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For it is God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. II Corinthians 4:6

MONTH IN REVIEW

Q “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

II Corinthians 4:16-

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Q “Within my earthly temple there’s a crowd.

There’s one of us that’s humble; one that’s proud.

There’s one that’s broken-hearted for his sins,

And one who, unrepentant, sits and grins.

There’s one who loves his neighbor as himself,

And one who cares for naught but fame and self.

From much corroding care would I be free

If once I could determine which is me.”

“While several reasons have been offered for this political achievement, few today seem to acknowledge the reasons given by those who formed our government. For example, President George Washington declared, ‘Of all the habits and dispositions which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.’

“Religion and morality-supporting politics?

“Many today claim just the opposite - that it is America’s secularism which has made us great. After all, they argue, weren’t our Founding Fathers generally atheists, agnostics, and deists, like Thomas Paine and Thomas Jefferson? And they further remind us that Founders like Jefferson even wrote his own Bible to remove the parts with which he disagreed.

“Arguments like this point to the exception rather than the rule and, in fact, try to make the exception into the rule. In previous generations we could tell the difference, for we studied in-depth all 56 of those who signed the Declaration of Independence. Today, however, most textbooks mention no more than a handful by name and particularly absent is any acknowledgment of their deeply-held religious convictions.

“For example, consider signer Samuel

Edward S. Martin (1856-1939)

Q “Though flesh ‘knows what spirit knows’, only ‘spirit knows it knows.’ Only when we look back from supernature do we see what nature really meant.”

C.S. Lewis (1948)

Q “I have been suspected of being what is called a Fundamentalist. That is because I never regard any narrative as unhistorical simply on the grounds that it includes the miraculous.”

C.S. Lewis

Q “Of course language is not an infallible guide, but it contains, with all its defects, a good deal of stored insight and experience. If you begin by flouting it, it has a way of avenging itself later on. We had better not follow Humpty Dumpty in making words mean whatever we please.”

C.S. Lewis

Q “What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case I definitely overpaid for my carpet.”

Woody Allen

Q “Today taste, modesty, manners and morals are relative, not absolute, and nowhere is that more obvious than with celebrity.”

Suzanne Fields, *Insight*,
August 30, 1999, p.48

Q “Within the United States, racism,

Adams, who declared, “I rely upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.”

“Or signer Richard Stockton: ‘I subscribe to the doctrines of the Christian religion and the divinity of the Person and completeness of the redemption purchased by the blessed Savior.’

“Or Charles Carroll: ‘On the mercy of my Redeemer I rely for salvation and on His merits; not on the works I have done in obedience to His precepts.’

“Or Benjamin Rush: ‘My only hope of salvation is in the infinite transcendent love of God manifested to the world by the death of His Son upon the Cross.’

“Or Roger Sherman: ‘I believe that there is one only living and true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are a revelation from God.’

“Or John Witherspoon: ‘I entreat you in the most earnest manner to believe in Jesus Christ, for there is no salvation in any other.’

“Others who signed the Declaration (such as Richard Henry Lee, Thomas McKean, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, James Wilson, Samuel Chase, John Morton, Josiah Bartlett, John Hart, etc.) Made similarly unequivocal declarations in their writings (available at university libraries and most major public libraries.)

“And even Thomas Jefferson, while definitely unorthodox in his theological views, nevertheless on multiple occasions called himself a Christian. And notwithstanding Jefferson’s strong criticisms of some religious teachings, it is wrong to claim he made his own Bible. He wrote two booklets in order, as he personally explained, to introduce the Indians to the teachings of Jesus. He titled them ‘The Life and Teachings of Jesus of Nazareth’ and ‘The Morals of Jesus.’ Jefferson never made a Bible, and would have objected to any such

hedonism, illegitimacy, family breakdown, drug indulgence, crime and political cynicism remain the order of the day and provide fertile soil for the seeds of totalitarianism.”

Fred Schwarz, *Beating the Unbeatable Foe*

Q “America has just passed another milestone. We celebrated our 223rd birthday, making us the longest on-going republic in the world.

characterization. His work is no more than what he said it was; and only in recent years has it become derogatorily known as the ‘Jefferson Bible.’

“And let’s not ignore Thomas Paine. Although not a signer of any of our documents, he was widely honored for his contributions during the American Revolution. However, 15 years later when he unveiled his anti-religious work, ‘The Age of Reason,’ he received a different reception. Patrick Henry wrote an entire book against his former friend; and Paine was also publicly rebuffed and attacked by John Adams, George Washington, Benjamin Rush, Samuel Adams, Charles Carroll, and many others. In fact, even Benjamin Franklin rebuked Paine. After reminding Paine that ‘If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be if without it?’ he then urge Paine ‘to burn this piece.’

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“The notion that our Founders were themselves secularists and thus intended the public arena to be faith-free is simply not supported by historical fact. In fact, one signer of the Declaration recommended that future generations celebrate the Fourth of July ‘as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.’

“So, is the point of this column to argue for religion in government? No. It is simply to argue for truth in the presentation of history. Too many today are silent about dozens of Founding Fathers who do not fit their stereotypes, in order to talk about a few who do.”

David Barton,

“As reading material on our trip, I brought along Alvin Kernan’s new book, *In Plato’s Cave*, a memoir and assessment of what’s happened to our campuses since World War II. Kernan got to tweedy and elite Williams College on the GI Bill in 1946. Later he taught at Yale and Princeton.

“He delights in the increasing openness and democratization of the colleges, but as Kernan’s tale nears the present, his light tone and winning anecdotes disappear. He notes ‘the growing irrationality’ of the academy. Reason, in fact, is now a villain on campus. Feelings, identity, and personal opinion are kings.

Wallbuilders

Q “The humanist left knows the only way it can create substantial numbers of new ideological and social robots eager to follow in their failed footsteps is to imprison substantial numbers of children in government schools where they are force-fed liberal ideology and lied to about sex, about history and about a whole lot of other things at taxpayers’ expense.

Cal Thomas, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, August 31, 1999, p. N7

Q “My wife and I took our 16-year-old daughter and her girlfriend to see some colleges over spring break - 10 campuses in five days, all in New England. If this is Tuesday, it must be Amherst, or is it Wesleyan?

“Each college offers an ‘information session,’ usually followed by a tour. Out of deference to my daughter, I was on my best behavior at the information sessions, suppressing my instinct to ask embarrassing questions. Here’s the question I managed not to ask at Brown university; isn’t it racist, if not racist, to hold separate freshman orientation for minority students? (Yale does the same thing. Call it basic training in identity politics.)

“At Yale, I did not ask why the university refused to accept a \$20 million donation from the Bass family of Texas for studies in Western civilization. Yale delayed and delayed until the Bases, sorely provoked, tried to force the issue. Yale took this opportunity to announce it could not be pushed around by contributors and turned down the money. But you can bet that if the \$20 million had been earmarked for courses in ‘queer theory’, or a new department of gender studies, Yale would have snatched the check from the Bass lawyers before the ink was dry.

“At Boston College, I awarded myself lots of moral credit for not bringing up Mary Daly, the high-status, man-hating, radical lesbian

“Kernan explains how the campus social revolution of the ‘60s (challenging authority, books, professors, subject matter) turned into the philosophical revolution of the ‘70s and ‘80s; the breaking down of the reality of language through the movement popularly known as deconstruction. Off-campus, linguistic philosophy is a dim and boring subject. But by undercutting the validity of language, deconstruction accomplished something radical: It announced that words were empty, grounded in no reality, thus discrediting all the word-built value systems that make the world real and stable. Because of deconstruction, and the broader postmodern movement, everything can be toppled. This is exactly what the West-bashing multiculturalists and male-bashing campus feminists wanted to hear.

“The college guides don’t mention it, and it never comes up at “information sessions,” but the intellectual climate of meaninglessness and breakdown pervades our colleges. I recently heard from an old friend, a professor, who wrote that he is surrounded by a new crop of young professors who are total nihilists: ‘They don’t believe in anything at all.’ This in the philosophy department of a fairly well-known Catholic college, no less.

“Back to our campus visits. The college tour is obviously awkward for parents who realize that the modern American university is rooted in a disastrous new value system quite antagonistic to their own. “We are like a warrior caste that sends its children away to be raised by pacifist monks,” says Norman Podhoretz, the critic and editor.

“Why are the warriors paying the monks up to \$36,000 a year to do this? Because they don’t know what’s going on, or because they don’t know what else to do. A degree from a name college counts. It’s still possible to eke out a decent education by

professor (males 'have nothing to offer but doo-doo,' she was quoted as saying in the Boston Globe). For over 20 years, she banned males from her class. The school finally told her to stop, but she took a leave of absence instead. Daly and her gender-war clones at other colleges help explain why the American campus has become a chilly place for males.

“Chasing a name. The American campus is very different from what it was 15 or 20 years ago - heavily politicized, doctrinaire, obsessed with race and gender, contemptuous of all things white and Western. Do the fresh-faced students and their parents have any inkling of what they are getting into? Or are they chiefly interested in colleges as brand-name credentialing machines that happen to teach a few courses on the side?

navigating around the more disastrous departments and professors. And the hard sciences are still basically unsullied by monkish hands.

“But pressures for more options are rising. ‘Why don’t we organize some new universities?’ writes Yale computer scientist David Gelernter. ‘When existing institutions are corrupt, it’s natural to replace them - or at least to discuss replacing them.’ It’s an idea that was bound to surface, drastic and in many ways unrealistic, but a perfectly rational response to the current crisis of the academy. We will hear more of this, I’m sure.”

John Leo, *U.S. News and World Report*, April 19, 1999, p. 19

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

What is one huge difference between the United States and Communist China?

Well, according to a Chinese paleontologist the difference is this: “In China we can criticize Darwin but not the government. In America you can criticize the government but not Darwin.”

Good Point.

Yet I am looking at a Knight Ridder Newspaper article, August 29, 1999, entitled “Theory of Evolution Changing” which states, “These discoveries [i.e., environmental calamities wiping out 90% of living species] are lending weight to a revised theory of evolution. Instead of proceeding gradually by a

Overreacting

There is a serious difference of opinion as to what practical effect the B.O. E.’s vote will have. At one extreme is Governor Graves. He thinks the vote will create some intellectually unclean environment, thereby causing prospective industry to walk to the other side of the economic road and avoid Kansas. At the other extreme are probably some conservative Christian types who hope the theory of evolution is now finally extinct and we are back to the Bible in our classrooms.

series of tiny changes, as Charles Darwin proposed 140 years ago, life developed in a series of starts and stops, biologists now believe.”

Of course, if biologists really believed that then Darwin’s theory of evolution is dead which Christians have maintained for nearly 140 years!

So what is the issue in Kansas all about. All the Kansas Board of Education voted to do was allow local school districts to determine how much evolution would be in the curriculum.

But the liberals howled and showed themselves to be poor sports.

Of course, the real issue is identified by Philip E. Johnson in an article in *Human Events* (August 27, 1999, p. 16) entitled “The Church of Darwin.” He says, “The reason the theory of evolution is so controversial is that it is the main scientific prop for scientific naturalism.”

And scientific naturalism is the religion of humanism.

One of Summit’s lawyer friends, Jeffrey L. Syrios, in Wichita, Kansas has written the following excellent summary of the Kansas controversy and in the following issues of the *Journal* we’ll have more to say about evolution and creationism.

Kansas B.O.E. Finds The Missing Link

According to the national response to the recent vote by the Kansas Board of Education (B.O.E.) to remove the theory of evolution from the science standards, we Kansans are the missing link. In fact, Ellen Johnson, president of American Atheists, Inc., referred to the inhabitants of the wheat state as “Neanderthals.” From the Washington Post to the Los Angeles Times, Kansas is being bombarded with chides and criticisms. Even Kansas Governor Bill Graves used the terms

The truth probably lies in the middle, as does the best possible result.

Creation needs to be presented alongside the theory, not fact, of evolution. Despite its weaknesses, the theory of evolution should still be taught to our kids. They need to understand evolution in order to deal with the great number of people, not to mention the majority of the scientific community, who subscribe to this belief. Likewise, our kids need to understand that the concept of intelligent design is based as much in fact as it is in religion.

Bad politics

The most discouraging reaction to the B.O.E.’s vote is the response of the political machine. At the local level, Wichita School Board President Jean Schodorf expressed grave concern that as a result of the vote, the debate over evolution will now trickle down to all the local school districts.

Am I wrong, or is this not exactly how government and citizens should interact? This view that the governmental policy debate does not belong at the lowest and most local level is frightening. Our system is designed to put the power as close to the people as possible. Parents wishing to influence their children’s science education have much more impact on the members of a local school board than on those of the state board.

Some insist this notion of trickle-down government is ridiculous when it comes to the B.O.E. and therefore, these types of policy decisions should stay at the state level. I agree when the topic is English, math or physical education. But when the issue is so controversial and has to do with the most foundational premise of our existence, the origin of man, then the debate belongs at the local level where parents can best impact their child’s education.

Equally concerning is the statement by Rep. Ralph Tanner, the Baldwin City

“terrible” and “tragic” to describe the embarrassment he felt about the B.O.E.’s decision.

The Truth

I am not a professional educator or scientist, nor do I understand all aspects of science. However, I do understand and recognize truth, and that is exactly what the issue is here in Kansas. What is the truth about the creation of this world and the origin of man? Did every living thing originate from one common life form, or is man the result of an intelligent and creative design?

The truth is that any intellectually honest scientist worth his weight in chemicals will admit evolution is not fact, it is only theory; there are major empirical weaknesses and deficiencies in the theory of evolution; and there is an abundance of well-supported facts and rationale supporting the conclusion that man, as well as nature, is the result of intelligent design. To purposefully teach otherwise, or to infer by omitting creation as a viable option based in fact and logic, is academic fraud.

Very simply, truth is good and fraud is bad.

Q “I wish to commend you and your staff for your strong, unwavering stand for the Lord. Philippians 1:6.

“Your April and June 1999 articles concerning the state of education (or lack of it) in the public schools, are right on target. I am a fourth grade public school teacher still trying to maintain a traditional approach to learning. Many of our 75 member staff at school are like minded. For the past 10 years we have been appalled by the ‘new’ direction of education. The Administrators are of course all for it, so teachers have been forced to implement many changes that we know are wrong and will not work. We have had student self-esteem and all that goes with it crammed down our throats. My colleagues and I hate these Secular

Republican Chairman of the house Education Committee. He responded to the B.O.E.’s vote by threatening to introduce a bill giving the power to appoint members of the board to the Governor. In other words, since he did not approve of the B.O.E.’s actions, he wants to use his political position to make sure nothing like this happens again. The practical effect is to add one more layer of politics between parents and the state B.O.E. The underlying message to Kansas voters is that they are no longer to be trusted with management of the B.O.E.’ membership.

The decision by the Kansas B.O.E. was not only the correct one, but also the one that benefits all of society by raising the very important question of who made us and where we are from. More importantly, this debate exposes the weakness of the theory of evolution as taught in our public schools. The elusive missing link that is so vigorously sought by evolutionists is actually the truth.

“ ‘I observed a very clear-cut case of violation of First Amendment freedom of speech and abridgement of religious rights,’ Mr. DeMarco said. ‘Evangelicals are not welcome in the chaplains’ department of Naval Support Activity, very clearly.’

“Cmdr. Veitch’s first brush with Capt. Buchmiller occurred in January 1998 after delivering a sermon at a Sunday morning Protestant service on base.

“The chaplain said his superior was offended by these words:

“ ‘No saint, no minister, no priest, no person ordained or unordained, no one stands between us and God, but Christ Jesus. Christ Jesus in the Holy of Holies, is the meeting point between sinner and the Triune God.’ ”

Humanist policies and practices. We are appalled, disgusted, frustrated, nauseated, horrified, and frightened for the future of our country.

“Please pray for us, for the children in our care, and for the administrators to come to their senses.”

S.R., Johnston,

PA

Q “The Navy threatened to court-martial a 12-year Navy chaplain unless he resigned in an ongoing dispute over whether his preachings are sufficiently diverse, the chaplain says.

“A command in Naples, Italy, the Naval Support Activity, charged Lt. Cmdr. Philip Veitch, an evangelical, with five criminal offenses. The charges were later dropped when Cmdr. Veitch agreed to resign. He is now fighting to rescind his resignation letter and has convinced the Pentagon inspector general to make an initial inquiry.

“Cmdr. Veitch, whom the Navy banned from conducting any religious activity, said in an interview he is the victim of religious discrimination. He said the command chaplain, a captain and Roman Catholic, views his evangelical teachings as ‘unpluralistic’ and ‘anti-priest.’

“‘We have a sense of repression here,’ said Cmdr. Veitch. ‘I am ordained by the Reformed Episcopal Church, and I will not have a Roman Catholic priest tell me what I can and cannot say. It won’t happen. I can’t have the government telling me what my denomination can or cannot say.’

“Whoever is right, one thing seems clear: the six-member chaplain community at the Naval Support Activity in Naples is divided. Liturgical chaplains, led by the senior chaplain, want military clergy to preach in less dogmatic terms to appeal to a broad-based congregation. The evangelicals want to stay

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

Q “As this century draws to a close, a fundamental human right is still being withheld from much of the world’s people. That right is the freedom to practice one’s religion according to the dictates of one’s conscience.

“Across much of the globe, membership in a religious minority has long meant exposure to a host of potential abuses ranging from harassment to murder. To be a Baha’i in Iran, a Jew in certain Arab countries, a Muslim within Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic’s reach, or a Hindu in Pakistan has often been challenging at best and a threat to life and limb at worst.

“Clearly, every minority has suffered religious persecution, but in our time, the lion’s share has been borne by those naming Christ as the Lord and Savior of their lives. In this century, more Christians have been martyred than in all the prior centuries combined, and Christian martyrs have greatly outnumbered those of all other faiths.

“Perhaps the world’s most ferocious abuser of religious freedom is the government of Sudan, Africa’s largest country geographically. Since 1983, at least 2 million southern Sudanese, largely Christians, have been killed, and at least 5 million made homeless in an escalating jihad waged by its radical Islamic rulers in the north. It is now indisputable that the regime in Khartoum has been behind the mass kidnapping of southern Sudanese women and children, thousands of whom have been subsequently sold into slavery and/or compelled to renounce their faith and convert to Islam. Crucifixion is also practiced, as priests and other Christian clergy have been targeted in an effort to terrorize their flocks.

“To the north of Sudan, the Coptic

faithful to their denominations.

“One former chaplain at Naples said he was told to stop ending his public prayers with the phrase “in Jesus’ name” because it is not considered pluralistic.

“ ‘I was called into the office and was told not to end my public prayers with “in Jesus’ name” because it made people feel uncomfortable,” said Gregory R. DeMarco, a Southern Baptist who retired from the Navy at Naples in 1998 and now teaches religion at Eastern New Mexico University.

Christians, who have had a presence in Egypt for at least 16 centuries, live in fear for their lives, thanks to an upsurge of activity by radical groups that see them as threats to the Islamic purity of the nation. Rapes, beatings and murder have resulted, and the evidence points to the complicity of local police and other security officials, who at best do nothing and at worst aid and abet the perpetrators, according to human rights groups.

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“Another longtime persecutor of Christians is the world’s largest country, the People’s Republic of China. Its Marxist rulers fear that the rapid growth of converts to Christianity poses a clear threat to their continued rule over one-fifth of the world’s population. Vowing that the church will not do to them what it did to communism in Eastern Europe, they have allowed only government-controlled churches to operate legally; the price these churches pay is a virtual inability to share their faith with the bold freedom that the Gospel envisions. Conservative estimates indicate that at least 70 million Chinese are members of “house churches,” so named because they meet in each others’ homes. Members of such churches, when discovered, are often arrested and imprisoned on a host of charges. Once imprisoned, those in the house church movement, particularly leaders, are often tortured, denied food and water, and sometimes beaten to death. As the 10th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre approached, persecution reportedly intensified.

“Unlike China, the world’s second largest

“The conservative side has concentrated on the difficulties posed by the theory: Where is the fossil record of intermediate species? How can a lower form of life beget a higher one? How can mutations - understood as benign birth defects - be genetically transmitted, to the point where a line of apes eventually produces a Mozart?

“The liberals seem less interested in teaching kids to think for themselves than in giving Darwinism a monopoly of authority. The kids must understand the bottom line: Human life can be explained in purely materialistic terms.

“Our liberal overseers have long since decided that religious teachings have no place in public education. While Darwinism is mandatory, religion is not even optional.

“But in almost every known society, education has meant initiating the young into the heritage of their ancestors. The Jews taught their young the story of the Chosen People; Christians did the same, adding the story of Jesus; the Chinese taught the wisdom of Confucius; the Greeks and Romans taught the

country, India, is a democracy. In March 1998, a new political party, the BJP, ascended to power in New Delhi. Allied with India's most radical and avowedly anti-democratic Hindu groups, particularly the RSS, the BJP has presided over an explosion of violence against Christians, whose presence in India may exceed in duration even that of the Copts in Egypt. In December 1998 and January 1999, persecution reached a fever pitch with the torching of multiple churches and of an Australian missionary and his two sons in Orissa. In mid-June 1999, a well-known Indian evangelist had stones thrown through his window after receiving a flurry of death threats. Several days later, his son was run down by an automobile in what Christians believe to have been a government-orchestrated murder. According to Christian leaders, most actions of terror and brutality go unreported because of mistrust of the government and fear of the forces behind it. National elections will be held next month, and Christians fear the likely results of another BJP victory over the more tolerant, pluralistic Congress Party.

"These countries alone account for almost one-half of the world's population. When other persecuting nations are added to this list, it becomes clear that well over half of the people of the world are not able to practice Christianity in freedom and in dignity should they be drawn to it.

"The United States was founded on the proposition that human rights are universal, that no country has the moral authority to deny such rights to anyone. The right to choose one's religion goes to the heart of what it means to be human. Challenge this right, and all other rights are imperiled.

"With the approach of a new century, it is time for the United States to stand for this right as never before and fulfill its calling to be a lighthouse of liberty to the world.

great myths of Olympus. Education has always meant more than instilling knowledge; it has also meant cultivating the moral habits necessary to continue a tradition.

"One of the marks of tyranny is its desire to cut the young off from their ancestors. The tyrant doesn't want his subjects to judge him by either historical memory or immutable moral standards; he wants his own word to be law. Modern tyrants have usually promoted literacy, not because they favor true education, but because schools can be used to produce the kind of citizens they want.

"The Chinese communists not only banned Confucius, but adopted the Roman alphabet so that the young would be unable to read the ancestral wisdom that was preserved in the old ideograms. The totalitarian state can't tolerate rival sources of authority.

"Christian parents have correctly intuited the hidden agenda behind so much state education. Their children have been weaned from Christian culture and taught a godless cosmology in the guise of biology. Through sex education, in which aggressive advocacy masquerades as knowledge, the public schools have also undermined Christian morality. They need not attack Christianity frontally; they merely have to keep the young ignorant of their Christian heritage.

"The battle over evolution and religion is really a battle between state and parental authority. The obvious way to resolve it is to cut the state out of education, making all schools private. Parents who really wanted their kids to absorb the Darwinian philosophy would be free to have their own schools; Christian parents would have their own schools too.

"What would be different? Obviously the statist would lose their privileged status and their huge captive audience. They would be forced to compete on equal terms with people they prefer to rule as intellectual serfs. It's odd

Paul H. Liben, *The Washington Post*,
August 25, 1999, p. A15

Q “I’ve been watching the reaction to the decision of the Kansas state board of education to make the teaching of evolution optional in public schools.

“The liberal side has been furious to the verge of hysteria. It attacks the board and the Christian Right as if they had banned the teaching of science. But it doesn’t address the merits of Darwinism itself; it merely assumes that Science has Spoken and that we all have a duty to submit.

that Darwinians should be so afraid of competition!

“But the state has no business controlling children’s minds. Making education private would be a giant step in keeping with a great American tradition: decentralizing power.

Joseph Sobran, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, September 2, 1999, p. N7

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Q “The liberal brand of compassion has almost invariably meant spending the taxpayers’ money. When it comes to spending their own money, it is clear that liberals do more of it than conservatives, though they may make more noise about it.

“When Al Gore was in the Senate, he twice beat out Ted Kennedy for the title of the biggest spender in Congress. However, when it came to spending his own money, his income tax records showed that his charitable donations were quite restrained, to put it mildly.

“Meanwhile, corporate executives all across America - representatives of “greed,” in the liberal vision - have contributed tens of millions of dollars to give vouchers to thousands of youngsters from poor families, so that these children can go to private schools, instead of being trapped in the disastrous public schools so much defended by liberals.

“It is amazing how little credit - or even mention - these CEOs or their organizations have gotten in the mainstream media. One of

“By sheer repetition, the liberal dogma that those who oppose government programs are lacking in compassion has become so widespread that the very idea of ‘compassionate conservatism’ seems startling.

“During the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings back in 1991, a young black female journalist expressed surprise at learning from his former employees at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission how much time and effort he had put into helping them advance, as others had helped him. This didn’t fit her image of him.

“ ‘Did you think he walked down the halls of the EEOC kicking old ladies out of his way?’ I asked.

“ ‘Well, sort of,’ she replied.”

Thomas Sowell, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, September 8, 1999, p. N1

Q “Many of Cleveland’s poor, mostly black, parents, want their children in private schools, but cannot afford to send them there. They see the difference made in their children’s

these organizations they created is called the Children's Educational Opportunity Foundation or CEO for short. But it is not called compassion because it did not originate in Washington and does not cost the taxpayers anything.

"This is by no means the only business effort in this direction. For years, New York businessman Daniel Rose has headed the Harlem Educational Activities Fund, Inc., which promotes both academic achievement and chess in Harlem. The first black international Grandmaster heads their chess program.

"Milton Friedman has set up his own foundation to promote vouchers for low-income school children. Another conservative - almost as well known - has for years contributed money to a school in Harlem, but without any fanfare, and it is only out of respect for his privacy that I do not mention his name, which would be recognized immediately.

"Black conservative economist Walter Williams has publicly declared that the government has no right to take even a dime of his money in taxes to give to anybody else. Yet I have known Walter for 30 years and know that he has for decades spent both his money and his time helping others to get ahead. He just doesn't want his money routed through Washington and used for politics.

"None of this is new. Two centuries ago, Adam Smith, the father of laissez-faire economics, also donated both money and time to help others. But it was only after his death that his financial help came to light, when his personal papers were examined. What he had given was considered remarkable, in light of his own modest wealth.

"Huge donations of millions of dollars, back when the dollar was worth at least ten times what it is today, were common among founders of such great American fortunes as those of Rockefeller, Ford, and Carnegie.

intellectual, moral and social development when they switch to private schools. They view this opportunity as the only real hope for their kids to break out of a cycle of poverty and dependency.

"Most white liberals who support choice on abortion, oppose education choice for parents of children fortunate enough to have been born. Surveys show a growing number of public school teachers have so little faith in the very schools in which they teach that they are sending their own children to private, often parochial schools. What do they know that the elites don't want the rest of us to find out? Who do liberals think they are to arrogantly claim they, more than parents, know what's best for someone else's kids? Shouldn't the goal of education be results and 'satisfied customers' rather than political power and satisfied politicians?

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"Most poor people want their kids out of failed schools. When venture capitalists like Theodore Forstmann and Wal-Mart's John Walton offer assistance through their privately funded Children's Scholarship Fund, the poor jump for this escape hatch for their children. In Baltimore, 40 percent of eligible families applied for the private vouchers. Elsewhere, there are waiting lists."

Cal Thomas, *Colorado Springs Gazette*, August 31, 1999, p. N7

CHRIST TO SUDAN PROJECT

This message is primarily for the graduates of Summit '99. The total raised

for the Sudan Project, spearheaded by Brent Noebel, was \$35,000.00! These funds will go in their entirety for Bibles, Christian flags and lapel crosses for the suffering Christians in Sudan. They will be distributed by Frontline Fellowship, Cape Town, South Africa, Peter Hammond, Director.