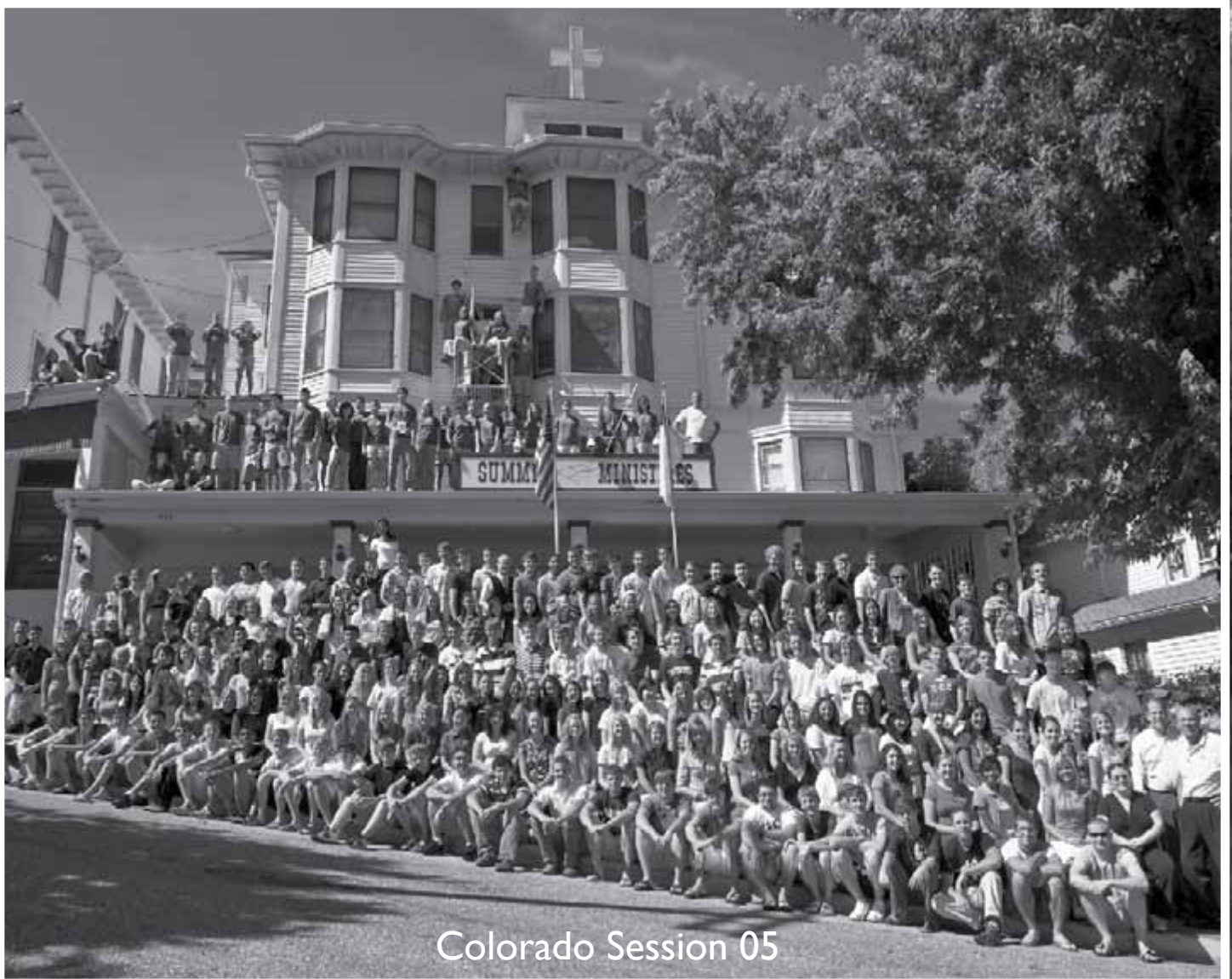


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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth. And their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and I shall be innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

—Psalm 19:7–14, NKJV

No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of *Genesis*, that “in the beginning God made Heaven and Earth.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

ECONOMICS

The American spirit of giving to those in need hasn't taken much of a hit from the recession.

Despite what some have described as the toughest economic environment since the Great Depression, U.S. charitable giving in 2008 dropped just 2 percent from 2007, according to an annual survey of philanthropy from the Giving USA Foundation in Glenview, Illinois.

Americans gave an estimated \$307 billion to charities last year, down from 2007's figure of \$314 billion, according to the foundation report, *Giving USA*, a publication researched and written annually by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

The small decrease, however, is the first since 1987

and only the second drop since the foundation started its survey 54 years ago.

“This dramatically shows the generosity of the people of America,” said George Ruotolo, a nonprofit-fundraising consultant who has served as chairman of the Giving Institute, which founded the Giving USA Foundation.

“I'm not happy that it went down a little bit, but if you could have the banking industry or the auto or the housing industry only going down 2 percent, they would say, ‘Wow, that is just unbelievably good.’ This shows what Americans are made of. This demonstrates the strength of our resolve,” he said.

—*The Washington Times*, June 10, 2009, p.A3

The survey found good news for religious organizations, which saw a 5.5 percent increase in giving for 2008. Congregations and other religious groups took in an estimated \$106 billion, marking 35 percent of total giving in 2008.

“I think the reason religion does well during a recession is, people feel an immense connection to their houses of worship,” Mr. Ruotolo said. “They realize that houses of worship cannot go to corporations or foundations for support. They have to rely on the generosity of members. There is that connection in faith and mission.”

—*Ibid.*

A sign of immaturity—most often found in children and certain politicians—is being in denial or even unaware of the consequences of one's actions. The global political class has always suffered from an excess of immaturity, but every generation or so, political immaturity explodes like a star in its death throes and vaporizes everything in its vicinity.

Current examples are all too numerous. Much of the present global financial crisis was caused by the issuance of too much debt by both governments and by private players. A mature thinker would understand that part of the solution must be a reduction in debt, and only an immature mind would advocate the creation of mountains of new and almost never-ending debt—yet this is precisely what the majority of the political class in the United States and many other countries is doing in issuing many trillions of dollars of new government debt.

Stanford University economics professor and former Treasury Undersecretary John B. Taylor has shown how the proposed additional U.S. government debt could cause 100 percent inflation over the next few years, which means most people will see their real standard of living fall as prices double. Long-term interest rates on U.S. government debt

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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

a word from Dr. Noebel

Let's look at an all-too-common scenario: A Christian son comes home from his Christian college and tells his Christian parents (who have struggled to pay his tuition and expenses for four long years) that he has outgrown his patriarchal, paranoid, provincial, conservative upbringing, and has grown into an enlightened Obama liberal man-of-the-left. The astonished parents are left to wonder how this unexpected transformation could have occurred and what they should have done to prevent it.

But the enlightened one is not finished with his parents yet! He further astounds and alarms them by parroting the liberal/left line that conservatives (i.e., they) are the greedy capitalist members of society who should be taxed into poverty in order to join the new "socialistic" experiment (now called "interventionism" much like "global warming" is now called "climate change"), which will eradicate everyone else's poverty and all the other social ills created by the wealth producers' selfish lifestyles and their rape of the environment!

If you are one of these parents or know someone who is, let's also look at some research that paints a vastly different picture.

First, the stingiest and most selfish members of American society are liberals (just like the son), not conservatives! According to *The Catalogue of Philanthropy*, the stingiest states in the United States are New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, and Maine—all liberal northeastern states. On the other hand, the most generous states in the United States are Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, Tennessee, Louisiana, and South Carolina—all conservative Bible belt states!

Second, University of Tennessee law professor Glen Reynolds noted "when you look at who was providing relief after Katrina, there's not much in the way of secular humanism to be found." As we know, liberalism and secular humanism go together like Mary and her little lamb!

Third, the one liberal who admitted that "evangelical Christians" indeed form "the backbone of philanthropic giving" was none other than John Dewey himself. He actually said that conservative Christians "embody and express the spirit of kindly goodwill toward classes which are at an economic disadvantage and toward other nations." Although he made this statement back in 1922, not much has changed since then!

Fourth, *World* magazine (August 26, 2006) dealt with this question by asking who is "more compassionate: the religious right, or the secular left? The answer appears to be the former."

Lastly, Arthur C. Brooks, a professor of public administration at Syracuse University, is the author of *Who Really Cares: The Surprising Truth about Compassionate Conservatism* (Basic Books, 2006), a definitive study on charity

and donating to charities. Brooks is politically independent and has registered as both a Democrat and a Republican in the past decade. A summary of Brooks' findings includes the following: a) political conservatives are, on average, more personally charitable than



political liberals; b) the worldview and lifestyle of charitable people are usually more in sync with the right than with the left; c) religious people are far more charitable than secular people; and d) religious people are disproportionately politically conservative.

I sincerely wish Christian colleges would be willing to share this kind of research with their students before radicalizing them to try to save the world from those who are more generous and compassionate about the poor than are all their left-leaning professors combined!

In the meantime, the enlightened one's parents can continue to be encouraged by the Hugh Hewitts and Rush Limbaughs of the airwaves, knowing that conservatives like them are the truly generous members of society as opposed to their liberal counterparts who support the idea that government should redistribute wealth to help the poor but are not likely to give from their own incomes to help anyone.

Dear Dr. Noebel and Summit Ministries Staff:

Andrew W. of Topeka, Kansas, and Nathan P. of Colorado State University, Pueblo, Colorado, are both attending the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Student Congress in Lexington, KY, June 21-27, 2009. They are both alumni of Summit Ministries. Andrew was excited to attend this Student Congress and a bit nervous also. He called home yesterday and said, "Guess what? Another Summit graduate is here!" That was good news to our ears as well. We knew this would be a stretching experience for him! But to know there is another like-minded student there was an answer to prayer. We know both would appreciate your prayers. Thanks for Summit Ministries and the impact it has made on us and on our son.

—Emery and Donna W.

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have jumped a colossal 81 percent (annualized) in just the last five months and seem slated to go higher as markets see the increased risk of future inflation.

To ameliorate some of the inflation, immature political minds (and even a few immature economists) argue for a massive tax increase to pay for all the new debt. Mr. Taylor estimates the tax increase would have to be about 60 percent, which, of course, would kill incentives to work, save and invest and would result in a stagnant economy, or worse, massive unemployment.

For centuries in the United States, and even before under English common law, bond holders were secure in the knowledge that in a business failure they would be first in line to collect from the sale of the assets. Suddenly, the immature actors in the Obama administration have overturned well-established bankruptcy law and put a politically favored union ahead of the bond holders in the case of Chrysler and General Motors Corp.

—Richard W. Rahn, *The Washington Times*, June 5, 2009, p.A21



Most Americans don't yet grasp the scale of the Obama project. The naysayers complain, *Oh, it's another Jimmy Carter*; or *It's the new New Deal*; or *It's LBJ's Great Society applied to health care*. You should be so lucky. Forget these parochial nickel'n'dime comparisons. It's all those multiplied a gazillionfold and nuclearized—or Europeanized, which is less dramatic but ultimately more lethal. For a distressing number of American liberals, the natural condition of an advanced, progressive western democracy is Scandinavia, and the U.S. has just been taking a wee bit longer to get there. You've probably heard academics talking about "the Swedish model" and carelessly assumed they were referring to the Britt Ekland retrospective on AMC. If only. And, incidentally, fond though I am of Britt, the fact that I can think of no Swedish dolly bird of the last 30 years with which to update that gag is itself a telling part of the problem. Anyway, under the Swedish model, state spending accounts for 54 percent of GDP. In the US, it's about 40 percent. Ten years ago, it was 34 percent. So we're trending Stockholmwards.

And why stop there? In Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales, government spending accounts for between 72 and 78 per cent of the economy, which is about the best a "free" society can hope to attain this side of complete Sovietization. Fortunately for what's left of America's private sector, "the Welsh model" doesn't have quite the same beguiling euphony as "the Swedish model." Even so, if Scandinavia really is the natural condition of an advanced democracy, then we're all doomed. And by "doomed" I'm not merely making the usual overheated rhetorical flourish

in an attempt to persuade you to stick through the rather dry statistics in the next paragraph, but rather projecting total societal collapse and global conflagration, and all sooner than you think.

There are two basic objections to the wholesale Europeanization of America. The easy one is the economic argument. The short version of late-20th-century history is that Continental Europe entirely missed out on the Eighties boom and its Nineties echo. A couple of weeks back, the evening news shows breathlessly announced that U.S. unemployment had risen to seven per cent, the highest in a decade and a half. Yet the worst American unemployment rate is still better than the best French unemployment rate for that same period. Indeed, for much of the 1990s the EU as a whole averaged an unemployment rate twice that of the U.S. and got used to double-digit unemployment as a routine and semi-permanent feature of life.

Germany, the economic powerhouse of Europe in the Sixties and Seventies, is now a country whose annual growth rate has averaged 1.1 per cent since the mid-Nineties; where every indicator—home ownership, new car registrations—is heading down; and in which government agencies have to budget for such novel expenditures as narrowing the sewer lines in economically moribund, fast depopulating municipalities because the existing pipes are too wide to, ah, expedite the reduced flow. Even flushing yourself down the toilet of history is trickier than it looks.

Of course, if you're one of the seemingly endless supply of Americans willing to turn up at the president's ersatz "town meetings" to petition the seigneur to take care of your medical bills and your mortgage and the gas in your tank, the Euro-deal looks pretty sweet. When they deign to work, even the French can match the Americans in hourly productivity. Unfortunately for boring things like GDP, the Euro-week has far fewer hours. There are government-mandated maximum 35-hour work weeks, six weeks of paid vacation, more public holidays, and, in the event that, after all that, some unfortunate clerical error still shows the calendar with an occasional five-day week, you can always strike. The upshot is that, while a working American puts in an average 1,800 hours a year, a working German puts in 1,350 hours a year—or 25 percent less.

It's tempting to assume these are deeply ingrained cultural differences. "It's The Good Life, full of fun, seems to be the ideal," as the Gallic crooner Sacha Distel smoothly observed. But, in fact, until the Seventies Americans and Europeans put in more or less identical work hours. What happened is that the Protobamas of the Continental political class legislated sloth, and, as is the way, the citizenry got used to it.

Indeed, the proposed European Constitution enshrines leisure as a constitutional right. Article II-31: "Every worker has the right to limitation of maximum working hours, to daily and weekly rest periods and to an annual period

of paid holiday.” There’s no First Amendment or Second Amendment, but who needs free speech or guns when life is one gentle swing in the government hammock?

—Mark Steyn, *National Review*, March 23, 2009, p. 22–23

ETHICS

For the first time in history, a U.S. president has issued a White House proclamation celebrating transgenderism—along with homosexuality, lesbianism, and bisexuality.

In his June 1 “Pride Month” proclamation, Barack Obama boasted of appointing Senate-confirmed openly homosexual nominees to high executive offices, described reluctance to accept homosexuality as “discrimination and prejudice,” and called for passage of the entire homosexual political agenda, including programs for “LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgendered] youth.”

No president, even Bill Clinton, has issued such a radical embrace of the entire homosexual agenda. To give “teeth” to the LGBT youth emphasis, President Obama recently appointed Kevin Jennings, the founder of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, as the Assistant Secretary of Education for Safe and Drug Free Schools. Jennings’ group backs homosexual lessons for children, beginning in kindergarten, and sponsored a Massachusetts conference in 2000 in which children as young as 12 were instructed graphically about how to perform homosexual acts. The president’s proclamation calls for:

- “Outlawing discrimination in the workplace,” which means passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would empower the federal government to force employers with 15 or more employees to adopt “sexual orientation” special protections now applicable to race, ethnicity, and sex.
- “Enhancing hate crime laws.” The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act (S. 909), now in the Senate, would lay the foundation for special treatment based on gender identity and homosexuality and would empower the Justice Department to take over any criminal case that it deems a “hate crime.” Similar laws paved the way for “thought crime” statutes in Canada, Sweden, England, and other nations where public criticism of homosexuality is now banned and passages in the Bible have been declared “hate speech.”
- Adoption of children by homosexual couples, guaranteeing that orphans would be placed in fatherless or motherless families by design, despite the availability of more than one million husband-and-wife households awaiting adoption.
- Recognition of transsexuals and transvestites as a civil rights category on a par with race, ethnicity, place of birth, or sex. This means that men who dress as women would obtain more rights under the law

than other Americans and could force employers to accommodate them, regardless of the impact on the workplace. A male school bus driver in Pennsylvania, for instance, showed up for work dressed as a woman and claimed that he had the right under a state law to do so, regardless of the impact on the children.

- Civil unions. The president specifically called for civil unions, which give the rights and privileges of marriage to same-sex couples. Civil unions put the government on record as encouraging homosexuality with legal incentives. The proclamation did not mention the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), but Obama has called elsewhere for repealing it.
- End the military’s ban on homosexual behavior. Despite a letter signed by more than 1,000 retired generals and admirals opposing this idea, Obama says he wants open homosexuals to serve in the nation’s armed forces.

When traditional sexual morality is redefined as “discrimination and prejudice,” the law will be used to criminalize biblical Christianity. Children will be taught in schools that God’s plan for marriage and sexuality is merely a form of bigotry and that “trying out” homosexuality will be a rite of passage. The volunteer military will be shaken to its roots, putting recruitment and retention at risk.

The stakes are enormous for our churches, our nation, our children, and grandchildren.

Speak now—or forget about having peace in the future.

—Robert Knight, *OneNewsNow.com*, June 9, 2009

New Hampshire became the sixth state to recognize same-sex marriage Wednesday after the state legislature agreed to include changes protecting religious institutions from being forced to marry gay couples.

Gov. John Lynch, a Democrat, signed the bill just hours after the state House voted 198–176 and the Senate voted 14–10 to legalize gay marriage.

New Hampshire joined Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, and Maine in legalizing same-sex marriage, and the fourth to do so this year. The Vermont and Maine legislatures approved bills recognizing same-sex marriage earlier this year, while the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in March that not performing such unions is unconstitutional.

The only surprise surrounding the New Hampshire action was its timing.

Both state houses approved a same-sex marriage bill earlier this year, but the governor sent it back in May, asking the legislature to include language making it clear that religious organizations and their employees have the right to refuse to participate in same-sex marriage ceremonies.

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Lawmakers expected the governor's amendment to sail through the legislature easily, and thus were stunned when the House rejected it in a May 20 vote by margin of 188–186.

New Hampshire political analyst Dean Spiliotes chalked up the vote to a large number of absences—the legislature meets year-round and pays only a pittance, thus many lawmakers miss votes due to their jobs—and to qualms over the speed at which the bill was moving.

Kevin Smith, executive director of Cornerstone Policy Research Action in Manchester, N.H., which opposes gay marriage, said the governor and some legislators would likely pay a political price for the move in the 2010 election.

“The governor said as recently as April that marriage is reserved for a man and a woman,” Mr. Smith said. “This is a stark departure from everything he’s said in the past. I wouldn’t call it squishy—I’d call it completely misleading the voters.”

He said the governor also stated during Wednesday’s bill-signing that he would support repealing the federal Defense of Marriage Amendment.

“This is a very liberal governor who’s gotten away with looking like a moderate in the past,” Mr. Smith said. “He’s lost a lot of political capital with the voters over this.”

He said conservatives would attempt to repeal the same-sex marriage law, while acknowledging that it wouldn’t be easy. Even getting a referendum onto the ballot requires a two-thirds vote in both the Democrat-controlled House and Senate.

—*The Washington Times*, June 4, 2009, p.A3



Soon after late-term abortion doctor George Tiller was killed, I called one of his mentors, Bernard Nathanson. The former Jewish atheist who presided over 75,000 abortions—including that of his own child in the 1960s and 1970s left the abortion industry upon the advent of ultrasound technology.

His now-classic video “The Silent Scream” shows an unborn child recoiling from a vacuum abortion device before being sucked to its death. He was baptized a Roman Catholic in late 1996, and in an interview with me then, he said he converted because he feared going to hell.

“I have such heavy moral baggage to drag into the next world,” he explained.

We talked again last week. Co-founder of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL), he is now 82 and hardly able to walk. A priest brings him communion once a week.

Had he continued in the abortion business, could he have been shot as well, I asked.

“Yes, that is correct,” he said. “But I wasn’t. I knew George Tiller years ago when I was on the pro-abortion side. He came to a course I was giving in the technique of abortion in

New York in 1970 under the auspices of NARAL. And I did late-term abortions until I changed my opinion as of 1980.

“My switch to pro-life had nothing to do with religion,” he added. “Tiller was a church-going man, which doesn’t say a whole lot in this country, but one wonders why he never changed his mind based on the scientific evidence. That is where I changed my mind, based on fetoscopies and ultrasound studies.

“Once we had ultrasound in place, we could study the fetus and see it was a member of our community. If you don’t do that, you’re just a creature of political ideology. In 1970, there were approximately 1,100 articles on the functioning of the fetus. By 1990, there were 22,000. The data piled up swiftly and opened a window into the womb.”

Yes, abortion providers do go to church. Dr. Tiller, who apparently was excommunicated from a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation because of his life’s work, sought refuge with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, a more liberal Church body. He was ushering at an ELCA church when he was killed May 31.

On Monday, I interviewed Dr. LeRoy Carhart, one of several physicians who assisted Dr. Tiller in Wichita, Kan. He and his wife, Mary, told me they are United Methodists. At one point, he added he considered becoming a Methodist minister.

Instead, he ended up in Dr. Tiller’s office, face-to-face with cases such as a suicidal rape victim who was 30 weeks pregnant. He aborted that fetus.

“At 30 weeks?” I asked. (My daughter was born at 32 weeks.) At that point, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice President Carlton Veazey interjected that women have a God-given right to make such decisions about their lives.

Doesn’t the fetus have the same moral rights as a born woman, I asked.

“God gave that fetus a ‘guardian ad litem’ when he chose the mother that fetus is born with,” Dr. Carhart responded. “That mother, I feel, has been charged by God to make the right choices for that child during its unborn and early born years.”

And before I could ask why God would choose a mother intent on aborting her child, they terminated the interview.

—Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*, June 11, 2009, p.A20



Liberals used the divorce papers [of Miss California Carrie Prejean’s parents] to argue that Prejean had some deep-seated psychological disturbance causing her to oppose gay marriage. Symptoms of this debilitating illness include a belief in some sort of “god” and a reverence for the Bible.

It’s not as if Prejean’s special talent in the Miss USA contest was to perform an opposite-sex marriage. (Or, as the president and I call it, “marriage.”) She didn’t even volunteer her “controversial” views on marriage. Rather, she

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was asked for her opinion on gay marriage and gave it—in an answer wrapped in so many layers of sugar it took 10 minutes to get to the point.

“Well, I think it’s great that Americans are able to choose one way or the other. We live in a land where you can choose same-sex marriage or opposite marriage. You know what, in my country, in my family, I do believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman, no offense to anybody out there. But that’s how I was raised, and I believe that it should be between a man and a woman.”

What a vicious hate-monger! Any second there I was expecting her to bust out a “by golly!” or an “oh my gosh!” Angry gay-marriage supporters should be happy they didn’t get my version of that answer. It contains some terms you won’t find in your Bible.

Liberals wouldn’t attack James Dobson with the amount of bile they’ve directed at a 21-year-old beauty contestant. It’s not just Christianity—it’s women liberals hate.

From Jean-Paul Sartre, Pablo Picasso and Bertrand Russell, who treated women—mostly their mistresses—like dogs, to Teddy Kennedy and Bill Clinton in our own day, liberals are ferocious misogynists. They share Muslims’ opinion of women, differing only to the extent that liberals also support a women’s right to have an abortion and to perform lap dances.

You’d be better off in a real burqa than under the authority of a liberal American male.

I’m not sure we needed a psychological profile of Prejean to figure out why she holds the same position on gay marriage as: the president, the vice president, the secretary of state, Bill Clinton, John Kerry, John Edwards and his mistress, and the vast majority of the American people.

But what is crying out for an explanation is why every bubble-head TV news anchoress from a nice, churchgoing red state ends up adopting the political views of Karl Marx.

—Ann Coulter, *Human Events*, May 18, 2009, p. 5

ISLAM

During his White House years, William Jefferson Clinton—someone Judge Sonia Sotomayor might call a “white male”—was dubbed “America’s first black president” by a black admirer. Applying the standard of identity politics and pandering to a special interest that earned Mr. Clinton that distinction, Barack Hussein Obama would have to be considered America’s first Muslim president.

This is not to say, necessarily, that Mr. Obama actually is a Muslim any more than Mr. Clinton actually is black. After his five months in office, and most especially after his just-concluded visit to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, however, a stunning conclusion seems increasingly plausible: The man now happy to have his Islamic-rooted middle name featured prominently has engaged in the most consequential bait-and-switch since Adolf Hitler duped Neville Chamberlain over Czechoslovakia at Munich.

What little we know about Mr. Obama’s youth certainly suggests that he not only had a Kenyan father who was Muslim, but spent his early, formative years as one in Indonesia. As the president likes to say, “much has been made”—in this case by him and his campaign handlers—of the fact that he became a Christian as an adult in Chicago, under the now-notorious Pastor Jeremiah A. Wright.

With Mr. Obama’s unbelievably ballyhooed address in Cairo Thursday to what he calls “the Muslim world” (hereafter known as “the Speech”), there is mounting evidence that the president not only identifies with Muslims, but actually may still be one himself. Consider the following indicators:

- Mr. Obama referred four times in his speech to “the Holy Koran.” Non-Muslims—even pandering ones—generally don’t use that Islamic formulation.
- Mr. Obama established his firsthand knowledge of Islam (albeit without mentioning his reported upbringing in the faith) with the statement, “I have known Islam on three continents before coming to the region where it was first revealed.” Again, “revealed” is a depiction Muslims use to reflect their conviction that the Koran is the word of God, as dictated to Muhammad.
- Then the president made a statement no believing Christian—certainly not one versed, as he professes to be, in the ways of Islam—would ever make. In the context of what he euphemistically called the “situation between Israelis, Palestinians, and Arabs,” Mr. Obama said he looked forward to the day “...when Jerusalem is a secure and lasting home for Jews and Christians and Muslims, and a place for all the children of Abraham to mingle peacefully together as in the story of Isra, when Moses, Jesus and Muhammad (peace be upon them) joined in prayer.”

Now, the term “peace be upon them” is invoked by Muslims as a way of blessing deceased holy men. According to Islam, that is what all three were—dead prophets. Of course, for Christians, Jesus is the living and immortal Son of God.

In the final analysis, it may be beside the point whether Mr. Obama actually is a Muslim. In the Speech and elsewhere, he has aligned himself with adherents to what authoritative Islam calls Shariah—notably, the dangerous global movement known as the Muslim Brotherhood—to a degree that makes Mr. Clinton’s fabled affinity for blacks pale by comparison.

—Frank J. Gaffney Jr., *The Washington Times*, June 9, 2009

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