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And whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him. Colossians 3:17

MONTH IN REVIEW

☐ “Furthermore then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God, so you would abound more and more. For you know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-5

☐ God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the
skies,
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and
stay,
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen
way.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never ending day;

☐ Now that we have ‘progressed’ into the computer age, we consider ourselves more intelligent. We now feel it essential that the baser things should be considered normal and an essential part of a child’s education and that the nobler things, such as a God concept, are to be placed where the baser things once were: outside the immediate consciousness of students.

“So, the Supreme Court, misinterpreting the First Amendment (as it has done since 1947), rules that the states are prohibited from mentioning God favorably. (Unfavorable references are said to be protected by the same First Amendment that forbids favorable references.)”

Cal Thomas, *The Things That Matter Most*, p. 116

☐ “The irony is that Virginia is a state with mandatory sex education, beginning in kindergarten. Five-year-olds are to learn about AIDS and to be prepared for the introduction of condoms later in elementary school. They are to be told that homosexuality is one of many life-styles that are okay, but they are to be denied hearing about anything that might remind them of God. The words---*the words*--- ‘Christmas’ and ‘Easter’ are thought to be a bigger threat to children in public school than some of the words associated with sex education?”

Cal Thomas, *The Things That Matter Most*, p. 117

Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!

Q “If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Q “We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst.”

C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

Q “Most women do not wish to be liberated from their essential natures as women. Most of us love being mothers or wives, which gives our lives a richness that few men or women get from professional accomplishments alone. Nor has it made for a better society to liberate men from their obligations as husbands and fathers.”

Marilyn Quayle in Cal Thomas’ *The Things That Matter Most*, p. 2

Q On the first Feminism Sandstones
We were promised the Fuller Life
(Which started by loving our neighbor
And ended by loving his wife)
Till our women had no more children
And the men lost reason and faith,
And the Gods of the Copybook Headings

said:

“*The Wages of Sin is Death.*”

Rudyard Kipling, *The Gods of the Copybook Headings*

Q “When words lose their meaning, people lose their lives.”

Michael Bauman

Q The Creation was spoken into existence.
Language is at the core of reality.”

Michael Bauman

Q “The war on Western Civilization involves the deconstruction of all written texts.”

Michael Bauman

AMERICAN CULTURE

Q “What are the ties that hold us together? What is that ‘American’ identity?”

“*It is singularly Anglo-American.* Not usually of blood anymore, but of culture. But what can such an identity mean to a Pole or a Jew or an Irishman or an African-American?”

“Everything. It is the identifying central core that gave us *all* freedom from political and religious dogmatism. It is the idea that makes America distinguishable and different from all other nations. The Anglo-American culture has specific guidelines and expectations, which after only a few years most newcomers begin to recognize and admire.

“That culture has a defining ethos that describes and enables us. It has a central history going back to the 1600s (when almost none of our forebears were here), and a tradition of freedom, social mobility, youthful optimism, home ownership, a large active bourgeoisie, pluralism under a unifying ethos, the English language, and respect for Western culture, constitutional government, the rights of individuals, and fair play.

“(One should not forget that America was forged in John Harvard’s room at Cambridge University in East Anglia in 1628 when the Puritans signed the pact to come to these shores.)”

Martin L. Gross, *The End of Sanity: Social and Cultural Madness in America*, p. 145, 146

Q “Last November, Californians voted to end race and gender-based quotas in state employment and college admissions. Now, diehard multiculturalists are back with color-coded reading lists. They are the enemies of education and equality.

“In San Francisco, a proposal, scheduled to be voted on at a March 24 school-board meeting, would require at least 40 percent of the literature assigned to high-school students be books by authors of color.

“Of 10 assigned books, three would be recognized great works, three would be selected by the teacher and four would have to be by nonwhite writers.

“If the teacher also was race-obsessed, seven of 10 could come from the Lani Guinier classics of world literature.

“Noting that whites comprise only 12 percent of San Francisco students, proponents declare that the time has come to make literature relevant to non-Caucasian minds.

“Affirmative action in reading? Intriguing notion. But there could be complications. Does Cervantes, who was white but wrote the first great European novel in Spanish, make the cut? Would Jane Austen’s gender offset her race?

“If Alberto Fujimori the president of Peru, wrote a novel, would it qualify as Hispanic literature? Why is a novel about white characters by a black preferable to book with black characters by a white (say, *To Kill A Mockingbird* or *Huckleberry Finn*)?

“Steve Phillips, the school-board member who coauthored the mandate explains: ‘We recognize that public education has been failing African-American and Latino students. Part of the reason is that the curriculum is not engaging them. Students get more interested in reading and language when they see themselves in the curriculum.’

“A variant of this theme is the role-model hypothesis--that unless black children grow up reading books by black authors or about black scientists and statesmen, they won’t realize that blacks can write books, be scientists and statesmen, and generally aspire to excellence.

“Then how to explain the following? In the

George Washington has been demonized.

“With such historians as these, it is no wonder that Paul Johnson, the distinguished British historian, had to take up his pen to tell us about ourselves. He tells the story well, Any parent with a child in a public or private school or university must buy this book as a gift. Otherwise, the child will never know his country.

“Paul Johnson’s history is the story of the rise of liberty and its spread across class, race, and gender barriers until recent years when the appearance of group rights resurrected the ancient status-based privileges of the old order. Paradoxically, in the name of civil rights the historic achievement of equality before the law has been overthrown by the privileged legal standing granted to ‘preferred minorities’ by unelected judges and bureaucrats operating outside of the will of the people.

“Mr. Johnson has too much faith in the American people to believe they will give up and let stand the assaults on civil liberty in the name of victimized minorities. He believes the will of the people will prevail over the unconstitutional social engineering coercively imposed by elites.

“‘The creation of the United States of America,’ Mr. Johnson writes, ‘is the greatest of all human adventures. No other national story holds such tremendous lessons, for the American People themselves and for the rest of mankind.’ Americans are ‘the most remarkable people the world has ever seen,’ with ‘a passion for justice no nation has ever matched.’

“When Mr. Johnson looks at Americans historically, he sees a people who care. Americans are ‘full of essential good will to each other and to all, confident in their inherent decency and their democratic skills.’ Undaunted, ‘they will attack again and again the ills in their society,’ until the ills are overcome. The story of America is the story of moral progress, of people of good will

San Francisco Unified School District, 16 percent of the students are black. Their average grade is 'D.' But the 30 percent who are Asian have an average grade of 'A'.

“How do the Asian kids get engaged and interested reading books by such distinctly non-Asiatic authors as Mark Twain and Herman Melville?

“And if they can somehow overcome this lack of racial affinity and relate to a renaissance play set in Padua or a novel with a backdrop of Victorian England, instead of Tokyo or Canton, why cant blacks?”

Don Feder, *The Gazette Telegraph*, March 19, 1998, p. N5

Q “As the 20th century comes to a close, the *History of the American People* had to be written across the Atlantic in Great Britain. No American could have done the job, which tells us all we need to know about our intellectuals and professors.

“At the hands of our native-born ‘historians,’ American history emerges as anti-Americanism. It is a story of centuries of victims of racist, sexist, hegemonic white male Founding Fathers. This story has taken such a toll on the national consciousness that public schools honoring the name of the Father of Our Country are being renamed.

building a more perfect Union.

“Because Mr. Johnson has a positive view of America, politically correct writers label him opinionated and unobjective. The hate-America crowd has purloined the objective mantle for itself. Only those who write denunciatory histories of America are considered to be honest.

“Paul Johnson will have none of this. Undaunted by blathering intellectuals, he sees America as an heroic enterprise that did not come about without sacrifices, disappointments and stoically endured sufferings. Mr. Johnson’s history gives us something to look up to and to improve on. We are a role model for ourselves as well as for others. This, of course, does not sit well

“Mr. Johnson’s other politically incorrect sin is to locate the wellsprings of progress in the republican character of the American people, not in the growth of government. An older generation of historians who interpreted America in terms of progress saw it as government pulling along the people behind it.

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Over the past few days many Americans have been shocked by the murder of four young girls and a 32-year-old teacher in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Questions are being asked as to why something so horrible could happen, and so far, two answers have been forthcoming by the news media-- (1) guns and (2) southern culture.

Permit me to suggest that the answers lie elsewhere.

Sociologist Robert Nisbet wrote a few years ago: "The ideologies which gained entry into the academy in the sixties claimed that the fundamental intellectual principles of Western culture were illegitimate and must be overthrown. With that destroyed terms like truth, good, evil, and soul could be discarded."

Present government education is already in the process of destroying terms like truth, good, evil, and soul. Parents are laughed at by educators for even suggesting that education reinforce the moral values of parents.

"The importance of Johnson's book does not lie in its account of historical details or even in his original interpretations. What Johnson has done is to recapture the idea of progress and the theme that progress is measured in terms of the growth of liberty and accountable government. With almost the whole of the rest of the world emerging from socialist coercion at this point in history, humanity needs the example of a people who rely on good will and persuasion to govern themselves.

"America, Mr. Johnson says, 'is still the first, best hope for the human race.' If we can 'learn these lessons and build upon them, the whole of humanity will benefit in the new age which is now opening.'"

Paul Craig Roberts *The Washington Times*, March 13, 1998, p. A16

THE SIXTIES RADICALS TODAY

In fact, parents aren't even allowed to look at the questions that students are required to answer in some of our psychobabble questionnaires. Parents in Texas are suing for the right to see these questions.

When our young boys and girls are taught that there is no soul or spirit but only evolving matter, when they are taught that they themselves determine what is right and what is wrong, what can we expect? These two young boys in Arkansas decided for themselves what was right and proceeded to practice their beliefs. Since the educational elite tell us there are no moral absolutes, who among us can say that what they did was wrong? Are we going to say now that "kids killing kids is always wrong" is a moral absolute? That would be a start toward educational sanity.

For anyone seriously wondering about the real reasons why we are facing these situations, the answers will be found in C.S. Lewis' *The Abolition of Man*, Cal Thomas' *The Things That Matter Most*, and Thomas Sowell's *Inside American Education*.

For those who can't or won't read, let me summarize it with C.S. Lewis' famous quote, "We laugh at honor [truth, good, evil, soul, beauty, God] and are shocked to find traitors in our midst."

Among the women showcased are actresses Meryl Streep, Jessica Lange, Glenn Close and Jodie Foster (who recently announced her unmarried pregnancy), Maya Angelou, Grace Slick and R-rated author Erica Jong who apparently believes true equality for women means being able to talk as dirty as the proverbial sailor. Also included are the grandchildren of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger, whose advocacy of birth control and abortion is praised, but whose racist views and endorsement of eugenics to produce a 'master race' is conveniently ignored.

"The history of women is a good subject, but CNN's treatment is more ideological than documentary. Real history is played out on a wider screen. 'A Century of Women' is part of CNN's 'Perspective' series. Unfortunately, it is largely one perspective that could have been titled 'A Century of Liberal Women.' Those who thought that Jane Fonda had mellowed since she married Ted Turner were wrong. Her platform has merely shifted from a seat on an antiaircraft gun in Hanoi to a perch at the

Q “In the sixties, Betty Friedan, whose tome *The Feminine Mystique* was the guerrilla tract for large numbers of women, mocked the life of a mother and homemaker as consisting of ‘comfortable empty, purposeless days.’ Such a life chosen or not, wrote Friedan, doomed women to days of drudgery, making it impossible for them to ‘grow and realize one’s full potential.’ Children and marriage were presented as the sworn enemy of self-fulfillment.”

Cal Thomas, *The Things That Matter Most*, p. 3, 4

Q “Married: Tom Hayden, 53, former radical student leader, ex-husband of Jane Fonda and current California state senator, and Barbara Williams, 40, actress; in Tofino, British Columbia. The couple were married by a Buddhist priest. Wedding vows included a passage in which the pair committed themselves to the preservation of old-growth forests.”

Time magazine, August 23, 1993

Q “He [Bill Clinton] would marry a radical activist [Hillary] who helped edit the *Yale Review of Law and Social Action*, which would run cartoons of decapitated and dismembered pigs, representing the police, paired with the caption, ‘Seize the day.’

“He would show contempt for family commitments through his admitted and unrepentant infidelity.

“He would sponsor, as governor, a tax-funded summer school [the Governor’s School] for high school seniors that would experiment with a radical curriculum. It would require the study of an essay that describes Jesus’ teachings as ‘inescapably hierarchical’ and his death on the cross as ‘necrophilic and sadomasochistic.’ It would include a lesson on animal rights that compares chicken harvesting to the Holocaust. It would include a lecture from the attorney for ‘Jane Roe’ in *Roe v. Wade*.”

Cal Thomas, *The Things That Matter Most*, p.12, 13

Q Conservative media critics have occasionally referred to CNN disparagingly as the

top of an American television network.”

Cal Thomas, *The Gazette Telegraph*, March 23, 1998 p.N7

Q “While workaday Americans are being entertained by the soap opera of President Clinton’s sexual escapades and the on-again, off-again buildup to a senseless and useless armed attack on Iraq, our nation is continuing a quiet but deadly course toward the loss of our freedom.

“In fact, we have been on this relentless course for over thirty years--slowly, quietly, behind the scenes, but ever so steadily. We have, over this period experienced our nation’s first failed spiritual awakening and a dangerous coming-to-power of a generation, the elite Bloomers, with more potential for harm than any generation since the Transcendentals who brought us to civil war in the mid-1800s.

“The current generation of counterculture revolutionaries, who demonstrated against the Vietnam War and brought us Women’s Liberation in their youth, have embarked in their mid-life on a senseless destruction of American institutions at home and imperial adventures abroad on a scale that defies the imagination. Indeed, their revolution, started in the mid-1960s and being carried to completion during the 1990s, has been trending in the direction of the Soviet Union just as that seasoned totalitarian regime was headed in the opposite direction, i.e. implementing reforms over the same decades that had moderated Josef Stalin’s early reign of terror. These New Age ‘cultural Marxists’ symbolized by the Clintons have been taking us in the direction of the early Soviet Union while we slept--while we have been diverted to other pursuits.

“Brian [Mitchell] is a former U.S. Army intelligence officer who, in 1994, wrote a scholarly, well-reasoned, and much respected book, *Weak Link: The Feminization of the American Military*. During 1997, he was working for Coastal Corp., a Houston-based oil and gas company, as the acting head of their public relations department. He was in the process of being promoted to direct this department when a new supervisor came on board (‘Oil Company Fires Executive for Opposing Women in Military,’ *Human Events*, Feb. 20). Meanwhile, his new boss, a radical feminist by the name of Victoria

‘Clinton News Network’ because of a perceived bias in favor of the president. But a series running this month shows it is more the network of the wife of CNN Ted Turner and could be named JFN, ‘Jane Fanda’s Network.’

“In observance of Women’s History Month, CNN is airing on four Sunday nights ‘A Century of Women: Justice for All,’ hosted by Hillary Rodham Clinton and featuring perhaps the most one-sided, biased and distorted view of women ever seen on television.

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“The long arm of terror is indeed sweeping the land for anyone who would stand up to the radical feminist Stalinists.

“The targets of this trend toward terror are just everyday ordinary citizens. They are not high-profile, high-risk political operatives in a high-stakes power game. They are not expected to suffer the threat of extraordinary means of stifling their first amendment freedoms. It is the seed of a ‘new totalitarianism’ that could portend disaster for American civilization.”

Com. Gerald Atkinson, *The Washington Times*, March 8, 1998, p.B5

THE MANY FACES OF MARXISM

Q “You’ve come a long way, comrade.

“A stylish new edition of *The Communist Manifesto* aims to make Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels the latest in radical chic.

“The slender volume is being republished as a glossy, \$13 hardcover for release in New York and London on May Day. The fashionable department store Barneys is thinking about it for a window display.

“The publisher says the 1848 work speaks to a sense on Wall Street that the party can’t go on forever. ‘There’s a sense of anxiety tied to the

Guennewig, objected to Brian’s writing a new book, *Women in the Military: Flirting With Disaster*.

Within a two-month period, Brian, who has three young children (two of them girls), was fired. Why? The Coastal Corp., which had previously approved or his writing endeavor, suddenly ‘...[did] not want to be associated with [his] planned publication.’

Radical feminism was at work behind the scenes.

“The 23-page pamphlet was ‘the most influential single piece of political writing since the French Revolution,’ historian Eric Hobsbawm, the intellectual guru of Britain’s socialists, writes in the introduction to the new, 96-page edition.

“The Communist Party U.S.A., which is based in New York and claims 25,000 members, could use a little marketing.

“‘Cool,’ spokeswoman Terrie Albano says. ‘It wasn’t too long ago when everyone was saying communism was dead. Here it is, resurrected.’”

The Denver Post, Associated Press, March 25, 1998, p. 7A

Q “Women are in domestic slavery, they are domestic slaves, crushed by the most petty, most menial, most arduous, and most stultifying work of the kitchen.”

V.I. Lenin, International Woman’s Day (1918), p. 46 in *The Woman Quest*

Q “The main task is to draw the women into socially productive labor [e.g., looking after the Red Army], extricate them from domestic slavery, free them of their stultifying and humiliating resignation to the perpetual and exclusive atmosphere of the kitchen and nursery.”

V.I. Lenin, *Women and Society*, p. 63 in

millennium. People don't believe things will just carry on, with markets rising forever,' says Colin Robinson, head of Verso publishers, which is printing 20,000 copies on the 150th anniversary of the manifesto. 'Marx's description of a capitalist system prone to shocks and convulsions captures that mood.'

"The revolutionary book, now with a rippling red-flag cover, has become fodder for capitalist fantasy. With a handle attached, the book could make a snazzy accessory to a designer dress, says Simon Doonan, creative director of Barneys on Madison Avenue. One could sashay toward the new millennium, the 19th-century words of Marx and Engels dangling at one's side.

"Doonan is toying with the idea of featuring the *Manifesto*--along with red lipsticks--in the window as 'conceptual art.'

"His assistants are looking for the right lipstick--preferably with a Russian-sounding name.

"With communism gasping around the world, 'it's OK to look at the book as camp,' he says.

"Around Wall Street, the very capital of capitalism, the Borders bookstore at the World Trade Center plans to give the book center display in the front of the store. Barnes & Noble will likewise market the *Manifesto* at its 483 superstores as 'a store front feature.'

"Enough time has passed since the fall of the Iron Curtain so Marxism can again be seen as a utopian philosophy,' says John Kulka, a Barnes & Noble merchandise manager.

"The new edition was designed by two trendy, Soviet-born, New York artists known as Komar and Melamid. With crimson end pages and a ribbon marker of the same color, 'it's elegant enough to grace a coffee table' Robinson says.

"That's not quite what its authors had in mind.

"Written during the Industrial Revolution, the *Manifesto* called the working class to arms against the bourgeoisie.

The *Manifesto* opens with the famous words, 'A spectre is haunting Europe--the spectre of Communism.' It predicts that a catastrophic cycle of booms and busts would befall the new free-market system.

The Woman Quest

Q "The woman remains a domestic slave under capitalism, a slave of the bedroom, nursery, and kitchen."

V.I. Lenin, *Collected Works*, p. 81 in *The Woman Quest*

Q "The Communists have no need to introduce community of women; it has existed almost from time immemorial...[Communists plan] and openly legalized community of women."

Karl Marx and F. Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*

Q "But today the Sandinista's leadership is struggling not to protect their revolution--that is already gone--but to keep the private properties they first seized in the name of their revolution--and then gave as gifts to one another in a 1990 land grab known as La Pinata. A former top Sandinista privately estimates the value of properties grabbed by the top 10-15 Sandinistas at over \$3 billion, high stakes indeed."

The Washington Times, January 5, 1998, p. A13

Q "Sordid rumors had been circulating in Managua for years, but few people believed them, and nobody mentioned them in public, for they concerned a man with an almost mythic hold on the Nicaraguan imagination: Daniel Ortega Saavedra. After leading the Sandinist revolution in 1979, the dashing leftist 'comandante' became Nicaragua's president and an international icon. When war-weary Nicaraguans voted him out of power in 1990, Ortega accepted his role as opposition leader with a dignity that, to many, only engendered his moral stature. But now Nicaragua is reeling from an accusation that has finally gone public: Ortega's stepdaughter, Zoilamérica Narváez, claims that he had sexually abused her from the time she was 11, in 1978, until her marriage in 1990, and that he continued to harass her verbally until only last month. 'I knew that going public would cause turmoil,' Narváez told *Newsweek*.

'But I feel a great weight has been lifted from me.'

“Ortega,52, has not denied the accusation; he simply said, at a press conference, that it caused him ‘great pain and sadness.’”

Newsweek, March 23, 1998, p.46

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Q “The war on marriage that the feminists in academia are waging hit me when I received the winter issue of my alma mater’s alumnae magazine, the *Radcliffe Quarterly*. In 52 pages under the heading ‘Scenes From the Family’ the editors didn’t include any discussion of a successful family based on a man and a woman honoring their solemn promises ‘to have and to hold ... for better, for worse ... till death do us part.’

“Instead, the feature article laid down the feminist line that a woman’s identity disappears in marriage and that ‘marriage is bad for you, at least if you’re female.’ Without any shame, the author admitted that she acquired her husband by breaking up another marriage that had lasted 15 years, and produced three children.

“She argued that, instead of getting married for life, men and women (in whatever combination suits their sexual orientation) should sign up for ‘a seven-year hitch.’ If they want to ‘re-enlist’ for another seven, they may, but after that, the marriage is ‘over.’

“Another article described a ‘marriage’ of lesbians in San Francisco. Still another extolled the wonderful life of a child born out of wedlock, and yet another explained divorce as ‘a significant life event that confronts individuals with the opportunity to change.’

“The New York-based Institute for American Values recently completed a study of 20 post-1994 college social science textbooks used in 8,000 college courses. Called ‘Closed Hearts, Closed Minds,’ the report concluded that most of these textbooks give a pessimistic if not downright hostile view of marriage, emphasizing marital failures rather than its joys and benefits.

“Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, Creator of all that is and Preserver of all that Thy hand has made, we pause a moment to acknowledge Thy presence, to call upon Thy name, and to ask for the help and the blessing without which we shall not be able to govern Your people, or succeed with a degree of success in the business which is the responsibility of these honorable men and women chosen by the people to serve them at this time.

“O Lord, we know that You have a controversy with the people of this nation, because as You say in Your Word (Hosea 4:1-6),

...there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore, shall the land mourn, and everyone that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beast of the field and with the fowls of Heaven, yea, even the fish of the sea shall also be taken away!

Yet, let no man strive, nor reprove another, for thy people are as they that strive with priests. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because thou hast rejected knowledge (the knowledge of God’s Word). I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

“Our country is in trouble for our people have forsaken Thy laws, they have gone their own selfish way and the consequences are devastating.

Though our leaders sin, many do not care, because they no longer hold themselves or each other accountable by the commandments of God as these are found in the Bible. Many believe that personal

“College textbooks view marriage as especially bleak and dreary for women. The textbooks are inordinately preoccupied with domestic violence and divorce, and view marriage as archaic and oppressive, not just occasionally, but inherently.

“The textbooks give the impression that children don’t need two parents and aren’t harmed by divorce. They omit all the evidence that children in single-parent homes are far more at risk than children in two-parent homes.

“Some textbooks are larded with anti-family rhetoric. *Changing Families* by Judy Root Aulette focuses on battering, marital rape and divorce, with no mention of any benefits of marriage.

“*Cutting Loose: Why Women Who End Their Marriages Do So Well*, by Ashton Applewhite, is an example of the new genre of books attacking marriage as a bad deal for women. The author dumped her husband after reading feminist Susam Faludi’s *Backlash*.

“Now Applewhite seeks social approval for her walkout by encouraging middle-aged women to find independence by doing likewise. She gives advice on how to deal with lawyers, manipulate child-custody arrangements, and find new relationships.”

Phyllis Schlafly, *Human Events*, March 20, 1998, p. 20

Q On February 13, 1998, a prayer at the opening of the General Assembly of the Maryland legislature caused a minor verbal riot.

Read the Rev. John A. Dekker’s prayer and find the offense--

morality is of no consequence but the problems we face in America and right here in Maryland are the results of bad moral choices at all levels of society by adults--illegitimacy, divorce, child abuse and neglect, , drug abuse and abortion and the breakdown of the moral fabric that holds a free society together. It has never been more important than it is today to have moral people in office and good role models before the people in public life.

“Lord I pray for the wonderful people in this historic place, men and women chosen by the people to serve them in government. Lord, grant them wisdom, even the wisdom of Solomon, to govern the citizens of this our great state of MD. Grant them discernment to know what ought to be done and how problems might be solved. Grant them the courage to do what is right, the faith to believe that You will be there to help them and the joy of Your commendation for a job well done.

“Lord, we thank You for the privilege to live in America, with all the blessings that we as a nation enjoy. I pray this prayer in the name of Him Who is the Wonderful counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace--Who is our Lord Jesus Christ.

“The Lord bless you and keep you

“The Lord make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you

“The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His Peace!

“Amen.”