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“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” Psalm 23:1-4

## Month In Review

Q Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 1

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

I realize that many kind, sensitive people believe in evolution. The fact is, regardless of whether or not evolution has been misunderstood or misapplied, it really *has* been made the pseudo-scientific rationale for all kinds of evil doctrines and influences in the world. And people need to know this!

“Most people regard evolution as merely a biological theory of no great consequences in their lives, having no idea of its tremendous importance as the philosophy underlying all the evils of the world. Even many Christians regard evolution as nothing more than God’s method of creation, utterly ignoring its completely anti-biblical and even anti-theistic character.

“In this chapter, however, I only want to show that evolutionary theory does indeed dominate modern thought in virtually every field— every discipline of study, every level of education, and every area of practice. This fact in itself indicates the tremendous responsibility that evolutionism must assume for present world conditions.”

Henry M. Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 17, 18

universe. Consequently, with the best will in the world, he will be helping his fellow creatures to their destruction.”

C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock, Quotables*, p. 442

### Evolution's Consequences

Q “Ideas and theories usually have visible consequences. Effects have causes. I propose to show in this book that there is an underlying idea behind these consequences and that this idea, though it goes by many names—naturalism, materialism, etc.—is basically nothing else than the almost sacrosanct doctrine of evolution. Furthermore, this situation is nothing new, but indeed has been the underlying cause of most of the major problems of the world throughout human history. If the statement seems extreme, I can only ask you to defer judgement until you see the evidence.

“I am not speaking here only of Darwinism, nor even of biological evolution in general, but of evolution as a total philosophy that purports to explain the origin and development of all things by natural properties and processes in a closed universe, one with no involvement by any external supernatural Creator. In this sense, evolutionism is essentially synonymous with naturalism or materialism, with the space-time-matter cosmos regarded as the ultimate reality out of which everything, from elementary particles to complex human beings, has evolved.

“In arguing that evolutionary thinking is the root cause of the major harmful systems and practices in the world, I am not suggesting that any particular person who believes in evolution is therefore ‘evil’ or immoral. The only issue is the evolutionary philosophy itself, not the people who believe it.

Q “Evolution is not merely a biological theory of little significance. It is a world view—the world view diametrically opposing the Christian world view. Therefore, Christian ignore it or compromise with it at great peril!”

Henry M. Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 23

Q “Social Darwinism, racism, militarism, and imperialism finally reached their zenith in Nazi Germany under the unspeakable Adolf Hitler. As we have shown, all these systems, even though basically rooted in sinful human nature, are logical extensions of the evolutionary philosophy. Consequently, they all flowered more abundantly than ever after Darwin, whom their practitioners could cite now for their scientific justification. Hitler himself became the supreme evolutionist, and Nazism the ultimate fruit of the evolutionary tree.

“As a result, the traumatic experience of the West with Hitler in World War II effectively ended its open infatuation with racism, imperialism, and social Darwinism in general.

Henry M. Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 75

Q “Adolf Hitler’s mind was captivated by evolutionary thinking—probably since the time he was a boy. Evolutionary ideas—quite undisguised—lie at the basis of all that is worst in *Mein Kampf*. A few quotations, taken at random, will show how Hitler reasoned... ‘He who would live must fight, he who does not wish to fight in this world where permanent struggle is the law of life, has not the right to exist.’ ”

Robert E.D. Clark, *Darwinism: Before and After*, quoted in Morris, *The Long War Against God*, p. 77

Q “The Leninist creators of the Soviet Union were self-conscious heirs of the Jacobian vanguard who saw in their revolutionary usurpation an effort to complete the transformation that Robespierre had only begun. In exterminating the ‘enemies of the people,’ the Leninists found the term ‘counterrevolutionary’ an indispensable weapon. They used it first to discredit the liberals who opposed their October coup against the democracy that had replaced the czarist regime. They applied it then to their Menshevik rivals, to anarchists, Kronstadters, Oppositionists, Trotskyists, Bukharinites, even anti-Stalin Stalinists and, ultimately, to every recalcitrant soul who stood in the path of their revolutionary dreams. Like their Jacobian heroes, the Leninists also created an empire that was Napoleonic in scope. But seventy years after the creation, its subjects rose en masse, in the largest counterrevolution in human history, to put an end to the Marxist epoch.”

David Horowitz, *The Politics of Bad Faith*, p. 141

Q “In our time, 100 million people have been slaughtered in the revolutions of the Left with no positive result, while millions more have been buried alive. Beyond the iron curtains of the socialist empire, whole cultures were desecrated, civilizations destroyed and generations deprived of the barest essentials of the tolerable life. Yet the epithet ‘counterrevolutionary’ still strikes progressives, who supported these empires, as a term of opprobrium and moral disgrace. What this record shows, on the contrary, is that ‘counterrevolution’ is a name for moral sanity and human decency, a term for resistance to the

“It has been 73 years since another high school biology teacher, John Scopes, was found guilty under Tennessee law for teaching that humans and apes descended from a common ancestor, and 30 years since the U.S. Supreme Court essentially overturned the Scopes ruling and declared that states could not prohibit teachers from discussing evolution.

“But Charles Darwin’s theory still faces challenges in the nation’s classrooms from increasingly sophisticated creationists, state and local school boards that leave evolution out of science education, and many biology teachers who themselves reject evolution.

“ ‘The evolution-creation controversy is as charged today as it was when Scopes was tried,’ said Randy Moore, a professor of biology at Louisville University in Kentucky and the editor of “The American Biology Teacher”, a magazine published by the National Association of Biology Teachers. ‘Creationists are more powerful than ever. They’re winning, not in terms of court cases, but what happens in classrooms. I get three to five phone calls a week from teachers with problems.’

“A recent caller, Moore said, told him that a high school principal in Louisville had used the public address system in his school to announce that evolution had been overthrown and no longer needed to be taught.

“Faced with incidents like these, teachers of evolution have been in ‘a defensive mode,’ said Wayne Carley, executive director of the 7,500-member biology teachers association.

“The association and other groups such

epic depredations of dreamers like them.”

David Horowitz, *The Politics of Bad Faith*, p. 140

Q “The Rutherford Institute points out that last December the Supreme Court again did what is prohibited in other public spaces, notably in government schools. In the Great Hall of that august institution was a tree topped by a star, and the annual Christmas party included the singing of traditional Christmas carols. I’m all for it, but one may wonder why this does not violate the separation of church and state. As the Justices would no doubt explain, they, unlike children and ordinary citizens, are not suggestible.

*First Things*, December 1998, p. 73

#### Powerful Creationists?

Q “Cissy Bennett, a high school biology teacher in Birmingham, Ala., has to use a textbook with a disclaimer in it.

“ ‘Evolution,’ says the message from the Alabama State Board of Education, ‘is a controversial theory some scientists present as scientific explanation for the origin of living things, such as plants, animals and humans. No one was present when life first appeared on Earth. Therefore, any statement about life’s origins should be considered as theory, not fact.’

“That does not deter Bennett from teaching her students that humans and all other species developed from common ancestors under the influence of natural selection.

“ ‘I tell them on the first day, ‘We are going to learn about evolution,’ ’ she said.

“Some teachers are more intimidated by the disclaimer. One colleague, Bennett said, once told her she thought teaching evolution was against the law.

as the National Academy of Sciences and the Society for the Study of Evolution, are embarking on a concerted effort to change the way Americans view evolution.

“Evolution was at the center of the biology teachers’ annual convention in Reno this month. Teachers heard about the latest challenges in the classroom and crowded into more than a dozen workshops on teaching the theory.

“ ‘When you combine the lack of emphasis on evolution in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with the immense popularity of creationism among the public and the industry of discrediting evolution,’ Moore said, ‘it’s easy to see why half of the population believes humans were created 10,000 years ago and lived with dinosaurs. It is by far the biggest failure of science education from top to bottom.’

“The challenges to teaching evolution have changed, said Dr. Eugenie Scott, executive director of the National Center for Science Education, which monitors the teaching of creationism in schools and communities nationwide.

“The latest wrinkle, Scott said, is to try to introduce into the classroom other theories like ‘intelligent design’ – the idea that the universe is so impossibly complex that it must have been designed on purpose by an omniscient creator.

“Phillip Johnson, a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, who has written four books attacking ‘the dogmatic teaching of Darwinian evolution,’ advocates that students be taught to be distrustful of the evolution theory.

“Johnson is affiliated with Access Research Network, a group in Colorado Springs that promotes intelligent design in the biology textbook ‘Of Pandas and People.’”

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## From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

The following remarks are from the September 1998 issue of the *Don McAlvany Intelligence Advisor*. While pointed in places I believe every Christian needs to face reality and Don McAlvany can certainly write reality.

“America is led today by the most dishonest, immoral, degenerate, arrogant, wicked leaders in the history of our country. A president who openly had sex on numerous occasions in the White House with an employee young enough to be his daughter lies about it under oath, and when he is caught in the lie says it was a private matter and in effect none of our business. He then attacks his accuser, Kenneth Starr, as if the whole affair was Starr’s fault. But **where is the outrage** at this leader who is supposed to be the role model for our children, a model of strength, character, integrity, and honesty—the leader of America and the free world, who is a symbol to the rest of the world of American values?

“**Where is the outrage** from the Congress, from the Republicans and Democrats, from the media, from the public, from the Christians and from the pastors of America? **Where was the outrage** over the past six years as this president lied, stole, cheated, accepted bribes from our enemy, Red China, and in turn passed on high-tech military secrets, technology, weapons, and other favors to that Communist

“**Why** have the great majority of pastors of America, the spiritual shepherds of tens of millions of American Christians, been so silent about this president’s outrages? **Because** they have become weak, effeminate, afraid to be controversial, afraid to offend their congregations or jeopardize their number of attendees or financial contributions, and **because**, like most Americans they can no longer tell the difference between good and evil, nor do they have a hatred for evil.

“This is clearly demonstrated by their resounding silence regarding the murder of nearly 40 million babies in America via abortion and now partial birth abortion over the past 25 years. By their silence and passivity, they have rendered the Christian church of America irrelevant in the greatest struggle between good and evil in our history. The pastors in Nazi Germany did exactly the same thing in the 1930s and Hitler and his Third Reich were rising to power.

“**Why** have the great majority of Americans been so silent about this president’s outrages? **Because** they have been blinded to his crimes and offenses by their own prosperity, by their rising stock portfolios, by their non-recognition of, or indifference to evil, and by the fact that they are participating in many of the same things that he is—extra-

police state?

“**Where was the outrage** when he recently went to Tiennanmen Square in Beijing and celebrated with the Communist butchers who massacred 10,000 students on that very spot nine years ago?

“**Where was the outrage** when the pro-abortion president supported partial birth abortions (the sucking out of the brains of live babies) against the will of the majority of Congress and the American people?

“**Why** have the Congressional leaders been so silent about this president’s outrages? **Because** the Democrats want to hang on to power and the Republican leadership is faced with hundreds of files on their own misdeeds (passed on **illegally** by the FBI to Clinton) with which he is blackmailing these ‘honorable’ men into silence. **Why** has the mainline, national media been so silent (until just recently) about this president’s outrageous behavior? **Because** they share his world view on homosexuality, abortion, socialism, big government, globalism, communism, Red China, Russia, and environmentalism.

marital sex, drugs, dishonest dealings, and a worship of the gods of materialism and sensuality. They have been numbed to this president’s evil deeds by their own lifestyles and a media and culture that has programmed them that *‘if it feels good, do it.’*

“In his heart of hearts, this writer believes that Bill Clinton represents, indeed is, what America (or the great majority of Americans) have become. He is a mirror image of Americans’ morals, sexual promiscuity, lack of integrity or sense of right vs. wrong, greed, live-for-the-moment, lie or break the rules when expedient, get-all-you-can-get mindset. And that, in my opinion, is why the outrage against this president from Congress to the media, from the pastors to the public across America, is so muted.

“America, like Israel, Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Carthage, Sodom and Gomorrah, and other nations of old, is ripe for the Lord’s judgment. When other nations in history had done what our people are now doing (from the White House to mainstream America) they have not only crumbled and collapsed from within, but the hand of the Lord has fallen heavily upon them. Is it possible that the hand of the Lord is about to fall heavily upon America—that His hand of protection is about to be removed from this country?”

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## Homosexuality

### ...view from the Court

Q “A California man ousted as a Boy Scouts leader because he is homosexual lost a Supreme Court appeal yesterday, the first such case to reach the nation’s highest court this decade.

“The justices, acting without comment, turned away El Cajon police officer Charles Merino’s challenge to the Boy Scouts’ ban on homosexuals.

“Homosexual rights lawyer Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said stronger challenges to the Boy Scouts policy are wending their way through state courts and commissions.

“‘The policy discriminates against gay people across the board—both adults and children,’ he said.

“‘The lead challenge to that policy is right now in the New Jersey Supreme Court,’ Mr. Wolfson said, referring to an appeals court decision in that state that said the Boy Scouts and their local councils are ‘places of accommodation’ covered by the state’s civil rights law.

“George Davidson, a New York lawyer for the Boy Scouts, said the court’s action did not surprise him. ‘It was a frivolous appeal, and we had anticipated it would be denied,’ he said.

“Mr. Merino’s appeal had not been one likely to succeed. Its focus, the Constitution’s equal-protection guarantees, was not raised in a lower court – a factor that virtually always prompts denial of Supreme Court review.

“The court’s refusal to hear the case therefore not only failed to resolve the legality of the Boy Scouts policy but said little about the justices’ willingness to tackle that issue.

*The Washington Times*, December 1, 1998, p. 4

...View from the activists

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“The commercials are sponsored by the Family Research Council, the Center for Reclaiming America and Concerned Women for America. They are the latest elements in a campaign that caused a national furor last summer when 18 conservative groups ran full-page ads in major newspapers encouraging gays and lesbians to become heterosexual.

“Officials with the conservative groups said they do not yet know when and where the ads will run and would not say how much they cost.

“‘The campaign has gotten the national discussion on homosexuality going, and we wanted to take it to the next level, so people could hear the message of hope,’ said Janet Folger, director of the Center for Reclaiming America, which produced the commercials.

“Gay and lesbian rights activists, fearing their voices are being drowned out by Christian conservatives, are asking for help.

*The Tampa Tribune*, October 11, 1998, p. 6

### ...View from the Bible

Q “And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;”

Genesis 18:20

Q “And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.”

Genesis 19:5-7

Q “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.”

Leviticus 18:22

Q “There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a



Q “As conservative Christian groups intensify their battle against gay rights, national gay rights activists have for the first time enlisted the help of a coalition of gay and lesbian Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

“Gay rights advocates hope to tap into the religious groups’ scriptural expertise to counter the conservative Christian message that homosexuality is a sin. In return, the political groups will help religious activist struggling for acceptance in their denominations.

“This weekend, the new alliance is being put to its first test, as it counters anti-gay advertising by conservative Christians, timed to coincide with their celebration of today’s National Coming Out of Homosexuality Day.

“Conservative groups plan to air two 60-second television commercials that argue that gays and lesbians can change their orientation with the help of Bible-based therapy. One ad features people who say they are former gays and lesbians now married with children; the other features a woman discussing her refusal to embrace her son’s past gay life.

prostitute, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God.”

Deuteronomy 23:17, 18

Q “And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abomination of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.”

I Kings 14: 24

Q “And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was right.”

Romans 1:27

Q “Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

I Corinthians 6:9, 10



Q “Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mother, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind.”

I Timothy 1:9, 10

Q “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manners, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

Jude verse 7

### **Many Thanks**

Q “Our daughter attended the Summit in the summer of 1996. She is now a sophomore-political science/English major at Furman University. I cannot tell you how much I value your program. What she learned those two weeks will have eternal impact. She is confident and secure in her belief system. I am thankful to you and to Dr. Dobson for having you on his show. We also have a sixteen year old daughter who will attend this summer, and a younger son. I would like to contribute on a more regular basis. Please send information on that. Thank you.”

S.J. M., Elkin, NC

### **A Progressive’s Paradise?**

Q “Alas, it has happened again. There is rancor and violence in paradise. This time the tumult fevers progressive Duke University’s ‘postmodern’ Department of English—if that really is the word for it. A New York Times description of the department’s goofball collection of courses suggests it would be more accurately named the Department of Charlatanry. Many of the teachers do not even admire English, and with good reason. Most are unskilled in its use.

“At any rate, Duke University’s so-called

When there are no more Republicans around to harangue and the God-fearing and tax-paying have been rendered docile and compliant, the progressives turn their resentment on each other. They have no fundamental principle to which they consistently adhere, not personal liberty, egalitarianism, virtue or even a smoke-free environment. The progressives’ only political value to which they have consistently adhered over the years is disturbing the peace, which is a misdemeanor in almost every criminal code. Progressive thought is founded on a political value that most law-abiding citizens recognize as a threat to peaceful existence.

“At Duke’s so-called Department of English, the progressives have turned on each other. Many are leaving campus for other departments. The former head of the department who transformed it into its present academic equivalent of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Professor Stanley Fish, is slinking off to a Midwestern cow college where he will serve as dean and can carry on his quarrels with the entire university. Figures such as Mr. Fish have for too long been successfully palming themselves off as idealists and reformers. Usually, they are simple frauds and malcontents. Mr. Fish was given an entire English faculty to run. Soon, he had populated it with more frauds and malcontents. Such battle-axes can never be appeased.

R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr., *The Washington Times*, November 27, 1998, p. A 52

Q “About 33 million people around the world are infected with HIV, two-thirds of them in sub-Saharan Africa, according to new estimates by the United Nations.

“The United Nations estimates there would be 2 million AIDS deaths in Africa by the end of this years, four times the total for the rest of the world.

English Department is very progressive. Moving beyond the drama, poetry, and novels that have entertained and inspired generations of readers, the profs at Duke's Department of English lecture and write on drama, poetry and novels that are virtually unknown to anyone free of their tyrannical sway. Their various courses are not really about literature but about class, gender, race and something called 'queer theory' that, I take it, is not meant to be a slur. But their greatest passion is reserved for quarreling and conniving.

"They sputter about funding their various lunatic courses, the course loads they have to bear, salaries and perks. 'Over the past year,' the New York Times tells us, 'the department appears to be self-destructing.' What had until now been a sought-after asylum for other progressive profs is now a war zone with many of the prima donnas leaving and the department supervised by an outside committee led by a botanist, known as 'an authority on plant respiration.' The black studies frauds and the 'queer theorists' are at war. So are the feminists and the Marxists. With all these distractions, it would be a perfect time for the botanist to impose on the faculty his view of 'Leaves of Grass.'

"The unpleasantness at Duke is a demonstration of one of my most fondly held theses, to wit, progressive thought's driving motive is not a vision of a better world but resentment.

"In Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland and Zimbabwe, current estimates show that between 20 percent and 25 percent of people aged 15-49 are living with HIV or AIDS,' said a report issued by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS and the World Health Organization.

"Nearly 6 million more people will be infected this year with the virus that causes AIDS, two-thirds of the cases in Africa, according to the report.

"The epidemic has not been overcome anywhere,' the new report concludes. 'Virtually every country in the world has seen new infections in 1998, and the epidemic is frankly out of control in many places.'

"Even the wealthy nations that have seen AIDS deaths decline have little cause to celebrate, officials said, noting that the proportion of the population infected with HIV is higher than ever. That's because people already infected are living longer, while the number of new infections— 44,000 in the United States this year — has shown no sign of decline, showing an especially ominous rise among blacks and other minority groups.

"South Africa accounted for 10 percent of all the new cases of HIV/AIDS this year.

"More than 10 percent of the adults are believed to be infected in the Central African Republic, the Ivory Coast, Djibouti and Kenya, the report said. It said 8 percent of adults in all of sub-Saharan Africa are living with the virus.

*The Washington Times*, November 25, 1998, p. 3

Q “In the historic battle between the deadly AIDS virus and American doctors, the Supreme Court of the United States has taken the side of the virus.

“The case of *Bragdon v. Abbott*, decided by the court on June 25, is one of the worst examples yet of the dictatorial power the federal government has assumed over some aspects of American life and the monstrous hypocrisy it exhibits in exercising the power.

“In *Bragdon* the court ruled that infection with one particular incurable and deadly venereal disease is akin to a physical handicap such as blindness or deafness and that the carriers of this one particular disease are entitled to unique legal protection under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

“The court also ordered a lower federal court to study what *limits* should be mandated by the court on the precautions a dentist may take in trying to stop the transmission of the disease.

“The court ruled that a dentist may violate the legal rights of an AIDS carrier if he treats the HIV-infected blood of the AIDS carrier any differently than he treats non-HIV infected blood.

“All bloods, according to the court, are equal—regardless of what deadly diseases they may or may not carry.

“Thus has the Supreme Court set up dual standards for the practice of medicine in America. When the issue is whether to take the life of an unborn child, the court mandates that no government agency may interfere with the clinical decisions of a woman and her doctor. When the issue is how to avoid infecting people with a blood-borne virus, however, the court arrogates to itself sole power to micromanage the clinical decisions of doctors and dentists.

“The court is more deferential to viruses than fetuses.”

“Somewhere somebody is planning the next utopia, the perfect nirvana on earth for imperfect man. What ideas, sounding so reasonable and innocent, are being born in the brain of another prophet billeted in the British Museum or the Bibliotheque National? Who is it who tomorrow will seek to cram all human experience into a metarational universalistic ideology, by which charlatanry becomes statesmanship, nationalism becomes ethnic cleansing and by whose revolutionary code the global village becomes an Aztec hecatomb? (In the words of Paul Claudel, ‘Quand l’homme essaie d’imaginer le Paradis sur terre, ca fait tout de suite un Enfer tres convenable,’ or ‘when man attempts to conceive an earthly paradise he at once creates his own appropriate hell.’)

“Marxism-Leninism as the sovereign remedy has dribbled to a dusty end but someone somewhere will create a new idea—the ‘new’ ultimate to replace the old. But the new and the old ‘ultimate’ have this creed in common as described in Albert Camus’ play, ‘Les Justes.’ One of the characters, Kaliayev, a Russian terrorist in 1905 is plotting an archduke’s assassination and thereby ‘prove’ the perfectibility of man. The terrorist justifies his plot in words which every true bomb-throwing revolutionary will salute:

“‘We are killing to build a world in which no one will ever kill. We accept criminality for ourselves in order that the earth may at last be full of innocent people.’

“Central Planners everywhere need the reassurance that man is perfectible despite a ‘mistake’ like the 20<sup>th</sup> century slaughter of a 100 million people in the name of communism, fascism, Nazism, falangism, socialism, anti-colonialism, antisemitism, fundamentalism, tribalism. Without such reassurance the Central Planners would have to agree with Baudelaire’s sign: ‘Life being what it is, one dreams of revenge.’

## Questions for the 21st Century

Q “John Maynard Keynes once wrote: ‘The ideas of economists and political philosophers, both when they are right and when they are wrong, are more powerful than is commonly understood...Practical men, who believe themselves to be quite exempt from any intellectual influences, are usually the slaves of some defunct economist. Madmen in authority, who hear voices in the air, are distilling their frenzy from some academic scribbler of a few years back.’

“Keynesian ideas themselves had tremendous authority over the economies of modern capitalist states as had the ideas of another academic scribbler, Karl Marx, influenced, even dominated, a century of world politics. Will we again in the 21<sup>st</sup> century witness the rise of idea influentials, those intellectuals in the backstreets or in university carrels whose words and sloganeering, for example, helped produce the revolution against American universities in the 1960s and 1970s? One of the great intellectual achievements of the century is that the swastika remains to this day an emotive symbol of the horror of racism, of a madman in authority, while the hammer-and-sickle has vanished completely as a symbol of anything in authority.

“The questions for the 21<sup>st</sup> century for which we must seek answers:

1) World War I led to the downfall of four empires— German, Austrian, Russian and Ottoman and the weakening of a fifth, the British. World War II ended the British and French colonial empires and helped create a surging Soviet empire. The Cold War ended the USSR. Is the age of empires over?

2) With the fall of the Soviet empire and the embourgeoisement of Communist China is the age of revolution and counterrevolution over? Are the riotous streets of Djakarta and the silent, dying villages of Algeria, the mass graves in the Balkans and Rwanda – are they all meaningless?

3) Is there a new secular revolutionary intelligentsia somewhere planning a new ethics or is the sway of ideological universalism over? Will a new generation of revolutionary saints arise, preaching mankind’s unification as they create mankind’s atomization?

4) Is democracy and the market the final answer?

“These are some of the questions to be answered. But they all come down to the ineradicable credo among utopian dreamers that man is perfectible and all that is needed is to redefine civilization and start anew. They forget the portentous words of Immanuel Kant, the 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher who wrote:

“‘Out of timber so crooked as that from which man is made, nothing entirely straight can be built.’”

Arnold Beichman, *The Washington Times*, November 25, 1998, p. 19

Q “It must count among the most amazing spectacles of history to be inundated with the rhetoric, theory, and practice of communism, and see not one communist around. We read and hear daily about class warfare, redistribution of wealth, the ‘dispossessed’ masses, the disadvantaged, universal health care, speech codes, sensitivity training, restrictions on parents’ rights, school-to-work--the list goes on and on. The agenda is with us, the Party is not.”

Balint Vazsonyi, *America’s Thirty Years War*, p. 176-177

Q “Hell had no fury like a constitution scorned.

“The Arizona Civil Liberties Union obtained a temporary restraining order in federal court against Gilbert, Ariz., that stopped Mayor Cynthia Dunham from proclaiming Nov. 22-29 ‘Bible Week’ at the Town Council meeting Tuesday night.

“Prominent national groups battle constitutional church-and-state issues on Gilbert’s doorstep, including the Arizona Center for Law and Justice, which is part of a national law firm started by evangelist Pat Robertson.

“‘We are extremely interested in this case, and we think the ACLU is taking a ridiculous position,’ ACLJ attorney Gary McCaleb said. U.S. District Judge Roslyn Silver issued the restraining order three hours after attorneys Timothy Nelson and Victor Sipos filed suit on the ACLU’s behalf.

“Gov. Jane Hull was not part of the controversy when, without fanfare, she

“‘It does not require any citizen to do anything. It does not stop any citizen from doing anything,’ Miss Teply told Judge Silver

“Steven Montoya, arguing for the Arizona chapter of the ACLU, said the decree still went too far.

“‘To say the Bible has nothing to do with religion is like saying the Constitution has nothing to do with civil rights,’ he argued.

“Fransie Noyes, the governor’s spokeswoman, said the proclamation was issued at the request of the National Bible Association, a New York-based group that has celebrated the week since 1941.

“It also had asked other states and communities to issue the proclamation. As of Friday, 26 states and more than 400 cities had proclaimed Bible Week.

“On Monday, the ACLU persuaded Judge Silver to issue a restraining order preventing the town of Gilbert from proclaiming Bible Week for the fifth straight year.

“Judge Silver will decide Dec. 11 whether to issue a permanent injunction or lift the restraining order against Gilbert. Although Bible Week will be over by then, the governor still plans to fight the issue at next month’s hearing, Miss Noyes said.”

*The Washington Times*, November 22, 1998, p. 4

Q “Abortion represents the great moral travesty of our time. What can be the rationale for acquiescing to Clinton’s call to gut limits on abortion funding— some as simple as notifying parents of teenagers’ seeking abortion?

“Bill Clinton credited pro-gun groups for the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994. What could have inspired our leaders to block congressional votes on pro-gun measures in 1997 and 1998, and to drop my amendment to prevent Clinton from keeping records on law-

proclaimed Arizona Bible Week earlier this month.

“In defending her proclamation, Ms. Hull released a stack of similar decrees from governors and presidents that dated to a Bible proclamation signed by President Truman in 1952. She ripped the ACLU for filing suit, suggesting the group was looking for publicity.

“The governor said she sign 400 proclamations each year for a variety of groups, including recognition for the Islamic month of Ramadan, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel’s independence, the Arizona Day of Prayer, and the Interfaith Prayer Vigil Week.”

*The Washington Times*, November 20, 1998, p. 2

Q “A federal judge has blocked Arizona Gov. Jane Hull from proclaiming this week ‘Bible Week,’ calling the declaration unconstitutional.

“U.S. District Judge Roslyn Silver issued a temporary restraining order Friday on the request of the American Civil Liberties Union, which had argued the decree violated separation of church and state principles. Bible Week was to have begun today.

““On the face of this document, it certainly has the [indication] of being religion and purposely not secular,’ Judge Silver said. Elizabeth Teply, an assistant state attorney general representing the governor, said the declaration did not establish or mandate a state religion.

abiding gun owners?

“Finally, why would we give in to Clinton’s demands to forfeit U.S. sovereignty to international tribunals—to waste \$18 billion on the corrupt and useless International Monetary Fund, to shower gifts on the genocidally repressive Communist Chinese government, and yet expect that the American people would erroneously believe that our party retained some semblance of vision and courage?

“Liberal pundits are now saying that the 1998 elections were a repudiation of social conservatives. To them, I say: Social conservatives will turn out for politicians who openly embrace their values. Conversely, they can hardly be blamed for failing to support candidates who have shown nothing but contempt for them.

“It appears that the leadership and the moderates view those of us who are pro-life, pro-gun, pro-military, pro-sovereignty, and anti-tax as a ‘problem’ that must be dealt with. I would remind them that without us there is no GOP.

“President Reagan once said, ‘History comes and goes, but principles endure and inspire future generations to defend liberty, not as a gift from government, but a blessing from our Creator.’ The Republican Party was formed when moderates prevented the Whig Party from standing strong against slavery. If our leadership continues to work toward a values-free GOP, I have bad news and worse news for them. The bad news is there will be a third party. The worse news is it will be the Republican Party.”

Bob Smith, *Human Events*, November 20, 1998, p. 7