

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

□ “See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which is translated, ‘God with us.’”

—Matthew 1:23

□ “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem saying ‘where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.’ When King Herod heard this, he was deeply disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. So he assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people and asked them where the Messiah would be born. ‘In Bethlehem of Judea’ [Micah 5:2], they told him, because this is what was written by the prophet: and you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah: because out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.”

—Matthew 2:1-6

□ “Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. In view of the fact that I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if I can somehow make my own [Jewish] people jealous and save some of them. For if their being rejected is world reconciliation, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead.”

—Paul, Romans 11:13-15

□ “For Christians, Jesus is the hinge on which the door of history swings, the point at which eternity intersects with time, the Savior who redeems time by drawing all things to himself. As the second millennium draws to a close, nearly a third of the world’s population claims to be his followers...But by any secular standard Jesus is also the dominant figure of Western culture. What we now think of as Western ideas, inventions, and values finds its source or inspiration in the religion that worships God in his name. Art and science, the self and society, politics and economics, marriage and the family, right and wrong, body and soul—all have been touched and often radically transformed by Christian influence.”

—*Newsweek*, March 29, 1999, p. 54

□ “Either we are rational spirit obliged forever to obey the absolute values of the Tao [moral order], or else we are mere nature to be kneaded and cut into new shapes for the pleasures of masters who must, by hypothesis, have no motive but their own ‘natural’ impulses....The Conditioners, then, are to choose what kind of artificial Tao they will, for their own good reason, produce in the human race. It is not that they are bad men. They are not men at all. Stepping outside of the Tao they have stepped into the void.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

□ “The world’s future is being decided at this time. Such moments are extremely rare in history. And when they have occurred they have been between two, not three, competing ideologies. But there are now three ideologies competing to shape the future of

mankind. They are militant Islam, Western European secularism and socialism, and American Judeo-Christianity and capitalism. The first is being spread both peacefully and violently, the second is being spread peacefully, the third is not being spread.”

—Dennis Prager, February 2003

□ “In his study of the breakdown of moral authority in American culture over the past forty years, Dr. Harold O.J. Brown has said that our society has lost its confidence and fallen into despair, in large measure, because we have willingly and wantonly cut ourselves loose from the spiritual moorings that provided meaning and purpose for previous generations. In this nation’s tortured journey from self-determination to self-destruction we have already passed through the three stages identified by the late Pitrim Sorokin as evidence of a degenerate, sensate culture. We have gone from the ideational, in which spiritual truth is valued, to the idealistic, in which reason and empiricism prevail, and finally to the sensate, in which materialism, sensuality, and self-indulgence reign supreme. Two-thirds of college students today have sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), such as AIDS, chlamydia, hepatitis B, gonorrhea, herpes, syphilis, and venereal warts (HPV) that can cause complications ranging from pain, infertility, and cancer, to death. Many are incurable. Due to mutation and drug resistance, the number of STDs has increased from two to fifty in the past thirty years.”

—Jim Nelson Black, *Freefall of the American University*, p. 207, 8

□ “We used to have standards of decency. Now the thought police have to protect the standards of indecency....Homosexuality is sacred on campus.”

—Jim Nelson Black, *Freefall of the American University*, p. 196

□ “Is it possible that a homeless and failed artist from Vienna [Adolph Hitler], a paranoid gangster from Georgia [Joseph Stalin], and a pedophile and drug addict from Beijing [Mao Tse-tung] led to the ruin of millions and millions of lives? Well, they certainly did....In a way, *The Bullet’s Song* [William Pfaff] is dedicated to the creative and sick minds that helped write the script and compose the soundtrack for the man-made death and destruction of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. From their imaginations sprang the delusions of utopia and the ideology of transcendent violence without which Nazism, fascism, and communism could not have succeeded in stirring up so many people to commit so much mass murder for such a long time.”

—Leon Hadar, *The American Conservative*, February 28, 2005, p. 33

□ “It is not easy to decide which American intellectual merits the dubious honor of having been the first Soviet dupe, but journalist Lincoln Steffens is certainly in the running....Steffens was far from the only American intellectual to make a sojourn into the future [Soviet Union]. A great many noted American political activists and intellectuals followed in his footsteps, including Jane Addams (who called the Russian Revolution ‘the greatest social experiment in history’), Stuart Chase, John Dewey, Rexford G.

Tugwell, and Edmund Wilson. These and other American visitors to the Soviet Union typically came back impressed, and convinced that the United States had much to learn from the great Soviet experiment. Books and articles poured forth, from Dewey's *Impressions of Russia* and Sherwood Eddy's *The Challenge of Russia* to George S. Counts's *The Soviet Challenge to America* and Maxwell Stewart's 'Where Everyone Has a Job.'

—Thomas E. Woods, Jr., *The Politically Incorrect Guide To American History*, p. 158, 9

□ "In the last decade or so a host of scientific essays and books have questioned the efficacy of [natural] selection and mutation [genetic mistakes] as a mechanism for generating morphological novelty, as even a brief literature survey will establish....Genetics might be adequate for explaining microevolution, but microevolutionary changes in gene frequency were not seen as able to turn a reptile into a mammal or to convert a fish into an amphibian. Microevolution looks at adaptations that concern the survival of the fittest, not the arrival of the fittest. As Goodwin (1995) points out, 'the origin of species—Darwin's problem—remains unsolved.'"

—Stephen C. Meyer, "The Origin of the Biological Information and the Higher Taxonomic Categories," *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*, August 28, 2004, p. 361

□ "On the face of it, the prime function of the genetic system would seem to be to resist change. Stasis and extinction are the patterns seen in fossils. Freaks of nature are shunned, such as a zebra born without stripes. Animals will often kill different-looking or different-acting offspring even if they might grow up to be stronger or faster (but how would they know?). Once in every ten million cell divisions, a cell makes a copying mistake. The chance of the mistake passing into the next generation is one in two. The odds are six to one that it will disappear by the tenth generation and fifty to one that it will be gone by the hundredth generation. According to F. B. Livingston, it would take approximately 20,000 generations, or 400,000 years, for an advantageous gene to spread among the hominid populations of the Pleistocene Era. If we are descendants of the famous Lucy, the australopithecine skull found in Ethiopia in 1974 and thought to be three million years old, then there would have been time for only seven advantageous genes to have changed. That's barely enough of a change to tell a difference, let alone make a monkey into a person."

—Geoffrey Simmons, M.D., *What Darwin Didn't Know: A Doctor Dissects the Theory of Evolution*, p. 305, 6

□ "For the first time in history we can now enjoy sexual relations without any of the unnecessary social and psychological accretions of the past that so complicated and diminished life. No more guilt, shame, jealousy, anxiety, frustration, hypocrisy, and confusion. 'Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last!'

"Yet, enlightened as we believe ourselves to be, a golden age of contentment has not dawned—very far from it. Relations between the sexes are as fraught as ever they were. The sexual revolution has not yielded peace of mind but confusion, contradiction, and conflict. There is certainty about nothing except the

rightness, inevitability, and irrevocability of the path we have gone down.

"A hundred yards from where I write this, twelve-year-old prostitutes often stand under streetlamps on the corner at night, waiting for customers. The chief of the local police has said that he will not remove them because he considers that they are sufficiently victimized already, and he is not prepared to victimize them further (his job, apparently, being to empathize rather than to enforce the law). The local health authorities send a van around several times at night to distribute condoms to the girls, the main official concern being to ensure that the sex in which the girls take part is safe, from the bacteriological and virological point of view. It is the authorities' proud boast that 100 percent of local prostitutes now routinely use condoms, at a cost to the city's taxpayers of \$135,000 a year, soon to be increased by the employment of a further outreach worker, whose main qualification, according to the recent job advertisement in the local press, will be 'an ability to work non-judgmentally'—that is, to have no moral qualms about aiding and abetting child prostitution. Meanwhile, local residents (such as my neighbors, a banker, a lawyer, an antiquarian book-seller, and two university professors) who object to the presence of discarded condoms in their gardens and in the street outside their homes have been offered a special instrument with which to pick them up, in lieu of any attempt to prevent them from arriving there in the first place. And at the same time, the overwhelming majority of the work done by the social workers of the city concerns the sexual abuse of children, principally by stepfathers and mothers' boyfriends who move in after biological fathers move out.

"Evidence of sexual chaos is everywhere."

—Theodore Dalrymple, *Our Culture, What's Left of It*, p. 234, 5

□ "But who, one might ask, had the deeper and subtler moral understanding of human relations: the audience of the mid-1950s or that of today? To the 1950s audience it would have been unnecessary to point out that, once a child had been conceived, the father owed a duty not only to the child but to the mother; that his own wishes in the matter were not paramount, let alone all-important, and that he was not simply an individual but a member of a society whose expectations he had to meet if he were to retain its respect; and that a sense of moral obligation toward a woman was not inimical to a satisfying relationship with her but a precondition of it. To the present-day audience, by contrast,

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

The following scenario is, in one sense, too good to be true, but it is true, and I'm highly recommending it to our Summit family.

Each year thousands of our brightest Christian students have their faith in Christ challenged on our university campuses, and unfortunately thousands don't make it through the experience without serious erosion of their Christian faith. Some have actually walked away from Christianity, which means they accepted as truth some variety of Secular Humanism, Marxist Humanism, Cosmic Humanism, Postmodernism, or Islam—the six major worldviews vying for the hearts and minds of today's youth.

Even St. Paul addressed this issue when he wrote, "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve by his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3).

A company named Chick-fil-A has two foundations—WinShape and LifeShape. LifeShape is John and Trudy White's foundation which has caught the vision to raise up the next generation of Christian leaders.

Summit Ministries has been asked to help with the programming of two nine-month courses of study for recently graduated high school seniors.

The information on page 5 entitled "Equipping the Next Generation of Leaders" is not the complete vision, but it will give our readers a broad idea of what is transpiring even as I write. The possibilities for the upcoming generation of young people who have a desire to get a great education and be an unashamed disciple for Jesus Christ are being formed.

IMPACT 414 will be accepting 50 students for the fall of 2006 (25 guys and 25 girls). These students need to show excellent leadership and academic qualities and have a desire to enroll in one of the top 30 universities in the nation and with their education make a difference in years to come. These students will be asked to seriously consider careers in higher education so that the Body of Christ has Christian theologians, philosophers, scientists, sociologists, lawyers, politicians, economists, historians, etc.

IMPACT 360 will also be accepting 50 students in the fall of 2006 who desire to influence all leadership areas for Christ (media, communication, business, finance, etc.).

Both programs will be strong in the Biblical Christian worldview in order to ground Christian students in their faith and not have them bowled over in the first few months of college. A prepared student is one who understands the overall lay of the land and knows where he/she stands relative to it.

Recent Summit graduates have an opportunity to be in at the ground floor of this adventure since LifeShape likes our kind of student. This gap year between high school and college will be an intensive time of preparation for the greatest experience of a young person's life.

So this is a call for:

a) The right students who feel led of God to pursue a leadership course of study (and who are fully prepared for such an experience);

b) Since this is a business-initiated undertaking, LifeShape is looking for other Christian business leaders to partner with them to sponsor these future Christian leaders. Anyone interested can contact me at (719) 685-9103 for more details.

I am proud (in the good sense) of John and Trudy White for kicking this program into high gear. We have already lost some of our finest students to the forces of Humanism and worse (Postmodernism). While Christians have done well in helping the poor and outcasts, we haven't done well with the other end of the spectrum—our future and brightest kids. This must change post haste.

Summit is pleased to partner with LifeShape in this undertaking. In a true sense, our two-week program will be expanded to a nine-month program (with one month an overseas experience). What a wonderful opportunity for 100 future leaders!

Please read over carefully the article "Equipping the Next Generation" and encourage a special person in your life (son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, or close friend) to apply to LifeShape directly for what could turn out to be the experience of a lifetime.

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the only considerations in such a situation would be the individual inclinations of the parties involved, floating free of all moral or social constraints. In the modern view, unbridled personal freedom is the only good to be pursued; any obstacle to it is a problem to be overcome."

—Dalrymple, *Our Culture, What's Left of It*, p. 237

❑ "In a nation that wears its heart on its bumper, the war over Darwinism has evolved into a fish fight.

"First, there was the Jesus fish, symbol of Christianity. Then there was the fish with feet, symbol of evolution. Then there was the truth fish, a big fish with the word 'truth' eating the Darwin fish. Then there was the dinosaur eating the Jesus fish.

"These plastic proclamations have spawned schools of other fish intended to annoy, amuse or simply befuddle. There is now a gefilte fish, with a Star of David and Hebrew-style letters. A horned sinner fish. A winged angel fish. A chubby Buddha fish. An 'n chips' fish.

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## Equipping the Next Generation of Leaders ... Introducing *IMPACT 360* and *IMPACT414*

Do you want to make your life count for Christ? Do you desire to be a leader instead of a follower? Have you sensed the need for deepening your spiritual walk, training in defending your faith, or direction in choosing a vocation? *IMPACT 360* or *IMPACT 414* may be what you're looking for.

These two nine-month "gap-year" learning experiences between high school and college are destined to be an adventure in life and learning that will change your life forever! To launch these programs, a strategic partnership has been forged between Summit Ministries and Lifeshape, Inc., a family foundation started by John and Trudy Cathy White, the son-in-law and daughter of Chick-fil-A founder Truett Cathy.

Each program involves a select group of students in a nine-month learning experience, including one month spent internationally. The programs focus on three central themes:

**KNOW:** Understand the nature and purpose of God and His redemptive mission in every area of life and see the Bible as the standard of truth for faith, life, and work.

**BE:** Understand who I am, why God created me, and how I fit into God's plan.

**LIVE:** Commit to intentionally influence others for the glory of Jesus Christ and nurture change throughout society to advance His kingdom.

*IMPACT 360* targets high school graduates 18 to 20 years old. Students accepted into this program will come together in an intentional living/learning community focused on developing a Biblical Christian Worldview, spiritual and life formation, and vocational understanding. Classes will be taught by visiting scholars and Christian professionals who offer a unique perspective on the topics relevant to young adults. Experiences outside the classroom include opportunities to explore professional interests through participation in service learning in the local community and hands-on involvement during a month-long international as-

signment. Students will live in facilities located at beautiful Callaway Gardens, one hour southwest of Atlanta, GA. The goal of *IMPACT 360* is to revolutionize leaders of the emerging generation to prepare them for the lives they were created to live.

*IMPACT 414* is designed for high school graduates who have the ability and desire to pursue advanced degrees at top-tier universities. This intensive academic program is limited to fifty students per year who will spend eight months under the mentoring of the foremost Christian professors, authors, and thinkers from across the nation. Slated to teach in one-week modules are Dr. David Noebel (President, Summit Ministries), Dr. J. P. Moreland (Professor of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University), Dr. Gene Edward Veith (Culture Editor of *World Magazine* and Professor of English at Concordia University, Wisconsin), Dr. Gary Habermas (Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Theology, Liberty University), Dr. Marvin Olasky (Journalism Professor, University of Texas at Austin and Editor-in-Chief of *World Magazine*), Dr. Michael Bauman (Professor of Theology and Culture, Hillsdale College), Dr. Frank Beckwith (Professor of Church State Studies, Baylor University), and many others. In addition to honing their intellectual skills, students will grow in spiritual formation, develop strong interpersonal relationships, and enlarge their heart for the world through participation in a month-long international experience. Located near Pagosa Springs, Colorado, in the breathtaking San Juan National Forest, *IMPACT 414* provides critical preparation needed for a professional career in the academy.

*IMPACT 360* and *IMPACT 414* are more than just courses and classes. Students' hearts *and* minds will be transformed as they prepare to be God's agents of change in their culture.

Applications for the Fall 2006 school year are available online. If you or someone you know is interested in more information on either of these exciting programs, log onto [www.lifeshape.org](http://www.lifeshape.org). If you have specific questions not addressed on our website, you may email [admissions@lifeshape.org](mailto:admissions@lifeshape.org).

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"The origin of the bumper fish is, like the origin of other species, disputed. But it appears that the first fish emerged from the pre-automotive mists of time as a symbol of Christianity. The Greek letters that form the word for 'fish,' transliterated as 'ichthys' or 'ixthys,' can be used as an acronym for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.' Legend has it that early Christians used a fish symbol to covertly identify themselves to each other.

"These Christian fish, some unadorned, some with the Greek letters iota, chi, theta, upsilon and sigma, which look something like IXOYE, and some with the word 'Jesus,' began to appear on car bumpers in the 1980s during the Reagan presidency.

"It symbolizes that a person has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," said Patty Ford, at Sonshine Christian Bookstore in Moorestown, where fish items are big sellers.

"The reaction was swift. With the adaptation of feet, and the sometimes less-than-subtle addition of the word 'Darwin,' the fish was transformed into a symbol of evolutionists, liberals and wise-acres. Why did Darwin-fish people put the symbol on their cars? Unsurprisingly, a college professor has studied the question.

"Tom Lessl, an associate professor of speech communication at the University of Georgia, trolled parking lots in several states for cars with Darwin fish. He left questionnaires for the owners, asking, Why did you put it on your car, what audience did you hope to reach, and what does the Darwin fish mean to you?

"The 51 responses ranged from hostile to whimsical.

"Mainly I did it to annoy the Christian right wing," wrote one respondent.

"It is a symbol of my belief in evolution and my irreverence for organized religion'.... 'I have it on my car in good humor, not at all to offend anyone,' another said.

"I bought the Darwin fish and put it on my car mainly because I thought it was good for a chuckle,' another said. 'My only problem with the Darwin-fish is that I don't want to give the impression that I equate Darwin with Christ, and I also believe that both men would be slightly annoyed to see how they've been idolized and (made) commodities.'

"Lessl said the responses showed the Darwin fish was 'subject to very different interpretations...but a substantial majority seemed to treat this as a worldview statement.'

“When battles over evolution are in the news, as with the current Dover, Pa., court case, sales of fish jump. That case, now being tried in federal district court in Harrisburg, pits a school board that required students to be introduced to ‘intelligent design’ as an alternative to evolution against parents who contend that it violates their religious freedoms.

“When something like that happens, a lot of people will see it as the last straw and call us and say ‘I want one of those things now,’” said Gary Betchan, co-owner of Evolvefish.com, a Colorado Springs, Colo., company that has sold about 29,000 Darwin fish in the last three years. ‘If we had five years without the religious right, we’d be out of business.’

—*The Birmingham News*, October 28, 2005, p. 8H

□ “The rioting that began in the suburbs of Paris, France, nearly two weeks ago has now spread not only to other French cities, but also to Germany and Brussels as well. And as the conflagration spreads, the level of violence is becoming more severe.

“Over 1,400 vehicles were torched in France last night and schools, government buildings and churches were firebombed by the predominately Muslim rioters. Ten policemen were wounded by shotgun blasts and demoralized law enforcement officials say they fear that heavy weapons will be used against them soon. Authorities found a firebomb factory in a Paris suburb last night filled with hundreds of bottles and stockpiles of gasoline. The French are now learning first hand what Israel has had to contend with for years while various French politicians berated it.

“In Europe and the United States media coverage about the insurrection continues to be so politically correct as to border on the bizarre. Much was made a few days ago about a tear gas canister being fired into a mosque, but I had to search online today for quite a while before I found the information on French churches being firebombed and synagogues threatened.

“Yesterday’s *Washington Post* had a front page story with the politically correct and disgusting headline, ‘Rage of French Youth Is a Fight for Recognition.’ So this is merely youth wanting to be recognized? The *Post* should be ashamed of itself.

“Canadian columnist Mark Steyn quoted a similar headline in London about ‘French youth’ and had this to say: ‘French youths,’ huh? You mean Pierre and Jacques and Marcel and Alphonse? Granted that most of the “youths” are technically citizens of the French Republic, it doesn’t take much time...to discover that the rioters do not think of their primary identity as “French.”

“Steyn is right. ‘Pierre’ is not out rioting—‘Mohammed’ is. *USA Today*, in a surprising moment of lucidity reports that rioters are shouting, ‘Jihad’ and ‘Baghdad.’ And investigators are finding that the mobs controlling many of the streets of France are a coalition of drug gangs, hoodlums, and Islamic extremists united only by their hatred of Western civilization.

“French President Jacques Chirac finally found his voice over the weekend. Breaking his silence he announced, ‘The republic is completely determined to be stronger than the rioters.’ Well, give him credit for not over promising. After nearly two weeks of thuggery on the streets, the French government has finally found the courage to institute a curfew, but it has yet to bring in military back-up for the outnumbered police.

“Why did anyone here in Washington think the French government would ever find the courage to stand with us in Iraq when it is not clear they are prepared to defend Paris?”

—Gary L. Bauer, November 7, 2005

□ “I have frequently written on the gulf between the promise of embryonic stem cells and the reality of therapy from adult stem cells—those already in our bodies and umbilical cord blood. Embryonic stem cells get publicity; adult stem cells get results. The latest example: Adult stem cells are now rebuilding human livers.

“Until now, the only hope for persons with irreversible liver failure from such diseases as cirrhosis, which kills about 27,000 Americans yearly, was transplantation. This requires permanent use of immunosuppressive drugs, which can lead to opportunistic infections and cancer. Most importantly, it requires a new liver. About a thousand Americans are now on a waiting list for one and many will die there.

“But scientists from London’s Imperial College report in *The New Scientist* that they have repaired patients’ own damaged livers by using bone marrow adult stem cells painlessly collected from their own blood. Five were injected with a drug that stimulated their marrow to produce extra stem cells that were then injected into a blood vessel leading directly to the liver.

“It worked. Both liver function and overall health of three out of five treated patients improved significantly within only two months of treatment. The two patients whose health did not improve were left no worse off.

“The researchers said the marrow stem cells appeared to simply home in on damaged portions of the liver and affect repairs, just as adult stem cells previously have been shown to do with other organs thought unable to repair themselves, such as hearts and brains.

“Most recently, Korean researchers injected umbilical cord stem cells into the injured part of a paraplegic’s spine, allowing her to walk again. In the September issue of *Cytotherapy*, they described how Hwang-Mi Soon, paralyzed 19 years ago in an accident, first recovered feeling and then movement in her legs. Soon the 37-year-old woman could maintain an upright position.

“At a press conference she demonstrated she could take steps with the help of a walking frame. Tests revealed clear ‘regeneration of the spinal cord at the injured site’ and below it.

“Other stem cell researchers have claimed progress with paraplegics, but haven’t yet published their findings in peer-reviewed publications.

“The rebuilding of human liver tissue was first observed over five years ago in autopsies of persons who had received bone marrow transplants for other reasons. Notwithstanding this, *Science Magazine*, an embryonic stem cell research booster, later published a paper by Stanford University pathologist Irving Weissman insisting that in a rodent study an infusion of marrow stem cells ‘did not contribute appreciably to (such tissues) as brain, kidney, gut, liver and muscle.’ Nobody noted that Dr. Weissman is probably the nation’s most prominent adult stem cell research critic.

“Dr. Weissman smugly presented this single animal study as absolutely authoritative and the media bought it, leading to such headlines as UPI’s ‘Promise of Adult Stem Cells Put in Doubt’ and *Scientific American*’s ‘Study Deals Blow to Abilities of Adult Stem Cells.’ I was the only writer to point out that a previous rodent study showed these cells did indeed rebuild livers and that one of the co-authors was (Oh, my) Irving Weissman.

“But as adult stem cell miracles continue to pour down like manna from heaven, the media are finally catching on to embryonic stem cell advocates who promise cures for every illness

known and yet haven't even progressed to human clinical trials, right? And they're finally realizing that 'little things' like adult stem cells rebuilding livers, spines, hearts and brains are of interest to their readers, right?

"Wrong.

"It's still true that, as I wrote two years ago, 'When an embryonic stem cell hiccups it makes page one, but reports of adult stem cells actually saving human lives are often ignored.' A search of the Lexis-Nexis database reveals that the incredible liver breakthrough was picked up by two lesser British newspapers and UPI. BBC.com also mentioned it. That's it. No U.S. newspaper seems to have mentioned it.

"Lexis-Nexis also indicates no English-language publication thought that such an incredible breakthrough as allowing a paraplegic to walk again was newsworthy—at least not if it involved the politically incorrect kind of stem cell.

"Therapeutic progress with adult stem cells will continue to come fast and furious. Just when the public will be allowed to hear about it is another thing entirely.

—Michael Fumento, *The Washington Times*, October 25, 2005, p. A13

□ "The Marriage Movement received dispiriting news when the Census Bureau released a report showing American single-adult households for the first time now outnumber traditional families. [[www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/censr-24.pdf](http://www.census.gov/prod/2005pubs/censr-24.pdf)]

"The Census Bureau report came along with the continued attack on fatherhood. Just read the loony opinion handed down by the California Supreme Court which concludes, 'We perceive no reason why both parents of a child cannot be women.'

"Now both liberals and conservatives are insisting that if we hope to save families, we need to rally around fathers. On the Right, critiques of how government welfare worsens the plight of fathers have appeared in the *American Conservative*, *National Review Online*, and elsewhere. Eagle Forum head Phyllis Schlafly has penned several hard-hitting commentaries. Last month Rachel Alexander, co-editor of the *Intellectual Conservative Web* site, released a column provocatively titled, 'Child custody: Where men hit a glass ceiling.'

"On the Left, former Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton spoke at last summer's legislative conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, urging far more attention to the plight of young urban black men. William Raspberry, a columnist for *The Washington Post*, devoted a weekly column to the issue, complaining, 'Fatherless families are America's single largest source of poverty.'

"But one voice is conspicuously absent in the campaign to save fatherhood—the Marriage Movement. Sadly and inexplicably, the movement has largely turned its back on men.

"Yes, there are a few exceptions, such as last year's excellent report from the Rutgers National Marriage Project, probing why many men are reluctant to marry. Some marriage-enrichment programs like the Secrets of Married Men are sympathetic to the challenges guys face [[www.secretsofmarriedmen.com](http://www.secretsofmarriedmen.com)].

"But a segment of the Marriage Movement is all too quick to lapse into habitually reviling men. Those images focus on two salacious gender stereotypes: men as abusers and as sexual predators. Social research findings are consistent and incontrovertible: Women are as likely as men to engage in domestic violence, and men suffer a third of all DV-related injuries

[[www.mediadar.org/media\\_factsheet.php](http://www.mediadar.org/media_factsheet.php)].

"Some marriage advocates blissfully ignore that. The Web page of the well-known marriage group, SmartMarriages.com has a domestic violence section, featuring a report, 'MEN EXPLODE: A special report on men and rage.'

"And a major conservative policy institute's report says, 'Marriage dramatically reduces the risk that mothers will suffer from domestic abuse' [[www.heritage.org/Research/Family/BG1535.cfm](http://www.heritage.org/Research/Family/BG1535.cfm)]. That is misleading. It would have been reasonable to say, 'Marriage dramatically reduces the risk that both mothers and fathers will suffer from domestic abuse.'

"Another persistent stereotype is the male as the ever-lurking sexual predator. A quick run to the local mall reveals hordes of scantily clad young females aggressively advertising their sexual charms. And on cohabitation, marriage advocates fall back on the old motif of male aggressors ravishing innocent virgins.

"For example, University of Chicago sociologist Linda Waite's article on 'The negative effects of cohabitation' mentions only the negative impact on women [<http://chronicle.uchicago.edu/000302/cohabit.shtml>]. Does Dr. Waite really believe that, in the event of an unexpected pregnancy, 18 years of child support is a mere trifle to the dad?

"More regrettable is that some in the Marriage Movement are openly dismissive of men and fathers. One such leader has repeatedly and incorrectly claimed the main cause of fatherlessness is paternal "abandonment" [[www.lewrockwell.com/orig2/baskerville5.html](http://www.lewrockwell.com/orig2/baskerville5.html)].

"There is no more important cause in America than strengthening traditional families. As its advocates are quick to note, marriage is the union of one man and one woman. But if the Marriage Movement means to reverse the disquieting trends of the Census report, it must start heeding the legitimate concerns of single men, husbands and fathers.

—Carey Roberts, *The Washington Times*, October 23, 2005, p. B6

□ "A magazine cover story about postmodern life on the American college campus depicts three monkeys in cap and gown, covering their ears, eyes and mouth, a parody of the hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil caricature. But students at many colleges actually get quite the opposite. They're required to hear, see, speak and study all about evil, as long as it's the evil oppression of everybody in American society.

"Parents, inoculate yourselves. It may be too late for your children.

"There's an emphasis on multicultural studies and few campuses have escaped the disease, and it's not yet Halloween. The title of a course taught to undergraduates in American studies at New York University, for example, is called 'Intersections: Gender, Race, and Sexuality in U.S. History and Politics.' You might think this is a strange way to get at American history. The class spends a week analyzing the murder of Teena Brandon (aka Brandon Teena), a young woman who pretended to be a man, and includes the screening of the movie, "Boys Don't Cry," the narrative version.

"The following week students study the life and murder of Tupac Shakur, the 'gangsta' rapper whose rough and raw lyrics glorified drugs, abusing women, and the violence that finally took his life. There's 'Queer Lives and Culture,' 'Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora,' and a discussion of the relation



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ship of gender, race and war in Haiti through the lens of 'Military Occupation and the Culture of U.S. Imperialism.' One teaching assistant of this course describes herself as an 'anti-racist queer activist feminist.' That covers just about everything, except the tuition for a year at NYU, which parents shell out \$40,000.

"Smith College, the elite school that once was only for women, and still is, sort of, has a different problem. About two dozen women who arrived as female have become male, more or less. *The Financial Times* reports that some of the more traditional 'girls in pearls' on campus think the new 'guys' should transfer to a co-ed college. Smith has long been 'gay friendly,' but now that girls have become 'boys' Smithies joke that the school motto is 'Queer in a year or your money back.' It's not a joke, and it costs \$37,000 a year.

"Somewhere Sophia Smith is spinning. The Massachusetts woman who left her fortune to create a college where women 'could develop as fully as may be the powers of womanhood' did not have a third sex in mind. Once known for their dedication to academic rigor, Smith students voted to change the school constitution to purge all 'gender-specific' language. No 'she' and no 'her,' but an all-purpose 'student.' The Rev. L. Clark Seelye, the first president of Smith College, said that the study of English should produce clarity of thought and expression. Other seats of higher learning have gone farther, creating synthetic pronouns, using 'hir' for 'her' or 'his,' and 'ze' for 'she' and 'he.' You thought 'herstory' for 'history' was a joke.

"Smith is not alone in disfiguring what passes for education. A popular introductory freshman course at the University of Pennsylvania deconstructs Herman Melville and other dead white males (if not white whales), seeking hidden meanings of homosexual-

ity, pederasty, and incest. Majors in the humanities are down, and why not? In *'Binge: What Your College Student Won't Tell You,'* author Barrett Seaman finds lots of colleges that promote gay-ity. Vassar College has a 'Homo Hop' and the Queer Student Union at Williams College holds a 'Queer Bash' with gay pornography, widely attended by straight students. Adrienne Rich, a Lesbian poet, encourages young women to experiment with homosexuality and bisexuality.

"An authentic liberal education promotes both character and understanding with a rigorous study of what Matthew Arnold called 'the best that is known and thought in the world.' When dead white males like Thomas Jefferson and John Milton are replaced, or must compete with popular studies about transgendered males and newly-minted homosexual heroes in classic novels, students are deprived of any trace of disciplined thought. They're doubly vulnerable when at the same time they're encouraged to indulge in undisciplined social experimentation without anchors or moral reference.

"'Gender Studies, Ethnic Studies, Afro-American Studies, Women's Studies, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Studies,' writes Roger Kimball, author of *Tenured Radicals*, in *New Criterion* magazine, 'are not the names of academic disciplines but political grievances....Parents are alarmed, rightly so, at the spectacle of their children going off to college one year and coming back the next having jettisoned every moral, religious, social and political scruple they have been brought up to believe.' These studies inhibit debate, corrupt young minds, and infect learning with a virus for which, like bird flu, there is not yet an antidote."

—Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*, October 20, 2005, p. A23