

Pseudoscience?

Dear Editor,

According to the chemtrails crowd, we are being bombarded with nine milliwatts/square cm. of dangerous UVB radiation. But an astronaut in unshielded space would only be exposed to two milliwatts, according to Fröhlich and Wehrli in "An Introduction to Solar Radiation."

Most of this is filtered out by the stratospheric ozone layer, and a reading of 0.5 milliwatts at the earth's surface would be unusually high.

In order to get nine milliwatts, not only would the ozone layer have to be completely destroyed, but the sun's radiation would have to increase by 350 percent. If that happened, we would all be dead.

How can they get numbers that are so impossibly wrong? Possibly, it is because the meter they use goes for \$119 on Amazon. Quality meters, such as the Gooch and Housego OL 756, sell for about \$38,000.

This is a typical example of the erroneous pseudoscience put out by the chemtrails conspiracy theorists.

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