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Q “I would have you learn this great fact: that a life of doing right is the wisest life there is. If you live that kind of life, you’ll not limp or stumble as you run. Carry out my instructions; don’t forget them, for they will lead you to real living.

“Don’t do as the wicked do. Avoid their haunts—turn away, go somewhere else, for evil men don’t sleep until they’ve done their evil deed for the day. They can’t rest unless they cause someone to stumble and fall. They eat and drink wickedness and violence!

“But the good man walks along in the ever-brightening light of God’s favor; the dawn gives way to morning splendor, while the evil man gropes and stumbles in the dark.

“Listen, son of mine, to what I say. Listen carefully. Keep these thoughts ever in mind; let them penetrate deep within your heart, for they will mean real life for you, and radiant health.

“Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life.

Spurn the careless kiss of a prostitute. Stay far from her. Look straight ahead; don’t even turn your head to look. Watch your step. Stick to the path and be safe. Don’t sidetrack; pull back your foot from danger.”

But to fight and to fight when hope’s out of sight –

Why, that’s the best game of them all!

And though you come out of each gruelling bout,

All broken and beaten and scarred,

Just have one more try – it’s dead easy to die,

It’s the keeping-on-living that’s hard.

Robert Service, *The Quitter*

Q “A study on pedophilia that claims child sexual abuse does not cause lasting psychological harm to its victims has set off a furor on the Internet and talk radio. The angry public reaction, fueled by the Internet reports and conservative activists, come nine months after the study was first released by the influential American Psychological Association. Sex between adults and willing minors should be described in more positive terms, the study suggests. ‘A willing encounter...would be labeled simply “adult-child sex,” a value-neutral term, the authors advised. ‘A willing encounter between an adolescent and an adult with positive reactions...would be labeled scientifically as “adult-adolescent sex.”’ The report titled ‘A

Proverbs 4:11-27

Q “No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of *Genesis*, that ‘in the beginning God made Heaven and Earth.’”

C. S. Lewis, *Miracles*

Q “And this view must *in a certain sense* be accepted by all Theists: in the sense that the world was modelled on an *idea* existing in God’s mind, that God *invented* matter, that (*salva reverentia*) He ‘thought of’ matter as Dickens ‘thought of’ Mr. Pickwick. From that point of view it could be said that God ‘contained’ matter as Shakespeare ‘contained’ Hamlet.”

C. S. Lewis, *A Preface to Paradise Lost*

Q “Words and ideas are important because that’s what God used to create the universe.”

Michael Bauman, Hillsdale College

Q “When you’re lost in the Wild, and you’re scared as a child,

And Death looks you bang in the eye,

And you’re sore as a boil, it’s according to Hoyle

To cock your revolver and . . . die.

But the Code of a Man says: “Fight all you can,”

And self-dissolution is barred.

In hunger and woe, oh, it’s easy to blow . . .

It’s the hell-served-for-breakfast that’s hard.

“ ‘You’re sick of the game!’ Well, now, that’s a shame.

You’re young and you’re brave and you’re bright.

‘You’ve had a raw deal!’ I know – but

Meta-Analytic Examination of Assumed Properties of Child Sexual Abuse Using College Sample,’ is a compilation of 59 studies on how college students cope with child sexual abuse. The article was written by Bruce Rind, a psychology professor at Temple University in Pennsylvania, Philip Tromovitch of the University of Pennsylvania graduate school of education and Robert Bauserman, a psychology professor at the University of Michigan. Mr. Bauserman was also a contributor to a special issue of sex between men and boys published in 1990 by the Journal of Homosexuality. In that Journal he questioned the ‘taboo’ against man-boy sexual relationships. Laura Schlessinger, also known as Dr. Laura, one of the nation’s top-rated talk-show hosts with up to 18 million listeners, blasted the 31-page report. She said the study, published in July (1998) in the APA’s bimonthly Psychological Bulletin, was proof the 155,000 member organization had ‘gone soft’ on child molesters.”

The Washington Times, March 23, 1999, p. 1.

Q “On the shelf of every mental health professional is a copy of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. The American Psychiatric Association’s 900-page reference book attempts to describe and classify each one of over 300 mental disorders....Part of the power of DSM derives from its attempt to distinguish mental disorder from other human troubles. Although to some laypeople the importance of the distinction may not be immediately clear, it is an enormously consequential one. DSM is a claim for professional jurisdiction by the American Psychiatric Association....In fact, one of the most powerful effects of DSM is due to its connection to insurance coverage: DSM is the psychotherapist’s password for insurance reimbursement. Whether you are

don't squeal,

Buck up, do your damndest, and fight.

It's the plugging away that will win you the day,

So don't be a piker, old pard!

Just draw on your grit; it's so easy to quit:

It's the keeping-your-chin-up that's hard.

“It's easy to cry that you're beaten – and die;

It's easy to crawfish and crawl;

depressed or just blue, manic depressive or just moody, anxious or just high-strung is not simply a matter of semantics; it is the key to millions of dollars in insurance coverage for psychotherapy, hospitalization, and medications....The pharmaceutical companies, for one, have a big stake in psychiatric diagnosis. It is well known that drug companies provide substantial funding for the American Psychiatric Association's conventions and major scientific journals and reap enormous profits from the expanding market for psychiatric medications.”

Herb Kutchins and Stuart A. Kirk, *Making us Crazy*, pp 10, 11, 12.

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Q “*The New York Times* questioned the ethics of psychiatrists' making a diagnosis of someone they have never met, because the American Psychiatric Association prohibits this conduct. The ethical standard at issue is the ‘Goldwater rule,’ adopted after the 1964 presidential election. During that campaign, many psychiatrists responded to a one-page questionnaire devised by a magazine. The results were summarized in a full front-page headline–‘1,189 Psychiatrists Say Goldwater is Psychologically Unfit to be President.’”

Herb Kutchins and Stuart A. Kirk, *Making Us Crazy–DSM: The Psychiatric Bible and the Creation of Mental Disorders*, p. 3.

Q “Mental health clinicians independently interviewing the same person in the community are as likely to agree as disagree that the person has a mental disorder and are as likely to agree as disagree on which of the over 300 DSM disorders is present.”

Christianity was the recipient of especially venomous treatment in the video, with Christians portrayed as hate-filled bigots who advocate the ‘torture’ and death of homosexuals.

“The widespread influence of *It's Elementary* cannot be overstated. According to Cohen and Chasnoff, since its premiere in 1996, the video has been shown ‘in thousands of diverse settings,’ including nearly 500 college and university teacher training programs, and in faculty and staff in-service training in over 200 public school districts.

“The nation's third-largest city, Chicago, announced last year that *It's Elementary* would be used to train the teachers in all of its districts schools.

“The video also has the enthusiastic support of the National Education Association (NEA), the country's largest teachers union. ‘Schools cannot be neutral

Herb Kutchins and Stuart A. Kirk, *Ibid.*, p. 53.

Q “‘The Fall and Rise of Homosexuality’ (and the rise of pedophilia) is the subject matter of Chapter three in Kutchins and Kirk’s work. The chapter contains an in depth analysis of how the homosexuals were able to delete homosexuality from DSM. The section in Chapter three entitled ‘The Inner World of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis’ is worth a serious read. Conclusion: ‘The influence of gay psychiatrists is growing throughout the world.’ (p. 92) For further study on the role of psychiatry consult: (a) Bruce Wiseman, *Psychiatry: The Ultimate Betrayal* (1995) and (b) Roder, Kubillus and Burwell, *Psychiatrists: The Men Behind Hitler—The Architects of Horror* (1995). ‘We will also demonstrate that the men behind Hitler are very much with us today. Their ideas and methods are still in vogue today and their philosophical descendants vividly echo the teachings and practices of the Nazi past.’”

Roder, et. al., p. xviii.

Q “The American Family Association has long resisted the incessant push of the homosexual movement to insinuate its agenda into public life. Now a pro-homosexual video targeting the nation’s public schools has led AFA to produce its own video in response which is described below.

Q “In reply to the pro-homosexual video, *It’s Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School*, AFA has produced and is distributing *Suffer the Children: Answering the Homosexual Agenda in Public Schools*. It takes a critical look at the carefully crafted message of *It’s Elementary* by examining segments from the film. AFA’s video also shows the ways in which teachers are taught to skillfully

when we’re dealing with [the issue of homosexuality]. I’m not talking about tolerance. I’m talking about acceptance,’ said NEA President Bob Chase. ‘*It’s Elementary* is a great resource for parents, teachers, and community leaders working to teach respect and responsibility to America’s children.’

“AFA President Donald E. Wildmon said he was determined to try to stop this encroachment of the homosexual movement into the nation’s public schools. ‘That’s why we produced *Suffer the Children*, because we could not allow this attempt at brainwashing our children to go unanswered,’ he said.

“‘Homosexual activists have had great success in the 1990s getting their agenda into the government, corporation and media and entertainment circles, and we’ve fought them all the way,’ Wildmon said. ‘But our children always have been and always must remain off-limits to these activists.’

“PBS To Air Video Nationwide?

“Cohen and Chasnoff persuaded San Francisco’s KQED to offer the video to PBS stations nationwide. Jan Goldstein of American Public Television confirmed to AFA that her agency is providing a satellite feed of the video to all PBS stations. Individual stations will choose whether or not to air it.

“‘On the heels of an extremely effective grassroots distribution campaign,’ said a fund-raising letter from the two women, ‘we now have an important opportunity for *It’s Elementary* to gain an entirely new level of public exposure.’ ”

AFA Journal, April 1999

Q The AFA video “Suffer the Children” may be purchased for \$25. Call (601) 844-5036 to place an order.

manipulate children in order to get them to reach politically correct conclusions about the homosexual lifestyle.

“The producers of *It’s Elementary* are Helen Cohen and Academy Award-winning documentary producer Debra Chasnoff. In 1992 Chasnoff became the first woman to openly declare her lesbianism at the Oscars.

“Although portraying itself as a video that merely teaches children to ‘respect’ differences, *It’s Elementary* depicts adults – including parents – as the wellspring of ignorance, bigotry and homophobia.

Q “Homosexual activists have a vision for tomorrow, for an America in which their lifestyle is not simply tolerated, but celebrated. And to achieve that vision, activists have begun enlisting their footsoldiers for tomorrow’s army: today’s children.

“The youngest Americans have been targeted for a change of heart. Since homosexual activists believe that adults in general – and parents in particular – have corrupted their own children with hate and homophobia, then children must be taught apart from their parent’s influence.

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

As most of our *Journal* readers know, Summit Ministries is dedicated to preparing Christian teens to withstand the constant humanistic teachings encountered in their educational experiences, and prepare them to go on the offensive with a solid Christian worldview.

In the “old days” it was taken for granted that such humanistic education would emanate from the public school curriculum and public colleges and universities.

No longer!

Summit Ministries is now preparing Christian teens to attend both public and Christian colleges and universities and not have their Christian faith destroyed in the process.

Recently I received a copy of a letter sent

“It was after I graduated from _____ that I was introduced to the study of apologetics. In my studies at _____ I learned nothing of an evidential approach to apologetics. No one told me that there was historical evidence to support Christianity. But I learned plenty about philosophical rationalism; it was, after all, the epistemological basis of many of the courses in my major.

“Furthermore, I learned in my World Civilizations class that I am a product of the impersonal forces of evolution. I’ve retained the course text book so that I can refer to the sketches of my early ancestors: Java Man, Peking Man, Neanderthal Man, and Cro-Magnon Man. What I did not learn in this course was the opposing perspective of biblical creationism. I was left to assume that the Bible

to the president of one of our Christian universities from a former student of that institution. The former student was being asked for a donation and his two-page letter was his response as to why he had to turn down the request.

For Christian parents thinking of sending their son or daughter to a Christian college (which, by the way, we generally endorse) the following is worth keeping in mind. Here is a portion of his letter:

“I recently received your letter requesting a donation to _____ University. I want you to be aware of my reasons for choosing to deny your request.

“In 1993 I graduated from _____ with a Christian Ministries degree. While at _____ I encountered some very godly and sincere people—students and faculty. Unfortunately, however, my strongest memory of _____ University is that of a secular humanist institution masquerading as a Christian university.

“After 8 (eight) semesters of ‘Christian higher education’ I had learned nearly nothing of conservative theology. Upon my graduation I had not even heard of names like Carl F. H. Henry, William Lane Craig, F. F. Bruce, Gordon Clark, and Francis Schaeffer. But I knew all about Barth, Tillich, and Bultmann.

“I had learned nothing of the conservative response to the historical-critical method. In fact, higher critical theories were presented as axiomatic and essential to biblical exegesis. I was left on my own to discover that there was an opposing point of view and what it was.

“I was not, however, left on my own to discover that the Bible is full of errors and inconsistencies. One professor introduced an exegetical course by embarking on a study of the irreconcilability of the two accounts of Paul’s conversion in the book of Acts. That

was incomplete, amiss, or that it did not really matter.

“With respect to cultural engagement I felt the ignominy of a naive fanatic for having the outrageous gall to maintain that abortion, fornication, and homosexual conduct were not only morally wrong but worth debating over. While I learned that racism is a dreadful crime against humanity—and it is—I did not learn that abortion is any sort of tragedy at all. Instead, I learned from a Planned Parenthood lecturer in my Family Life/Sex Education course that pregnancy is often like a disease (to be ended).

“A university that builds on the foundation of adherence to what is culturally and politically fashionable while expressly contradicting historic orthodoxy cannot properly call itself Christian. I graduated from _____ University with my faith intact not because of _____ University but in spite of it. The very worst of all educations is a humanist education cloaked in a deceptive veneer of Christian platitudes. Wolves in wolves’ clothing are bad enough. But Jesus took special care to warn about wolves in sheep’s clothing. The reasons are obvious.

“A sheep pen [naive Christian students] stocked with wolves [professors] is what you are asking me to subsidize. I cannot do so. I pray for the 610 unsuspecting new sheep as they are introduced to a false and seductive brand of ‘Christianity’ that embodies not the sacred doctrines of Scripture but the false doctrines of men.

“While Christians have the biblical obligation to judge doctrines, creeds, and yes, educational establishments, I have neither the willingness nor the license to judge your heart. I believe that we will answer to Christ not only for what we personally taught but also for the teachings that we made possible. A sobering thought for me. Is it for you?”

Good question! Caveat emptor!

does it for Acts.

“Obviously, ‘homophobic’ parents will not invite homosexuals into their homes to instruct their children that ‘gay is O.K.’ Where, then, can activists obtain access to children in large numbers, away from the watchful eyes of their parents? The public school system.

“When parents expressed concern over the controversial activities of homosexual rights advocates at a high school in San Leandro, California, they were quickly put in their place. Karl Debro, a teacher at the school and leader of the Gay-Straight Alliance, said the parents had a right to hold ‘their own extreme religious views.’ But, Debro added, ‘teachers have got to be free to expose their students to new ideas, so they can learn how to draw their own conclusions.’

“This use of the public school system as a propaganda tool for the homosexual movement is merely the fulfillment of a decades-old goal. During their 1972 march on Washington, D. C., homosexual activists published a list of demands for social change. One of those was government ‘encouragement and support for sex education courses, prepared and taught by gay women and men, presenting homosexuality as a valid, healthy preference and lifestyle as a viable alternative to heterosexuality.’ A similar demand made during the 1993 homosexual march insisted that such a view be taught on ‘all levels of education.’

“Radical activists foresee a time when homosexuals literally rub elbows with children in an effort to alter their view. Lesbian author Patrician Nell Warren wrote in *The Advocate* of ‘the bloody war in our high schools and colleges for the control of American youth.’ Part of what was needed to win that war, Warren said, was that homosexuals ‘need to be mentoring, teaching, canvassing’ both gay and straight kids.

Q “The United States has a long and distinguished history of home-schooling. Many of its founders, presidents, industrialists, and inventors received most of their elementary education at home. The list includes such figures as Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Madison, Washington, both Roosevelts, Wilson, Edison, and Carnegie, among others. . . .

“ ‘In its 1991-92 resolutions, the National Education Association declared that home-schoolers should be placed tightly under the thumb of the public schools: ‘if parental-preference home-schooling occurs . . . [i]nstruction should be by persons who are licensed by the appropriate state education licensure agency, and a curriculum approved by the state department of education should be used.’

“Given the demonstrated hollowness of state teacher certification, and the poor quality of many of the methods and materials used by public schools . . . the NEA’s stance seems difficult to justify, and would put an insurmountable burden on most homeschoolers.”

The Washington Times, March 26, 1999, p. 2

Q “The Clinton administration, headed by someone who refused to serve in Vietnam, is going to war. Without even the pretense of justification for bombing another sovereign state. Yugoslavia hasn’t attacked the United States. It hasn’t threatened American citizens. It isn’t even the worst human rights offender around the globe. Conflict wracks many other countries.

“In January, more people were killed in Sierra Leone than in Kosovo all last year. More people were murdered in one massacre in Afghanistan in December than died in Kosovo

“Homosexuals are not fighting this ‘bloody war’ in a haphazard manner. Instead, homosexual groups like the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), are organizing and developing a national strategy to get into public schools. Based in New York City, GLSEN has been enormously effective since it was formed in 1990. Some 7,500 GLSEN members now promote their agenda in more than 80 chapters throughout the U.S., and the number of Gay-Straight Alliances in public schools registered with GLSEN now stands at 400.

“‘Gays are tired of riding in the back of the bus,’ said Kate Frankfurt, director of public policy for GLSEN. “The issue [of gay rights] is now being joined, and the schools are a very important battleground.’

“GLSEN activist and New York kindergarten teacher Jaki Williams said starting in kindergarten is a must, since children at that age are still developing their values. Even at that age, she said, ‘the saturation process needs to begin.’

“Williams, in fact, is a model teacher when it comes to this ‘saturation’ process. She regularly initiates conversations with her children by reading such controversial books as *Heather Has Two Mommies*, *Daddy’s Roommate*, and *One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dads, Blue Dads*. She also hosts a viewing of the video *Both of My Moms’ Names Are Judy: Children of Lesbians and Gays Speak Out*.

“According to one writer for *The Lambda Report*, who infiltrated a 1997 GLSEN workshop, one former teacher admitted that changing the mind of a child required a constant stream of homosexual words and images, because, ‘It’s really a conditioning process.’”

Ed Vitagliano, *AFA Journal*, April 1999

in 1998. As many people died in one three-day battle between Tamil guerrillas and the Sri Lankan government last fall as in Kosovo the entire year.

“Indeed, though Slobodan Milosevic is a demagogic thug, the behavior of his government toward Albanians looks not unlike that of America’s ally Turkey toward the Kurds. Ankara, Turkey, uses U.S.-supplied weapons to kill Kurdish guerrillas and level Kurdish villages; some 37,000 people have perished over the last decade. But the administration says nothing in any of these conflicts.

“President Clinton obviously believes humanitarianism means saving white Europeans. There are more than enough flaws in the administration’s policy. It seems to believe it can micromanage a guerrilla war, and impose a solution that neither party supports. In fact, backing insurgents who long for a greater Albania is likely to spread nationalistic flames throughout the region. Moreover, Mr. Clinton will ensure permanent European dependence on America.

“There should be little doubt that events in Kosovo are more relevant to Europe than America. Yet the United States is expected to take the lead in Kosovo. Why? NATO was created a half-century ago to provide a defense shield behind which the Europeans could rebuild. The alliance was never intended to provide a permanent subsidy for populous and prosperous states after the hegemonic threat had disappeared. In fact, the American leaders who originally shaped NATO would be appalled at continued U.S. domination of the alliance.

“Dwight D. Eisenhower warned: ‘Permanent troop establishments abroad’ will ‘discourage the development of the necessary military strength Western European countries should provide for themselves.’”

Doug Bandow, *The Washington*

Q “Twenty years after the emergence of the so-called ‘Religious Right’ on the American political radar screen, it is time to assess the impact and future prospects of the greatest political-religious movement since Prohibition.

“How close are religious conservatives to obtaining their announced goals of outlawing abortion, blunting the gay rights movement, winning the war on drugs, cleaning up Hollywood films and prime-time television and restoring a new moral order? After spending millions of conservative Christian dollars, after a White House dominated for 12 years by Ronald Reagan and George Bush and a Congress run by Republicans since 1995, are we better off today than we were 20 years ago?”

“A fair-minded person would have to answer no, not because the Religious Right was wrong on the issues but because the strategy for implementing our agenda was flawed.

“Our theory was that a moral majority exists in the land and that if the ‘sleeping giant’ could be awakened and animated, righteous leadership could persuade or, failing that, compel unrighteous Americans to act morally. Yet, one-third of the self-identified evangelical voters cast their ballots for Bill Clinton in the 1996 election, and legislation (to say nothing of Supreme Court decisions) to stem the cultural mudslide remains elusive.

“In warfare and in sports, when one battle or game plan isn’t working, a wise leader explores different ways to achieve the same objective. While we once argued in favor of organizing religious conservatives into a

“Of all the issues we addressed at Moral Majority, the only one that has seen some success is abortion. There are fewer abortions now than there were 20 years ago not because of laws but because pro-lifers established thousands of pregnancy centers that offer helping hands and hearts to women with unplanned pregnancies. Laws protecting all human life will come when sufficient hearts have been changed to value life more than the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

“Conservative Christians should continue to vote intelligently for candidates who reflect their views. They should pray for all of those in authority, regardless of party, which is a biblical mandate. But they should be under no illusion that either party will usher in a moral revival. That’s not the job of politics or politicians. That is the unique work of the church.

“When sufficient numbers of conservative Christians understand and are obedient to Jesus’ commands to ‘love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit those in prison’ and care for widows and orphans, a moral revival will sweep this land that no power on Earth will stop. But the political road will lead to frustration and defeat.”

Cal Thomas & Ed Dobson, *The Washington Times*, March 27, 1999, p. C3.

Q The above article by Cal Thomas and Ed Dobson is worth serious attention. In our *Understanding the Times* textbook we distinguish the relationship between three of

political force, we now realize such a movement was doomed to futility from the start. We are not calling for the withdrawal of religious conservatives from political life, a strategy that would be just as wrongheaded as an unbalanced commitment to politics has been these last two decades. We are calling for a different strategy articulated by a different King who presides over a different Kingdom which He said is 'not of this world.'

"While we believe all Christians – liberal or conservative – along with people of other faiths have a right, even an obligation, to participate in the political life of their nation, we think 'Christian' political lobbying groups are counterproductive, not only to the primary cause of spreading the Gospel, but because they also muffle the church's prophetic voice in an increasingly pagan and materialistic world. A look at the National Council of Churches offers ample proof of what a too-close association with the Democratic Party has done to stifle the moral power of that once-great institution.

"The authentic Christian message becomes contaminated when it is joined to political positions of any stripe. The unvarnished message of Jesus – not the Republican or Democrat Jesus – is contaminated when it is married to a series of 'correct' political positions.

"Conservative Christians should not withdraw from politics and culture and emulate the prohibitionists and the Anti-Cigarette League at the beginning of this century. They should instead awaken to the power they already possess – the power to transform lives from the inside. This is different from political power that changes no minds and transforms no hearts. The beauty of a 'bubble-up' instead of a 'trickle down' morality is that is the only process that actually works. A political strategy pits

God's major social institutions – the home, the state and the church. All three have responsibilities and duties to perform. Christians are encouraged to read the text and see what areas are covered by what institution. Hint: the key institution in society is neither the church nor the state.

Q "With the brave exception of Dr. Laura Schlesinger, no one uses the term 'shacking up' anymore. Living together without benefit of marriage now raises only the most sensitive of eyebrows. Is the widespread acceptance of cohabitation a good idea? Most people have accepted the new dispensation uncritically.

"But the National Marriage Project, a privately funded research program affiliated with Rutgers University wants you to know the track record of 'living together' is not so great – particularly if the goal is a long and happy marriage.

"Living together is seen by many people, particularly the young, as a sort of test drive for marriage. Let's move in together, they reason, and find out if we're compatible. Sixty percent of high school seniors in a recent survey endorsed the practice. But according to the available data, living together before marriage not only does not contribute to marital happiness, it may actually increase the likelihood of eventual divorce.

"A 1992 study concluded that 'prior cohabitators' had a 46 percent greater hazard of divorce than non-cohabitators.

"That's easy to explain, some have said, it's self-selection. People who choose to cohabit are less conventional, less religious and accordingly more likely than other kinds of people to get divorced. That's logical enough.

opposing camps against each other and reduces moral arguments to who can turn out the most votes at election time. Truth becomes a casualty.

But even when the researchers controlled for the free-spirit factor, a statistically significant gap still remained between those who had lived together before marriage and those who hadn't. (These data do not apply to those couples who move in together during their engagement period or just prior to the wedding.)

“It is difficult to pin down exactly how cohabitation contributes to later marital instability. The researchers affiliated with the National Marriage Project speculate that the non-marital living arrangement tends to generate its own dynamic. It may resemble a marriage, but both partners are highly aware it is far more than the lack of a ‘piece of paper’ that separates them from married couples. Each member of the pair places greater value on his own autonomy than on the durability of the relationship.

“Such habits of mind appear to become ingrained over time. People who experience serial cohabitations before marriage have much higher divorce rates than those who lived with only one person. Having lived through the dissolution of one or many relationships increases one's tolerance for heartbreak and instability, and perhaps hardens people in their idiosyncracies. Rather than proving a test run for marriage, living together instead can prove a test run for eventual loneliness.

“My own guess is that cohabitation leeches a good deal of the romance out of marriage. The breathless excitement a young married

“The high split rate among cohabitators means the children are nearly certain to live with a non-biological parent (mom's boyfriend) for some time. The rates of child abuse in such settings are far higher than in married-couple families. A British study found that children living with mom and her boyfriend were 33 times more likely to be abused physically and sexually than children living with both biological parents.

“As with so many of the cultural changes of the past three decades, the trend toward cohabitation – even leaving morality to one side – turns out to be unsatisfying for adults and terrible for children.”

Mona Charen, *The Washington Times*, March 26, 1999, p. A18.

Q “Even the book's title [Alan M. Dershowitz's *Sexual McCarthyism*] commits a logical fallacy, in this case ‘illicit presumption.’ The prof's presumption is that there is such a thing as sexual McCarthyism. What would that be, sex by association or a sex under every bed? Sexual McCarthyism is a nonsense term. What Mr. Dershowitz is actually doing is misappropriating the incendiary term McCarthyism and applying it to one of President's Clinton's opponents, Independent Counsel Ken Starr, for polemical effect.

“True McCarthyism is defined as a personal attack on elements deemed subversive through indiscriminate charges that are usually

couple feels about setting up house together and sleeping in the same bed is one of the great joys of life. Looking back on it later cements the sense that marriage is something sacred and precious. But if the male/female living arrangement becomes a matter of convenience rather than commitment, if crossing a threshold is not accompanied by thrown rice and silver gift packages, it does become more hollow and more brittle.

“Unsurprisingly, the National Marriage Project data show cohabitation is most harmful for children. In 1997, 36 percent of these households included children, up from only 21 percent 10 years before. There are estimates that half of America’s children will spend some time in a cohabiting household before the age of 16, and three-quarters of these children will see their parents split up. (Only one-third of children born to married couples will endure a divorce.)

unsubstantiated. But the charges made against Mr. Clinton have been fulsomely substantiated, starting with Mr. Clinton’s own admission: ‘I did have an improper relationship with communism.’ No, no, professor, that is a little joke. Mr. Clinton actually admitted to an improper relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Actually, in this rambling repetitious book Mr. Dershowitz never bothers to define sexual McCarthyism other than to say a ‘compelling analogy’ can be drawn between Mr. Starr’s investigation of Mr. Clinton’s sex life and the 1950s investigation of ‘private sexual behavior’ by Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Roy Cohn and J. Edgar Hoover.

R. Emmett Tyrrell, *The Washington Times*, March 26, 1999, p. A19.