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My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because they have rejected knowledge. Hosea 4:6

Month in Review

Q “Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because 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 every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, 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. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. For they shall eat, and not have enough: they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase: because

Q Needless to say, Michel Foucault is an icon on many American universities and was a lecturer at one of California’s finest.

Q “If anything emerges clearly from modern physics, it is that nature is not everlasting. The universe had a beginning, and will have an end. But the great materialistic systems of the past all believed in the eternity, and thence in the self-existence of matter.”

C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

Q “At this moment it seems as though science will never be able to raise the curtain on the mystery of creation. For the scientist who has lived by his faith in the power of reason, the story ends like a bad dream. He has scaled the mountains of ignorance; he is about to conquer the highest peak; as he pulls himself over the final rock, he is greeted by a band of theologians who have been sitting there for centuries.”

Robert Jastrow, *God and the Astronomers*, p. 116

Q “In 1977 Nobel physicist Steven Weinberg of the University of Texas sounded a famous note of despair: the more the universe has become comprehensible through cosmology,

they have left off to take heed to the Lord.
Whoredom and wine and new wine take away
the heart.”

Hosea 4:1-11

Q Will your anchor hold in the storms of Life,
When the clouds unfold their wings of
strife?

When the strong tides lift, and the cables
strain,

Will your anchor drift or firm remain?

We have an Anchor that keeps the soul
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,
Fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour’s
love.

P.J. Owens

Dead End of Naturalism

Q “The Christian and the Materialist hold
different beliefs about the universe. They can’t
both be right. The one who is wrong will act in
a way which simply doesn’t fit the real
universe. Consequently, with the best will in
the world, he will be helping his fellow
creatures to their destruction.”

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Q A perfect example of C.S. Lewis’
observation that the one who is wrong will
act in a way which simply doesn’t fit the
universe is Michel Foucault. Maoist
Foucault (a member of the Proletarian Left,
a self-proclaimed Maoist revolutionary cell)
lived his life as follows: “When Foucault
learned that he had contracted AIDS as the
result of his pursuit of sexual transgression,
that too became in his mind just another
limit-experience: sex as a form of death, as
well as the power to give death to others
through sex. For at least two years after he

he wrote, the more it seems pointless. But now
the very science that ‘killed’ God is, in the eyes
of believers, restoring faith. Physicists have
stumbled on signs that the cosmos is custom-
made for life and consciousness. It turns out
that if the constants of nature—unchanging
numbers like the strength of gravity, the charge
of an electron and the mass of a proton—were
the tiniest bit different, then atoms would not
hold together, stars would not burn and life
would never have made an appearance. ‘When
you realize that the laws of nature must be
incredibly finely tuned to produce the universe
we see,’ says John Polkinghorne, who had a
distinguished career as a physicist at
Cambridge University before becoming an
Anglican priest in 1982, ‘that conspires to plant
the idea that the universe did not just happen,
but that there must be a purpose behind it.’”

Newsweek, July 20, 1998, p. 48

Q “The Bible, of course, has its own creation
myth [sic!], and it is that very story that
eventually led scientists to realize that nature
had to be discovered empirically and so
fostered the development of science in the
Christian West. The universe created by a
rational God had to be rational and consistent—
that much the Greeks already knew. But a
universe created out of nothing, as Genesis
described, also had to be contingent. In other
words, it could have turned out other than it
did. It was only one of an infinite number of
possibilities open to a wholly transcendent
deity. Gradually, scientists realized that the
laws governing such a universe could not be
deduced from pure thought—as Aristotle
supposed—but instead needed to be discovered
through experiment. Thus was experimental
science nurtured by religious doctrine.”

Kenneth L. Woodward, *Newsweek*,
July 20, 1998, p. 52

contracted AIDS (from 1982 to 1984), Michel Foucault continued to visit his various gay orgy sites, knowingly passing the disease on to his anonymous partners.” (Arthur Herman, *The Idea of Decline in Western History*, p. 357)

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Honoring C.S. Lewis

Q “The measure of a great writer is not how many weeks his books spend on the bestseller lists, but how many years his books remain in print after his death. Keith Clack, a manager of Blackwell’s bookstore, tells me that C.S. Lewis is one of the few writers whose entire literary output remains in print so many years following his death.

“More than 1,000 people are gathered in Oxford and Cambridge for two weeks to celebrate the life and legacy of C.S. Lewis on the 100th anniversary of his birth and the 35th anniversary of his death.

“Lewis was not a writer only for his time but for all time. He refused to be a part of what we would call ‘culture,’ speaking instead to themes and ideas that transcend all times and cultures.

“The best the British government could do to commemorate this occasion was issue a stamp. It seems embarrassed to honor Lewis in a way befitting his stature, perhaps for reasons similar to those that denied him a professorial chair at Oxford: fame (which was not sought) coupled with his persuasive arguments about the existence of God. In debates beginning in 1942 at the world-renowned Oxford Union, Lewis took on all comers, including atheists, and won. Five years later he was on the cover of *Time* magazine, which dutifully recognized his genius in literature and apologetics.

“Seeking to separate his readers from their fixation on the now, Lewis wrote: ‘Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat.’

“The proof is that fads and fancies of Lewis’ time have faded and so will ours. But Lewis’ ideas are for all time. The advice of those attending this celebration of a great life well lived would be to turn off the television, start reading C.S. Lewis and be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, July 26, 1998, p. B1

We Were Right After All

Q “For years now, any suggestion that homosexuals were pushing for the legalization of pedophilia was shouted down as ‘homophobic,’ ‘discrimination,’ or ‘hate.’ In spite of the open-advocacy of same by NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association), the open-minded liberals refuse to recognize or don’t care about the facts. Now the rat’s out of the bag.

“In Great Britain, the parliament has just passed a law lowering the homosexual age of consent to sixteen. The same policy has been legitimized in Sweden and Denmark. If the past is prologue, we will soon see moves for similar legalization being introduced within

“Lewis never shouted. His way was one of persuasion, whether gentle as in his marvelous *Chronicles of Narnia* children’s stories (with profound implications for adults who read them to their children) or sharp, with rapiers to pierce the strongest hides of unbelief, as in *The Screwtape Letters* in which one demon instructs another on how to make a mess of human lives, or *Mere Christianity*, which begins on the common playing field of logic and takes the reader on a journey that leads straight to God. As a former atheist, Lewis knew the potholes and wrong turns along the way.

“Thomas Howard, chairman of the English Department at St. John’s Seminary College in Boston, described Lewis’ legacy as ‘muscular.’ In an age of easy believism (and easy nonbelievism), cheap grace and oversimplification of faith, Lewis has a muscular intellect that forces a reader to focus on ultimate truths. Mr. Howard also noted Lewis’ ‘modesty, ebullience and deep sincerity,’ a man who ‘had a vision of heaven and hell’ and who had ‘no time for humbug.’

“But no one speaks for Lewis better than Lewis himself. About our preoccupation with materialism, Lewis said in *The Screwtape Letters*: ‘Prosperity knits a man to the world. He feels that he is “finding his place in it,” while really it is finding its place in him.’ To those attempting to ‘revive’ a nation through politics, Lewis’ demon instructs his young charge on how to corrupt his assignment: ‘Let him begin by treating the Patriotism as a part of his religion. Then let him, under the influence of partisan spirit, come to regard it as the most important part. Then quietly and gradually nurse him on to the stage at which the religion becomes merely part of the “cause,” in which Christianity is valued chiefly because of the excellent arguments it can produce. . . . Once you have made the World an end, and faith a means, you have almost won your man, and it makes very little difference what kind of

the various U.S. states. The next push on behalf of their perverse appetites will find the lesbian/homosexual lobby moving to have all age restraints removed from their child targets. In case you don’t believe this to be possible, all you have to do is read in part the so-called ‘Rights of the Child’ as promulgated by the United Nations report from the ‘Year of the Child’ conferences.”

Larry Abraham, *Insider Report*, July 1998, p. 7

Q “Over the past two decades America has signed and/or ratified a number of nuclear disarmament treaties with Russia (the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972; SALT I; SALT II; START I; START II, etc.). Our military strategists and planners know that Russia has completely violated all of these treaties while America has strictly adhered to same. That is how, over the past decade or so, Russia (or the ‘former’ Soviet Union) came to have a four-to-one nuclear lead over America. At their peak they had 45,000 nuclear warheads and close to 20,000 ICBM’s and/or SLBSs while America had 10-20,000 warheads and 5-6,000 ICBM or SLBM missiles.

“But after 20 years of arms control and nuclear disarmament (during which Russia has consistently cheated) Russia still has 25,000 to 27,000 warheads and America has 6,000 deployed (and 4,000 in storage)—still a 2½ to 1 advantage for Russia. During the past 26 years since the ABM Treaty was ratified, America has remained undefended. We cannot stop even one incoming nuclear missile. Even when it became clear that Russia was cheating and ringing its cities, military bases, and major industrial sites with an anti-missile missile system, presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton

worldly end he is pursuing.’

continued to religiously adhere to ABM and deploy no such defenses for America.

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Here we go again! Just when you thought it could not get any worse—it gets worse.

Our young people hardly have a chance to grow up with any kind of normal value structure intact—much less a Christian value structure.

Cal Thomas says, “Girls are being herded at earlier ages into attitudes and practices far from the ‘sugar and spice and everything nice’ we used to think or at least wished, that little girls were made of.”

In fact, Cal Thomas’ exposé of what our young teens are up against is related in the following article on the Spice Girls, which appeared in *The Washington Times* on June 28, 1998. You will quickly sense that our young are confronted on every side with “things” that destroy their souls—and bodies.

“People looking for causes of the cultural decline—including why girls are engaging in sexual activity at ever-younger ages—might wish to consider the Spice Girls.

“At a recent Washington-area appearance of the four (formerly five) women, a near-capacity crowd—including mostly female children, some as young as 4—dressed up in leopard-print miniskirts, platform shoes, midriff-baring tops and hairdos that emulated the performers onstage.

“The stage names, even the real names, of

A reporter says Miss Pillow’s outfit might be cute if she were 10, but on the 20-year-old, ‘one can’t help think centerfold, centerfold, do you have a coat?’ Someone should have arrested this woman for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

“Spice Girls are a long way from ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’ and similar wholesome entertainment available for people of this age group when I was a child. But then our generation mostly stayed together as families, only one parent worked outside the home, drugs were bought at the local pharmacy with a doctor’s prescription, and sex was too private to be talked about outside the locker room where more fiction than fact was told.

“Also attending the performance were an assortment of drag queens and other adults adorned in various costumes so that an uninformed observer might take the event for a Halloween party. How did parents explain that? One writer said that ‘adults transform the Spice Girls from earnest representatives of young girls’ need to feel powerful, appreciated and cool into high camp.’ I don’t know about the powerful and cool parts, but children used to count on appreciation coming from their parents. Apparently this is another privilege that has been ceded to culture and day-care workers because two-income households no longer have the time and lack the moral

the Spice Girls are less important than the messages they send to the mostly pre-pubescent audience. Even more disturbing is what is going on in the minds of parents and other relatives who take them to the concerts.

“One of this minimally talented group’s popular songs is called ‘Naked.’ The women sit behind four chairs and perform in a way that suggests they are wearing no clothing. Do parents think this is cute? Other songs, such as ‘Do It’ and ‘2 Become 1,’ have sexual overtones. Still others, such as ‘Sisters Are Doing It for Themselves,’ have feminist connotations.

“A story in *The Washington Post* on the group’s appearance mentions 20-year-old Lisa Pillow, who apparently suffers from acute maturation disorder. She calls herself ‘Kitty Spice’ and is dressed in baby-blue fur panties and matching cropped top, white fishnet pantyhose and a white marabou boa. She has brought her 5-year-old niece, who is similarly dressed, to the affair.

“So, if Russia, Red China, North Korea, Iran, or some terrorist group who acquires nuclear missiles decide to launch one, a dozen, or a hundred, we have promised not to try to stop them and have accordingly deployed no defenses. This is insane and suicidal!”

Donald S. McAlvany, *The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor*, May 1998, p. 10

Q “The Chinese leadership, in short, continues to work toward four interrelated goals that amount to a program for Chinese domination of Asia: first, is to gain sovereignty and control over Taiwan; second, is to expand its military presence and take control of the South China Sea; third, is to aim at inducing a withdrawal of the remaining American military forces in Asia—with the possible exception of a defensive force in Japan, whose purpose would be to prevent Japan’s

authority to properly train their children.

“We increasingly teach young girls to adopt the culture’s image of what they should be, judging themselves by their level of coolness, attractiveness and ability to sexually manipulate boys. Parents who are co-conspirators in this cultural rape of their daughters ought to be ashamed of themselves, but they obviously have no shame or they wouldn’t take their kids to see the Spice Girls.

“Too many parents have surrendered their child-rearing responsibilities. They think that having a pouty face and a bad attitude are the worst things that can happen to their daughters. They aren’t. Out-of-wedlock pregnancy, STDs and broken homes are far worse. Parents who take their young daughters to see such things as the Spice Girls are accessories in eroding their daughters’ innocence, in complicity with the sex educators in many of the government schools.”

“Yet, fueled by AIDS, increasing poverty and instability, illness has started to overcome the country. Tuberculosis, hepatitis, malaria, measles and cholera—all preventable—have soared. So have infant mortality, stillbirths and sexually transmitted diseases.”

The [Colorado Springs] Gazette, August 6, 1998, p. A10

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emergence as an independent military power; fourth, is to keep Japan . . . in a state of permanent strategic subordination. The various initiatives undertaken by China in the last year, from Kazakhstan to Japan to Cambodia, all move it incrementally closer to achieving those goals. If it achieves them all, China, which will soon be the world's largest economy and one of the world's most powerful military powers, will have achieved a shift in the balance of power in Asia permanently in its favor. And that in turn would signal a basic shift involving American preeminence in Asia that has kept the peace in that region, while fostering both prosperity and greater democracy, for the last fifty years."

Richard Bernstein and Ross H. Munro, *The Coming Conflict with China*, p. xix

Q "Tsholotsho, Zimbabwe—They loaded McDonald Mafu into the donkey cart about 10 minutes after the doctor signed his papers.

"He had been dead for two days—one less than he lived—but it took his mother a while to make it to the district hospital so far from her home.

"The whole transaction lasted about two minutes. Dr. Bart Vander Plaetse, 32, a Belgian internist, took a piece of paper with the words 'Notice of the Death of a Person' printed on top. He wrote down the boy's name and for his age he scribbled in a fraction: 1/52. Since he had no idea of the cause of death, the doctor listed ARI—acute respiratory infection.

"That's what we say when we can't say anything else,' Vander Plaetse said. 'It'll let his mother bury him.'

"There were no men at the funeral: McDonald's father died months ago. His grandfather died last year. A brother died the year before. And three uncles also are gone.

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the highest infection rate on Earth.

“People here call it ‘iyoyo’—‘that thing.’ And in the sparse but spotless clinics of Zimbabwe—where aspirin is available a third of the time—‘that thing’ may not even be the one that matters most. With an average of less than \$10 to spend on each person’s health every year, most African nations have no money for tests, drugs or support networks.

“Despite the magnitude of the epidemic, most people in Africa have no idea if they are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Most don’t want to know.

“Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, once had a health system that was the envy of southern Africa.

conceivable arena. Such a systematic perversion of the language had to have a purpose: to plant the thought that ‘social’ infuses everything with a positive content. If successful, it was bound to surround the word ‘socialism’ with a positive aura. Conspiracy? No—a well thought-out program, openly advocated and diligently implemented by its planners. They have succeeded beyond their wildest dreams. Friedrich Hayek in *The Fatal Conceit* (1988) lists over 160 nouns to which the adjective ‘social’ has been attached with some frequency. Hayek traces the origins of the usage to German theorists and argues persuasively that ‘social,’ far from adding anything, in fact drains all nouns to which it is attached of content or meaning. Regardless, speakers of all political persuasions have taken to using the word with alarming frequency.”

Balint Vazsonyi, *America’s 30 Years War*, p. 53, 54

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environment because of what they have heard, read, or seen coming from the national headquarters of environmental organizations. As we have seen, most of this information is so distorted that none of it can be trusted to provide solid information upon which to form opinions about the severity or even the existence of a problem. Tragically, the vast majority of Americans who contribute \$20 to \$30 per year to one or more national organizations don’t know what these leaders are *really* doing.

“Americans have a strong sense of justice and fair play, which is often the reason they give dues to these organizations. The majority of supporters would be enraged by the duplicity of the leadership within these groups if they knew so much human suffering was resulting from the relentless drive to implement, by law, their biocentric and religious ideology.

“We do have environmental problems. But most of these, if not all of them, are manageable problems with rational solutions that are far more effective and far less costly than those proposed by the environmental leadership. In this regard, many state level environmental groups, even some national organizations, do not appear to be involved in this nature-based religion that leads to biocentric nihilism. They want to find collaborative solutions as much as any American. They will disagree with those in industry and other segments in the business world over how to resolve problems. But this can be healthy and necessary, if both parties approach the table with a willingness to collaborate. Most state environmental leadership appears to generally accept the premise that we must use natural resources to meet the needs of American people. Although there is evidence this may be changing for the worse, the majority of state leaders are still willing to seek collaborative solutions to find

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that balance between using resources and protecting the environment.

"This is not the case for leadership in the national organizations. The myth that national environmental leadership has the best interests of Americans at heart and is beyond reproach in its honesty ethics is simply untrue. Yet it continues unchallenged."

Michael S. Coffman, *Saviors of the Earth*, p. 99, 100

Q "At issue is more than whether the married president engaged in sex acts with a then-21-year-old White House intern. It is more than whether he lied about it under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, and coached others to do the same. It is even more than whether he may compound perjury charges by lying to Mr. Starr's grand jury.

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"On trial in this case are the American people. Polls show that our countrymen (to their credit) are skeptical of the president's denials about sex with Ms. Lewinsky but (to their shame) could care less. On trial also are President Clinton's evangelical spiritual advisers, such as Tony Campolo, who told *WORLD* last year that if Mr. Clinton were engaged in adultery while in the White House, 'that would upset me to no end' ('Faith in the White House,' April 5, 1997). The pursuit of truth has just begun."

WORLD magazine, August 8, 1998, p. 7

Q "Nearly 100 climate scientists signed the 'Leipzig Declaration on Global Climate

Q "The assumption behind the [Kyoto] treaty is that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide and higher average global temperatures spell nothing but trouble. The best scientific evidence indicates that this assumption is wrong, according to Mr. Robinson and his co-authors.

"One reason it is wrong, they argue, is that even if global average temperatures were to rise within the range predicated by popular global warming theory (that is, by about 1.5 degrees Centigrade in the next 120 years), the results would be beneficial, not harmful. Most of the warming would occur in the frigid rather than in the temperate or tropical latitudes, and in the frigid latitudes so small a temperature increase would be insufficient to cause the

Change' in 1996, stating, in part, 'there does not exist today a general scientific consensus about the importance of greenhouse warming from rising levels of carbon dioxide. In fact, many climate specialists now agree that actual observations from weather satellites show no global warming whatsoever—in direct contradiction to computer model results.'”

E. Calvin Beisner, *WORLD* magazine, August 8, 1998, p. 12, 13

Q “Early this year, Arthur B. Robinson, director of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, in cooperation with Frederick Seitz, one of America’s premier scientists and past president of the National Academy of Sciences and of Rockefeller University, began circulating a ‘Global Warming Petition’ that flatly denies the crisis scenario and firmly opposes the Kyoto climate accord.

“Accompanying the petition was an extensive, heavily documented paper reviewing the main scientific literature on greenhouse theory. ‘The empirical evidence [of] actual measurements of Earth’s temperature shows no man-made warming trend,’ the paper reported. ‘Indeed, over the past two decades, when CO₂ levels have been at their highest, global average temperatures have actually cooled slightly.’

“Initially, the petition went by mail to a variety of scientists. Those who signed and returned cards could ask for more cards to give to colleagues. Then it was put on the Internet so that scientists who wanted to add their signatures could download the petition and signature card, print it out, sign it, and return it. The response has been overwhelming.

“By mid-April more than 15,000 American scientists had signed. By mid-July, the total number of signers had grown to over 18,800. Of these, 16,400 are basic and applied scientists, and nearly all of them have technical training suitable for evaluation of the relevant

feared melting of polar icecaps and consequent rise in sea levels. Furthermore, what warming did occur in the temperate latitudes would be mostly in the winter and at night, thus not increasing the number of days of severe summer heat but instead lengthening growing seasons and narrowing the day/night temperature differential, both of which would benefit agricultural production.

“Another reason the popular fear is wrong is that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide is directly beneficial to plant growth and consequently not only to human beings but also to all animals, who depend on plants for food.

“‘As atmospheric CO₂ increases,’ the paper points out, ‘plant growth rates increase. Also, leaves lose less water as CO₂ increases, so that plants are able to grow under drier conditions. Animal life, which depends upon plant life for food, increases proportionally.’ Thus, increased atmospheric carbon dioxide can contribute not only to more and cheaper food for people but also to the preservation of biodiversity for both plants and the animals that depend on them.”

E. Calvin Beisner, *WORLD* magazine, August 8, 1998, p. 15, 16

A Better Country

Q “Pick a better country.

“I throw that challenge out to people almost every day on my radio show.

“A while back I talked to a twenty-nine-year-old black trucker who was whining about how bad it was for a black guy out on the American highway. I stopped him cold when, in the midst of our dialogue, I said, ‘Pick a better country.’

“‘No way,’ he responded without the slightest hesitation. ‘I’m not going anywhere. You’d have to carry me out of here kicking and screaming.’

“‘Then why don’t you get on board and

research data. These include 2,300 physicists, geophysicists, climatologists, meteorologists, oceanographers, and environmental scientists specially qualified to evaluate the effects of carbon dioxide on Earth's atmosphere and climate, and 4,700 chemists, biochemists, biologists, and other life scientists specially qualified to evaluate the effects of carbon dioxide on Earth's plant and animal life.

“Defenders of the conventional wisdom initially questioned the credibility of the list. But of the 18,800 signatures so far in the database, 17,300—including over 95 percent of those holding Ph.D. degrees—have been independently verified, and the other 1,500 are pending verification. ‘One name that was sent in by enviro pranksters, Geri Halliwell, Ph.D., has been eliminated,’ the Institute reports. (Readers with access to the Internet can read and download a complete list of signers, along with the petition and accompanying technical paper, at <http://www.zwr.oism.org/pproject>.)”

E. Calvin Beisner, *WORLD* magazine, August 8, 1998, p. 13,14

become part of the very thing that you refuse to give up?’ I challenged him.

“He had no answer, because he is caught in limbo. He's afraid to get on board as a fully vested American driven by the promise embodied in the American Dream because boisterous African-American community activists are telling him America doesn't work for guys like him.”

Ken Hamblin, *Pick a Better Country*, prologue

Q “My prescription for America is to rekindle the positive energy that has made this country great.

“We must once again put forth role models who believe in the American Dream and all of its promise. I believe that simply respecting the men and women who stand up for the clear-cut American values of hard work, right and wrong, and well-earned success will go a long way toward preventing the black-trash welfare culture from spreading further into mainstream America.

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“It's especially critical that we blacks who have become fully vested American citizens speak out about our stake and our success in America. We must stand up and be counted among the revitalized American role models.

“But I urge *all* Americans—be they white or brown or yellow or black—to stand up for the clear-cut values that have always guided us to right wrongs and to build upon what's right.

“We should begin with the simple courtesies that demonstrate the value of respecting the rights of others. Like nodding

“Mr. Genovese's comment rang prophetic when Gerd Lüdemann, a prominent German theologian, recently declared, ‘I no longer describe myself as a Christian.’ Currently professor of New Testament and director of the Institute of Early Christian Studies at Göttingen University in Germany, Mr. Lüdemann has provoked the faithful and denied essential Christian doctrines for many years.”

R. Albert Mohler, *WORLD* magazine, August 8, 1998, p. 19

hello in an elevator. Saying excuse me when you inadvertently bump into someone. Greeting a bank teller or a grocery clerk with a smile. These wonderful pleasantries should be a part of routine living in a civilized society.

“I’m not the first pundit to call for a return to family values. However, my message is short and simple in this regard. I want to return to the day when it wasn’t acceptable for our young daughters to get pregnant before they were married.

“I want to return to the time when you weren’t labeled an extremist or a right-winger because you proclaimed your love for this great country. And I want to protect the symbols of our patriotism.

“That includes continuing to fight for a constitutional amendment to outlaw the desecration of our flag. Too many Americans have drawn strength from Old Glory on battlefields throughout the decades to allow it to be reduced today to an object of contempt in the name of ultraliberalism.

“I believe that preserving the true meaning behind the colors today will help to see our children through the challenges that they inevitably will face as Americans.

“I want to restore the value of a human life in America. That means getting rid of every liberal-minded prosecuting attorney and judge. Let them operate out of the public defender’s office or a social worker’s clinic where they can legitimately work as advocates for thugs and predators.”

Ken Hamblin, *Pick a Better Country*, p. 227

Other

Q “If nature can produce such rich diversity as the present animal and plant kingdoms by pure chance, why is it that thousands of years of serious guided selection by humans has resulted only in trivial sub-specific variation of domestic plants and animals, while not one

Q “Jefferson could not have imagined, nor could he ever have expected, an American to move to Europe to avoid American taxes. It was of the utmost importance, said Jefferson, ‘to preserve uninfected by contagion’ the American society—its laws and liberties. Today, of course, that is gone. In matters of taxation, most of all, we have been infected by European socialist tax and spending practices—and paid the price. Tens of thousands of Americans have moved to Europe to escape from a tax bureau known the world over as the world’s worst in complexity, intrusions, and punishments. To try to stop this flight of taxpayers, Congress in 1996 passed a law prohibiting entry to former citizens who gave up their citizenship to avoid tax. It is ironic that at the time Jefferson wrote these words, more people fled from Europe to America to avoid Europe’s taxes than for any other reason. Now the reverse is true.”

Charles Adams, *Those Dirty Rotten Taxes*, p. 22

Q “In 1751, his [Montesquieu’s] book *The Spirit of Laws* was published in English and found its way into the libraries of all educated Americans. Studies now show that he was cited by more of the founders than any other writer. The Constitution owes a great debt to his philosophy of ‘moderate government’ and indirect taxation.

“The first observation of Montesquieu with regard to taxes and spending is that governments will misspend tax monies—a universal truth. In rather clever terminology, he emphasized that government leaders were most likely to spend money foolishly; that the public purse would be in the hands of profligates and spendthrifts.

“The real wants of the people ought never to give way to the imaginary wants of the state.

“Imaginary wants are those which flow

new species has been created?”

Richard Milton, *Shattering the Myths of Darwinism*, p. 9

Q “‘It takes one to know one,’ quipped historian Eugene Genovese, then an atheist and Marxist. He was referring to liberal Protestant theologians, whom he believed to be closet atheists. As Mr. Genovese observed, ‘When I read much Protestant theology and religious history today, I have the warm feeling that I am in the company of fellow nonbelievers.’

from the passions, and from the weakness of the governors, from the charms of an extraordinary project, from the distempered desire of vain glory, and from a certain impotency of mind incapable of withstanding the attacks of fancy.

“‘Often has it happened that ministers of a restless disposition have imagined that the wants of the state were those of their own little and ignoble souls.’

“In other words, governments are often led by scoundrels and fools.”

Charles Adams, *Those Dirty Rotten Taxes*, p. 23