

Michael Crichton on the Misuse of Science in Global Warming

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(Here is an excerpt of part of a talk I gave in San Francisco (15 Nov. '05) on the occasion of Crichton's *State of Fear* novel being issued as a paperback)

Michael Crichton has been one of my heroes. He attained hero status with me because of his Caltech Michelin Lecture of January 2003 titled "Aliens Cause Global Warming", his *State of Fear* novel, and his many recent lectures, TV interviews, etc. His writings and discussions on global warming and other topics illustrated so well why we should be so skeptical of what we read in the papers and what we hear from government officials about science, and particularly global warming.

Never have I read and heard more penetrating and insightful analyses as to where we stand today with regard to the dangers of politics in science and of the attempted justification of reality on global warming from scientific consensus. Here is a man who touched a sensitive nerve in my psyche. A psyche that has been seething with disgust for 20 years at what was going on within the so called 'science' of nuclear winter and global warming. Here was somebody who saw through all the media-hype, the opportunism, the phoniness, the lies, the twisting and misrepresentation of data, the propagandizing to the uninformed, etc, etc. I had found a kindred spirit.

Current Comment (10 Nov '08) – I feel a great loss at Michael Crichton's passing. He showed great courage at standing up for truth and science against severe criticism from the establishment. His example gives inspiration to the rest of us.