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In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Genesis 1:1

Month in Review

Q And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1: 26-28

Q Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious-Thy great name we praise.

Walter C. Smith

Q On the verge of Colorado's plain,
Where the mountains reach the skies.
Near the springs of Manitou's domain
There the Summit stately lies.
Neither time worn words from tongues of

Some rise to fame by the force of skill,
grow great by the might of power,

Then wreck the temple they toiled to build,
in a single, shameful hour.

The follies outnumber the virtues good; sin
lures in a thousand ways;

But slow is the growth of man's character
and patience must mark his day;

For only those victories shall count, when
the work of life is done.

Which bear the stamp of an honest man,
and by courage and faith were won.

There are a thousand ways to fail, but only
one way to win!

Shame cannot cover the wrong you do nor
wash out a single sin,

And never shall victory come to you,
whatever of skill you do,

Save you've done your best in the work of
life and unto your best were true.

Edgar A. Guest

Thank you!

Q "Dear Summit staff, Hi. My name is A.F. and I attended the Summit in 1996. I am a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and I wanted to tell you that your program has made a tremendous influence on

men

Rightly mark it's beauty fair:

Nor the sage reports by ink and pen

May depict its splendor there.

In the Summit's ageless entity

Lies an ever growing cleft

'twixt our Bible based morality,

And the dredges of the left.

Through the darkened world of endless
space

Shines an all pervading light

Of the Summit's store of glowing grace

That repels the shades of night.

Though it's walls are old and worn through
out,

Yet they still reflect the din

Of the youthful voices heard without,

And the tuneful sounds within.

Many words arise from every part

Which are heard from day to day,

But the voice that echoes from the heart

Can the Summit best portray.

R.C.

Q There are a thousand ways to cheat and a
thousand ways to sin;

There are ways uncounted to lose the
game, but there's only one way to win;

And whether you live by the sweat of your
brow or in luxury's garb you're dressed,

You shall stand at last, when your race
is run, to be judged by the single test.

Some men lie by the things they make;
some lie in the deeds they do;

And some play false for a woman's love,
and some for a cheer or two;

my life. My father is a pastor of an evangelical
Christian church and I feel fortunate to have
been raised in a home where I was able to
accept Christ as my Savior at a young age.
The Summit, however, prepared me for a
liberal education. I am a pre-law student and I
had an Honors Sociology class last semester
that attacked Christianity every week. I not
only knew what I believed, but I knew exactly
how to defend the Christian faith. I stood up to
my professor every week and I know that I
could never have been so successful in that
class if I hadn't been so prepared. It is a
mission field here and I feel very equipped
because of your program." Love in Christ, A.F.

Q "I hope you don't get tired of reading
letters from grateful parents like us, 'cause
here's another one! We had encouraged our
son Nathan to attend a summer session last
summer since he is majoring in philosophy at
the University of the South; we thought he
should study his own for a change. Well, he
came back a different person after only two
weeks!! We are rejoicing in the change and
are excited about his new priorities in life.
Even as I write this letter, he is attending a
Campus Crusade for Christ conference to learn
how to set up an evangelistic outreach at his
college campus!

"My husband and I minister to high
school age students at a private boarding
school; we have felt in recent years that the
Lord is lifting up this generation, preparing
them to impact the world at this time,
getting them ready to make a difference.
We are especially grateful for your
ministry, and are enclosing a small gift to
help with your expenses. Thank you for
dedicating your life to these young people;
the world is not the same because of them.
May your work continue to reap huge
spiritual rewards and blessings." In His
love, C.C., Culver, IN

Q “Hey Summit, Thanks for two life-changing weeks. I will never forget the knowledge I gained and the friendships I made. I wish I could do the two weeks over again and again and again. You helped me grow so much in my Christian faith and I am very thankful for that. I will recommend Summit to everybody and if some day I will be financially able to do so, Summit can also expect my support in that direction. You deserve respect and admiration for the work you do and for making those two weeks the best of my life. Thank you once again.” C.H.

Separation of Church and State

Q “An advisory opinion that South Carolina public schools may display the Ten Commandments is intended to avoid conflicts over religion in schools, the state Attorney General’s Office said yesterday.

“Such displays are permitted ‘if they are part of an exhibit intended to teach students about law, history and culture,’ South Carolina Attorney General Charlie Condon, a Republican, said in an opinion issued Monday.

“‘Contrary to popular belief, placement of the Ten Commandments in the public schools is not necessarily illegal,’ the opinion said, ‘and there are a number of contexts in which placement of the Ten Commandments on school property would be legal.’

“Mr. Condon’s opinion was issued in response to a state legislator’s inquiry on the legality of posting the Ten Commandments in schools, a spokesman for the attorney general said, but went beyond that request to summarize recent federal court rulings on several issues involving religion and public schools.”

The Washington Times, August 12, 1998, p. A5

Q “The words of Jesus Christ are great enough to stay in the great state of Ohio. But Ohio just

“Take away the Scripture reference, however, and the phrase becomes a benign, albeit generic, statement with no Christian trappings.

“The words themselves, Judge Graham said in his 22-page opinion, ‘do not suggest a denominational preference. They do not state a principle unique to Christianity. They are certainly compatible with all three of the world’s major monotheistic religions.’

“Mottos, oaths and inscriptions are ‘also deeply embedded in the history and tradition of this country,’ Judge Graham wrote. ‘That this nation was founded on transcendent values, which flow from a belief in a Supreme Being, seems beyond dispute.’

“He also cited previous U.S. Supreme Court decisions that the First Amendment does not ban all official religious expressions.

“The American motto ‘In God We Trust’ has been on U.S. coins since 1864, and public oaths still incorporate the words, ‘So help me God.’ Federal trials and hearings open with a resounding ‘God save the United States and this honorable court.’

There are, in fact, three states that still, use the G-word in their official mottos: Florida (‘In God we trust’), South Dakota (‘Under God, the people rule’), and Arizona (‘Ditat Deus,’ Latin for ‘God enriches’).

The Washington Times, September 3, 1998 p 1

In Their Own Words

Q “Belief in evolutionism is...a conversion to rationalism”

San Diego Humanist, Jan/Feb 1999

Q “We are fishes, whether we like it or not.”

John G. Maisey, American Museum of Natural History, 1996

can't say who said the words.

“Yesterday, a federal judge ruled that Ohio can keep the phrase ‘With God, all things are possible’ as its official motto on state documents and publications and in public location.

“The words are from Matthew 19:26 and are part of a dialogue between Jesus and his disciples. But there’s a catch.

“U.S. District Judge James Graham ruled that the state is prohibited from citing the Bible as the source of the quotation.

“Two years ago, Ohio Gov. George V. Voinovich proposed that the motto be inscribed in 6-inch bronze letters on the statehouse plaza.

“He had been inspired, he said, while visiting India. One state capital he saw there was inscribed with the motto ‘Government work is God’s work.’ He wanted something similar and presented the idea before a local advisory board. Members agreed.

“The American Civil Liberties Union did not. It filed a federal lawsuit in 1997 to squelch the motto, arguing it was unconstitutional and violated the separation of church and state.

Q “In the past 10 years we have come to realize humans are more like worms than we ever imagined.”

Bruce Alberts, National Academy of Sciences, 1998

Q “You are an animal and share a common heritage with earthworms.”

Johnson & Brusca, Biology:
Visualizing Life, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, 1994

Q “...toadstools, molds and yeast may be far more closely related to humans than to plants.”

Time, April 26, 1993

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

In a few months Summit Ministries will open its doors to the classes of 1999. It will be my 37th year and I again look forward to the challenge.

The Summit’s purpose is primarily two fold: a) Christian leadership and b) Christian worldview. Everything we do for two weeks revolves around these two areas of concern. We believe every Christian teen should be a leader for Christ.

We also believe every Christian teenager should be grounded in the Christian worldview. Every teen needs a Christian

“I was thinking today, and God brought Summit to my mind.

“I’m seventeen, and I’ve home-schooled the past 4 years. I’ll graduate this May. I’ve known since I was in eighth grade, that I was supposed to be a missionary. Because of this, I have never pushed myself academically. I thought I’d just go to Bible college etc., etc., etc.

“Last summer I came to Summit. I just wanted to write and tell you what an impact it made in my life. I have never experienced such a desire to learn. I have a brother who is

theology (theism), a Christian philosophy (logo-centrism); a Christian ethic (moral absolutes); a Christian biology (creationism), etc.

And every Christian teen going to any college or university needs to understand the enemy of the Christian worldview—and that is humanistic worldviews. At the Summit we handle Secular Humanism, Marxist Humanism, Cosmic Humanism, and Postmodern Humanism.

We believe every Christian teenager could use a two-week experience at the Summit. We also believe every Christian parent and grandparent should encourage the teen in their life to seriously think of attending one of our eight sessions. Write for your Summit brochure and application now and while doing so ponder the testimony of Beth—

Q “Biologists suggest President Clinton has followed the genetic program handed down by human evolution: have as much sex with as many females as possible in the Darwinian quest for hereditary survival.

“Despite this brute biology that is inherited by males, however, there are other ways to survive, and these now include monogamy, other evolutionists say.

“‘What Darwin says is that the most dominant male gets the first crack at the women,’ said Michael Ruse, a historian of biology at Guelph University in Ontario.

“‘In that sense, I find [Mr. Clinton’s] behavior absolutely normal, not normal in the sense that I approve of it, though,’ he said.

“Darwinism has argued that survival is the main goal of organisms, and part of that quest is to produce as many offspring as possible.

“To explain human morals, biologists have argued that Homo sapiens are the only species to invent culture, and in culture they agreed on ways to curtail selfishness and have concern for others.

“‘Genetic survival is not the prism through which to view all modern behavior,’ said

very smart, and I’ve always kinda felt that he was the one with all the brains. After Summit, I realized that I could do so much more.

“Because of that, this year has been very different. I am currently re-doing an Algebra II course that I had quit. I’m also re-doing a Biology course. If my studies succeed, I will then be moving on to higher math and science in preparation for nursing school this fall. Think of all the countries I can get into with a nursing degree!!!

“I know that you teach hundreds of kids, but thank you for taking the time for me. My life is different because of it. You are loved.” Beth F.

“Moral choices such as altruism and fidelity require a transcendent and unchanging source of values, he said. ‘The danger comes when you have sociobiological interpretations,’ he said, referring to the idea that the survival of genes dictates behavior.

“The biologists said that no one is claiming that Mr. Clinton’s genes made him do it.

“Genes don’t make people do anything,’ Mr. Wright said. ‘There is the opportunity for self-control. Apparently Clinton has less self-control than the rest of us.’”

The Washington Times, August 24, 1998, p. A9

Feminizing the Public Square

Q “Politics has a bad reputation in part because it involves argument, or ‘petty bickering.’ And that, in turn, fits poorly with a contemporary shift in American sensibilities that is perhaps deeper than any change in morals or views. The new sensibility reacts negatively to strong personalities. (If Douglas MacArthur was too much for Americans to take in the 1950s, he would be positively terrifying today.) It is uncomfortable with sharply defined arguments; it wishes to defer tough choices for as long as possible. It is

Robert Wright, author of *The Moral Animal*, which presents the case for evolutionary psychology.

“Still, he agrees with biologists that when humans in the past changed their behaviors to survive better, the surviving genes passed those moral inclinations to future generations.

“Monogamy, Mr. Wright argues, arose when ordinary males—who sought to survive by having offspring—challenged the ‘elite males’ who controlled all the women in tribal settings.

“‘The survival view of monogamy is associated with its egalitarian ethic,’ Mr. Wright said. Dominant men, in other words, were forced to divide up sexual resources more equally.

“Mr. Ruse said that a ‘rule of reciprocation’ between men and women also had to develop in the laws of the jungle. Men promised fidelity to a woman in exchange for a similar commitment.

“‘So often in evolution it’s compromise,’ he said. ‘You get more advantage by cooperation.’

“The debate among evolutionary biologists regarding Mr. Clinton’s power and sex began when Richard Dawkins, the British zoologist, mentioned him in an essay that likened powerful men to seals or deer with harems.

“‘We lust because our ancestors’ lust helped pass their lustful genes on to us,’ Mr. Dawkins said in the *London Observer* earlier this year.

“He said that in studies of 849 human societies in the world, 708 showed that men continue to practice polygamy—having more than one wife. Only 137 societies are monogamous. Four have polyandry—women with more than one husband.

“Earlier in evolutionary history, powerful males ‘would have responded to Clinton’s predicament having to defend himself against a charge of consorting with several women with open-mouthed incredulity,’ Mr. Dawkins said. ‘What else does a man become a great chieftain for?’

emotional rather than logical...

“This is a womanly approach to politics, and its prevalence will grow as politicians court ‘soccer moms.’ The spread of soggy is, in fact, part of the much-remarked feminization of America...A feminizing tendency, too, is probably built into liberal democracy, and within bounds, it’s a good thing: It civilizes and tames men. But taken too far, it threatens the masculine stubbornness and intractability that serves as a bulwark for republicanism...The shifting politics of guns and tobacco in the ‘90s suggests that ours is not a populace jealous of its liberties. And it is no accident that these liberties have traditionally been associated with men, and macho risk-takers at that.”

Ramech Ponnura, *The Washington Times*, Dec. 21, 1998, p. 2

Q “The radical feminists speak in one voice. They don’t like what the president did, but he’s their man. He’s a man who gets it.

“‘His strengths outweigh his flaws,’ says Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, who was joined by 15 other feminist icons at the National Press Club in Washington to proclaim their support for the president. Now we can understand why the new television sitcoms are aimed at younger women, whose young female stars are unvariably described as post-feminist, anti-feminist, or feminist-not! Younger women have had it with the aging old guard.

“The feminist icons have surrendered all credibility in the Clinton scandal, marginalizing themselves as their conservative critics never could. Barbara Ledeen of the Independent Women’s forum, a conservative women’s group, call them policy prostitutes: ‘They’re willing to sell out the real interests of women to play partisan politics.’

“Betty Friedan, once the revered godmother of feminism, and Eleanor Smeal of the Feminist Majority indulge in hypocritical mumbo-jumbo, plundering what’s left of whatever moral authority they

“Theologian John Haught of Georgetown University said that biology can only provide a morality based on fear of punishment and group conformity.

“‘We should try to take scientific explanations as far as we can,’ he said. Our behavior is constrained by our genes and biological makeup, but it is not determined.’

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“ ‘When personal responsibility is separated from virtue itself, then it is possible to have a much celebrated male feminist who also gropes and harasses women,’ writes Shelby Steel in the Wall Street Journal. ‘The female eunuch’ described by Germaine Greer in the 1970s has morphed into ‘the feminist eunuch’ of the 1990s.”

Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*, October 1, 1998 p. A 19

A New Ethic Praised

Q “Most people know that it is wrong to kill babies. Most people understand that pigs are animals, not persons. Most people view the intentional killing of “Medically incompetent” people as murder.

“Not Peter Singer. The Australian philosopher, a founder of the animal rights movement, claims that infants have no moral right to live and views infanticide as an ethical act. He believes that medically defenseless people should be killed if it will enhance the happiness of family and society. He seeks to elevate the moral status of animals to that now enjoyed by humans and equates animal farming and ranching with the evils of human slavery.

“Strangest of all, Singer is by no means a fringe thinker. Over the last 20 years, his vigorous advocacy of utilitarianism have made him a darling among the bioethics set and with academic philosophers who share his antipathy to the traditional mores and values of Western

had. They’ve gone from attacking men who behave badly to supporting the Big He so long as he shares their liberal politics. It’s a strange position for feminists who believe the personal is political.

To accomplish this end, Singer denigrates the moral worth of some human beings—e.g., infants and those with cognitive disabilities—by comparing their intellectual capacities to those of animals.

“Singer believes that one’s membership in the human race should have nothing to do with one’s rights and moral worth. So, he proposes to replace the prevailing ethic that promotes the equality of all humans as an objective concept with one based on subjective notions of ‘quality of life.’ What counts is not being a human, but a ‘person.’ To Singer, all ‘persons’ have equal rights and all persons have greater rights than nonpersons. This would not be a problem if Singer used the term ‘person’ as a synonym for ‘human.’ He doesn’t. In Singer’s wacky world, a person is not necessarily human and a human is not necessarily a person.”

Wesley J. Smith, *Heterodoxy*, September 1998

A New Victim Raised

Q “America has a new Alger Hiss. That is to say the American left has a new innocent victim of right-wing extremism. He is the Oxford-educated, Yale Law School graduate, William Jefferson Clinton.

“The fit is perfect. Another cosmopolitan idealist of cultivated mind and forward leanings, is being persecuted without mercy by what Professor Alan Dershowitz calls the

Civilization. Singer is invited to speak at seminars, symposia, and philosophy association conventions throughout the world. His 1979 book, *Practical Ethics*, which unabashedly advocates infanticide, euthanasia, and decries ‘discrimination’ based on species (a bizarre notion Singer labels ‘speciesism’), has become a standard text in many college philosophy departments. Singer is now so mainstream that he even wrote the essay on ethics for the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

“Those who are fighting a rear guard action to protect the human rights of weak and medically vulnerable people in universities and in debates over public policy in the United States have benefitted from the fact that Singer has spoken from the hinterlands—Monash University in Australia. But now, even that cold comfort is gone. Next year, Singer will become a permanent member of the Princeton University faculty, where he will be the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics, a prestigious, tenured academic chair, at the university’s Center for Human Values.

“When asked why someone with opinions as odious as Singer’s received such a prestigious appointment, a Princeton spokesman demurred. ‘Appointments to Princeton’s faculty are made solely in consideration of a candidate’s demonstrated qualities as a scholar and a teacher,’” said Justin Harmon, Director of Communications for the Center for Human Values. ‘Appointment does not imply endorsement of a scholar’s particular point of view.’

“Perhaps, but it is hard to believe that Singer’s appointment just happened to result from a neutral, dispassionate search for academic talent. It is more likely that the academics who brought Singer to Princeton did so because of his views, not in spite of them. If true, the Singer appointment bodes ill for the future of Western values and ethics.

“Singer’s ideas are truly crackpot. He is an animal rights radical whose ultimate goal is to elevate the status, moral worth, and legal rights of ‘nonhuman animals,’ to use his

forces of ‘bigotry,’ ‘fundamentalism,’ ‘anti-environmentalism,’ and ‘the radical right.’ In the annals of left-wing lore, this century has witnessed the persecution of Eugene V. Debs, Sacco and Vanzetti, Alger Hiss, and now Bill Clinton, all lambs slaughtered in the cultural wars waged against the enlightened left by – well, the rest of us.

“As the embattled Boy President flew back from the Middle East the left wing went into a state of High Alert. Among the stalwarts for World Peace and Social Justice, the old protest juices began to flow. Yesteryear’s defiant chants and tear-jerking folk sounded from behind the barricades and at hastily convened ‘teach-ins.’ At New York University one of the late Mr. Hiss’ gassiest defenders, the novelist E.L. Doctorow, notified an ad hoc camora, Americans Against Impeachment, that he could foresee ‘the president of the United States being dragged through the town by a pickup. Not only Mr. Clinton, but all of us, are being dragged with him.’ How prosperous Bill Clinton’s America must be to abound with all those pickups!

“The American left is in urgent need of a new Alger Hiss. Ever since Whittaker Chambers identified the rising State Department official and ardent New Dealer as a Soviet agent, his innocence and that of such other alleged 1940s Soviet spies as the Rosenbergs has been an article of faith with the left. Through the decades evidence accumulated, suggesting that they were in fact communist spies. The left’s loyalty to their cause only hardened, the crafty Alger all the while encouraging it from his seances on Martha’s Vineyard and during warm receptions on college campuses. Now, unfortunately, scholars have been able to go through the Soviet archives. Intelligence intercepts of cable traffic from Moscow to Soviet agents here in the 1940s, ‘the Venona intercepts,’ have been published. Hiss was indeed, an agent, as were the Rosenbergs, and all the other leading suspects of the 1940s and early

“Thank God, Hiss died gloriously and laden with honors in Manhattan three years ago before the word got out. The left will let him repose in peace. There is not likely to be a re-evaluation of the Hiss Case on campus. It will take a generation for American historians to explain how the left had been had. Yet the left is always in need of a heroic cause, and apparently Boy Clinton is to be the cause, at least until Hillary divorces him. Hence this past week the voices of moral superiority and progress have been in full holler.

R. Emmett Tyrrell, *The Washington Times*, December 18, 1998, p. A 20

A New Law Proposed

Q “ ‘It is a sad story, and what they did to him was despicable. These guys were drinking in a Laramie bar and University of Wyoming freshman Matthew Shepard reportedly made a pass at one of them, whereupon two young men took him out, brutally beat him, robbed him, and left him tied to a fence. A few days later, he died in [a] hospital. It immediately became a nationwide cause celebre for gay and lesbian groups agitating for hate-crime laws that include ‘sexual orientation.’...”

“The admitted purpose of gay agitation for hate-crime laws is to have homosexual acts (which in the real world define ‘sexual orientation’) put on a par with religion, race, gender, and age as a legally protected category. There are many good reasons for thinking that a bad idea. But the very idea of ‘hate crimes’ is highly dubious. Hate is a sin for which people may go to Hell. It is quite another thing to make it a crime for which people should go to jail...”

“Most Americans ...disapprove of homosexual acts. It is not within the

“In 1995, 41 percent of all ‘poor’ households owned their own homes. The average size of that home was three bedrooms, 1 ½ bathrooms, a garage and a porch or patio. Three-quarters of a million ‘poor’ owned homes worth over \$150,000; some of those homes sported Jacuzzis and pools. The average ‘poor’ American has one-third more living space than the average Japanese, 25 percent more than the average Frenchman, 40 percent more than the average Greek and four times more than the average Russian.

“Seventy percent of ‘poor’ households own a car; 27 percent own two or more cars. Ninety-seven percent have a color television; nearly half own two or more televisions. Two-thirds of ‘poor’ households have air conditioning. By contrast, 30 years ago, only 36 percent of the entire U.S. population enjoyed air conditioning.

“America’s ‘poor’ people aren’t hungry, either. In fact, ‘poor’ people are more likely to be overweight than higher-income people. The average consumption of proteins, vitamins and minerals is virtually the same for poor as middle-income children, and in most cases above government recommended minimums.

“The Census Bureau does a grossly poor job measuring poverty for several reasons. First, it looks at only current income and ignores assets. Thus, a family of four living in a \$300,000 house with \$1 million dollars in the bank, as far as the Census Bureau is concerned, is poor if for some reason its income was less than \$16,404 in 1997.

“The Census Bureau also misses income. In 1995, the Census Bureau claimed that the poorest 20 percent of households had an average income of \$8,350. In the same year, the Department of Labor’s consumer expenditure survey showed that the same

competence of the state to declare that they are for that reason, legally suspect. In a sinful world, sundry hatreds, irrational prejudices, and unjust discriminations abound. The homosexual movement is notable for its venting of hatred against millions of Americans whom it accuses of being 'homophobic.' In whatever form it takes, hatred toward other people must be deplored and condemned. But it is utterly wrongheaded to try to make hatred illegal."

Richard John Neuhaus, *The Washington Times*, December 21, 1998, p.2

The New Poor Exposed

Q "The Census Bureau reports 36.5 million poor Americans in 1998, nearly 14 percent of our population.

"Both historically and globally, poverty has meant living in destitution, something akin to what we see in India, Romania and Mexico. For our country, only a tiny fraction of the population shares anywhere near such a fate.

"Robert Rector, a senior policy analyst at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, has compiled some little-known data from government reports in an article titled 'The Myth of Widespread American Poverty.' Just in case you're interested in checking out his figures, his sources are: the Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Energy.

lowest 20 percent of households spent \$14,607. The Labor Department's survey shows \$1.75 worth of spending for each \$1 the Census Bureau claims that household possesses.

"Real material poverty, to any significant degree, simply does not exist in the United States. The bulk of our 'poor' live under conditions that would have been judged comfortable or even well-off a few generations ago. The nonsense maxim that 'the rich get richer and the poor get poorer' just doesn't stand up to the evidence. The fact is everyone has become richer.

"Poverty of the spirit and dependency are today's problems. Many people's lifestyle choices doom their chances for upward mobility. They freely make devastating choices like dropping out of school, having illegitimate children, abusing drugs and alcohol, refusing to work, and engaging in criminal activity.

"Focusing most of our attention on material poverty, to the neglect of spiritual poverty and dependency, is not the best way to help our more unfortunate brethren. But misleading Americans about material poverty provides federal budgets and programs that enhance the status and incomes of the poverty elite in charge of managing the poor."

Walter E. Williams, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, Oct. 29, 1998, p. 7

POINTS OF INTEREST

Q “Young adults of Generation X, and the younger children following them, crave rules, limits and the continuity that comes in reaction to the chaos of relativism. Churches and synagogues report increasing numbers of worshippers, swollen by single men and women in their 20s. Ministers and rabbis see an increasing number of teenagers walking into their houses of worship, without their parents, looking for deeper meaning through the ancient absolutes that flow from the rituals of faith.”

Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*, December 24, 1998, p. A17

Q “The problems that led to the Civil War are the same problems today – big, intrusive government. The reason we don’t face the specter of another Civil War is because today’s Americans don’t have yesteryear’s spirit of liberty and constitutional respect, and political statesmanship is in short supply.

“Actually, the war of 1861 was not a civil war. A civil war is a conflict between two or more factions trying to take over a government. In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was no more interested in taking over Washington than George Washington was interested in taking over England in 1776. Like Washington, Davis was seeking independence. Therefore, the war of 1861 should be called ‘The War Between the States’ or the ‘War for Southern Independence.’ The more bitter Southerner might call it the ‘War of Northern Aggression.’

“History books have misled today’s Americans to believe the war was fought to free slaves. Statements from the time suggest otherwise. President Lincoln’s in his first Inaugural address said: ‘I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the state where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so.’ During the war, in an 1862 letter to the New York Daily Tribune editor Horace Greeley, Lincoln said, ‘My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”

– Titus 3:5

“And he [Abram] believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

– Genesis 15:6

“Sirs, what must I do to be saved? So the [Paul and Silas] said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

– Acts 16:30, 31

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith.”

– Romans 1:16,17

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

– I Corinthians 15:1-4

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NEW YEAR

“During my undergraduate years, I majored in sociology—that’s until I saw the light. But I took a few psychology classes. Thus, I am just as qualified as any Ph.D. psychologist to psychoanalyze the American people. This expertise will be applied to the new millennium issue.

“Americans can’t wait for this New Year’s Eve; after all the stroke of midnight starts the first day of the third millennium. People are

not either to save or destroy slavery.’ A recent article by Baltimore’s Loyola College professor Thomas DiLorenzo titled ‘The Great Centralizer,’ in the *Independent Review* (Fall 1998), cites quotation after quotation of similar Northern sentiment about slavery.

“Lincoln’s intentions, as well as that of many Northern politicians, were summarized by Stephen Douglas during the presidential debates. Douglas accused Lincoln of wanting to ‘impose on the nation a uniformity of local laws and institutions and a moral homogeneity dictated by the central government’ that ‘place at defiance the intentions of the republic’s Founders.’ Douglas was right, and Lincoln’s vision for our nation has now been accomplished beyond anything he could have possibly dreamed.”

Walter E. Williams, *The Washington Times*, December 8, 1998, p. A 15

But it is reasonable to hope that, in clarifying an idea that in its misunderstanding had catastrophic consequences, the signing on October 31, 1999, has contributed to the mending of a gravely wounded world.”

– *National Review*, November 22, 1999, pp. 15, 16.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

– Ephesians 2:8-10

booking hotels and cruises, and making airplane reservations just to be at their favorite place when the new millennium dawns. Champagne sales, along with champagne prices are skyrocketing. Cities are spending billions of dollars to celebrate. Even the White House has a Web site with a clock counting down the remaining hours, minutes and seconds to the start of the 21st century at 12:01 a.m. 2000.

“The only problem is the new millennium does not begin 12:01 a.m. 2000. The stroke of 12 only signals the last year of the millennium that we’ve been living in for the past 999 years. The new millennium starts 12:01 a.m. 2001. The U.S. Naval Observatory has a site that you might want to consult (that reads: ‘Years of the Gregorian calendar, which is currently in use today, are counted from A.D. 1. Thus, the first century comprised the years A.D. 1 through A.D.100. The second century began with A.D. 101 and continued through A. D. 200. By extrapolation, we find that the 20th century comprises the years A.D. 1901-2000. Therefore, the 21st century will begin with 1 January 2001 and continue through 31 December 2100.’”

—Walter Williams, *The Washington Times*,
October 31, 1999, p. B3