



Peak Oil Debunked? (Followed by a debunking of a debunker...)

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[Matt Savinar over at LATOC has an interesting perspective today where he summarizes where the "peak oil" has moved since he became involved.](#)

Matt opines:

A year and a half later, and Peak Oil is popping up everywhere. Which means the subject has now proliferated to the point where the market is ripe for "peak oil debunkers."

When I first learned about these issues, I would have loved for there to have been several "peak oil is cacka" sites. After all, if there are some sites that claim to "debunk peak oil" or better yet, "debunk individual X", that means that maybe the disturbingly convincing sites like From the Wilderness, Hubbert's Peak, and Die Off, the oft-cited authors like Richard Heinberg, James Kunstler, Ken Deffeyes, Matthew R. Simmons, David Goodstein, Jan Lundberg, and science-trained legislators such as Roscoe Bartlett (who is a trained physicist with over 20 patents to his name) could be wrong in their prognostications of economic collapse, war, and overall doom-and-gloom, right?

To the laymen or "Peak Oil newbie", the existence of "Peak Oil is dog poo" sites creates an illusion that there is still some type of viable "debate" between the optimists and pessimists:

Maybe I can relax, comforted by the hope that the pessimists will be proven wrong, right? Sure, EnergyBulletin.net has 1000s of articles archived, most of which tend to prove we are in really, really big trouble, but since some guy who won't give his real name put up a blog claiming to debunk it all, I guess "all is well." With all this commotion on the internet, certainly the jury is still out as to these issues, right?"

Well not really.

(Matt also mentions our community kindly further down in the piece.)

Matt has been called just about every name under the sun, and while I don't always agree with him on everything (if I agreed with anyone all the time, it'd be pretty boring), I admire him for his drive and passion with regard to what I think many of us agree is **the** problem we need to address in the coming years. Thanks for taking the fire, Matt.

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