mold.

And I'm a million different people from one day to the next

I can't change my mold, no, no, no, no, no

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(Well have you ever been down?)  
(I can't change! I can't change!)  
(Oooooohhhh...)

Cos' it's a bittersweet symphony this life.  
Trying to make ends meet, trying to find some money then you die.

I'll take you down the only road I've ever been down...  
You know the one that takes you to the places where all the veins  
meet, yeah.

You know, I can't change, I can't change, I can't change,  
but I'm here in my mold, I am here in my mold.  
And I'm a million different people from one day to the next.  
I can't change my mold, no,no,no,no,no  
I can't change my mold, no,no,no,no,no  
I can't change my mold, no,no,no,no,no

(It just's sex and violence, melody and silence)  
(It just's sex and violence, melody and silence)  
(I'll take you down the only road I've ever been down)  
(It just's sex and violence, melody and silence)  
(I'll take you down the only road I've ever been down)

(Been down)  
(Ever been down?)  
(Ever been down?)(Lalalalalalaaaaaaaa...)  
(Ever been down?)  
(Ever been down?)  
(Have you ever been down?)  
(Have you ever been down?)  
(Have you ever been down?)"

[ "Bittersweet Symphony", The Verve ]

> > *Right, would an actual \_expert\_ in internal combustion engines –  
with  
> > all you guys here, there's got to be one "petrol head" amongst  
you –  
> > please come forward to verify that, at least generally speaking,  
I'm  
> > talking some modest amount of sense here?*  
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> *Well... better, since you looked it up :) ... but don't quit your  
day job.*  
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> >> *2. Fossil fuel efficiency; it's doesn't pack much of a "punch".*  
> >  
> > *Oh yes, it bloody well \_does\_...*  
>  
> *You guys are talking relatives here. "Fossil fuel is tall." Compared*

to  
> *what?*

Agreed; Kind of meaningless without a frame of reference...

But the point that maybe you've noticed, Frank, is that the "detractors" just want to prove me wrong and unreliable...I stupidly handed them stuff on a plate by making mistakes in my posting (but, as noted, I'm spitting out hundreds of KBs equivalent to novels and theses...most books undergo rigorous checking before publication...they still get published with errors...I'm writing "off the cuff", from memory, about my OPINION for such a length to a newsgroup for mere discussion but yet am supposed to have a higher standard than that still? Because, oh yeah, just one slip of the keyboard and I'm the "evil witch of the west"...surely it must be beyond dispute by now...after so clearly exposing Annie as exactly that – her *raison d'être* is to plague me, with no exaggeration – and years of this stuff, there's got to be little doubt that I AM being gunned for quite regularly because I ain't towing the "party line" on many things...and as I've corrected others in the past, here comes the "payback" and "petty vengeance"...I write stuff, Herbert likes it...Herbert insults HLA, I correct the stuff which isn't right...I post some other stuff, Herbert combs over every word to find something to "correct" in return, no matter how neurotically pedantic it may be...implied is my "evilness" in the correction...there's little surprise in any of this, though...that's the irony...the thing that throws me totally off? Wannabe's praise all the time...I ain't used to actually being listened to...that stuff totally throws me for a loop which is why I often have no idea how to reply to it...being trodden on – for irregular opinions, for being the "wrong" gender, etc. – is what's "ordinary" for me...more of that same ain't going to break me but I'm sure they'll persist regardless...

> *I tend to agree with you that fossil fuels "pack a lot of punch"...*  
> *compared to solar, for example. Wind can pack "a lot of punch" in some*  
> *circumstances (frequently to our detriment)... If my memory has survived*  
> *the permanent brain damage, petroleum runs on the order of 130,000 –*  
> *140,000 btu/gal (US gallon) – dunno what that is in ergs :)*

[ On a separate note, there can be "permanent brain damage"...BUT, yes, that's a particularly emotive and distorted way of phrasing it – highly melodramatic – to make it sound "really evil"...you might appreciate my situation a little from that, as I get this kind of thing all the bloody time...it's kind of like saying "oxygen causes permanent ugly disfigurement!"...a wording chosen to push an agenda...what we're really talking about is that oxygen, over your entire life, does conspire towards ageing your skin and those wrinkles of old age show up...now, just choose to call this "permanent ugly disfigurement" – highly melodramatic but if you want to phrase it that

way as your opinion of an aged face, then it might be offensive but you can't really call someone "wrong" for holding that opinion...prejudiced, carrying an agenda, nothing but a personal opinion...yes...but it can't technically be called "wrong" on technical grounds alone...age is, indeed, permanent..."ugly" is a matter of opinion...and "disfigurement" the biased way to point out that it is a change in appearance over time – and then you've created a case for the "inherent evilness of breathing"...

Yeah, Frank, such evil "permanent brain damage"...when, of course, no-one would say a single word about overeating leading to obesity, combined with cigarette smoking clogging the arteries, with rotted livers and kidneys because of constant excessive alcohol and cigarettes for decades, leading to the onset of a diabetic condition, which causes gangreen in the toes that they have to be amputated before our "legal drug addict" destroys life by drink driving, tears their family apart with the constant deceptions and denials – plus bouts of mood changes, leading to serious domestic violence – and then finally dies of the heart disease they've so Lovingly prepared themselves for since about age 12...

No, you see, this is "okay" because it's all legal...it excuses it all...fast food companies, tobacco companies and your local bar are great "friends" with their happy-smiley clowns offering cheap plastic toys, "cool" cowboys smoking on the ranch billboard adverts and, of course, "the place where everybody knows your name" is more than just a friend, it's almost like a surrogate family or something...this is all perfectly fine because the complete historical accident of hypocritical laws says so...

The biggest actual killers out there? Heart disease: caused mostly by obesity and tobacco clogging the arteries (and no-one does any exercise – driving everywhere, watching TV and playing video games – that we have an explosive combination of not just bringing it on with these things but not working it back off with regular exercise)...cancer: many causes but tobacco is a big one...alcoholism is a dangerously anti-social disease and does tremendous damage to the body (note: the word "toxic" in "intoxication"...being drunk is literally the feeling of being poisoned by a toxic substance...alcohol is very dangerous in that it conspires to make this poisoning seem "good" and the poisoned victim "happy" and so forth...the other big hint here is how drunken people vomit...that's the body's natural and rather blunt way of just expelling anything toxic that you really shouldn't have consumed...

- > *I agree with Alex on a couple points:*
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- > 1) *Your ideas are basically correct.*

Which means you're also agreeing with me, as is Alex, effectively...

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> 2) *When you get into details, your posts are \*loaded\* with factual errors. Your engineering knowledge isn't as good as you think it is.*

I'm NOT an engineer and never once claimed to be (I repeatedly note "I'm a software, not hardware person")...my posts are NOT intended to be some textbook course into engineering...this is an off-topic subject in a newsgroup forum for an obscure branch of geekdom...anyone who reads them thinking they are an engineering textbook almost deserves to be misinformed (if they are that stupid to just blindly grab and trust the first thing that they see, what I do is not greatly important, as a non-sceptical attitude like that would land them in trouble, whoever was ranting at them...for example, they'd probably already believe in a CIA / green alien conspiracy...just because the man down the pub told them that it was all true ;)...shall we get some perspective on this that, unlike the part we do all agree on, it's hardly the end of the world?

> *Another one "out to destroy you"... sorry...*

Ah, you have my full permission to do so, Frank...because though in agreement with Alex here, compare how you've written your response to me with how Alex and most others do...'tis almost a pleasure to be assassinated by you, Frank...because you never forget to be fair, polite and civilised, even when you entirely disagree on something...

In fact, if this is an example of that "permanent brain damage" then would it only be that more people's brains were damaged in this way ;)...

> *Love, Peace, and Happiness,*

In that particular order or does the order not matter? ;)

Beth :)