

# American Chemical Society: Milking Soy Beans for Sunbeams

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Attending the American Chemical Society's 238th National Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Aug. 16-20, I was overwhelmed by the level of environmental insanity, aimed at shutting down scientific progress and committing genocide in the name of saving the planet. One exception was a session on the National Ignition Facility inertial fusion project, which seemed to be the ACS's one concession to advanced technology.

There was a palpable sense of unease about the conference's focus on national security and green chemistry, as I learned in discussions with scientists attending the conference. Several scientists told me that in light of the economic breakdown, this conference should have had a focus on real scientific progress and not appeal to the green job mania. Often these comments were sparked by a discussion of the Mars project promoted by Lyndon LaRouche. The Mars prospective was an effective antidote, injecting real optimism into the anti-science atmosphere being projected by the American Chemical Society. Sadly, the NASA exhibit at the conference was dedicated to "global warming," without mention of advancing the space program.

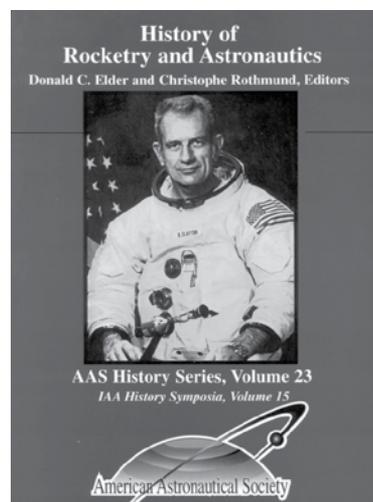
A group of scientists is fighting the leadership of the American Chemical Society on the insane position of the organization on man-made global warming. Chemist Peter Bonk is circulating an open letter to the president of the ACS, which so far has about 100 signers. (To sign, or get more information on the open letter, contact him at peter.jbonk@gmail.com).



*Green energy in Gulliver's time: An illustration of the Academy of Lagado, where a scientist is "extracting Sun-Beams out of Cucumbers ... to warm the Air in raw inclement Summers."*

The Jonathan Swift award for the most silly idea at the conference goes to the group of scientists working on extracting enzymes from soybeans to produce luminescence chemicals that can make items glow in the dark. This is a modern-day version of the extraction of sunbeams from cucumbers, as depicted by Swift in his *Gulliver's Travels*. At the ACS meeting, it was highlighted as a "green chemistry" success story.

Sadly, research money is being directed to anti-scientific research like this soybean milking, instead of real scientific research geared towards discovering the next universal physical principle that will advance human civilization.



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