

## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “And Abraham weighed out the silver for Ephron which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, currency of the merchants.”

—Genesis 23:16

❑ “The human mind has no more power of inventing a new value than of planting a new sun in the sky or a new primary color in the spectrum.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Christian Reflections*

❑ “If no set of moral ideas were truer or better than any other, there would be no sense in preferring civilized morality to savage morality, or Christian morality to Nazi morality. In fact, of course, we all do believe that some moralities are better than others.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

❑ “Gold has a long history. And during its history, many was the time that humans were tempted to replace it with other forms of money—which they believed would be more convenient, more modern, and most importantly, more accommodating. Gold is hard to find and hard to bring up out of the earth. By its nature, the quantity of gold is always limited.

“Paper money, by contrast, offers irresistible possibilities. The list of bright paper rivals is long and colorful. You will find hundreds of examples, from assignats to zlotys, and from imperial purple to beer suds brown. But the story of paper money is short and predictable. Since the invention of the printing press, a new paper dollar or franc can be brought out at negligible cost. Nor does it cost much to increase the money supply by a factor of 10 or 100—simply add zeros. It may seem obvious, but adding zeros does not add value.

“Still, the attraction of being able to get something for nothing has always been too great to resist. That is what makes goldbugs so irritating: They are always pointing it out. Even worse, they seem to enjoy saying, ‘There ain’t no such thing as a free lunch.’ Which comes as a big disappointment to most people.

“Once people were able to create money at virtually no expense, no one ever resisted doing it to excess. No paper currency has ever held its value for very long. Most are ruined within a few years. Some take longer. Even the world’s two most successful paper currencies—the American dollar and the British pound—have each lost more than 95 percent of their value in the past century, which is especially remarkable since both were linked by law and custom to gold for most of those years. For the dollar the final link to gold was severed only 34 years ago.

“Some paper currencies are destroyed almost absentmindedly. Others are ruined intentionally. But all go away eventually. By contrast, every gold coin that was ever struck is still valuable today, most have more real value than when they first came out of the mint.”

—Bill Bonner and Addison Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p. 327, 8

❑ “We have heard the expression, ‘not worth a Continental,’

referring to America’s paper money during the Revolutionary War era. We have never heard the expression, ‘not worth a Kruggerand.’

—Bonner & Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p. 327

❑ “And what would the old-timers think of our [U.S.] government debt? The unpaid liabilities and obligations, expressed as though they had to be paid today, come to about 44 trillion, depending on the source you choose to believe.”

—Bonner & Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p. 29

❑ “By the time the barbarians sacked Rome, the currency, the denarius, still bore the ancient form with the image of dead emperors pressed on it. But the value had been taken out; the currency had lost 99.98 percent of its value. While this seems like a dreadful rate of inflation, it is not really as bad as the current U.S. example. In less than 100 years, the U.S. dollar has lost 95 percent of its value. If this rate continues for just another 150 years, the dollar will do in half the time what took the denarius almost 500 years.”

—Bonner & Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p. 61

❑ “Pete Peterson attempted to gauge the difficulty of determining the burden we’ve now placed on future generations. ‘Estimates vary,’ Pete Peterson points out in *Running On Empty*, his vast inquiry into the impending bankruptcy of the U.S. government, ‘depending on methodology, but the numbers are all vast.’ Peterson points to studies done on the future obligations of the Social Security and Medicare trust fund alone. In 2003, the American Enterprise Institute projected a \$45 trillion shortfall; \$47 trillion countered the International Monetary Fund in 2004; the National Center for Policy Analysis and the Brookings Institution came up with \$50 trillion and \$60 trillion, respectively, in their own research reports published in 2003.

“Those are all incomprehensibly large numbers, of course, but the biggest of the projections came in 2004 from Social Security and Medicare trustees themselves. They estimated the unfunded benefit liabilities to have a current value of \$74 trillion dollars.”

—Bonner and Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p. 217

❑ “There was a time when thrift was a virtue. ‘A penny saved is a penny earned,’ dead people whisper. Accountants with sharp pencils even noticed that a penny saved was more than a penny earned, 40 to 50 percent more; it was not subject to state, local, and federal income taxes. But in America, circa 2005, thrift came

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to be regarded no longer as a virtue, but a mental disorder.”

—Bonner and Wiggin, *Empire of Debt*, p.243

❑ “If I were the Prince of Darkness I would want to engulf the whole earth in darkness.

“I’d have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree.

“So I should set about, however necessary, to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispermongers.

“With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: ‘Do as you please.’

“To the young I would whisper, ‘The Bible is a myth.’ I would convince them that ‘man created God’, instead of the other way around. I’d confide that, ‘what is bad is good and what is good is square.’

“In the ears of the young married I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be ‘extreme’ in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct.

“And the old I would teach to pray—to say after me—‘Our father which art in Washington...’

“Then I’d get organized.

“I’d educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull, uninteresting.

“I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies, and visa-versa.

“I’d infiltrate unions and urge more loafing, less work. Idle hands usually work for me.

“I’d peddle narcotics to whom I could, I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction, I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

“If I were the Devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions; let those run wild.

“I’d designate an atheist to front for me before the Highest Courts and I’d get preachers to say, ‘She’s right.’

“With flattery and promises of power I would get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography.

“Thus I would evict God from the courthouse, then the schoolhouse, then from the House of Congress.

“Then in His own churches I’d substitute psychology for religion and deify science.

“That way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

“If I were Satan I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg...

“And the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

“If I were the Devil I’d take from those who have and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. Then my police state would force everybody back to work.

“Then I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines and objectors in slave-labor camps.

“If I were Satan I’d just keep on doing what he’s doing.”

—Paul Harvey, January 7, 1965

❑ “Scientists have found something about the North Pole that

could send a shiver down Santa’s spine: It used to be downright balmy.

“In fact, 55 million years ago the Arctic was once a lot like Miami, with an average temperature of 74 degrees, alligator ancestors and palm trees, scientists say.

“That conclusion, based on first-of-their-kind core samples extracted from more than 1,000 feet below the Arctic Ocean floor, comes from three studies published in today’s issue of the journal *Nature*.

“Scientists say the findings are both a glimpse backward at a region heated by naturally produced greenhouse gases run amok and a sneak peek at what human-caused global warming could do someday.

“Scientists believe a simple fern may have been responsible for cooling things back down by sucking up massive amounts of the carbon dioxide responsible for the warming. But this natural solution to global warming wasn’t quick: It took about a million years.

“The Earth went through an extended period of natural global warming, capped off by a supercharged spike of carbon dioxide that accelerated the greenhouse effect even more about 55 million years ago. Scientists already knew this ‘thermal event’ happened but had figured that while the rest of the world got really hot, the polar regions were still comfortably cooler, maybe about 52 degrees on average.

“But the new research from the multinational Arctic Coring Expedition found the polar average was closer to 74.

“‘It’s the first time we’ve looked at the Arctic, and man, it was a big surprise to us,’ said study co-author Kathryn Moran, an oceanographer at the University of Rhode Island. ‘It’s a new look to how the Earth can respond to these peaks in carbon dioxide.’

“The 74-degree temperature—based on core samples which act as a climatic time capsule—was probably the year-round average, but because the data are so limited, it could also be simply the summertime average, researchers said.”

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, June 1, 2006, p. A3

❑ “Polar bears are cute. Just ask the marketing executives at Coca-Cola which used animated polar bears to hawk their wares in recent years. Bears, pandas, lions and elephants are ‘charismatic megafauna’—meaning basically cute animals that people care about. If you want to sell a product, or a cause, just tie it to

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Summit Ministries' two-week programs are in full gear for the summer with some space still available for the last two sessions in Colorado and the last session in Tennessee. Call (719) 685-9103 for more information or check out [www.summit.org](http://www.summit.org) on the web.

Sometime in August we should be receiving from the printer our updated and revised *Understanding the Times* curriculum. Instead of the four worldviews we will have six, with Islam and Postmodernism added to Secular Humanism, Marxism, New Age, and Christianity. Both Islam and Postmodernism will be expounded

and analyzed as worldviews in spite of Postmodernism's claim not to be considered a worldview. We have found sufficient evidence to the contrary. Indeed, we call Postmodernism the anti-worldview worldview.

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one of these animals and you've got the attention of millions of people; kids and adults alike.

"Thus, environmental alarmists have made much of research claiming the Arctic's great white bear faces extinction from human-caused global warming. Snails, snakes and spiders withering in the sun just don't pack the same emotional punch as a cuddly, furry polar bear slipping beneath the melting ice.

"Fortunately, a new study by David Legates, director of the University of Delaware's Center for Climate Research, throws cold water on the claim global warming threatens polar bears survival.

"Mr. Legates critiques the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment that proclaimed Arctic air temperature trends strongly indicate global warming, causing polar ice caps and glaciers to melt. However, Mr. Legates says, the Assessment ignored data that undermine these claims.

"For example, coastal stations in Greenland are cooling and average summer air temperatures at the summit of the Greenland Ice Sheet have decreased by 4 degrees Fahrenheit per decade since measurements began in 1987. In addition, records from Russian coastal stations show the extent and thickness of sea ice has varied greatly over 60- to 80-year periods during the last 125 years. Moreover, the maximum air temperature they report for the 20<sup>th</sup> century was in 1938, when it was nearly four-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit warmer than the air temperature in 2000.

"Ice core data from Baffin Island and sea core sediments from the Chukchi Sea also show that even if there is warming, it has occurred before. In Alaska, the onset of a climatic shift—a warming—in 1976-1977 ended the multidecade cold trend in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century returning temperatures to those of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

"In addition, a study commissioned by Canada's Fisheries and Oceans Department examined the relationship between air temperature and sea ice coverage, concluding, 'the possible impact of global warming appears to play a minor role in changes to

Arctic sea ice.'

"According to the Arctic Assessment the threat to polar bears is threefold: changes in rainfall or snowfall amounts or patterns could affect the ability of bears primary prey species (seals) to successfully reproduce; decreased sea ice could result in greater number of polar bears drowning or living more on land, negatively affecting their diet by forcing them to use their fat stores prior to hibernation; and unusual warm spells could cause the collapse of winter dens or force more bears into less desirable den areas.

"Though uniquely adapted to the Arctic, polar bears are not wedded solely to its coldest parts nor a specific Arctic diet. Aside from a variety of seals, they eat fish, kelp, caribou, ducks, sea birds, the occasional beluga whale and musk ox and scavenged whale and walrus carcasses.

"Interestingly, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) has also written on the threats posed to polar bears from global warming. But, their own data on polar bear populations contradict claims that rising air temperatures are causing a decline in polar bear populations.

"According to the WWF there are some 22,000 polar bears in about 20 distinct populations worldwide. Only two bear populations—accounting for about 16.4 percent of the total—are decreasing, and they are in areas where air temperatures have actually fallen, such as the Baffin Bay region. By contrast the other two populations—about 13.6 percent of the total number—are growing and they live in areas where air temperatures have risen, near the Bering Strait and the Chukchi Sea.

"As for the rest, 10 populations—comprising about 45.4 percent of the total—are stable, and the status of the remaining six is unknown. Conclusion: based on the available evidence there is little reason to believe the current warming trend will lead to extinction of polar bears.

"These bears have survived for thousands of years, during both colder and warmer periods, and their populations are by

and large in good shape. Polar bears may face many threats, but global warming is not primary among them. Global warming alarmists are like the wizard of Oz, asking the public to fear the spectacle, but not to pull back the curtain and unmask them for the charlatans they are.”

—H. Sterling Burnett, *The Washington Times*, May 15, 2006, p. A17

□ “Besides the Bible, no book has had a greater impact on me than J. I. Packer’s *Knowing God*. It set the tone for my Christian life and has since characterized it, not perfectly, mind you, but it has been the fundamental theme running through me like a golden thread.

“And what is that theme? The absolute centrality of the character and nature of God. All truth springs forth from Him and who He is. If we desire to understand the mysteries of life, or even its basics, we must begin there. The ultimate tragedy of the secularization of our culture is that, in turning our backs on God, we end up shutting our eyes to the ultimate source of truth and reality. The consequences are huge.

“Those consequences are especially huge when we consider the ones that relate to the family. The attack here has been fierce and nothing less than breathtaking. In some cases, the attacks are obvious: abortion, redefining marriage, child and spousal abuse, cohabitation, easy divorce. Other attacks are not quite as obvious, yet they, too, are aimed directly or indirectly at the family: pornography, radical feminism, homosexuality, safe sex messages, feminization of men, masculinization of women and the plethora of laws that undermine the family. These increasingly negative messages about marriage are also leading those in their 20s and 30s to abandon matrimony altogether.

“Some messages even carry an “in-your-face” hostility toward the family.

“For example, in the work place, a derogatory word is beginning to be used to refer to workers who have children. They are called *breeders*. (Say it with a sneer.) *Breeders* don’t stay late because of their families. *Breeders* leave work to take a child to the doctor. *Breeders* lack real dedication because they have “other” responsibilities. All this, of course, leaves us *non-breeders* to pick up the slack.

“In reality, statistics refute this smear and show that a worker with a healthy marriage and family is a positive factor in a company’s bottom line. But facts are seldom referenced in the attack upon the family—an attack which ultimately sets itself up against the nature of God (2 Corinthians 10:5).

“So, what aspect of God’s nature is behind the family, and why is it important? The answer to the first part is probably infinite in scope, but here are a few to ponder. The Scripture tells us that God is not only a God of order, but also, in His triune nature, He is both unity and diversity.

“It should not surprise us that we see these three characteristics of God—order, unity and diversity—clearly stamped upon the various physical systems of the universe, from the solar system to the tiny atom and everything in between. In the physical realm, they are easy to spot. Why do we fail to recognize them in the systems God created for the social realm? They are just as obvious. Look at the family. Do we see order, diversity and unity

within its structure? Of course we do.

“The family is an exquisitely crafted and orderly system: husband, wife, children. The husband and wife are bound in a deep relationship of intimacy. Just as Jesus said He and the Father are one, so the husband is to cleave to his wife and the two become one flesh. Paul calls it a profound mystery, and it is. Yet it is reflective of God’s character. Even the ideas of authority and submission have their roots in the triune nature of God, where the Son submits to the authority of the Father. Yet the Son is equal to the Father and one with Him. So, too, in marriage. *Authority* and *submission* are divine attributes, but the world (no surprise here) paints them as ugly and repulsive. Why?

“Since the family, with its structure of order, unity and diversity, including authority and submission, reveals the glory of God, it should not surprise us that the world, the flesh and Satan will rail against it and seek its destruction—either through annihilation or distortion.

“The ultimate battle is against the character and nature of God. Hence, the hatred for marriage between a man and a woman is fierce, not simply because people prefer a different form or are merely advancing their own selfish and sinful motivations (though that is true), but because the family bears the mark of God and the world hates Him.

“Recognizing this reality is vital for us—not only to understand the nature of the battle, but also to recognize the lies that bombard us at every turn. Lies which we have, unfortunately, bought. Most of the statistics bear that out.

“One of the greatest privileges we have as parents is to pass on the truth of God to our children. *Talking* about the beauty and joy of marriage and the delight of having children is deeply important, but *living it out* is worth a whole lot more.

“So a husband and wife should openly talk about and express their love and affection for one another—no matter how much teenagers roll their eyes. Expressing pleasure in one another is a divine precedence: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased’ (Matthew 17:5, NKJV). Not a bad thing to say publicly about each other—and often.

“Telling our children that they are a blessing from the Lord is not only healthy for them and your relationship, but it also plants deep seeds of truth to help them fight off the constant negative messages from the world that having children is to be avoided at all costs.

“Teaching our children God’s truth is mandatory. But when we tie it back to its source, the nature of God, it is life-changing. When we talk about the family, we must not neglect to emphasize its reflection of God’s character and nature. This binds the design and purpose of the family to the infinite and the transcendent rather than to the whimsical and selfish attempts of man to do with it as he pleases. The first brings joy and peace, the second brings pain and despair.”

—Del Tackett, *Focus on the Family*, June 2006

□ “Landmark Legal Foundation (Landmark) respectfully submits this Complaint providing evidence that the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) has failed to report taxable political expenditures and activities to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as required by federal law. Specifically, the public

record indicates that the WEAC funneled \$430,000 of its general operating funds over several years into an Internal Revenue Code (I.R.C.) 527 political organization affiliated with the Democrat Party. This 527, called the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee (DLCC), ‘provides strategic services and financial assistance to Democratic leaders and candidates at the state legislative level.’ The WEAC’s repeated failures to report these political contributions to the DLCC on its 1990 tax returns are apparent violations of federal law. Accordingly, Landmark requests that the IRS conduct an immediate review of the WEAC’s tax returns and a full investigation of the union’s political activities.”

—Mark R. Levin, President; Landmark Legal Foundation, Leesburg, Virginia 20176

□ “It could not have been an easy place for life to flourish: a superheated atmosphere in which the ground rapidly shifted and sulfuric material was incessantly spewed. Primordial Earth? Actually, it was Iowa State University in March 2004 as intelligent design proponents and their critics squared off following the publication of *The Privileged Planet* by Guillermo Gonzalez, an astronomy professor at Iowa State University, and Jay W. Richards, a former teaching fellow at Princeton Theological Seminary. Both are senior fellows at the Seattle-based Center for Science and Culture at the Discovery Institute, which supports ID research.

“Gonzalez, a well-respected astronomer who has been feted by both NASA and the National Science Foundation, is in good company. His openness to—some would say promulgation of—intelligent design theory puts him in the same camp as John D. Barrow, a research professor of mathematical sciences at the University of Cambridge, who said at a Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellowship seminar in June the extraordinary ‘fine-tuning’ of the universe. Nonetheless, Gonzalez has managed to draw peer ire for discussing intelligent design theory. In fact, Gonzalez’s stand impelled Hector Avalos, an associate professor of religious studies at Iowa State and faculty adviser to the ISU Atheist and Agnostic Society, to spearhead an anti-ID petition at Iowa State. More than 120 faculty members have signed it.

“But Gonzalez’s critics have got him—well, mostly—wrong, he said. ‘The statements use overheated rhetoric, such as labeling intelligent design as the “new creationism,”’ said Gonzalez. ‘They don’t really try to engage intelligent design proponents. So, I see a particularly high level of intolerance for real discussion among leading scientific organizations.’”

—*Science & Theology News*, November 10, 2005

□ “A federal judge on Friday blocked a southern Kentucky high school from including prayers in its graduation ceremony, prompting students to begin reciting the Lord’s Prayer during the opening remarks.

“About 200 students interrupted the principal’s comments with the prayer, drawing thunderous applause and a standing ovation.

“Earlier in the day, a judge banned prayers from the ceremony in response to a lawsuit filed this week by the ACLU. The

lawsuit sought a restraining order on behalf of an unidentified student at Russell County High School in Russell Springs.”

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, May 20, 2006, p. 3

□ “When Ford responds to those who write concerning their promotion of homosexual marriage, the response they get from Ford’s Customer Relationship Center says their support ‘is a strong commitment we intend to carry forward with no exception.’ For Ford, that support also includes homosexual polygamy.

“To show those supporting traditional marriage they mean business, Ford sponsored the June 6 issue of the homosexual publication *The Advocate*. The cover reads: ‘Polygamy Gay Men. Dirty laundry or sexual freedom? How gay men handle multiple partners.’ The article promotes homosexual polygamy.

“Ford sponsored the publication with a full page back cover advertising Ford Motor company producing Volvo and a full page ad for all Ford brands with the line: ‘Ford Motor Company. Standing strong with America’s families and communities.’

“Ford’s support for the magazine’s promotion of homosexual polygamy leaves no doubt that Ford means to continue pushing the homosexual agenda, even including homosexual polygamy.

“At their stockholders meeting on May 11, Ford voted 95% of the ballots cast to continue their support of the homosexual agenda rather than be neutral in the cultural battle.

“The boycott is working. The value of Ford stock has gone down 13% since the boycott began, while sales continue to drop.”

—Donald E. Wildmon, American Family Association, May 25, 2006

□ “A liberal activist judge has struck down a constitutional amendment in Georgia which made homosexual marriage illegal! She felt that she knew better than the voters how they should vote and threw out their ballots.

“The constitutional amendment, passed overwhelmingly by 76% of the voters in Georgia, is now null and void.

“The homosexuals are determined to win this battle. They know they will never win if the people have an opportunity to vote. So they are turning to liberal activist judges to force their will on the people. They intend to force homosexual marriage down the throats of Americans. They feel our children must be indoctrinated beginning in kindergarten that homosexuality is normal behavior.”

—Donald E. Wildmon, American Family Association, May 23, 2006

□ “On May 11, the California State Senate passed Senate Bill 1437. The bill demands ‘no teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school district sponsor any activity that reflects adversely upon persons because of their ... gender ... sexual orientation.’ Current California law already prohibits discrimination in teaching based on ‘sex, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.’

“The addition of ‘sexual orientation’ means that condemnation of homosexuality by public school employees would now be punishable by law. The addition of ‘gender,’ which substitutes for ‘sex,’ is defined according to California law to include ‘perception of the victim’s identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that identity, appearance or behavior is different from that

traditionally associated with the victim's sex at birth'—in other words, if a boy decides to come to school in a dress, teachers may not even request that he change clothes.

"But that isn't all: Homosexuality is to be actively forwarded as a legitimate lifestyle. According to the California Senate Judiciary Committee, 'The bill also would direct the school governing boards to include only instructional material that accurately portrays the cultural, racial, gender and sexual diversity of our society, and, in instructional material for the social sciences, include the contributions of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender to the economic, political and social development of California and the United States of America.' Grade level is not specified in the bill, so presumably, third-graders may be learning about the sexual proclivities of Allen Ginsburg.

"Naturally, the sponsor of the bill is radical lesbian Democratic state Sen. Sheila Kuehl, who explained in a letter to the editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, 'The invisibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the history curriculum only exacerbates school climates in which homophobic bullying, harassment and violence are rampant.'

"Geoffrey Kors, of the homosexual activist group Equality California, told the *Los Angeles Times* that possible classroom topics include the assassination of homosexual San Francisco City Supervisor and three-time failed mayoral candidate Harvey Milk in 1978, as well as the sexual practices of the poet Langston Hughes. Milk's life and death are vitally important to the homosexual community, but basically, a historical footnote for the broader population; Hughes' sexuality is perhaps even less important than Lewis Carroll's pedophilia, especially since, despite the best efforts of homosexual activists to prove Hughes' homosexuality, they can find no clear-cut evidence that he was, in fact, gay.

"But grasping at straws is what the homosexual community does best. In the past few decades, Abraham Lincoln (married), Alexander Hamilton (married and famously promiscuous with women), Emily Dickinson (no evidence), George Gershwin (carried on a long affair with Kay Swift), and Herman Melville (married) have all been held up as closeted homosexuals by the gay community.

"Kuehl claims the gay community is short on role models. But so is the straight community: Role models are in short supply for everyone. The solution isn't to falsely 'out' great men and women, especially when their sexuality is less important to their identity and achievements than their favorite color. Even if Lincoln had been gay (which he most assuredly was not) we would not teach about him because of his sexual preference, but because of his actions as president.

"But the homosexual movement sees sexuality as identity. With that in mind, homosexual activists claim that pushing homosexuality in public schools will make 'gay' children feel more accepted and tolerated. Their proclivities—their identities, according to the homosexual movement—will be granted legitimacy. Of course, normal anti-harassment policies already prohibit maltreatment, but that's not enough for homosexual activists—they want the practice of homosexuality legitimized in the classroom.

"This is antithetical to the very concept of parental authority. Homosexuality remains a controversial practice, and our public

schools should not be a breeding ground for liberal values that may very well undermine parental wishes.

"Kuehl can proclaim 'it's all for the children' to her heart's content. But placing Milk and Hughes in the public-school curriculum when students can't even read (former Democratic California Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg has pointed out that Los Angeles schools have a 50 percent dropout rate, and that Los Angeles leads the nation in both 'gang violence and adult illiteracy') says otherwise. Kuehl and her ilk aren't worried about education—they're worried about re-education.

"At the least, Senate Bill 1437 reminds us that this is indeed a culture war. Kuehl and her allies are the aggressors in this culture war. They are assaulting traditional morality, and they are targeting children first and foremost. And they don't care how many parents they have to force aside to assure the victory of their agenda.

—Ben Shapiro, *WorldNetDaily.com*, May 17, 2006

□ "It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

—Teddy Roosevelt, April 23, 1910

□ "Set to launch on 6-6-06, best-selling author Ann Coulter throws open the doors of the 'Church of Liberalism' in her latest and most controversial book to date.

"'If a Martian landed in America and set out to determine the nation's official state religion, he would have to conclude it is liberalism, while Christianity and Judaism are prohibited by law,' Coulter writes in *Godless: The Church of Liberalism*."

"The WND columnist argues that while many Americans are outraged by liberal hostility to traditional religion, to focus solely on the Left's attacks on Judeo-Christian tradition is to miss a larger point: Liberalism is a religion—a godless one.

"'Liberals love to boast that they are not "religious," which is what one would expect to hear from the state-sanctioned religion,' she writes.

"'Of course liberalism is a religion. It has its own cosmology, its own miracles, its own beliefs in the supernatural, its own churches, its own high priests, its own saints, its own total worldview, and its own explanation of the existence of the universe. In other words, liberalism contains all the attributes of what is generally known as "religion."'

"Chapter headings in Coulter's *Godless* include 'On the Seventh Day, God Rested and Liberals Schemed' and 'Liberals' Doctrine of Infallibility: Sobbing Hysterical Women' and 'The Holiest Sacrament: Abortion.'

"Coulter is the author of four *New York Times* bestsellers:



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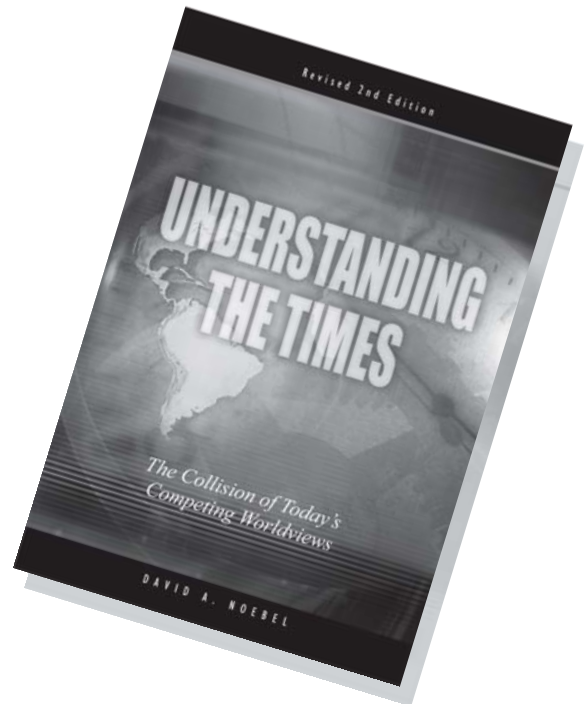
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