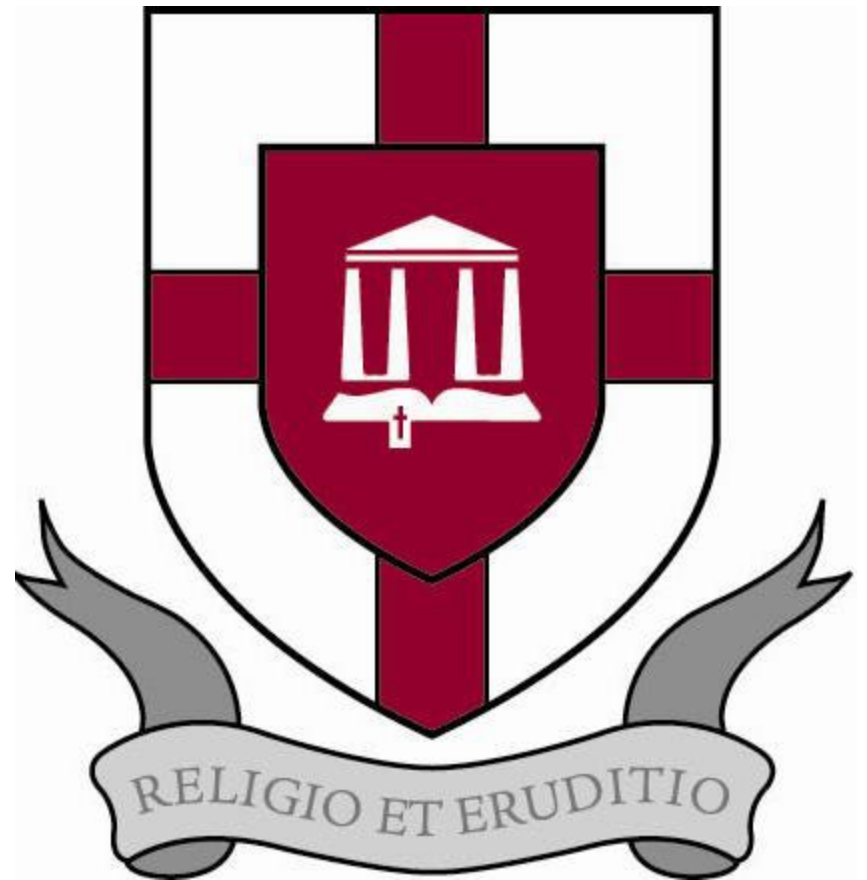


Evangelicals and Global Warming:

A Formal Debate

10:00 am, Monday, October 30th, 2006

Penick Academic Complex, Savage Chapel, Union University



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Respondents: Drs. Charles Baldwin and Michael R. Salazar, Department of Chemistry

Moderator: Dr. Greg Thornbury, School of Christian Studies

As a courtesy to your fellow observers and the participants in the debate, please do not cheer, clap, or add comments during the debate. If you need to leave during the debate, please do so quietly, using the doors in the back of the chapel.

Resolution 1: that human emissions of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases are the cause of most (i.e., more than half) the global warming that has occurred in the past thirty years and is projected to occur in the remainder of this century.

Construct Dr. Beisner (10 min.)

Cross exam Dr. Gushee (5 min.)

Construct Dr. Gushee (10 min.)

Cross exam Dr. Beisner (5 min.)

Conclusions Dr. Beisner (3 min.)

Conclusions Dr. Gushee (3 min.)

Resolution 2: that human-induced global warming is likely to have catastrophic consequences for humanity and the rest of the biosphere if not mitigated.

Construct Dr. Gushee (10 min.)

Cross exam Dr. Beisner (5 min.)

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Cross exam Dr. Gushee (5 min.)

Conclusions Dr. Gushee (3 min.)

Conclusions Dr. Beisner (3 min.)

5 minute break

Resolution 3: that mandatory reductions in CO₂ emissions would mitigate human induced global warming sufficiently to make its consequences non-catastrophic at a cost that would be preferable to the costs of adaptation.

Construct Dr. Beisner (10 min.)

Cross exam Dr. Gushee (5 min.)

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Conclusions Dr. Beisner (3 min.)

Conclusions Dr. Gushee (3 min.)

General conclusions Dr. Beisner (5 min.)

General conclusions Dr. Gushee (5 min.)

Response from Dr. Salazar

Response from Dr. Baldwin

Question and answer session