

Comments about “Environmentalism Gone Berserk” from the Executive Director of

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I reviewed your draft volume of Environmentalism Gone Berserk and found that one can summarize your effort the following way:

"For about the last three decades, various individuals and groups of individuals have tried to profoundly scare the American public about alleged mortal dangers caused by application of science-based technology. These stories were dutifully disseminated by our major news outlets.

Particularly targeted for such treatment were the multifarious applications of the nuclear sciences, which involve not just energy, but also medicine, the space program, transportation and food preservation. In addition, radical environmentalism gradually spread its attacks over practically all other forms of technology, including even agriculture.

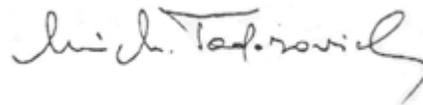
Scientists, technicians and practitioners of biomedical discoveries have, for years, tried to respond in a scholarly fashion to the mixture of naive as well as deliberate misinformation clouding this issue. However, such response was, for the most part, highly declaratory and thus unconvincing to the broad spectrum of people, or too specialized for non-technical readers to understand.

Combining his basic engineering training and understanding of human responses, Mike Oliver has undertaken a yeomen's job to dissipate this fog of confusion -- and produced a book which, in plain language, simultaneously teaches, explains, advocates and defends the great arsenal of knowledge, accumulated over the ages by legions of thinkers to make the lives of humans easier, richer, and more meaningful.

Some critics may say that the book is too long for the attention span of non-specialists; that the author uses technical jargon in a somewhat loose way; or that the first person genre in which the volume is written is not appropriate for a serious debate on scientific matters. Be it as it may, Mike Oliver has written a pioneering book which, by simple language, informs Americans what contentions are being made, what the facts are, and how utopian activism of differing orientation has resorted to twisting scientific and technological truth in order to justify its claims.

I hope that Mr. Oliver's book is a precursor of further constructive writing needed for a realistic understanding of the scientific and technological discoveries which are of fundamental importance to our social and material well-being.

Cordially,



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