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## ***From the President's Desk***

With so many new readers being added to our *Journal* family, let me quickly outline what the *Journal* is all about.

Summit Ministries publishes this monthly newsletter primarily to keep our Summit graduates and readers up-to-date on the latest information affecting their Christian worldview. The three or four worldviews taught in our public institutions of lower and higher education - secular humanism, Marxism, New Age and Postmodern (Ultra-modernism or humanism) are covered as they affect the following ten areas - theology, philosophy, ethics, biology (and other sciences), psychology, sociology, politics, economics, law and history.

It is our position that Christianity is a viable worldview worth proclaiming and defending. For those who wish to see how we present the Christian worldview and its competitors, we suggest a read of our work *Understanding the Times*.

The *Journal* merely keeps our readers somewhat fresh on the latest happenings in the above ten areas of concern and primarily with the humanistic religion worldviews that are taught Christian students in our public education curriculum.

It is our contention that Christian young people need to be grounded in their own worldview and then exposed to those worldviews seeking to destroy them - body, soul and spirit. Our model here is Paul, the Apostle, in Athens (Acts 17). Paul certainly understood the religious humanism of his day - a humanism still with us but under different names.

Anyway, this is what the *Journal* is primarily about. Welcome aboard as we keep tabs on the titanic struggle for the hearts and minds of our youth.

## ***Month in Review***

"For my people is foolish, they have not known me; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. . .

". . . thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife.

. . . shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?"

Jeremiah 4:22, 5:7-9

"The rule for all of us is perfectly simple. Do not waste time bothering whether you `love' your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*,

"A healthy family life is the most important factor for academic performance, and yet this well-established fact gets little or no attention from postmodern determinists."

Dennis McCallum, Gen. Editor, *The Death of Truth*, p. 119

"Postmodern educators are so focused on the role of positive self-esteem as a necessary pre-condition for learning that their educational model becomes *therapeutic*. When self-esteem becomes the be-all and end-all of education, teachers are no longer in a position to insist on performance. Discipline is rejected as dangerous to children's self-esteem. During the past three decades - during which self-esteem has become the holy grail of much of American education - standard achievement test scores have plummeted 73 points, even though spending per student increased more than 200 percent during the same period!

"Although the U.S. outspends other countries, and teacher-student ratios have steadily improved, academic performance ranks well below other developed countries. Where is the evidence that this approach is accomplishing anything but the disablement of an entire generation of students?"

Dennis McCallum, Gen. Editor, *The Death of Truth*, p. 119

"Consider, reader, whether spiritual truths be not worthy of thy choicest praises. Every divine truth is one of God's eternal thoughts; it is heaven born, and bears the image of God. Truth is the glory of the sacred Trinity. Hence the Spirit is called Truth, (John xvi. 13,) Christ is called Truth, (John xiv. 6,) and God himself is said to be the God of truth. (Deut. xxxii. 4.) It is so delightful to him, that his eyes are always upon the truth. (Jer. v. 3.) And when the only-wise God would have men make a purchase, he counsels them to buy the truth. And is it not good counsel? Is it not a good purchase? Can you bestow your pains or lay out your money better? If you be dead in sins and trespasses, truth is the seed of a new life, of a heavenly birth. (James i. 18.) If you be in any bondage, truth can make you free. (John viii. 32.) If compassed about with enemies, truth can shield thee. (Ps. xci. 4.) If you be full of filthy thoughts and lusts, or any impurities, the truth can sanctify you. (John xvii. 17.) If darkness and faintness possess your souls, truth is *lumen et pabulum animæ* - "the light and life of the soul." (Ps. cxix. 105.)

"Let us, then, advance our thoughts of truth, and rate it above all sublunary things, and buy it, though it cost us all. It is no simony, it is not too dear; you cannot overvalue truth. It is sister to the peace of God, which passeth all understanding. See how God himself estimates his word and truth. (Ps. cxxxviii. 2,) 'Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.' Whatsoever God is known by, beside his word, is beneath his word. Take the whole creation, which is God's name in the greatest letters, it is nothing to his word and truth. Therefore Christ tells the Pharisees, it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than one tittle of the law to fail. If the least jot or tittle of the law be prized by God above all the world, let us take heed of undervaluing the great and glorious truths of the gospel, and settle it as a law upon our hearts that we can never overprize or yield sufficient praise for any truth. Men can praise God for the blessings of the field, the seas, the womb, and of their shops; but where is the man that praises God for his blessing of blessings - for truth - for good books, for heavenly treatises? Men seldom purposely lift up their hearts and voices to heaven, to praise God for the riches of knowledge bestowed upon them. In good books you have men's labor and God's truth. The tribute of thanks is due for both, that God enables men to so great labors, and that he conveys such precious treasures through earthen vessels. David thought it his duty to praise God for truth, (Ps. cxxxviii. 2,) and hath left it on record for our imitation. He saw such excellency, and found so much sweet gain in truth, that he must break out in praises for it."

W. Greenhill in the forward to Thomas Shepard's *The Sincere Convert* (ca. 1636). Shepard was a major founder of Harvard University and a Puritan minister at Cambridge.

## ***Critiquing Evolutionary Theories***

"All fruitful ideas have been conceived in the minds of the nonconformists, for whom the known was still unknown, and who often went back to begin where others passed by, sure of their way. The truth of today was the heresy of yesterday."

Immanuel Velikovsky, *Earth In Upheaval*, third printing in 1969, p. 279

"According to the theory of uniformity, no process took place in the past that is not taking place at present; and not only the nature but also the intensity of physical phenomena of our age are the criteria

of what could have happened in the past.

"This theory, first advanced by Hutton (1795) and Lamarck (1800), was elevated to its present position as a scientific law by Charles Lyell, a young attorney whose interest in geology was to make him the most influential person in that field, and by Lyell's disciple and friend, Charles Darwin. Darwin built his theory of evolution on Lyell's principle of uniformity. A modern exponent of the theory of evolution, H. F. Osborn, wrote: 'Present continuity implies the improbability of past catastrophism and violence of change, either in the lifeless or in the living world; moreover, we seek to interpret the changes and laws of past time through those which we observe at the present time. This was Darwin's secret, learned from Lyell.' Lyell built his case with convincing dialectics.

"Wind and solar heat and rain little by little crumble the rock in the highlands. Rivers carry the detritus to the sea. The land is lowered by this process, which continues for ages, until it turns a vast region into detritus. Then the massive earth, as if in a slow breathing process, every phase of which requires eons, again slowly rises, the bottom of the sea subsides, and the crumbling of the rock begins all over again. The land comes up in an elevated plateau; the subsequent action of water and wind cuts furrows, and little by little the highland changes into a range of mountain peaks; more eons, and these heights crumble too, wind and rain carrying them grain by grain into the sea; the shallow sea encroaches on the land, then slowly retreats. No great catastrophes intervene to change the face of the earth. Although sporadic volcanic action occurs, Lyell did not consider it to have an effect in changing the face of the earth comparable in importance to that of rivers, wind, and waves of the sea."

Immanuel Velikovsky, *Earth in Upheaval*, p. 32,33

Immanuel Velikovsky was one 20<sup>th</sup> Century individual who said NO to Hutton, Lyell and Darwin. For his efforts (*World in Collision*, *Earth in Upheaval*, etc.) he was banished from the scientific community with a vengeance. As Charles Ginenthal says, "Even if Velikovsky's theories are completely wrong, no one deserves to be maligned as he has been." However, maligned he was and more so by Carl Sagan than anyone else. "It has been," says Ginenthal, "a deeply saddening experience to discover again and again the crossness of Sagan's work on Velikovsky. It has also been a deeply shocking experience to learn the political nature of the way science operates." (Both quotes are from Ginenthal's book *Carl Sagan and Immanuel Velikovsky*, p. 13.)

While your editor cannot say he agrees with Velikovsky in every detail, he is impressed with the way Velikovsky has presented his case and certainly recommends his writings. However, Charles Ginenthal's recent defense of Velikovsky in *Carl Sagan and Immanuel Velikovsky* is an important work. The way Ginenthal updates the issues and ideas raised by Velikovsky 50 years ago is impressive.

After reading Ginenthal's work, I was reminded of a comment of Paul Davies concerning William Paley. Paley, of course, was considered dead as a door nail for his work on design in nature. However, Davies says not only is Paley back in the hunt, but could well come out the winner. Well, not only is Velikovsky still in the hunt, but could turn out to be the winner in his battle with Sagan and the high priests of the

scientific community who sought to bury him once and for all.

Following is a comment by Ginenthal that sets the stage for his well-written defense of Velikovsky.

"Dr. Carl Sagan, a professor of astronomy from Cornell University, a well known public personality and writer of popular books of science, in 1974 at a symposium of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) delivered a paper, 'An Analysis of *Worlds in Collision*'. This paper was later edited and presented in a book, *Scientists Confront Velikovsky*, published by Cornell University Press. The paper was further edited and presented in Sagan's book *Broca's Brain*, under the title 'Venus and Dr. Velikovsky'. Sagan's paper is a critique of Immanuel Velikovsky's book *Worlds in Collision*.

"Having read Velikovsky, I also read Sagan's paper; I thereafter discovered that a group of scientists and scholars had written critiques of Sagan's analysis. After reading these criticisms I began a search of the literature and over a period of time I became convinced that Sagan's critique lacked substance. Most surprising was the number of statements made by Sagan that proved to be clearly untrue. Further reading reinforced this discovery of the glaringly unscientific and unscholarly quality of Sagan's paper. What was much worse, was that it was difficult to imagine that even Sagan was unaware of the misrepresentation of evidence presented as scholarly criticism by him and offered to the public.

"Thereafter, I encountered a colleague who, learning that I was interested in the thesis of Dr. Velikovsky, informed me that in *Broca's Brain* was an essay by Professor Sagan that demolished Velikovsky and his thesis. When he informed me that he had not read any of Velikovsky's books nor any criticisms of Sagan's article I asked, 'How can you make a proper judgment if you haven't read both sides of the issue.' To my astonishment he replied, 'I don't have to read both sides to know which side is right!' His closed-minded attitude made discussion futile and I let the remark pass. Several days later I received a letter in which he presented citations from Sagan's paper and posed, 'What possible arguments could be raised on Velikovsky's behalf?'

"In response I composed a long letter which dealt with merely one of Sagan's criticisms. This posted, I awaited his response - none came. A few weeks later at a monthly conference, we ran into each other. In a very friendly manner he approached me, smiling broadly, he shook my hand. 'What did you think of my reply to your letter?' I asked. He admired the scholarship of my reply to Sagan and admitted frankly, 'There are two sides to this Velikovsky business.' This I followed up by asking if there were any other aspects of Sagan's criticism which he wished to clarify. He shook his head 'no' and I dropped the matter. However, I noted that he seemed shocked by the evidence of the rebuttal presented."

Charles Ginenthal, *Carl Sagan and Immanuel Velikovsky*, p. 12, 13

"It is misleading to say that the universe is expanding, because solar systems and galaxies are not expanding, and space itself is not expanding. The galaxies are rushing apart in the way that any cloud of particles will rush apart once they are set in motion away from each other."

## ***The Struggling Left***

"If you're 20 and not a liberal, you have no heart; if you're 40 and not a conservative, you have no brain.' Or so the saying goes. But what it suggests - that young people tend to be more liberal than their elders - could be changing.

"A recent study of college freshmen shows more of America's young adults may be finding their brains a little sooner in the 1990s. The Annual Freshman Survey by the Higher Education Research Institute of the University of California at Los Angeles finds students taking more conservative stances on a wide range of issues, from abortion to crime.

"For example, although 56 percent of respondents expressed support for keeping abortion legal, this figure is down sharply from a peak of 65 percent in 1990. Overall, 30 percent of the students said they were 'born-again' Christians, with the number reaching 52.6 percent at traditionally black colleges and universities. Surprised? Read on.

"The annual survey, released several weeks ago, is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year. It was conducted last fall at nearly 500 colleges and universities with a combined enrollment of more than 250,000 freshmen. Students were asked hundreds of questions on social issues, their personal lives, and future plans.

"While one might not expect to find a 'tough on crime' attitude on college campuses, the UCLA survey showed 72 percent of college freshmen think society shows 'too much concern for criminals,' and a convincing 80 percent said they want to keep the death penalty legal.

"Perhaps the most surprising statistic from the survey is that the percentage of students approving of casual sex, defined as sex between two people who have known each other only a short time, reached a new low. In the latest survey, just over 41 percent of the respondents said casual sex is OK, down from a high of 52 percent in 1987.

"While the typical fraternity party would lead one to believe otherwise, a more conservative lifestyle is definitely on the upswing among college students. I see evidence of this on my own campus every day."

Shawn H. Stair, The Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C., *The Gazette Telegraph*, March 19, 1997, p. B7

"In a major setback to Christian gay-rights activists, a ban on the ordination of homosexuals will become law in the American Presbyterian Church.

"The ban got the majority it needed Tuesday with approvals from regional bodies in Miami and

Charlotte, N.C. The Book of Order - the church's constitution - will be changed to require chastity of single ministers.

"It says to the country that Presbyterians are committed to reaffirming their biblical center for faith and practice,' said the Rev. Jack Haberer, moderator of The Presbyterian Coalition, a group favoring the amendment.

"However, Scott Anderson, co-moderator of Presbyterians for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, said the change will force more gay and lesbian Presbyterians out of the 2.7 million-member church.

"It's one more club that has been used to beat up gay and lesbian people in the Presbyterian church,' he said."

Associated Press, March 19, 1997, *The Gazette Telegraph*, p. A7

"A leftist propaganda officer flees from Marxist Grenada to Soviet-bloc Czechoslovakia, to Castro's Cuba, to an insurrectionary New York tabloid, to Ben Chavis' radical NAACP, and then, after witnessing (and arguably contributing to) the demise of nearly all of the above, he finds sanctuary with the National Council of Churches.

"It sounds like a fable for our time, but it is also the true story of Don Rojas, who now directs the Council's Burned Churches Fund for torched black houses of worship. If Rojas' strange odyssey illustrates the shrinking universe in which doctrinaire adherents of the totalitarian left must now perform, it also once again underlines the way in which the flagship organization for America's mainline churches has become a final haven for the Marxism that the rest of the world has rejected."

*Heterodoxy*, March, 1997

## ***Liberal Elitism***

"America resembles less and less what the Founders bequeathed us and looks more and more like the countries our immigrant forefathers tried to get away from. This is happening in large part because the ruling classes who run our government, the universities, the media, the entertainment industry, the arts, have gathered unto themselves enormously powerful means of governance.

"They [our liberal/leftist/humanist leaders] detest our patriotism. They dislike our people's prosperity. It is their policy that we consume too much of the world's resources."

Malcolm Wallop, *Human Events*, March 21, 1997

"The ruling class does not care that our children are being diseducated, that schools are becoming

factories of ignorance and decay. Every proposal regarding education that has come out of the establishment calls for more money and more union control.

"Over the past 30 years, we have tripled the amount of money that we pay to the public schools per pupil, but not only has educational performance dropped like a rock everywhere, it has dropped the most where we spent most.

"Above all, the people who run this country have deep contempt for the culture on which it rests. They tell us we are zealots if we talk about social issues like abortion, education, homosexuality, race relations, and the role of religion in public life.

"Because liberals have failed the country on these issues, they would rather we not talk about these important matters. I say we must."

Malcolm Wallop, *Human Events*, March 21, 1997

## ***Proposed Political Solutions***

"In this period of capitulation and bewilderment, it would be easy to wring our hands and say that it's all too difficult to know what to do. But it isn't. It's easy. The tools and policies are right in front of us.

"We can and should end welfare - not 'as we know it.' Just end it, period. Charity for those who deserve it is something with a long and honorable history. But the short history of welfare tells us that it does no good, only harm, and that the current touted reform bill has enough loopholes that administrators and recipients will be able to do business pretty much as before.

"We can and should privatize Social Security - obviously people who are already retired should get every penny already promised. But just imagine if every penny deducted from us henceforth went into individual retirement accounts of our choosing. We could all look forward to a lot more money, and the government would have a lot less to spend from day to day.

"For the monsters of Medicare and Medicaid, we can and should substitute individual Medical Savings Accounts, backed up by vouchers.

"We can and should be rid of the monstrous educational establishment by giving parents vouchers for whatever amount any level of government taxes them to educate their children.

"We can and should reestablish the line between what is your or my property and what is the government's property by replacing the failed Endangered Species Act with conservation programs that work because they do not create total economic conflict between species and owners.



"We can and should be rid of the most noxious parts of the university world by cutting all direct aid to higher education and substituting tuition scholarships to individual students, which they must repay.

"We can be rid of the terrible bureaucracy of the IRS, and of all the distortive inequities of the current system just by instituting a flat tax.

"We can restore self-government by reducing the power of the federal courts to review the acts of state courts and the enactments of citizens. The Founding Fathers wrote Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution precisely to make sure that the judiciary would be, in Alexander Hamilton's words, 'the least dangerous branch.' Now that the courts have become a clear and present danger to our democracy, it is time to use the Founders' remedy.

"We can and we should thwart the administration's devilish and dangerous Chemical Weapons Convention and just say no to dishonest diplomacy that makes our citizens feel secure while their danger increases.

"Shrinking the government would yield many specific benefits. But these are not the main reasons we should cut the government.

"We want to cut taxes not primarily because doing so will put more money in our pockets, but because it will put the means of freedom in our hands. We want to cut the government's power to grant privilege not primarily because privilege is economically inefficient, but because we don't want to be a nation of favor-seekers.

"We want to keep and bear our guns not because we want to shoot somebody, but because we have a right and duty to take care of ourselves.

"Moral leadership, today as in 1789, does not mean that the President of the United States forces anyone to go to church or synagogue. But it does mean that by word and deed he leads the country in giving unto God the things that are God's.

"The dignity of citizenship has been co-opted by laws and rules. These confine and direct the lives of Americans away from liberty, faith, and prosperity, into behavior defined by the ruling classes as acceptable to them. Thus denied the gifts endowed by our Creator, we become sheep to be shepherded."

Malcolm Wallop, *Human Events*, March 21, 1997

## ***The Gay Agenda***

"Municipalities like San Francisco, Atlanta and Cleveland are becoming powerful tools of the homosexual movement in forcing their agenda down the throats of the American public, enacting

ordinances that have enough economic, civil or criminal coercive power behind them to bring even large corporations to their knees.

"San Francisco, while long in the forefront of the push to normalize homosexuality, still surprised many observers with a new ordinance that requires companies doing business with that city to offer domestic partner benefits to its homosexual employees. Companies that refuse to fall in line are told to take their business elsewhere.

"United Airlines, the biggest tenant at San Francisco International Airport, at first said that it would not comply with the law. A spokeswoman for United Airlines said other employees had already made sacrifices in their benefit packages, and that it would be unfair to exclude other live-ins such as grandparents or siblings from company benefits.

"But now negotiators for San Francisco and the airline have agreed to a compromise: the city has allowed United a 20-month extension, allowing the company time to study the proposed change to its benefit policy. The Associated Press reported that in exchange, United would phase in the required domestic-partner benefits, pending the approval of its employee unions.

"In a similar use of municipal economic coercion, the mayor of Atlanta, Bill Campbell, has signed an administrative order that requires companies doing business with the city to have policies that forbid discrimination against homosexuals in the workplace. According to the homosexual magazine *The Advocate*, a spokesman for the mayor said the order was inspired by the San Francisco law.

"But the city of Cleveland, Ohio, may have topped Atlanta, San Francisco and other municipalities with the first-ever criminal penalty for those discriminating against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation, among other categories such as race, age, sex and physical disability.

"Mayor Michael R. White signed the ordinance, which makes any form of discrimination, within the workplace or out, a crime. Similar laws in other municipalities have been enacted with only civil penalties mandated. The Cleveland ordinance means that an individual could be sent to jail or prison for violating it.

"`I believe the ordinance continues the important cause of ridding the City of the pernicious scourge of discrimination,' the mayor said. `This innovative piece of legislation, for the first time, applies criminal penalties to any Cleveland business or other organization which is found to have discriminated against employees or applicants for jobs. To our knowledge, this ordinance is the first of its kind in the nation.'

"Attorney Rick Horvath of the city's law office said the ordinance, as initially written, did not exclude religious groups or organizations like the Boy Scouts. But the resulting outcry from religious groups after the measure was passed led the City Council to amend it, providing an exclusion to allow for the free exercise of religion under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The change in the law said it would not `be construed to affect bona fide occupational qualifications based upon religion for

employment.'

"As to groups like the Boy Scouts, which does not hire open homosexuals, Horvath said such situations would have to be decided on a case-by-case basis. 'We would have to examine (the case) to determine whether or not there was any criminal intent involved, and whether it was a violation of this ordinance.'"

*AFA Journal*, April, 1997

## ***Religion and the State***

"The Founders [Founding Fathers] did not want the state to favor one church over others. But the thought of divorcing religious principles and government was as repugnant to them as the notion of separating public policy from morality.

"It wasn't until I recently read an essay by historian Clarence Carson, published more than 20 years ago, that I began to appreciate the parallels between the Bill of Rights and the Ten Commandments.

"Carson observed that our republic was established by Protestants with a deep reverence for Scriptures. They gave us a written constitution that they hoped would shape our political lives the way the Bible guided their inner lives.

"The similarities between the first 10 amendments to the Constitution and the Ten Commandments don't end with the number. Both are essentially an enumeration of Thou-shalt-nots - 'Thou shalt not steal,' etc., on the one hand, and 'Congress shall make no law respecting' and 'the right of the people . . . shall not be infringed' on the other.

"One is a constraint on private conduct, the other a limitation on government action. The similarities aren't coincidental. By denying the Decalogue as the source of our system of government, the judiciary undercuts the legitimacy of the Bill of Rights it is sworn to uphold.

"Like the children of Israel when they sinned in the desert, we too have fashioned an idol for ourselves. Instead of acknowledging that our freedoms are founded on the will of our Creator, we worship the ever-shifting conjectures of judges, trusting them to preserve our liberties and civilization. It will not do.

"Judge Roy Moore is chipping away at the idolatry of our age and contributing to the noble cause of once again making us a nation under God."

Don Feder, *Human Events*, March 28, 1997

"When Ebenezer Scrooge meets a group of Londoners collecting for the poor in Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, he dismisses personal responsibility for his fellow men by asking if there are not

enough poorhouses and debtors prisons in the country.

"Flash forward to 1996 and the state of Maryland where last week a group of religious leaders met with Gov. Parris Glendening and told him that the government - not the church - is primarily responsible for helping the poor. Religious leaders, they said, are overburdened with soup kitchens and other programs and can assume no additional responsibilities.

"As the federal and state governments reduce their levels of welfare funding, churches, synagogues, mosques and others like them must recall an earlier time when religious people were on the front lines in the war on poverty and the state was a last resort, not a first resource.

"One problem in fighting poverty is that people see the poor as a group and institutions as the solution. If the institution of government attempts to transfer responsibility for the poor to religious institutions, it will fail. The response to poverty must be personal, not institutional.

"According to the Maryland secretary of state's office, there are 53,253 families, or 185,083 individuals, receiving welfare payments in that state. There are more than 5,000 places of worship in Maryland. So, if every place of worship became responsible for just 10 families, or 37 individuals, the welfare roles in Maryland could be wiped clean. Bigger churches could handle more, smaller ones less. Put this way, the end of welfare as we know it is within our grasp. In a state whose population exceeds 5 million, even those with no church affiliation might help, further reducing the `burden' on the churches."

Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, December 18, 1996, p. A14

## **Other**

"A high school student says his award-winning radiation experiment was dropped from a prestigious science competition because officials believed it was cruel to animals - in this case, fruit flies.

"Ari Hoffman's experiment on the pests, known for the damage they cause to fruit crops, won first prize at a recent Marin County science fair. But officials from the Bay Area Science Fair disqualified him from their competition, which included about 300 entries and took place last weekend in San Francisco.

"Ari's experiment, they said, conflicted with the fair's rules against cruelty to animals, both vertebrates and invertebrates.

"The teenager irradiated about 200 fruit flies at the University of California at San Francisco, where his father, a plastic surgeon, works. But 30 of the test subjects died from bacterial infections, a fate the high school sophomore called natural.

"`I wasn't being cruel to them. The life they lived was actually a good life,' he said."

*The Washington Times*, March 22, 1997, p. A1

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