

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

□ “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You’? And again: ‘I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son’?”

“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’

“And of the angels He says: ‘Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.’

“But to the Son He says: ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.’

“And: ‘You, LORD, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail.’ But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’?”

—Hebrews 1:1-13

□ All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the husks around me,
‘Til my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of life, so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Hallelujah! I have found Him
Whom my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies my longings,
Through His blood I now am saved.

—Clara T. Williams, *Satisfied*

□ “A society in which conjugal infidelity is tolerated must always be in the long run a society adverse to women. Women, whatever a few male songs and satires may say to the contrary, are more naturally monogamous than men; it is a biological necessity. Where promiscuity prevails, they will therefore always

be more often the victims than the culprits. Also, domestic happiness is more necessary to them than to us. And the quality by which they most easily hold a man, their beauty, decreases every year after they have come to maturity, but this does not happen to those qualities of personality—women don’t really care twopence about our *looks*—by which we hold women. Thus in the ruthless war of promiscuity women are at a double disadvantage. They play for higher stakes and are also more likely to lose. I have no sympathy with moralists who frown at the increasing crudity of female provocativeness. These signs of desperate competition fill me with pity.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

□ “One picture is *not* worth a thousand words. A picture isn’t worth any words at all. One picture, one glimpse of the moon, even one episode of ‘Mod Squad,’ may *cause* a thousand words in some beholder. Or many thousand. Or, in some other beholder, none at all. If knowledge and understanding are to come from watching ‘Mod Squad’ or the moon, they must come in the form of language, the only vehicle we have for knowledge and understanding. Those unfortunate students ‘who do not read well’ may look forever at the moon and have nothing to say, for they have not the power of language, which is why they do not read well. They may have taken something or other from their years of film and television-watching, but it isn’t likely to be knowledge and understanding. Furthermore, whatever knowledge and understanding they found that way came not from the *images* they saw but from some *words* they might have heard. How many of them, do you suppose, were sufficiently ‘image-oriented’ to watch fifteen years of television with the sound turned off?”

—Richard Mitchell, *Less Than Words Can Say*, p. 183

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

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❑ “If you cannot be the master of your language, you must be its slave.”

—Richard Mitchell, *Less Than Words Can Say*, p. 180

❑ “America depends on the poor black population of its cities to be always the same. They are a reactionary’s dream, an utterly stable segment of society. Every year, without fail, they will consume just so much junk, just so many TV dinners, and just so many pay-by-the-week burial-expense insurance policies. They will invest a predictable proportion of what little they have in lottery tickets and patent medicines. They will keep the whole legal system employed by committing, quite regularly, an ever-growing number of crimes, mostly against each other, fortunately. Some few of them will always provide a never-failing pool of utterly unskilled labor to do the necessary scut-work that underlies the technology that the rest of us can handle. They will support prodigiously the enormous illegal drug industry and contribute vast sums to all those along the line who profit from it, very few of whom are to be seen in the streets of the ghettos. They will buy couches and lamps and refrigerators of the sleaziest quality on the never-never plan at fantastic rates of interest. There is simply no counting the benefits they bestow on the rest of us.

“It is a foolish oversimplification to think of poor blacks as wards of the state supported by the taxes of the middle class. They don’t eat that money. They spend it. It all comes back to *some* of us with interest. Millions of us have good jobs because of the poor. Millions of us have good jobs because of criminals and junkies. What would come to pass with us should we wake up one morning and discover that all the black poor had vanished in the night? What would America be like? Whatever else we can say about such an America, we can surely assert that it wouldn’t be like *this*.

“Imagine now an event less drastic and by no means impossible, however unlikely. Imagine that next June should bring us a million—that’s all, just *one* million—black high school graduates who could speak and write clear, correct, fluent English. Andrew Young and Barbara Jordan we can handle—sure—but a million? That would be the end of affirmative action as we know it.

“A fluent command of English cannot exist as an isolated skill, a clever stunt. A person who speaks and writes his native tongue clearly and precisely does so because of many other abilities, and those other abilities themselves grow stronger through the fluent manipulation of language. The simple matter of being logical is a function of language. A million high school graduates capable of fluent English would be a million Americans capable of logical thought. What would we do with them, especially if they were black? You think they’re going to buy those lottery tickets and lamps in the shape of Porky Pig? You think they’re going to hang out on the corners and provide employment for everybody from the local social worker to the justices of the Supreme Court?

“Well, don’t worry. It’s just a bad dream. Next June won’t even saddle us with a million *white* high school graduates who are fluent in English. That too would be trouble.”

—Richard Mitchell, *Less Than Words Can Say*, p. 158-60

❑ “Can human beings live with meaninglessness? For a long time, leading postmodernists have been telling us that we not only can, but that we have to. Their view is that there is no truth, no standards, no objectivity, and no purpose, so we make the most of the hand we have been dealt. At root, it’s spiritual and intellectual nihilism.

“Well-known author Joan Didion wrote about this recently in *The Year of Magical Thinking*, her book about her husband’s death and her daughter’s illness. As Didion explains it, the idea of meaninglessness had haunted her from childhood. She says, ‘That the scheme [of things] could destroy the works of man might be a personal regret but remained...a matter of abiding indifference. No eye was on the sparrow. No one was watching me.’ She was left to try to find what little meaning she could in nature and ‘the repeated rituals of domestic life,’ as she put it.

“The problem with that despairing approach, of course, is that the *imago Dei*, the image of God, is in every one of us. You can tell people life has no meaning, but they know that just isn’t true. And eventually the most ardent postmodern advocate bumps into reality—like Wallace Stevens, leading postmodern poet whose story I tell in my new book, *The Good Life*. Six months before he died, he was baptized a Christian.

“One of the most dramatic cases is Antony Flew, whom I met this summer when I was lecturing in Oxford. Flew was perhaps the leading atheist philosopher in the world. But at 81, he was introduced to the intelligent design movement and the works of Dr. Michael Behe, who found that the human cell structure is irreducibly complex—and therefore could not have arisen by evolution and gradual natural selection. Flew also realized that some of the things that the early writers of the Scripture had written could not have been humanly known at that time, but have subsequently been vindicated by scientific discovery. Flew was a man of integrity, and rather than just changing his mind and going away quietly, he announced to the world that he was now a deist, believing that there was an intelligence in the universe that created this world.

“And now another prominent figure has experienced a similar conversion. After writing twenty-five novels steeped in the occult, Anne Rice has returned to Catholicism, the faith of her childhood, and has promised that she will now ‘write only for the Lord.’ She’s written a book, *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt*, which I have not read, but reviewers say is a faithful account of the one she calls ‘the ultimate supernatural hero.’ Anne Rice, writing about Jesus instead of vampires? It’s what *Newsweek*
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From the President's Desk

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New York columnist Maureen Dowd has written a provocative book entitled *Are Men Necessary: When Sexes Collide*.

While I plan to allow Kathleen Parker to answer Ms. Dowd's question since only real women can handle the radical sexists (real men would rather hunt than placate the likes of the Dowds of the world), I would like to point out that the collision of the sexes is merely another manifestation of a larger collision—a collision of worldviews.

How one views men and women, whether or not they are evolving animals or human beings created in the image of God, ultimately determines the size of the collision. From the Biblical Christian perspective men and women were created for each other to love, to hold, to marry, to raise their family in the sight of God. Are men necessary? Of course! Are women necessary? Of course! Both make up the human race which was God's plan from the beginning. Anyway, here is Kathleen Parker's response to Ms. Dowd. (*Orlando Sentinel*, Orlando, Florida, November 2, 2005):

“So was the feminist movement some sort of cruel hoax? Do women get less desirable as they get more successful?”

“Columnist Maureen Dowd posed those questions in Sunday's *New York Times Magazine* in an essay adapted from her forthcoming book: *Are Men Necessary: When Sexes Collide*.

“Entertaining as usual, Dowd explored her premise that many women end up unmarried and childless because they're successful. She reviewed women's evolution since her college days, which happen to have coincided with my own. We both came of age as women's lib was being midwived into the culture by a generation of women who felt enslaved by homemaking and childbearing.

“Now, in the span of a generation, all that business about equality apparently isn't so appealing to a younger generation of women, who are ever inventive as they seek old ways to attract new men. Dowd writes:

“Today, women have gone back to hunting their quarry...with elaborate schemes designed to allow the deluded creatures (men) to think they are the hunters.”

“Dowd, herself unmarried and childless, wonders whether being smart and successful explains her status. She observes that men would rather marry women who are younger and more malleable, i.e. less successful and perhaps not so very bright.

“No one vets the culture with a keener eye than Dowd. Her identification of trends—especially the perverse evolution of liberated women from Birkenstock-wearing intellectuals into pole-dancing sluts—is dead on. But while she sees women clearly as they search for identity in a gender-shifting culture, she doesn't seem to know much about men.

“Men haven't turned away from smart, successful women because they're smart and successful. More likely, they've turned away because the feminist movement that encouraged women to be smart and successful also encouraged them to be hostile and

demeaning to men.

“Whatever was wrong men did it. During the past 30 years, they've been variously characterized as male chauvinist pigs, dead-beat dads or knuckle-dragging abusers who beat their wives on Super Bowl Sunday. At the same time women wanted men to be wage earners, they also wanted them to act like girlfriends: to time their contractions, feed and diaper the baby, and go antiquing.

“And then, when whatshisname inevitably lapsed into guyness, women wanted him to disappear. If children were involved, women got custody and men got an invoice. The eradication of men and fathers from children's lives has been feminism's most despicable accomplishment. Half of all children will sleep tonight in a home where their father does not live.

“Did we really think men wouldn't mind?”

“Meanwhile, when we're not bashing men, we're diminishing manhood. Look around at entertainment and other cultural signposts and you see a feminized culture that prefers sanitized men—hairless, coiffed, buffed and, if possible, gay.

“Men don't know whether to be ‘metrosexuals’ getting pedicures, or ‘groomzillas’ obsessing about wedding favors, or the latest, ‘ubersexuals’—yes to the coif, no to androgyny.

“As far as I can tell, real men don't have a problem with smart, successful women. But they do mind being castrated. It's a guy thing. They do mind being told in so many ways that they are superfluous.

“Even now, the latest book to fuel the feminist flames of male alienation is Peggy Drexler's lesbian guide to guilt-free narcissism, *Raising Boys Without Men*. Is it possible to raise boys without men? Sure. Is it right? You may find your answer by imagining a male-authored book titled: *Raising Girls Without Women*.

“Returning to Dowd's original question, yes, the feminist movement was a hoax inasmuch as it told only half the story. As even feminist matriarch Betty Friedan eventually noted, feminism failed to recognize that even smart, successful women also want to be mothers. It's called nature. Social engineering can no more change that fact than mechanical engineering can change the laws of physics.

“Many of those women who declined to join the modern feminist movement learned the rest of the story by becoming mothers themselves and, in many cases, by raising boys who were born innocent and undeserving of women's hostilities.

“I would never insist that women have to have children to be fully female. Some women aren't mother material—and some men don't deserve the children they sire. But something vital and poignant happens when one's own interests become secondary to the more compelling needs of children.

“You grow up. In the process of sacrificing your infant-self for the real baby, you stop obsessing and fixating on the looking glass. Instead, you focus your energies on trying to raise healthy boys and girls to become smart, successful men and women.”

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calls a ‘startling public turnaround’—and that’s putting it mildly.

“Rice explains that her previous works were written from the perspective of someone ‘lost in the darkness, striving to find meaning.’ Anne Rice has now found that meaning, just as Wallace Stevens did, and Antony Flew did, and countless others. I’ve long argued that postmodernism can’t survive because deep inside, we know it can’t be true. We know there is meaning and purpose to life. And as these and others are discovering, it’s found ultimately only in one place: as Anne Rice puts it, in Christ the Lord.”

—Chuck Colson, *Break Point*, November 25, 2005

□ “College faculties, long assumed to be a liberal bastion, lean further to the left than even the most conspiratorial conservatives might have imagined, a new study says.

“By their own description, 72 percent of those teaching at American universities and colleges are liberal and 15 percent are conservative, says the study being published this week. The imbalance is almost as striking in partisan terms, with 50 percent of the faculty members surveyed identifying themselves as Democrats and 11 percent as Republicans.

“The disparity is even more pronounced at the most elite schools, where, according to the study, 87 percent of faculty are liberal and 13 percent are conservative.

“‘What’s most striking is how few conservatives there are in any field,’ said Robert Lichter, a professor at George Mason University and a co-author of the study. ‘There was no field we studied in which there were more conservatives than liberals or more Republicans than Democrats. It’s a very homogenous environment, not just in the places you’d expect to be dominated by liberals.’

“Religious services take a back seat for many faculty members, with 51 percent saying they rarely or never attend church or synagogue and 31 percent calling themselves regular churchgoers. On the gender front, 72 percent of the full-time faculty are male and 28 percent female.

“The findings, by Lichter and fellow political science professors Stanley Rothman of Smith College and Neil Nevitte of the University of Toronto, are based on a survey of 1,643 full-time faculty at 183 four-year schools. The researchers relied on 1999 data from the North American Academic Study Survey, the most recent comprehensive data available.”

—Howard Kurtz, *The Washington Post*, March 29, 2005, p.C1

□ “The latest liberal crusade is against the Wal-Mart stores.

“A big headline on a long article in *The New York Times* asks ‘Can’t A Retail Behemoth Pay More?’”

“Of course they can pay more. The New York Times could pay its own employees more. We could all pay more for whatever we buy or rent. Don’t tell me you couldn’t have paid a dime more for this newspaper. But why should any of us pay more than we have to?

“According to *The New York Times*, there is a book ‘by a group of scholars’ due to be published this fall, arguing that Wal-Mart has an ‘obligation’ to ‘treat its employees better.’ This can hardly be called news. Nothing is easier than to find a group of academics—‘scholars’ if you agree with them—to advocate vir-

tually anything on any subject.

“Nor is this notion of an ‘obligation’ new.

“What all this pious talk amounts to is that when third parties want somebody else to pay for something, they simply call it a ‘social responsibility,’ an ‘obligation’ or a ‘social contract.’

“So long as we keep buying this kind of stuff, they will keep selling it.

“In order to make such demands look like more than just the arbitrary notions of busybodies—which they are—some of these busybodies refer to the official poverty level, as if it were something objective, rather than what it is in fact, simply an arbitrary line based on the notions of government bureaucrats.

“According to *The New York Times*, Wal-Mart’s average employee earns an income that is above the poverty line for a family of three but below the poverty line for a family of four. What are we supposed to conclude from this?

“The fashionable notion of ‘a living wage’ is a wage that will support a family of four. And, sure enough, *The Times* finds a Wal-Mart employee who complains that he is not making ‘a living wage.’

“How is he living, if he is not making a living wage?

“Should people be paid according to what they ‘need’ instead of according to what their work is worth? Should they decide how big a family they want and then put the cost of paying to support that family on somebody else?

“If their work is not worth enough to pay for what they want, is it up to others to make up the difference, rather than up to them to upgrade their skills in order to earn what they want?

“Are they supposed to be subsidized by Wal-Mart’s customers through higher prices or subsidized by Wal-Mart’s stockholders through lower earnings? After all, much of the stock in even a rich company is often owned by pension funds belonging to teachers, policemen and others who are far from rich.

“Why should other people have to retire on less money, so Wal-Mart employees can be paid what *The New York Times* wants them paid, instead of what their labor is worth in the marketplace? After all, they wouldn’t be working for Wal-Mart if someone else valued their labor more.

“Nor are they confined to Wal-Mart for life. For many, entry-level jobs are a stepping-stone, whether within a given company or as experience that gets them a better job with another company.

“Think about it: What the busybodies are saying is that third parties like themselves—who are paying nothing to anybody—should be determining how much somebody else should be paying those who work for them.

“It would be devastating to the egos of the intelligentsia to realize, much less admit, that businesses have done more to reduce poverty than all the intellectuals put together. Ultimately, it is only wealth that can reduce poverty and most of the intelligentsia have no interest whatever in finding out what actions and policies increase the national wealth.

“They certainly don’t feel an ‘obligation’ to learn economics, out of a sense of ‘social responsibility,’ much less because of any ‘social contract’ requiring them to know what they are talking about before spouting off with self-righteous rhetoric.”

—Thomas Sowell, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, May 16, 2005, p. M5

❑ “I couldn’t figure out why the Boston Globe would sound Paul Revere’s alarm over a new treatment-resistant strain of gonorrhea, when that seems so damning of modern lifestyles. By the eighth paragraph I understood: *The Globe’s* take is that Gov. Mitt Romney’s government is the culprit for reducing the health department’s budget for the testing of sexually transmitted diseases. Still, whether from good motives or bad (as in Philippians 1:15-18), it’s good to have the nation’s politically correct epidemic finally outed.

“Satan has proved as good as his word. He once said of forbidden fruit, ‘When you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil,’ and three chapters into the Bible we have all kinds of knowing we didn’t have before: knowledge of misery, fear, alienation, and death.

“Next up, knowledge of rapacious venereal disease. My high-school days in the ’60s seem Edenic by contrast. We knew only of simple gonorrhea and syphilis (a shot of penicillin would make you right as rain), and only one out of 32 of your classmates had an STD. In 1983 it jumped to one in 18; in 1996, to one in four. And with over 30 new STDs today, 30 percent of them incurable, that’s a lot of polysyllables to know. (Amaze your friends by dropping words like condyloma acuminatum.)

“But knowing is a political business in this world. Meg Meeker, in *Epidemic: How Teen Sex Is Killing Our Kids*, writes that one in five Americans over the age of 12 has genital herpes. (Reread that statistic and let it hit you.) Why the silence? ‘I think honestly, a lot of teachers and physicians are intimidated by Hollywood and by businesses which seem to have taken over our kids and are selling sex,’ Dr. Meeker says. This from a woman who used to hand out Depo-Provera like Altoids at her women’s college until she started seeing kids come back to her office with cervical cancer and herpes.

“I checked out the 10th-grade health curriculum in our district, and page 21 of a 72-page syllabus is the entire year’s coverage of all known venereal diseases. Trendy AIDS gets a page to itself (though one in 250 Americans has AIDS, while one in five has a viral STD). But while you were all feeling sorry (or smug) over Africa’s HIV woes, “More women died in 1997 in this country of cancer-related illness due to [human papillomavirus, aka HPV, aka ‘genital warts’] than died of AIDS,” according to Pam Stenzel, founder of Enlighten Communications, Inc., who tells teens that unwanted pregnancy isn’t their biggest problem.

“A post-Eden knowledge sampling: Chlamydia, a bacteria with no symptoms in 90 percent of the teens who carry it. It brings a 25 percent chance of lifelong sterility the first time you get it, a 50 percent chance on the second, and a good chance of never having children on the third.

“HPV: ‘Even mild HPV infections ... may decrease fertility simply by preventing penetration of the sperm into the cervical canal’ (Joe Glickman, M.D.). Infertility has risen more than 500 percent in the 1990s, says Ms. Stenzel. Any connection? (And for those who do manage to conceive, neonatologist Karen Fritz of Philadelphia can fill you in on the manifold effects of STDs on newborns—a whole branch of knowledge in itself.)

“Genital herpes is a virus. Read: NO CURE. Undaunted, pharmaceutical companies with questionable ads featuring smiling faces and couples running on beaches are lining up to reduce

your pain, burning, and itching during the ‘prodrome’ stage. A sample: ‘If you are finding your warts or outbreaks are causing you anxiety, you are not alone. As many as 20 million Americans carry the herpes virus and 40 million have the genital wart virus. Our products can help you rid yourself of these.’ Message: Buy ‘Oxi-Med’ or ‘ViraDerm,’ and don’t worry.

“‘Warts No More’ (for genital warts) sounded so good in the ad that I almost wanted to contract HPV: ‘Warts No More is an all natural certified organic treatment proven to eliminate warts without scarring or surgery ... made from 100 percent pure and natural essential oils and plant extracts, grown organically in remote regions high in the North American mountains.’

“I know a young lady who thinks she just had a thorough STD checkup. She didn’t. Detection for HPV (the most common and most contagious of the lot, and a disease that laughs at condoms and the Clintonian notion that oral sex isn’t sex) involves a very expensive blood test, and most clinics don’t do it.

“Thank you, Satan, for more knowledge than we ever cared to have.”

—Andree Seu, *World Magazine*, June 12, 2004, p. 71

❑ “Laurence Tribe, the liberal Harvard law professor, has been reprimanded by Harvard for a ‘significant lapse in proper academic practice.’ The reprimand comes six months after *The Weekly Standard* reported great similarities between Tribe’s 1985 *God Save This Honorable Court* and Henry J. Abraham’s 1974 *Justices and Presidents*. Eerily similar phrasing—right down to quotation mistakes and a 19-word sentence lifted directly from Abraham—peppered the entirety of Tribe’s book, which had no footnotes and only a brief mention of *Justices and Presidents* at the end. Nevertheless, Harvard president Larry Summers and law-school dean Elena Kagan attributed the congruence to ‘inadvertence rather than intentionality,’ and said it was more closely related to ‘matters of phrasing than to fundamental ideas.’ Tribe apologized for what he joins Harvard in characterizing as his sins of omission. As far as Harvard is concerned, there will be no further sanctions, though, according to the university’s handbook, a student caught for similar transgressions would ‘ordinarily [be] required to withdraw from the College.’”

—*National Review*, May 9, 2005, p. 12

❑ “Chinese resentment of Japan has been one of the invariants of the modern world, going all the way back to the May Fourth movement of 1919, when mass protests erupted in China over the transfer of German concessions in that country to Japan after World War I. The egregiously bad behavior of the Japanese in their various aggressions against China from 1931 to 1945 further stoked the fires. Still, that was all a lifetime ago, and the ferocity of the anti-Japanese demonstrations all over China these past few days need some explaining. The major cause, the Chinese tell us, is a decision by Japan’s education ministry to approve a school textbook that downplays the 1931-45 horrors. We have a modest proposal to offer. Let Japanese school children be taught of the cruelties their ancestors inflicted on the Chinese; and let Chinese schoolchildren be taught about the numerous campaigns of mass murder, forced labor, and cultural destruction carried out by the Chinese Communist party against

Tibetans, Turkestanis, Mongolians, landowners, intellectuals, religious believers, ‘counter-revolutionary elements,’ and so on. A close examination of China’s high-school textbooks would, we feel sure, demonstrate that in the matter of suppressing unpleasant facts about history, China’s ruling Communist party has nothing to learn from anyone.”

—*National Review*, May 9, 2005, p. 12

□ “The pop singer Madonna has become an adherent of Kabbalah, a body of mystical Jewish lore going back to late antiquity. She has taken a new name, Esther, and become a thoroughly spiritual girl, most recently attending a five-day retreat with 2,000 other seekers-after-enlightenment at a luxury hotel in Tel Aviv. (Apparently a dedication to Kabbalist truth does not require much in the way of world-renouncing asceticism.) Told that his printer, on completion of the mighty *Dictionary*, had remarked, ‘Thank God I have done with him!’ Samuel Johnson replied, ‘I am glad that he thanks God for anything.’ We feel the same way about Madonna, and hope that her example will inspire others to seek meaning in life at some level above the earthly or fleshly. We can’t help wondering, though, why celebrities seem so often to be drawn toward the most exotic fringes of religious inquiry. Is it too much to ask that the next movie star or pop singer to get religion will go for something less colorful and New Agey—Lutheranism, perhaps?”

—*National Review*, October 11, 2004, p.14

□ “There are, of course, worse things than being excluded. Participating in a panel at Howard University Law School, Mr. Kamau Kambon offered a solution to the problems facing black people: ‘We have to exterminate white people off the face of the planet.’ Some in the audience applauded. None audibly protested. When this story came out, Mr. Kambon was listed as ‘affiliated faculty’ on the website of the Africana Studies department at North Carolina State University. His name has since vanished from that list. Why race hatred persists is an interesting question in human psychology. What might more profitably be asked is, What on earth was a man like this doing on the faculty of a public university, and addressing a conference at a prestigious law school? And: Why did anyone applaud?”

—*National Review*, November 21, 2005, p. 14

□ “Anyone who has witnessed the joy of new life will know that newborn babies are able vigorously to express an impressive range of emotions—distress, insecurity, contentment, happiness. It is not likely that this ability begins precisely at birth; presumably an unborn child has it, too. The latest generation of prenatal scanning equipment, called ‘3D/4D ultrasound technology,’ confirms this. Until now, ultrasound images of children in the womb have revealed only fuzzy white blobs, which might as well have been remote galaxies seen through a badly focused telescope. Well, this newer technology delivers pictures of astonishing clarity and depth of detail. They clearly show unborn infants smiling, yawning, blinking, and fidgeting, even sucking their thumbs. This is, of course, very bad news for the abortion industry. Congressional legislation to provide free 3D/4D screenings in clinics taking federal funds has been savagely attacked by the armies of

‘choice.’ Seethed NARAL’s Allison Herwitz: ‘They [i.e. pro-life campaigners] don’t want women to go to Planned Parenthood, where they’ll get their full range of options. They just want them to go to crisis-pregnancy centers, where women will be exposed to this weapon at taxpayer’s expense.’ *Weapon?* Isn’t the purpose of a weapon to take life, while this new scanning technology will...Oh, never mind.”

—*National Review*, October 13, 2003

□ “The relentless, vindictive war being waged by the ACLU against the Boy Scouts of America took a turn recently when the Defense Department agreed to a settlement in a lawsuit they have been defending for five years. Under the terms of the settlement, the Pentagon will warn military bases to stop sponsoring Boy Scout troops. Serving members of the military may still lead Scout troops on their own time, and the Boy Scouts are still permitted to meet on areas of military bases used by other civilian organizations. In a letter to President Bush protesting the settlement, North Carolina representative Walter Jones notes correctly that the ACLU has ‘continuously attacked the Boy Scouts for one simple reason: it is an organization founded in a commitment to God and morality.’ He wonders whether chaplains on military bases will be the next targets. So do we. We wonder, too, how it is that an organization dedicated to the preservation of our liberties works so busily to destroy the social foundations on which those liberties rest.”

—*National Review*, December 13, 2004, p. 12

□ “April 2005 was not a good month for the ‘human-caused global warming’ industry, although one would not know it from their press releases. The news was filled with breathless reports that James Hanson and his 14 coauthors had finally proved that humans are warming their planet and rushing headlong toward catastrophic climate change as a result of their use of hydrocarbon energy—which has converted a minuscule part of the Earth’s carbon into carbon dioxide. Hanson is the NASA scientist who has led the global parade on human-caused global warming—with lots of your tax dollars. The Hanson article was rushed into Internet publication by *Science* on April 28 in *Scienceexpress* at www.scienceexpress.org.

“Apparently entirely unnoticed by the press was the April 29 print version of *Science* itself, which contained the research report ‘Extracting a Climate Signal from 169 Glacier Records’ by J. Oerlemans, *Science* 308, pp 675-677, April 29, 2005.

“Perhaps Oerlemans’s work was overlooked because he did not hold a press conference and nowhere in his article does he mention a human cause for global warming. On this issue, his research speaks for itself.

“By carefully compiling and combining the historical length records of 169 glaciers at a wide variety of global locations and altitudes, Oerleman reconstructs the shortening of glaciers as a result of the warming of the Earth as it recovers from the Little Ice Age, which he finds to have been centered about two centuries ago.

“Notice that the glaciers began to recede before 1850 and that 70% of glacier shortening occurred before 1940. Yet, Henry Ford founded the Ford Motor Company in 1903 and began as-



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sembly line production in 1913. By 1913, the glaciers had already undergone 50% of the total recession that occurred between 1800 and 2000.

“Hanson and retainers make this even worse by estimating ‘that 25-50 years are needed for Earth’s surface temperature to reach 60% of its equilibrium response’ to climate change, so the discrepancy between glacier recession and carbon dioxide release is even longer.

“On the basis of the glacier data, Oerleman reconstructs an Earth temperature record [that] shows that about 80% of the carbon dioxide increase in the atmosphere occurred between 1940 and 2000, yet the glacier temperature record shows almost no temperature increase between 1940 and 1990. Oerleman’s record stops in 1990 to allow for the lag time in glacier melting, which he states is ‘primarily driven by temperature’—solar radiation and precipitation being of lesser importance.

“So, the glaciers tell the same tale as the solar record and the historical record. The temperature of the Earth has been rising from the lows of the Little Ice Age for at least 200 years—long before human release of significant amounts of carbon dioxide began.

“What, however, do Hanson et al. offer to back their claim? They report measurements of global ocean heat content change between 1993 and 2003. These measurements indicate that ocean heat content increased approximately linearly at a rate of about 0.6 W yr/m² for those ten years. This is unsurprising. The Earth is warming up, and so are its oceans. Hanson et al. also claim that this amount of warming is predicted by their human-caused global warming computer models – the new miracles of century-long weather forecasting that cannot predict the weather

of the past nor the weather next week. Seriously, these models are still primitive and can be manipulated to almost any result through their many adjustable parameters.

“These people should go back to their previous cause, which was—global cooling. Based on fluctuations during the past 250 years, it is about time for another intermediate cooling cycle—an opportunity for their friends at the United Nations to be proactive for a change.

“I was astonished while checking the Internet for data for this editorial. ‘Carbon dioxide atmosphere ppm,’ ‘carbon dioxide atmosphere,’ ‘atmospheric carbon dioxide,’ and ‘carbon dioxide environment’ when entered into Google bring up our 1998 review article, ‘Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide,’ 1st in 220,000 entries, 3rd in 2,470,000 entries, 3rd in 1,720,000 entries and 1st in 5,210,000 entries, respectively. When we are 3rd, 1st, and 2nd are compilations of the original data on quantity of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

“No wonder the enviros still hate us for this work we did seven years ago. Our review is merely a careful, succinct account of the published research literature relevant to global warming—augmented by the signatures on our anti-Kyoto petition of more than 17,000 people with university degrees in science—who signed after reading this review. Google search engine priorities are based on popularity of Internet sites that reference the article and popularity of the article itself. Our article is the most popular on the Internet.

“This is the trouble with the truth. If you go against it, it will eventually bite you. When world socialists hitched their wagon to global warming, they made a serious mistake.”

—*Access To Energy*, April 2005, p. 1