

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

□ “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created. Life was in Him, and that life was the light of men. That light shine in the darkness, yet the darkness did not overcome it.

“There was a man named John who was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify about the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he came to testify about the light. The true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

“He was in the world, and the world was created through Him, yet the world did not recognize Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld His glory, the glory as the One and only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

—John 1: 1-14

□ “More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: ‘Men have forgotten God; that’s why all this has happened.’

“Since then I have spent well-nigh fifty years working on the history of our Revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies, and have already contributed eight volumes of my own toward the effort of clearing away the rubble left by that upheaval. But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: ‘Men have forgotten God; that’s why all this has happened.’”

—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Templeton Lecture, May 10, 1983, *The Solzhenitsyn Reader*, p. 577

□ “Imperceptibly, through decades of gradual erosion, the meaning of life in the West has ceased to be seen as anything more lofty than the ‘pursuit of happiness,’ a goal that has even been solemnly guaranteed by constitutions. The concepts of good and evil have been ridiculed for several centuries; banished from common use, they have been replaced by political or class considerations of short-lived value. It has become embarrassing to appeal to eternal concepts, embarrassing to state that evil makes its home in the individual human heart before it enters a political system. Yet it is not considered shameful to make daily concessions to an integral evil. Judging by the continuing landslide of concessions made before the eyes of our own generation alone, the West is ineluctably slipping toward the abyss. Western societies are losing more and more of their religious essence as they thoughtlessly yield up their younger generation to atheism.”

—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Templeton Lecture, May 10, 1983, *The Solzhenitsyn Reader*, p. 581

□ “God...has purposes and performs particular actions,...does one thing and not another, [is] a concrete, choosing, commanding, prohibiting God with a determinate character.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

□ “God is basic Fact or Actuality, the source of all other facthood. At all costs therefore He must not be thought of as a featureless generality. If He exists at all, He is the most concrete thing there is, the most individual, ‘organized and minutely articulated.’ He is unspeakable not by being indefinite but by being too definite for the unavoidable vagueness of language.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

□ Having studied the mind/body, soul/spirit, consciousness/ghost-in-the-machine issues over the years it was a surprise to find *U.S. News & World Report* actually not make light of the Christian version of soul and spirit. Although somewhat hidden, nonetheless the following comments are unusual nowadays. For further materials in this area see our new and revised edition of *Understanding the Times: The Collision of Today’s Competing Worldviews*, (psychology chapters for all six major worldviews).

□ “If consciousness, particularly higher-order consciousness, exists only to respond more effectively to information in service to life, then we are nothing more than Darwinian survival machines. Other notions of value, purpose, freedom, and individuality— notions as important to many ‘secular humanists’ as to religious people—are reduced to, at best, reassuring illusions of possible survival value. Other, more religiously grounded notions of spirit and soul get even shorter shrift in this reductionist, materialistic view.

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“But need the findings and insights of the study of consciousness lead to such a dispiriting conclusion? For two reasons, it would seem not. One reason lies in science itself—specifically, in a sophisticated critique of the reductive materialism that came to dominate modern experimental science during its so-called classical phase from the 17th century to the early 20th century. That critique emerges from frontier work in many areas, particularly physics, suggesting that the search for ultimate causality in smaller and smaller bits of matter is finally a bootless enterprise. The further one goes down the scale of physical reality, the less material matter appears to be. In fact, the further one goes down, the more reality seems to consist of nonmaterial information, pure potentialities of matter or energy but not quite either.”

—*U.S. News & World Report*, October 23, 2006, p. 62

□ “If the fundamental levels of reality are more informational than material, as quantum physics suggests, then consciousness may be the interface between the fundamental quantum world of information and the ‘classical’ physical world that is more accessible to our senses. That, at least, is a theory developed by Oxford physicist Roger Penrose and Hameroff. Penrose came first to this idea while wrestling with the problem of how we understand mathematics if understanding is not just following a rule (in the way a computer does) but requires understanding the meaning of mathematical concepts. To answer this, Penrose proposed that consciousness was a quantum computation within the brain, an infinitesimal collapse of quantum information into classical information that takes place at the level of the neurons. Impressed by Penrose’s argument, Hameroff approached him with the suggestion that the site of this collapse might be at the more microscopic level of the microtubule, a computerlike protein structure inside the dendrites of every neuron and, indeed, every cell.

“Although the theory is very far from being proved—and many neuroscientists, including Koch, scoff at it as being completely untestable—Hameroff has published a list of 20 testable predictions, and he claims that some have been confirmed. More broadly, though, the line of inquiry that Penrose and Hameroff have opened, and which has been differently explored by other physicists like Stapp, suggests that consciousness is far more than a sophisticated survival machine or even a highly agile embodied computer. Instead, the mind’s resistance to simple [materialistic] reductive explanations lends support to the notion that it is a profoundly complex emergent system whose capacity for intentional acts and creative discoveries connects it with the underlying order of reality, an order analogous, Hameroff suggests, to the world of forms or ideas that Plato believed stood behind our shadowy and ephemeral world of appearances.”

—*U.S. News & World Report*, October 23, 2006, p. 63

□ “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

—Matthew 10:28

□ “Do you realize, reader, that you are an error of heredity, a biological error?...And not only an error, but an error on an enormous scale. At least, Darwinians say you are. And who knows

more about biology and heredity, pray, than they do?”

“Thus wrote the hardened atheist and Darwin critic David Stove in *Darwinian Fairytales: Selfish Genes, Errors of Heredity and Other Fables of Evolution*. The ‘new religion of selfish genes’ classifies all humans as biological errors.

“In his posthumously published sparkling tome, science philosopher Stove dubs Darwin’s theory of evolution a religious creation myth. Why, moral philosopher Mary Midgley writes apologetically (in the *Royal Institute of Philosophy*) that ‘Social Darwinism’ is perhaps ‘the unofficial religion of the West,’ even blessed by Richard Dawkins (of *The Selfish Gene*).

“That worries prominent Social Darwinist Michael Ruse: ‘If Darwinism equals atheism, then it can’t be taught in U.S. schools because of the constitutional separation of church and state.’

“Stove’s book then crashes headlong into the ‘what do we teach the children’ controversy. Do we teach them, asks Stove, Dawkins’ fantasy—that ‘selfish genes ... leap from body to body down the generations ... the genes are the immortals?’ Are they our gods and we their puppets? Although Stove agrees with Darwin’s theories for ‘pines or cod,’ he also sees a cosmology that equates human and cod reproduction as ludicrous junk science.

“Stove begins before Darwin with T.H. Huxley, pasha of the Huxley dynasty, who defined humans as savages in a ‘continual free fight’ for survival—when not involved with ‘temporary’ family ties. *Darwinian Fairytales* asks the obvious. Why would killer savages *have* any family in the first place? Stove answers:

“‘Huxley’s man, if he wanted to maximize his own chances of survival, and had even half a brain, would simply eat his wife and child before some other man did. They are first-class protein.’ Women and children would be ‘easy meat’ on the daily menu, making life a *very* short, open-pit outdoor barbeque.’

“Stove poses core questions. If ‘every single organic being ...[is] striving to the utmost to increase in numbers,’ and only the most fit survive, then why do, as the song goes, ‘the rich get rich and the poor get children?’

“On that musical note, says Stove, the ‘fitness’ genes collapse further when we consider childless geniuses like: ‘Newton, Faraday and Mendel; Vivaldi, Handel and Beethoven; Gibbon, Macaulay and Carlyle; Plato, Aquinas, Bacon, Locke, Leibniz, Hume, Kant and Mill....No rational person will suppose that this association of extremely low fertility with the highest intellectual or musical genius is accidental’ or due to starvation.

“Humans, not being cod or pines, often prefer to do some-

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Over the next few issues we will hear from students and supporters, but first allow me to emphasize the need for each reader of the *Summit Journal* to be a major recruiter for our two-week summer programs in Colorado, Tennessee, and Ohio. We are looking for Christian teens who have a desire to live for Christ, to prepare their minds and hearts for Christian service, and to be unafraid of studying to show themselves approved unto God.

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The following letters came into our offices unsolicited, but they more than tell a Summit story for all to enjoy, pray over, or just rejoice with those who rejoice. This year, unfortunately, we also had to weep with those who wept!

“The ripple effect from Summit Ministries' Leadership training and publications is something you hear about regularly, I'm sure. I'd like to add another 'ripple' or two.

“You may remember that some years ago my late husband, Tim, with a few other Christian brothers started a weekly lunch time worldviews discussion forum at Los Alamos National lab. The ongoing effort to introduce fellow employees to Jesus and his truth was called Megaviews.

“Recently, through former Congressman and personal friend Bill Redmond, I learned that some Chinese speaking lab employees have started a separate 'Megaviews' for fellow Chinese speakers, conducted in Chinese. Quite a ripple!

“Also, a friend who teaches a two-year Worldviews Studies class for Los Alamos home schooled teens has fostered another ripple. In 2001, Chris F. took over Tim's class (and his class notes) when he became too ill to continue teaching. Since that time, on her website, she has shared what she does with other home educators. She has had requests for the class notes from several states and two (as I remember) foreign countries. Another international ripple.

“It is thrilling for me to hear reports like this. Your ministry was life changing for Tim—he would be thrilled, too. And, my own life certainly has been superbly enriched because of Summit Ministries.

“Trusting the summer camps have all gone well and will be producing lifechanging ripples for years to come.” —L.W.

“I am writing to thank you and the Summit staff for your wonderful program. My daughter was at the last session and came

back 'ready' to go to Jr. college as a senior in high school. Within 2 days, she came home and could not believe the 'stuff' she was being taught. She said she was so thankful for the opportunity to go to Summit and learn more about the Christian Worldview and how to defend her beliefs. She is our 2nd child to go through your program. Our son has gone twice. Thanks for all you do and for encouraging the minds of our future leaders. God Bless.” —G.A.

“I participated in one of your two-week summer conferences and I want to tell you that it was by far the greatest investment of my time that I could have done this summer. I am currently a freshman at Iowa State University. Even though I am only 10 weeks into my first semester I have already used my 'Summit Notebook' on several occasions. My roommate is not a believer and asked me quite a few difficult questions about Christianity, and I knew how to answer her because of my time at Summit. In my psychology class we were 'enlightened' about the new gene that 'has been discovered' that proves that homosexuality is genetic. With the knowledge that I attained at Summit I was able to strongly question that article and stand for the truth. In my English class I need to write a paper on feminism and the current issue of homosexuality in America. I am using the Summit Resource CD, which was given to us the last day of our couple weeks, to write my paper. Thank you for all the resources that you have equipped me with! Thank you Summit, for teaching me how to be in the world but not of it! I can't thank you enough for helping me stand for the Lord in the intellectual environment of Iowa State.”—J.D. Iowa State University

“I attended Summit Session 3 this summer in Manitou Springs. As I'm beginning a new semester here at Moody, I just wanted to take the time to thank you for what you do at Summit. I can't tell you what a profound impact attending Summit had on the rest of my summer, and on the rest of my life. When people ask me what one item that I learned at Summit can I apply to my life today, I often stumble in finding an answer. That is because attending Summit altered EVERYTHING in my life. The only thing I can compare my experience at Summit with is the first time I went to the optometrist to get glasses.

“I now see so many things that I didn't see before. Summit has given me a renewed purpose and relevance in my Christian life. And for that I thank you.

“I also wanted to let you know that last week I made a presentation before my home church's council members regarding the importance of educating our youth in worldviews. I am happy to report that they decided to send our youth leader to a Spring 2006 Summit Conference.—J.B.

“I’ve been at Wake Forest since the 15th, but somehow or another I’ve already come into contact with and will continue to be in contact with such topics as Postmodernism, Relativism, Evolution, Biotechnology and bioethics, Abortion, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Homosexuality, Marriage and the Family, and the Foundation of America (based on the Christian Tradition), hot spots I was very illiterate in before. My first day of class was today, and in the second paragraph of my first reading assignment, we were already ‘learning’ about evolution and how that’s the reason we are as we are.

“I’m so grateful to be able to take thoughts captive and screen them through what I know biblically to be true, to what God says is true. To watch out for empty and vain philosophy, analyzing (based on arguments presented) the predominant worldview shaping those arguments. I am now, more than ever, aware of the fierce battle for my heart and mind that rages, and I actively prepare. Christ, as my life, is too precious to lose.

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thing other than copulate—such as writing books and symphonies, painting and even sleeping. Moreover, few families that stay together commonly mate together. And beyond incest prohibitions, humans, not cod, restrict birth via infanticide, abortion and contraception, says Stove, ‘and we appear to have done so always.’

“Obviously, if ‘survival of the fittest’ or ‘natural selection’ were true, we’d have neither homosexuals nor celibate altruists caring for unrelated others. ‘Hospitals, welfare programs, priest-hoods,’ heroes and such exist in most civil societies. Yet, quips Stove, Neo-Darwinians reject direct proofs of human altruism, preferring selfishness piloted by invisible genes.

“Stove delights in Darwin’s delusional claim that child mortality is “about 80% at least,” observing that his wife Emma should have birthed thirty-five babies in order to get her seven ‘to puberty.’

“Yet Darwinians ignore such glaring theoretical silliness. ‘Having been to college, he believes all the right things: That Darwin was basically right, that Darwin bridged the gap between man and animals, etc., etc.’

“One almost slap-stick Stovism involves monkey-mom ‘baby snatching.’ Like humans, sometimes a bereaved monkey mom steals another mother’s baby, adopts and cares for it like her own.

“Dr. ‘selfish gene’ Dawkins is mystified by such monkey-love. Why does the dippy adopting mom waste her time and release a rival to make more babies? Dawkins wonders if maybe real moms deceive ‘naïve young females into adopting their children’ for some selfish gain? Stove replies that Dawkins might ask ‘his own mother why she did not offload him?’ (One wonders if any fit socio-biologists have survived?)

“*Darwinian Fairytales* reveals how such ‘selfish gene’ and ‘natural selection’ fancies have led us into savage waters. To save his disproved theories, Darwin charged that humans often allow ‘one’s worst animals to breed,’ thereby justifying eugenics and sterilization. Soon ‘the fit’ would run the state and cull out the weak—one infamous example among many of how bogus science has licensed barbarism.

“Finally, Darwin’s fairytales advanced sexual freedom says Stove—that is, if animals and plants have sex, ‘sexual intercourse

“Not only has what I learned at the Summit been able to help me personally in my relationship with Christ, but I’m excited that because of what I learned and through God’s grace, I have been and will continue to be able to be a voice, shedding a Christian perspective on science, the sanctity of life, etc., trusting that the Spirit will work through me, all the while shining a light, pointing all eyes and ears to gaze on Him. I also have come to grasp that every person is made in God’s image, and I can better love them keeping this in mind, something I seek to do also to turn eyes to and glorify Him. So I just wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you. Thanks for doing what you do to better enable me. It is so important and necessary.—M.F.F.

I want to thank our Summit supporters for their great care in giving to our December appeal letter. If you did not receive a letter and wish to contribute toward this ministry, please write or call and ask for the letter. In the meantime, continue to pray for us as we seek to fulfill God’s will in these exciting but trying times. Your Editor

is innocent.’ Naturally, ‘the great sexual emancipators after 1859’—Ellis, Freud, Lenin, Stopes, Sanger, Mead, Reich—‘were all Darwinians.’ Genetics gave ‘the new religionists,’ he said, ‘their gods...the chromosomes of the sex cells.’ On point, Stove warned, ‘freedom of the press, *except for really precious things like pornography*, has greatly diminished in the last hundred years, and especially in the last twenty’ [emphasis added].

“Yet, with roughly 33,000 Americans infected daily by a venereal disease, the cost of ‘sex science’ controlled by ideologues and sexual psychopaths is dear indeed. Stove was apparently unaware that Hugh Hefner, the father of ‘precious things like pornography,’ launched *Playboy* as ‘Kinsey’s Pamphleteer’ after reading Alfred Kinsey’s two sexuality books in college.

“Nor did Stove know that Kinsey, the high priest of sex, decided to sexually reform America after reading Darwin in college.

“In 2005, *Human Events* scholars voted Kinsey’s reports among the ‘most harmful’ American books published in the last 200 years. Although Darwin’s *The Origin of Species* made it only as an ‘honorable mention’ in that pantheon of injury, just as Hefner was a Kinsey clone, Kinsey was a Darwin clone. Genes may not leap and travel from generation to generation but ideas certainly do.

“Ideas have consequences. Stove’s *Darwinian Fairytales* is required reading for anyone still on inquiry.”

—Judith Reisman, *Human Events*, November 20, 2006, p. 19, 26.

□ “And, if you’re looking for ‘root causes’ of terrorism, why not start with Euro-Canadian welfare systems? While it’s not true that every immigrant on welfare is an Islamic terrorist, the vast majority of Islamic terrorists in Europe are on welfare, living in radicalized ghetto cultures with nothing to do but sit around the flat plotting the jihad all day at taxpayers’ expense. Muhammed Metin Kaplan used his time on welfare in Germany to set up his Islamist group, Caliphate State; the so-called ‘caliph of Cologne’ was subsequently extradited to Turkey for planning to fly a plane into the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk. Ahmed Ressay, arrested in Washington state en route to blow up Los Angeles International Airport, hatched his plot while on welfare in Montreal. Abdul Nacer Benbrika, leader of a group of Australian Islamists, lived in

Melbourne for ten years and never did a day's work; now he's been jailed for terrorism-related activities, and taxpayers are ponying up \$50,000 a year in benefits to his wife. Abu Hamza became Britain's most famous fire-breathing imam while on welfare in London and, after being charged with incitement to murder and sent to jail, sued the government for extra benefits on top of the £1,000 a week his family already received. Abu Qatada, a leading al Qaeda recruiter, became an Islamist big shot while on welfare in Britain, and only when he was discovered to have £150,000 in his bank account did the Department for Work and Pensions turn off the spigot. Oh, and here's another Welfare Megabucks bonanza, from the *Times* of London: "Police are investigating allegations that the four suspected July 21 bombers collected more than £500,000 in benefits payments in Britain."

—Mark Steyn, *America Alone*, p. 83

□ "Simply as a matter of fact, every year more and more of the world lives under Islamic law: Pakistan adopted Islamic law in 1977, Iran in 1979, Sudan in 1984. In the sixties, Nigeria lived under English Common Law; now, half of it's in the grip of sharia, and the other half's feeling the squeeze. Today, there are more Muslim nations, more radicalized Muslims within those nations, more and more Muslims within non-Muslim nations, and more and more Muslims represented in more and more influential transnational institutions. Will these Muslims live by the laws of Singapore or Denmark or New Zealand or by the laws of Islam? Or is their primary identity a new worldwide Islamic identity?"

"To ask the question is, in large part, to answer it. Even if a Muslim wanted to, how would he assimilate with, say, Canadian national identity? You can't assimilate with a nullity, which is what the modern multicultural state boils down to. It's much easier to dismantle a society than to put anything new and lasting in its place. And across much of the developed world that's what's going on right now. Multiculturalism makes a nation no more than a holding pen. In the absence of cultural confidence, demography will decide the future. Or in the unimprovable summation of James C. Bennett: "Democracy, immigration, multiculturalism. Pick any two."

—Mark Steyn, *America Alone*, p. 202

□ "If your school has two hundred guys and you're playing a school with two thousand pupils, it doesn't mean your baseball team is definitely going to lose, but it certainly gives the other fellows a big starting advantage. Likewise if you want to launch a revolution, it's not very likely if you've only got seven revolutionaries. And they're all over eighty. But if you've got two million and seven revolutionaries and they're all under thirty, you're in business.

"I wonder how many pontificators on the 'Middle East peace process' ever run this number: the median age in the Gaza Strip is 15.8 years.

"Once you know that, all the rest is details. If you were a 'moderate Palestinian' leader, would you want to try to persuade a nation—or pseudo-nation—of unemployed poorly educated teenage boys raised in a UN-supervised European-funded death cult to see sense? Any analysis of the 'Palestinian problem' that doesn't take into account the most important determinant on the ground

is a waste of time.

"Likewise, the salient feature of Europe, Canada, Japan, and Russia is that they're running out of babies. What's happening in the developed world is one of the fastest demographic evolutions in history. Most of us have seen a gazillion heartwarming ethnic comedies—*My Big Fat Greek Wedding* and its ilk—in which some uptight WASPy type starts dating a gal from a vast, loving, fecund Mediterranean family, so abundantly endowed with sisters and cousins and uncles that you can barely get in the room. It is, in fact, the inversion of the truth. Greece has a fertility rate hovering just below 1.3 births per couple, which is what demographers call the point of 'lowest-low' fertility from which no human society has ever recovered. And Greece's fertility is the healthiest in Mediterranean Europe: Italy has a fertility rate of 1.2, Spain, 1.1. Insofar as any citizens of the developed world have 'big' families these days, it's the Anglo democracies: America's fertility rate is 2.1, New Zealand's a little below. Hollywood should be making *My Big Fat Uptight Protestant Wedding*, in which some sad Greek only child marries into a big heartwarming New Zealand family where the spouse actually has a sibling."

—Mark Steyn, *America Alone*, p. xvi, xvii

□ "At the risk of piling too many doomsday scenarios atop one another, it's worth noting that throughout the Western world Islam is advancing not just by outbreeding but also by conversion.

"Herbert Asquith is not the most famous British prime minister to American ears, but he's the one who took his country into the Great War, which is the one that ended the Caliphate and delivered the Arab world into British hands. His great-granddaughter, Emma Clark, is now a Muslim. She's a landscape artist and has designed an 'Islamic garden' at the home of the Prince of Wales. The Honorable Jonathan Birt, son of Lord Birt, the former director-general of the BBC, is also a Muslim and is known as Yahya Birt. The Earl of Yarborough is a Muslim, and goes by the name Abdul Mateen, though whether he can get served in the House of Lords tea room under that moniker is unclear.

"The above 'reverts'—as Islam calls converts (as they see it, everyone is born a Muslim, it's just that some of us don't know it yet)—are not merely the Muslim equivalents of the Richard Gere Buddhists and Tom Cruise Scientologists but the vanguard of something bigger. As English and Belgian and Scandinavian cities Islamify, their inhabitants will face a choice between living as a minority and joining the majority. Many will opt for the latter. At the very minimum, Islam will meet the same test as the hippy-dippy solstice worship does in Vermont: it will seem environmentally appropriate. For many young men, it already provides the sense of identity that the happy-face nothingness of multiculturalism declines to offer. In Britain, a white supremacist neo-Nazi whose writings inspired a 1999 Soho nail bombing that killed three people has since converted to Islam. David Myatt, a founder of the British National Socialist Movement, is now Abdul-Aziz ibn Myatt. Formerly opposed to non-white immigration into the United Kingdom, he now says that "the pure authentic Islam of the revival, which recognizes practical jihad (holy war) as a duty, is the only force that is capable of fighting and destroying the dishonor, the arrogance, the materialism of the West."

—Mark Steyn, *America Alone*, p. 91, 2

□ “The 3,500-member Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, widely known as the world’s largest homosexual church, last month joined the 1.2-million-member United Church of Christ. Now the Cleveland-based UCC’s fourth-largest congregation, it recently named Jo Hudson as senior pastor. She has been a UCC minister since 1997. However, the main reins of power remain in the hands of controversial cathedral ‘dean’ Michael Piazza, a nationally known gay activist who has been at the church since 1987.

“The cathedral left the gay-oriented Metropolitan Community Churches denomination in 2003, during an MCC investigation into financial irregularities at the church, especially involving Piazza. In parting, MCC and cathedral leaders agreed to seal the records of the investigation. Under a cloud, Piazza submitted a ‘non-binding’ resignation from his church position but returned several months later.

“UCC conservatives unsuccessfully challenged denominational leaders in Texas to take a close look at the Piazza investigation before voting to accept the cathedral. The UCC, a mainline denomination, has been ordaining homosexuals since the 1970s, and last year it officially endorsed same-sex marriage.”

—Edward E. Plowman, *World Magazine*, November 25, 2006, p. 41

□ “Over the last 100 years or so, globally averaged surface temperature, which is always varying a little, has gone both up and down, but over the whole period it is estimated to have risen about half a degree centigrade (using the US National Climate Data Centre’s analysis; other analyses give as much as 0.65C).

“However, this value is associated with substantial error bars, and the warming is occurring in a system that can vary about that much without any forcing at all—something not surprising in a system that is both turbulent and heterogeneous.

“Yes, there does appear to be warming, but the amount is hardly certain or indisputable. And the amount found does not appear that alarming.

“The alarm, I would suppose, comes from the notoriously inadequate climate models.

“As the primary ‘consensus’ document, the Scientific Assessment of the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change notes, modellers at the United Kingdom’s Hadley Centre had to cancel two-thirds of the model warming in order to simulate the observed warming.

“So the warming alarm is based on models that overestimate the observed warming by a factor of three or more, and have to cancel most of the warming in order to match observations.

“Rather than entertaining the rather obvious possibility that the models are over-reacting to increasing greenhouse gases, advocates are assuming that the cancellation will disappear in the future. Why might models be over-reacting?

“The answer is actually fairly simple. Carbon dioxide and methane are minor greenhouse gases (and methane has, for unknown reasons, stopped increasing during the last five years). Doubling carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would, all else held constant, only lead to about 1C of warming; quadrupling carbon dioxide would only add another 1C (there is a diminishing return in warming per unit carbon dioxide).

“The greater response arises because in current models, the

most important greenhouse substances, water vapour and clouds, act so as to amplify the impact of increasing carbon dioxide. But, as the previously cited IPCC document notes, water vapour and especially clouds are major sources of uncertainty in models.

“Given the above, what is all the hyperventilating about? Personally, I don’t know. It certainly can’t be the temperature record. For the past five years, the global mean temperature has been flat to within a few hundredths of a degree (well within the measurement uncertainty); indeed, there has been no statistically significant change in 10 years.

“Perhaps, on the other hand, that is the reason. Individuals across the planet have been pushing their agenda to “hurry the future” for over 20 years. Maybe, they feel that if they can’t get their way now, they may never be able to. After all, like hurricane frequency or the price of oil, global mean temperature is as likely to go down as up.

“However, the more obvious question is why is the agenda specified (typically such things as pollution reduction, energy independence, efficiency, north-south transfer of wealth and technology, etc.) in need of the artificial support of global warming hysteria?

“Many of those goals could be more easily achieved (assuming they are reasonable goals) if we ceased to focus on carbon dioxide, which is a natural and essential substance produced by breathing. With trillions of dollars at stake, this is no small matter.

“To be sure, for those who enthuse over the regulatory state, the possibility of regulating breathing must be like a dream come true.

“Under the circumstances, perhaps we should be suspicious of the dishonourable tradition of establishing the alleged truth of global warming by constant repetition, while ignoring reality.”

—Richard Lindzen, Mass Institute of Technology, *London Sunday Telegraph*, October 30, 2006

□ “Depending upon one’s personal view of human values—intellectual, religious, moral, or traditional, civilization is perceived to have advanced for a variety of reasons. Without analysis of the reasons, however, it is overwhelmingly clear that our current level of scientific, engineering, economic, and medical advancement has come largely from the efforts of the populations of Western Europe and their transferred counterparts in the United States.

“When the *Access to Energy* masthead proclaims that it is pro-science, pro-technology, and pro-free enterprise, it is largely referring to characteristics originated in the Caucasian populations of Europe and the United States. The racial correlation may be an accident of geography, but the rise of the civilization whose comforts and freedoms we enjoy was undoubtedly among these people.

“Today, other civilizations are doing their best to mimic these values and to build, at least, the physical comforts made possible by them. Most of this mimicry is in Asia, where current efforts are even surpassing the Western countries, which have become mired in socialist habits that have largely stopped their advance.

“Yet, the world is a strange place. While billions of people in Asia are lifting themselves from poverty and building physical duplicates of the Western world, simultaneously a billion Muslims seem determined to regress into the horrors of the worst



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human conditions that prevailed thousands of years ago.

“The Western world is serving simultaneously, therefore, as a model for the Asians and a demon for the Muslims—and, despite its decline, is also still serving as an intellectual engine for human advance on the leading edges of science and engineering.

“Moreover, while the great advances in human governance that were produced by Western civilization—culminating in the Constitution of the United States—have largely stopped and begun to regress, these advances have now become traditionalized and are therefore being largely preserved by their natural inertia.

“The advances that occurred in Western civilization are rooted in literally thousands of years of history. Even a cursory study of this phenomenon requires examination of historical events and trends that are thousands of years old. Western values and advances have required such a long time for their development that even natural selection—not at all the same as ‘evolution’—within the European populations has undoubtedly played a part.

“Now, it is necessary to ask whether or not the vast improvements in the human condition that have been produced by Western civilization can survive the disappearance of the peoples who produced them. Can other races and other religions and other civilizations preserve and extend these advances, or will mankind slip backwards into new dark ages when the white-male-dominated Western world disappears from the world stage?

“Disappears? Exactly! Never defeated in war and certainly not to be defeated by ‘terrorism,’ Western civilization is rapidly withdrawing from the world stage—by demographics.

“Population replacement requires 2.1 babies per woman. The extra 0.1 allows for those who do not reach reproductive age.

“Current values for the Western countries range from Ireland—1.87, New Zealand—1.79, and Australia—1.76; down

through Canada—1.5; to Germany and Austria—1.3; Russia—1.2, and Spain 1.1. The United States is at 2.07, but this is held up by non-Western elements of its population. The European-derived Western population of the United States is far below 2.

“Our work takes us among academics and some other Western elements in the United States that are supposed to be higher achievers. While I have no statistical data on this sub-population, among those people I know within it, the reproduction index is below 1.0.

“Among United States home schoolers of European background, the value is about 3.5, but this is a small group, and significant portions of it are rejecting modern advances and trying to regress into lifestyles of earlier times. While enjoyable for those who manage this transition—most fail—these people are doing little to preserve and extend Western civilization.

“While one could write wonderful polemics decrying these trends and demonizing the factors and circumstances that have led to them (I indulge slightly in this below), the trends themselves are huge and virtually irreversible.

“Does the world need these peoples who are dying out? Given their contributions to civilization, it is very risky to enter the future without them. Yet, they are very unlikely now to be preserved intact.

“The best hope for preservation is in the United States. Unlike the rest of the world, the United States is a true melting pot. In this country, widespread intermarriage between those of European descent and those from other civilizations is possible and may occur. If so, our country may well serve as the last repository of the people who have, so far, shaped the best value of the human race.”

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