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Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
Matthew 22:37

Month in Review

Q Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 22:36-40

Q Living for Jesus a life that is true,
Striving to please Him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

O Jesus, Lord and Savior,
I give myself to Thee,

For Thou, in Thy atonement,
Didst give Thyself for me;

I own no other Master,
My heart shall be Thy throne,

My life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for Thee alone.

C. Harold Lowden

I, Rigoberta Menchu

Q “I confess to having been mildly embarrassed when Rigoberta Menchu, Guatemalan political activist and author of *I, Rigoberta Menchu*, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. The *Chronicle of Higher Education* called the very day her prize was announced and reminded me that in my book *Illiberal Education* the year before, I had harshly criticized Menchu’s autobiography as a sadly typical example of the bogus multicultural agitprop that was displacing the Western classics on the reading lists for undergraduates at elite universities like Stanford.

“ ‘Now that Rigoberta has won the Nobel prize,’ the reporter asked, ‘what is your reaction?’

“ ‘All I can say,’ I replied, ‘is that I am relieved she didn’t win for literature.’

“For Rigoberta, the Nobel prize proved to be a canonization in both senses of the term. This obscure Indian woman who published her 1983 autobiography when she was still in her mid 20s, suddenly received worldwide recognition as a leftist icon—a modern-day Saint Sebastian, pierced by the arrows of racist discrimination and colonial exploitation. She received several honorary doctorates and in 1992 was nominated as a United Nations

Q “It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.”

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, taken from *Quotes*, p. 250

Q “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

Winston S. Churchill, May 13, 1940

Q “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.”

Winston S. Churchill, Tribute to Royal Air Force

Q “I cannot forecast to you the action of Russia. It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.”

Winston S. Churchill, October 1, 1939

Q “There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies.”

Winston S. Churchill, March 21, 1943

Q “Nothing is more dangerous in wartime than to live in the temperamental atmosphere of a Gallop Poll, always feeling one’s pulse and taking one’s temperature.”

Winston S. Churchill, September 30, 1941

Q “Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood,
For the good or evil side.
Truth forever on the scaffold
Wrong forever on the throne.
Then it is the brave man chooses,
While the coward stands aside,
Doubting in his object spirit,
Till his Lord is crucified.”

goodwill ambassador and special representative of indigenous peoples. Her book, hailed as a first-person account of Guatemalan bigotry and brutality against native Indians, spread from cutting-edge curricula like Stanford’s to become part of the canon of required and frequently assigned readings in high schools and universities around the globe.

“Then, just last week, the *New York Times* revealed that much of *I, Rigoberta Menchu* is a fabrication. *Times* reporter Larry Rohter corroborated the research of an American anthropologist, David Stoll, whose interviews with over a hundred people and archival research during the past decade led him to conclude that Rigoberta’s story ‘cannot be the eyewitness account it purports to be.’

“For example, in one of the most moving scenes in the book, Rigoberta describes how she watched her brother Nicolas die of malnutrition. But the *New York Times* found Nicolas alive and well enough to be running a relatively prosperous homestead in a Guatemalan village. According to members of Rigoberta’s own family, as well as residents of her village, she also fabricated her account of how a second brother was burned alive by army troops as her parents were forced to watch.

“Central to Rigoberta’s story—and the supposed source of her Marxism—is a land dispute in which her impoverished family, working for slave wages on plantations, is intimidated and oppressed by wealthy landowners of European descent. Those nefarious oligarchs supposedly manipulated the government into forcing the Menchu family and other poor Indians off unclaimed land that they had farmed. According to the locals, however, this dispute was really a land feud that pitted Rigoberta’s father against his in-laws. ‘It was a family quarrel that went on for years and years,’ Efrain Galindo, the mayor of

the town, told Rohter. 'I wanted peace, but none of us could get them to negotiate a settlement.'

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“The Rigoberta Menchu Foundation, based in New York, boasts that her book is one of the most widely read in classrooms in America and Europe. My cursory check at such leading universities as Stanford, Columbia, and Princeton shows that *I, Rigoberta Menchu* is still widely assigned. So many high schools use the book that there is even a textbook, *Teaching and Testimony: Rigoberta Menchu and the North American Classroom*, about how to teach Rigoberta Menchu’s life story.

“According to reporter Robin Wilson of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, who has been calling professors around the country who teach *I, Rigoberta Menchu*, most of them are outraged—not with Menchu for making things up, but with anthropologist David Stoll for exposing her fraud. Virtually all of the professors Wilson contacted defiantly told her that they would not stop assigning *I, Rigoberta Menchu* to their students.

Dinesh D’Souza, *The Weekly Standard*, December 28, 1998

Q “The communist notion of morality differs profoundly from the Judeo-Christian view. Respect for truth, and for the lives and property of others, are enshrined in the Ten Commandments. It is not permissible to lie, cheat, steal and murder in behalf of a cause.

“Until recently, political democracies were governed by a consensus that the end does not justify the means. But this consensus has broken down. Increasingly in Western

“It turns out Miss Menchu made up her story to fit her cause. She was in a boarding school operated by Belgium nuns during the years she claimed to be working for slave wages and serving in the underground. The land dispute was between her father and his wife’s uncle. Brother Nicolas is alive and well, the owner of a homestead. And her neighbors say that despite the atrocities of a dirty war, ‘nobody was ever burned alive that way.’

“The Nobel Committee says, ‘There is no question of revoking the prize.’ Miss Menchu told a story the Nobel Committee wanted to hear. Her lies are permissible, because they focused hatred where it belonged – on rich landowners.

Paul Craig Roberts, *The Washington Times*, December 21, 1998, p. A 16

Sexual Revolution...Effects

Q “Not long ago, Seth Greenberg, a junior at George Washington University, met Stacey Packer, also a GW junior, at a fraternity/sorority function. Attracted to her sweetness and intelligence, he asked her out.

“The following Saturday night, Seth picked Stacey up, took her to dinner and footed the bill, opened the taxi door on the way to and from the Halloween party that they attended, and paid for all the cab fares and the cover charge at the door.

“To baby boomers, this scenario may not seem unusual or surprising. In fact, Stacey’s

democracies, the political left decides a person's morality on the basis of his or her position on social issues.

"This politicization of morality has turned people of upright moral character in the traditional sense into moral pariahs for having the wrong views on social issues. For example, class warfare against 'the rich' has become such an obligatory position for a 'moral,' 'caring' politician that Republicans are hesitant to propose tax cuts that might benefit the rich.

"A scandal surrounding a Nobel Prize illustrates the growing influence of issue-determined morality. On Dec. 15, the *New York Times* revealed that Guatemalan Rigoberta Menchu won the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize for an autobiography that has turned out to be a false account of her life.

"Miss Menchu inflamed class warfare with her made-up story of her Indian family pitted in a struggle for land and survival against wealthy landowners of European descent, who allegedly manipulated government agencies to drive the Indians off their land.

"In one of the most emotionally moving parts of the book, Miss Menchu describes the death of her younger brother, Nicolas, from malnutrition while her family worked for slave wages on a coffee plantation. In another wrenching episode, she describes the murder of another brother by army troops who allegedly poured gasoline on him and set him afire.

"She tells how the effect of these injustices drove her into the guerilla underground where she became a political organizer.

"Miss Menchu's book was amazingly successful. Translated into a dozen languages, it has spawned 15,000 university theses in the United States and Europe. Impressed by the righteousness of Miss Menchu's class warfare, the Nobel Committee awarded her the Peace Prize 'in recognition of her work for social justice and ethno-cultural reconciliation.'

and Seth's respective parents probably began their courtship similarly.

"But, to today's college student, this date seems as foreign and antiquated as a Vietnam War teach-in. While some college students are involved in traditional dating scenes, students and experts say a phenomenon called 'hooking-up' is the new wave.

"This aspect of modern-day courtship consists of 'hanging out,' whereby a group of people from both sexes mingle in close quarters at a house, apartment or bar, and then pair off to 'hook up,' a term referring to anything from kissing to sexual intercourse.

"Seth Greenberg's roommate, Joe Guarino, also a GW junior, does not date regularly. He prefers to 'hook up'—usually not with the same girl twice, but most likely with someone every weekend.

"Mr. Guarino says on different occasions he has called a woman at 2 a.m. and persuaded her to come over to his apartment for the night.

"Hooking-up is essentially a very liberal, carefree, natural result of the 1960s sexual revolution, its proponents say. Paradoxically, the dating that does exist today is the antithesis of hooking-up, as traditional dating is thought to be enmeshed in a very 1950s ideal of chivalry and manners, of femininity and virility.

"The two female students at Georgetown University who sparked a campus controversy last year with the publication of a conservative courtship journal for women say traditional dating is steadily being replaced by the hook-up trend on their campus. This, they say, is an ominous sign for the future of their generation.

The Washington Times, December 18, 1998, p. 2

From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

The heart of Summit Ministries revolves around our two-week summer sessions. Approximately 20,000 students have experienced this life-changing event. And having been involved with these students for 37 years, I can only tell our Journal readers that I have loved every minute of it.

Most of these young people are sent here by their parents to prepare for their college years. These are years that will certainly challenge their Christian faith and their Christian life to the maximum.

After 37 years I believe I can truthfully say that we have come up with a program of study that can fortify each student in their walk with Christ while exposing them to the world's humanistic ideas, values and worldviews—whether these be Secular, Marxist, New Age or Postmodern Humanism.

It is our sincere belief that Biblical Christianity is not only defensible but infinitely superior to any of its competitors.

As Tim LaHaye says so forcefully: “Today’s Christian youth are not being destroyed because secular humanism is superior but because they are not exposed to the Biblical alternative, which makes more sense.”

Summit Ministries is committed to passing on our Christian values and faith to the next generation. We are committed to providing our Christian youth with a two-week program second to none where Christ is honored, faith in the Bible is defended, morality, freedom, truth and beauty are respected and lived.

While I could go on endlessly about the value of a two-week Summit experience, let me pass to a student who just wrote me about her Summit stay—7th session, 1998. Her name is Heidi.

“I just wanted to tell you all how much Summit meant to me. I know you get hundreds of letters like mine, but I’m sure you all need a daily dose of encouragement!”

“I came to Summit knowing that I would learn a lot, but not really expecting much else. You see, I come from a strong Christian home, have always been homeschooled, and had already done a lot of study in theology and apologetics.

“But as day after day passed at Summit, God began an awesome work in my heart. I had allowed myself to get hard in certain areas, thinking that we can’t really make a difference.

“The nightly worship, the student-led prayer groups, the atmosphere, the faculty...it all culminated the Wednesday morning of the 2nd week. I sat at my desk, listening to Mark Cahill talk, and my life was changed forever. God gave me a passion for witnessing, but it was also so much more. It was a passion for Him. It was a passion to see His glorious name proclaimed once again in the public square. Tears ran down my face, and all at once I knew that I could no longer be quiet—I must let God use my life to shatter the silence of the Church in the public square.

“Since returning home, I have organized groups to go out witnessing. I’m beginning a girls discipleship group in January. I am working my way through the Summit reading

The prophet Jeremiah (6:16) summarizes a great truth about Summit Ministries –“Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.”

Christian youth need an oasis that is not ashamed of ‘the old paths, where is the good way.’ I believe the Summit is that oasis in the midst of a desert stream with “new liberation theology,” “new morality,” “new sex-ed,” “new utopias,” “new life styles,” “new philosophies and psychologies,” “new art, music and literature,” ad nauseum which ends in loss of faith, decadence, despair and suicide.

Q “A senior professor at Yale University described by his attorney as ‘one of the world’s leading geochemists’ was arrested on charges he sexually assaulted a 13-year-old boy. He already faced federal child pornography charges.

“New Haven police arrested Antonio Lasaga, 49, a professor of geology and geophysics who has been on the Yale faculty 14 years, at his Cheshire home about 8:30 a.m. Monday. He was charged with two counts of sexual assault, risk of injury to a minor and promoting a minor in an obscene performance.

“Police would not give details of the reported assault. Superior Court Judge Gary J. White sealed the arrest warrant.

“Mr. Lasaga was charged last month with using his campus computer to download child pornography.

“Then, earlier this month, a federal judge placed him on home confinement after he reportedly violated the conditions of his release on the federal charges. He was supposed to stay away from minors and potential witnesses, and federal officials said he had been repeatedly spotted near the home of a minor. Officials wouldn’t say whether the minor was the same child cited in the state

list. And I’m telling all my friends that they **must** go to Summit. Every aspect is awesome. The fire inside of me cannot be quenched. The friends I made are my closest and dearest friends in the world. Words cannot express my thankfulness to Summit’s awesome ministry. I will be back next summer before tackling a secular college, and hope to be on staff someday in the future.

“May God bless you mightily this Christmas season.”

Along with reproductive biology and sexually transmitted diseases, the course will cover the social role of marriage and the personal benefits a committed marriage can bring. Students will learn about birth control, but will focus on the related health risks rather than on the use of contraceptives. In addition, classes will study how to set goals, hone self-control, and avoid sexually compromising situations.

“Parents have good reason to expect their children to benefit from the abstinence-only track. Teens are crying out for strong messages about abstaining from sex. (Today, almost 52 percent of high school students report that they are abstinent, an 11 percent increase since 1991.)”

Katherine Kersten, *The Weekly Standard*, December 21, 1998, p. 27

...Abroad

Q “A recent report by the International Labor Organization—the United Nations labor panel—shows that not all of Asia’s problems are economic. ‘The Sex Sector: The Economic and Social Bases of Prostitution in Southeast Asia’ is the ILO’s 222-page survey of what it calls ‘sex work’ in Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

charges.

“After a hearing Monday, he was held on \$250,000 bond. He was accompanied by his wife, Evelyn, and his attorney, Jeremiah F. Donovan.

“ ‘A month ago he was leading what most of us would view as a rich, full and successful life as one of the world’s leading geochemists,’ Mr. Donovan said. ‘He woke up the next morning and had it all come crashing down.’

“Since 1992, Mr. Lasaga had worked as a mentor for inner-city schoolchildren in a program called School Volunteers for New Haven Inc. The New Haven Public School District on Monday said Mr. Lasaga had undergone a thorough background check before he was accepted to the program.”

Assoc. Press, *The Washington Times*, December 23, 1998, p.A8

Q For those interested in seeing how Stanford University would handle such a situation see Martin Anderson’s great study [Impostors In the Temple](#). This book is out of print, so check your local library or used bookstore.

...Backlash

Q “Liberal Minnesota is the last place you’d expect to find an anti-“sex-ed” revolution. But in Osseo, a large suburban district near Minneapolis, parents fed up with ‘value-neutral’ sexuality instruction have overthrown the old regime. Starting in 1999, Osseo schools will offer a two-track sex-ed curriculum for junior and senior high school students, and parents will choose the track they prefer. Across the nation, advocates on both sides of the sex-ed wars—notably the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union—will be watching closely.

“Osseo parents’ first option will be

“ ‘The sex trade is a flourishing economic enterprise,’ the ILO asserts, ‘and should be officially recognized as such.’ The study stopped short of calling for legalization of prostitution, but its editor, Lin Lim, said that many choose it as the ‘most viable, lucrative alternative.’

“The ILO report laments the fact that the ‘sex sector is not recognized as an economic sector in official statistics, development plans or government budgets’ in the countries studied. But ‘the revenues [prostitution] generates are crucial to the livelihood and earnings potential of millions of workers beyond the prostitutes themselves.’ Based on evidence from the 1980s recession, Lim concludes that ‘it is very likely that women who lose their jobs in manufacturing and other service sectors and whose families rely on their remittances may be driven to enter the sex sector.’

“In Thailand, the ILO found that prostitutes were sending as much as \$300 million to their rural relatives each year. Based on that figure, the ILO report estimated Thailand’s annual income from prostitution to be between \$22 billion and \$27 billion. The sex industry’s revenues in Indonesia were estimated to be between \$1.2 billion and \$3.3 billion yearly. The study was researched before Asia’s current economic crisis, but Lim says ‘the economic and social force behind the sex trade show no signs of abating, especially in the face of the region’s rising unemployment.’

“Nowhere does the U.N. charter laud prostitution as a ‘flourishing economic enterprise’ or call for it to be ‘recognized as an economic sector in official statistics, development plans or government budgets.’ Yet this is exactly what the ILO report states. If such ludicrous proposals were carried out, what would governments call this income? Really Gross Domestic Product?

“The report claims that many women

the ‘comprehensive’ or ‘safer sex’ curriculum the district currently offers. This course assumes that many young people will have sex and aims to provide the knowledge and skills they need to do so safely. Abstinence is discussed, but the primary focus is the how-to’s of birth control, along with ‘communication’ and ‘decision-making’ skills.

“The new ‘abstinence-only’ track has a very different goal. The curriculum will present abstinence as the ‘desired standard of behavior’ and help students develop the character traits necessary to achieve it.

choose prostitution ‘as the most viable, lucrative alternative.’ But as an alternative to what? Starving to death? Robbing banks? Embezzling? It is merely an attempt to put a happy face on what is indisputably sexploitation.”

Oliver Starr, Jr., *The Weekly Standard*, December 21, 1998, p. 29

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Points of Interest

Q “In their August/September Futurist article, ‘How Almost Anyone Can Become a Millionaire,’ Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lee write, ‘Most people in America got rich because they chose to do so, and they pursued a path to wealth that is wide open to most of the rest of us.’ In other words, becoming rich is a matter of choice. Let’s look at it.

“Suppose a 22-year old college graduate, earning \$30,000 a year, makes a one-time \$2,000 investment in the stock market. With a 10 percent compounded rate (which is the stock market appreciation over the last 50 years), that \$2,000 would become \$194,000 at age 70. The person wouldn’t be rich; but neither would he have sacrificed much. Suppose our 22-year old was more serious about becoming rich and invested \$2,000 each year. At age 70, his wealth would exceed \$2.1 million. Thus, the first step toward being a millionaire is to save consistently. In order to save consistently, you must avoid ‘irresistible’ temptations; make do with less expensive cars

“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 signs 400 proclamations each year for a variety of groups, including recognition for the Islamic month of Ramadan, 50th 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

and clothing, and cheaper entertainment.”

Walter E. Williams, *The Washington Times*, December 18, 1998, p. A 21

Q “On November 23, the Georgia Supreme Court overturned the state’s anti-sodomy law.”

“Within a year, 90% of all Americans will live within 200 miles of a casino. Americans legally wagered \$638.6 billion last year.”

The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor, December 1998

Q “The following are the American military forces that have disappeared since Bill Clinton took office: 709,000 regular service soldiers; 293,000 reserve troops; eight standing army divisions; 20 Air Force and Navy air wings with 2,000 combat aircraft; 232 strategic bombers; 13 ballistic missile submarines with 3,114 nuclear warheads on 232 missiles; 500 ICBMs with 1,950 warheads; four aircraft carriers and 121 surface-combat ships and submarines; ‘plus all the support bases, shipyards and logistical assets needed to sustain such a naval force,’ and the associated jobs. [ED. NOTE: Bill Clinton has destroyed almost half of the U.S. military over the past six years.]”

The McAlvany Intelligence Advisor, December 1998

The Ever Busy ACLU

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

Week was to have begun today.

“ ‘On the face of this document, it certainly has the [indication] of being religious 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.

“ ‘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.

“Francie 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 “For years, Jerry Sheehan of the American Civil Liberties Union has been battling to stop communities in Western Washington state

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 proclaimed Arizona Bible Week earlier this month.

from issuing Bible Week proclamations. Next year, it looks as if he might succeed.

“A federal judge last month granted a temporary injunction to stop the town of Gilbert, Ariz., from declaring Nov. 22-29 as Bible Week. The judge also nullified a state Bible Week proclamation that had already been issued by Arizona Gov. Jane Hull.

“The impact of the ruling is already rippling throughout the West. As soon as Mr. Sheehan learned of the injunction, he fired off a letter to the mayor of Kent, Wash., citing the decision and renewing his request to rescind Bible Week.

“ ‘It’s certainly bolstered the case we’re making that it’s a violation of separation of church and state under the U.S. Constitution,’ said Mr. Sheehan, legislative director of the Washington ACLU. ‘And a federal court result supportive of our view should be pointed out to local officials as writing on the wall.’

“Like creches in city halls and copies of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms, Bible Week proclamations may sound harmless, but they’ve become the focus of the latest skirmish over where to draw the line between church and state.

“Since 1941, 30 states and 11 presidents have signed the proclamations, usually after receiving a request from a religious group. Last year, more than 400 communities issued Bible Week proclamations, which typically

We launched the round-the-clock air strikes with 2,000 planes for six weeks; Iraq fired back a handful of Scuds. Iraq killed scores of Americans; we killed thousands of Iraqis.

“Yes, Iraq was an enemy, but Hanoi killed 58,000 Americans and turned South Vietnam into a Stalinist hell that makes Iraq look like Vermont. Yet we have normalized relations with Hanoi.

“China is responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers in Korea. Its regime has on its hands the blood of tens of millions of Chinese and is targeting U.S. cities with ICBMs. Yet China is now our ‘strategic partner.’ Is Iraq, with no air force, no navy, no ICBMs and an economy not 1 percent of ours, the greater threat?

“If constructive engagement was the right policy for the Evil Empire, why is there no other way with Iraq than total sanctions? If deterrence held the Red Army at bay in Europe, can it not hold Saddam? Can we not contain him and deny him his worst weapons—without denying Iraq’s people the necessities

praise the Bible as a 'foundational document' and 'source of moral and spiritual guidance.'

"Critics have pounced on the Arizona case in an effort to snuff out Bible Week holdouts in Texas, Washington and Utah. Like Mr. Sheehan, Stephen Clark of the Utah ACLU began spreading the word shortly after the Arizona decision came down.

" 'We're now communicating that to local officials and letting them know what the federal court is saying,' said Mr. Clark, legal director of the ACLU's Utah branch, which is challenging the state's Bible Week proclamation as well as those in four towns.

"So far, only the Arizona ACLU has filed suit in the matter. Both Mrs. Hull and Gilbert Mayor Cynthia Durham have vowed to fight the lawsuits in court.

" 'I don't back down when things like this are done,' said Mrs. Hull.

"In Texas, American Atheists is challenging a Bible Week proclamation issued by the mayor of North Richland Hills, a suburb of Forth Worth. ACLU officials in Utah and Washington say they're trying to convince local officials to rescind the proclamations voluntarily, although they won't rule out lawsuits, especially if the Arizona judge decides in their favor.

"But supporters of Bible Week point out that the proclamations never endorse religion. Instead, they praise the Bible's historic, cultural and spiritual importance, the idea being to encourage people to read it—if not as the word of God, then as one of the nation's 'foundational documents.'

" 'It's not like the government is reading it to people and picking the passages,' said Miss Schans. 'They're just saying that this would be a good week to remember the Bible. It's Thanksgiving, it's a time of reflection, and the Bible is one of the founding documents of this country.' "

of life?

"Again, it is not the U.S. policy of containment of Iraq, or even of air strikes on missile or military bases, that raises questions of morality. It is a sanctions regime that is killing the Iraqi people in body and spirit. Surely, a humane republic can devise a wiser and more moral policy than this."

Patrick J. Buchanan, *The Washington Times*, December 21, 1998, p. A 17

Q "Mr. Clinton declared on Wednesday that he is acting to protect the 'people throughout the Middle East and around the world.' How does Saddam threaten 'the world'? If we 'fail to respond,' said Mr. Clinton, Saddam 'will make strikes again at his neighbors...make war on his own people [and] develop weapons of mass destruction, deploy them, and he will use them.'

"Let's deconstruct that. Yes, Saddam makes 'war on his own people,' but who inflicts the greater suffering—Saddam or a U.S.-led embargo that has claimed the lives of 239,000 children, 5 years old and under, since 1990?

"Michael Powell writes in *The Washington Post*, 'That [239,000] is the latest—and most conservative—independent estimate of the number of Iraqi children who have died of malnutrition, wasting and dysentery since sanctions were imposed.'

"If sanctions have failed to topple Saddam and have snuffed out the lives of a quarter of a million children, can such a policy be moral? Where is the proportionality? Indeed, the embargo, not the strikes on military targets, appears the immoral element of our Iraqi policy.

" '[Y]ou can't lay that guilt trip on me,' snapped Secretary of State Madeline Albright when asked about the embargo and the children. OK, but who do we lay it on?

The Washington Times, December 27, 1998

Q For Journal readers wishing one of the best works available on the ACLU, we recommend William Donohue's, *The Politics of the American Civil Liberties Union*, published by Transaction Publishing in 1985. The leftist/communist ACLU is not giving up its quest to destroy the Bible and Biblical Christianity. Founded by Roger Baldwin (a Communist) it has been consistently "left" since 1919. In this battle for the Bible it will be interesting to see who folds first. Stay turned.

Perspective?

Q "It is time to ask how grave a threat Iraq is to America. In the Gulf war, Iraq did not attack us; we attacked Iraq.

Without America, there would be no sanctions, no 25,000 Iraq kids 5 and under dying each year of deprivation.

"Mr. Clinton said we are protecting Iraq's 'neighbors.' But Iran is larger and more powerful than Iraq, is building weapons of mass destruction, and has been cited more times for supporting terrorism. And why should we defend Iran?"

"Turkey's troops march in and out of Northern Iraq with impunity. Another neighbor, Syria, is also on the honor roll of regimes that harbor terrorists and is smuggling contraband into Iraq.

"Jordan sided with Iraq in the Gulf war. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are under the shield of a United States that could pulverize Iraq in 10 minutes if a Scud arrived with mustard gas or anthrax. That is why Saddam never used a chemical weapon on us or on Israel."

Patrick J. Buchanan, *The Washington Times*, December 21, 1998, p. A17