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Looking for the Blessed Hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:13

Month in Review

Q "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

"Speak these things, exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

"Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. For we ourselves were also foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 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."

some account, along with everything else, of what the adherents of other worldviews are 'really' doing. To that extent, they overlap. The question is, whose account of everybody else makes most sense? Enlightenment modernism tries to subsume Christianity within it, by claiming that Christianity is simply a private religious option; but Christianity has a reply ready to hand: that it in turn can look the Enlightenment questions full in the face, can take them on board and work with them. If Christianity is committed to history, as I have argued, then it not only can but must work at history to meet the Enlightenment's demand—not, indeed, the demand for 'neutral' or 'objective' history, which as we have seen is a positivist fantasy, but the desire for genuine historical reconstruction of actual events in the past, of the 'inside' of events as well as the 'outside'. Christianity has nothing to fear from the appeal to history. It makes the same appeal itself."

—N. T. Wright, *The New Testament and The People of God*, p. 137

Q "For Paul, 'the gospel' creates the church;

–Titus 2:11-15; 3:1-5

Q "Joys are flowing like a river,
Since the Comforter has come;
He abides with us forever,
Makes the trusting heart His home.
Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
What assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea, He speaks peace to me,
How the billows cease to roll!

"What a wonderful salvation,
Where we always see His face!
What a perfect habitation,
What a quite resting place!"

—M. P. Ferguson

Q "The Christian knows from the outset that the salvation of a single soul is more important than the production or preservation of all the epics and tragedies in the world."

–C. S. Lewis, *Christian Reflections*

Q "Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have His way, come to share in the life of Christ. If we do, we shall then be sharing a life which was begotten, not made, which always has existed and always will exist. Christ is the Son of God. If we share in this kind of life we also shall be sons of God. We shall love the Father as He does and the Holy Ghost will arise in us. He came to this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has—by what I call "good infection." Every

‘justification’ defines it. The gospel announcement carries its own power to save people, and to dethrone the idols to which they had been bound. ‘The gospel’ itself is neither a system of thought, nor a set of techniques for making people Christians; it is the personal announcement of the person of Jesus. That is why it creates the church, the people who believe that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. ‘Justification’ is then the doctrine which declares that whoever believes that gospel, and wherever and whenever they believe it, those people are truly members of his family, no matter where they came from, what colour their skin may be, whatever else might distinguish them from each other. The gospel itself creates the church; justification continually reminds the church that it is the people created by the gospel and the gospel alone, and that it must live on that basis."

–N. T. Wright, *What Saint Paul Really Said*, p. 151

Q "Paul’s gospel must, I believe, be reinstated at the very centre of the church’s preaching. The gospel is not, as I have stressed, a set of techniques for making people Christians. Nor is it a set of systematic theological reflections, however important. The gospel is the announcement that Jesus is Lord – Lord of the world, Lord of the cosmos, Lord of the earth, of the ozone layer, of whales and waterfalls, of trees and tortoises. As soon as we get this right we destroy at a stroke the disastrous dichotomy that has existed in people’s minds between ‘preaching the gospel’ on the one hand and what used to be called loosely ‘social action’ or ‘social justice’ on the other. Preaching the gospel means announcing Jesus as Lord of the world; and, unless we are prepared to contradict ourselves with every breath we take,

Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else."

—C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Q "All worldviews, including both the modernism of the Enlightenment and Christianity, claim to be public and comprehensive. They must therefore offer

we cannot make that announcement without seeking to bring that lordship to bear over every aspect of the world. There was a popular slogan some years ago, according to which 'if Jesus is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all'. That was routinely applied to personal piety and commitment. I suggest that it is just as true, and just as important, in terms of the cosmic lordship of Jesus.

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"This means, of course, as it meant for Paul, that there is no area of existence or life, including no area of human life, that does not come up for critique in the light of the sovereignty of the crucified and risen Jesus; no area that is exempt from the summons to allegiance. Perhaps one reason why some have shied away from seeing Jesus' messiahship as a central part of Paul's gospel has been the tacit recognition that it is much easier to turn Christianity into what the Enlightenment wanted it to be – a private system of piety which doesn't impinge on the public world – if the kingship of Jesus is regarded as an unfortunate, and overly Jewish, way of thinking, which Paul and the rest of the early church quickly and thankfully grew out of. I suggest, instead, that the picture Luke paints in Acts is to this extent at least valid. I want to pose the question: what would preachers of the gospel need to do today if people were to say to them what they said of Paul, that he was announcing, in the face of the claims of Caesar, that there was 'another king, namely Jesus'?"

–N. T. Wright, *What Saint Paul Really Said*, p.

abortion issue, yet the matter will certainly stir the debate over what limits states can put on abortion.

"The gay-rights case—in which the court will decide if the Boy Scouts of America can ban homosexual scout leaders—is just as likely to churn the political waters. James Dale, a volunteer scout leader in New Jersey, was fired after he acknowledged being gay. Dale sued under the state's civil-rights laws, and won.

"The Boy Scouts appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing they have a First Amendment right of free association. The court will hear both cases in the spring, and issue opinions this summer. But in an election year, the court of public opinion will keep arguing before—and after—the justices rule."

—*Newsweek*, January 24, 2000, p. 54

The Gay Agenda Marches On

Q "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination."

–Leviticus 18:22

Q "There shall be no prostitute of the daughters of Israel, or a sodomite of the sons of Israel."

–Deuteronomy 23:17

Q "They are perhaps the thorniest social and political issues these days: abortion and gay rights. Last week the Supreme Court agreed to hear two cases sure to spark renewed nationwide debate about both issues.

"The abortion case is especially controversial. The justices must decide if a Nebraska law banning so-called partial-birth abortions is constitutional. The law was struck down by a federal appeals courts, which ruled that the description of the outlawed procedure was too broad and could put an 'undue burden' on access to abortion. Nebraska appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing the law was intended to prevent only the controversial procedure. The court warned it would not use the case to reconsider the whole .

Q "Gay and lesbian couples are signing up for health benefits by the hundreds this month as state-recognized domestic partners, taking advantage of a pioneering new California law that gives them a fraction of the rights enjoyed by heterosexual married couples.

"So far, 523 couples have signed up in the first nine working days after the law took effect in California Jan. 1. It allows registered domestic partners the same hospital visitation rights as married couples, and it gives same-sex couples employed by state and local governments the right to health insurance benefits for their partners.

"More than 2,000 others took out forms in the first few days, said Shad Balch, spokesman for Secretary of State Bill Jones, a former Republican assemblyman mandated by law to run the registration.

"'This proves there's a great deal of interest,' said Carole Migden, a Democratic state assemblywoman from San Francisco and an avowed lesbian. 'Couples up and down the state are poised to take advantage of this.'

"But the first registrants are just a fraction of the number state officials estimate eventually will sign up. Some forecasts claim the

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

From the Editor:

Two huge bombs have been dropped on the theory of evolution. Every textbook in America seeks to convince its young audience that evolution is a fact by parading: (a) the British peppered moth and (b) Archaeoraptor before their eyes and minds.

Evolution is a fact goes the party line. How do you know? Because the peppered moth moves between light and dark forms is the answer. Because the half bird, half dinosaur Archaeoraptor proves that birds evolved from dinosaurs.

Well, they are no longer going to hold up the theory since both have turned out to be complete frauds.

Personally, I never did understand how the number of white moths vs. the number of black moths proved anything about ameba-to-man macro-evolution. But even the presentation of the evidence has turned out to be mis-stated.

The following is a brief description of what happened from *Creation* magazine (June-August 1999):

"British scientist Cyril Clarke investigated the peppered moth for 25 years, and saw only two in their natural habitat by day – no other researchers have seen any. Kettlewell and others attracted the moths into traps in the forest either with light, or by releasing female pheromones – in each case, the only flew in at

when one group of researchers glued dead moths onto trunks in an unpolluted forest, the birds took more of the dark (less camouflaged) ones, as expected. But their traps captured four times as many dark moths as light ones – the opposite of textbook predictions!

"University of Chicago evolutionary biologist Jerry Coyne agrees that the peppered moth story, which was 'the prize horse in our stable' has to be thrown out."

If that isn't enough to give the evolutionist a headache read what has just been exposed about Archaeoraptor from the Associated Press (January 22, 2000):

"A fossil hailed as an important find for the theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs is really a composite of fossils from different creatures, a Chinese scientist says.

"Xu Xing, an eminent paleontologist in Beijing, said he has found fossils that prove the fossilized turkey-size creature unveiled last year may not be the evolutionary link some thought it was.

"Xu's claim has forced paleontology circles, which greeted the find with some fanfare, to take a second look. The controversy has highlighted the pitfalls of international research projects involving fossils often smuggled out of China and sold overseas.

"Xu contends the Archaeoraptor is a combination of two fossils: one of the body and head of a birdlike creature and the other of

night. So where do they spend the day? Clarke writes, 'The latest story is that they rest on the leaves in the top of trees, but it's not really known . . . either way, they're very good at hiding.'

"The moths filmed being eaten by the birds were laboratory-bred ones placed onto tree trunks by Kettlewell; they were so languid that he once had to warm them up on his car bonnet (hood).

"And all those still photos of moths on tree trunks? One paper described how it was done—dead moths were glued to the tree. University of Massachusetts biologist Theodore Sargent helped glue moths onto trees for a NOVA documentary. He says textbooks and films have featured 'a lot of fraudulent photographs.'

"Other studies have shown a very poor correlation between the lichen covering and the respective moth populations. And

the tail of a different dinosaur: He said he has found another fossil, in a private collection in China, that contains the mirror image of the supposed tail of the Archaeoraptor.

"National Geographic magazine plans to publish a note in its March issue saying CT scans of the fossil appeared to confirm Xu's observations and had 'revealed anomalies' in the reconstruction, said National Geographic."

With two prize horses in the stable looking pretty sick, maybe we can get back to calling evolution a theory. And hopefully all our Christian profs in Christian Colleges teaching evolution will mention these two examples to their students.

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eventual number will top 20,000.

"Many of the homosexuals registering remained resentful of the many rights that go with marriage, but not with the new domestic partnerships.

"'Today I have gained two benefits, and I've seen a federal report that says married couples have 1,400,' said Sam Catalano, a state employee who stood beside his longtime

retreated. He said he did not mean that military commanders had to agree with him on this issue, as long as they enforced his policy, although that was what he had in fact said."

—*The Washington Times*, January 10, 2000, p. A8

Q "Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley rang in a new year of presidential debates last night with their testiest

partner, Ken Day, to pay a \$10 registration fee and become officially recognized couple No. 66 in the new program. Among the benefits that automatically go with marriage are community property, Social Security benefits and automatic legal parenthood for any child born of one of the partners."

—*The Washington Times*, January 16, 2000, p. C8

Q "Rep. Jerrold Nadler said yesterday he is considering introducing a

bill to end the Pentagon's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy governing homosexuals in the military ranks.

"He will leave it up to homosexual-advocacy groups to tell him whether to do it.

"I will introduce that legislation if the people of the Human Rights Campaign,' which is the largest homosexual political lobbying group, 'and others think it's advisable, tactically, to do it. And I will consult with people like [Rep.] Barney Frank to see what he thinks.'

"Mr. Nadler, New York Democrat, was interviewed on NBC's 'Meet the Press.'

"Mr. Frank, Massachusetts Democrat, who is openly homosexual and also appeared on NBC, responded: 'This Congress wouldn't even pass a hate-crimes statute. The current Republican Congress would not do that at all. They tend to be very anti-gay.'

"But he said the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which regulates behavior of active-duty military men and women, should be

confrontation of the Democratic primary, clashing over their liberal credentials on gun control, homosexuals in the military and regulations to limit campaign donations.

"Mr. Gore went so far as to pledge he would nominate to Joint Chiefs of Staff only military officers who agree with his goal of overturning President Clinton's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy for homosexuals serving in the armed forces.

"I would insist, before appointing anyone to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that individual would support my policy,' Mr. Gore said. 'And yes, I'll make that a requirement.'"

—*The Washington Times*, January 6, 2000, p. 1

Q "Retired senior military officers yesterday criticized Vice President Al Gore's demand that, as president, members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff must be pro-homosexual, saying such a litmus test would politicize the nation's top military advisers.

"They also warned it would diminish the pool of future leaders since most four-star generals and admirals support a ban on open homosexuality to protect unit cohesion.

"Mr. Gore, running for the Democratic presidential nomination, has vowed to lift the military's ban on open homosexuality. He issued his litmus test Wednesday night at a debate in Durham, N.H.

"Retired Gen. Charles Krulak, who was appointed by President Clinton, said Mr. Gore should be concerned with a candidate's military knowledge, not homosexual issues.

changed because it is a 'little out-dated' on sex.

"It's not simply homosexual activity that's outlawed. Much other sexual activity is outlawed. Everyone I have talked to says that members of the military regularly, in their private capacities, violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice,' Mr. Frank said.

"Indeed, there was a case recently in which an airman was convicted of having sex with a woman, neither of whom was married, but they were convicted of violating the Uniform Code of Military Justice.'

"Retired Army Gen. John Vessey, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on NBC: 'The Uniform Code of Military Justice makes homosexual activity a crime.' Whether current regulations should be changed, he said, should be decided by people knowledgeable about the military who are 'neither homophobes nor homosexual activists.'

"Allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the military has become an issue of debate in the presidential race. Republicans oppose the idea, saying it would destroy order, discipline and unit cohesiveness in the armed forces.

"But the Democratic presidential contenders – Vice President Al Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley – support such a change.

"In a debate Wednesday night, Mr. Gore said he would require that appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff share his support for allowing homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. Two days later, when Mr. Bradley reminded him that generals are expected to obey the commander-in-chief in any event, he

"To demand a litmus test regarding gays in the military, a social issue, instead of concentrating on what is really important, which is sound military advice, misses the mark,' Gen. Krulak said.

"I personally don't understand why he made a comment like that, because I can't imagine a commander in chief having a litmus test for a military officer that would reduce the number of candidates you can pick from. I for one would be unable to compete.'

"Asked how many four-star officers today support open homosexuals in the military, Gen. Krulak answered, 'Zero.'

"A recent study by the Triangle Institute for Security Studies at the University of North Carolina found that senior officers 'are strongly opposed to allowing gays and lesbian to serve openly.'

"Retired Gen. Charles Horner, the top Air Force officer in Operation Desert Storm, said litmus tests should not be imposed on an issue for which there are rational reasons to oppose a homosexual-friendly military.

"I do think it's unfortunate he would choose that issue as a litmus test,' Gen. Horner said. 'It could cause you to lose people who are great leaders. I just wonder who talked him into this one because it's stupid. But he has every right to do that.'

–*The Washington Times*, January 7, 2000, p. 1

A Case of Extremes for the 20th Century

Q "The 20th Century will be remembered one thousand years from now (Y3K) as an epic age of human progress unrivaled in the history of mankind. In fact, the objective historical evidence proves incontestably that there has been more improvement in the human condition in the United States over these past 100 years than in all the previous centuries since man first appeared on the earth.

"To measure this century of progress, consider the most awesome statistic of all: life expectancy. Anthropologists inform us that for thousands of years the average human being could expect to live to about 25-30 years of age. Throughout most of human history, life was, as Thomas Hobbes famously described it, 'nasty, brutish and short.' But since the late 19th Century, life expectancy has risen to 77 years in the United States—an increase of more than 30 years in just one century. 'An epidemic of life' is how the respected American Council on Science and Health summarizes the health improvements of the 20th Century.

"Here's the second most breathtaking statistic. Throughout most of the past millennium, real incomes in Europe and North America crept forward almost imperceptibly, by less than 0.1% per year from 500 A.D. through 1700, according to renowned economic historian Angus Maddison. In the 19th Century, economic growth rates began to trend upwards thanks to the Industrial Revolution. But the truly steep gains in incomes were recorded over the course of the 20th Century. Since 1900, real per capita incomes in the United

comedian Jackie Gleason once put it: 'The past remembers better than it lived.'"

—Stephen Moore, *Human Events*, January 14, 2000, p. 7

Q "All Americans have a huge stake in Christianity. Whether or not we are individually believers in Christ, we are beneficiaries of the moral doctrine that has curbed power and protected the weak. Power is the horse ridden by evil. In the 20th Century, the horse has been ridden hard. One hundred million people were exterminated by National Socialists in Germany and by Soviet and Chinese communists simply because they were members of a race or class that had been demonized by political authority.

"Power that is secularized and cut free of civilizing traditions is not limited by moral and religious scruples. V. I. Lenin made this clear when he defined the meaning of his dictatorship as 'unlimited power, resting directly on force, not limited by anything.'

"Christianity's emphasis on the worth of the individual makes such power as Lenin claimed unthinkable. Be we religious or be we not, our celebration of Christ's birthday celebrates a religion that made us masters of our souls and of our political life on Earth. Such a religion as this is worth holding on to even by atheists."

—Paul Craig Roberts, *The Washington Times*, December 25, 1999, p. A10

Q "'I'm a socialist at heart.'"

States have grown at roughly a 2% annual rate, which may not sound too impressive until one realizes that this growth rate translated into a quadrupling in real per capita living standards in just 100 years.

"'We Americans are so used to sustained economic growth,' wrote the late Simon Kuznets of Harvard, one of the greatest economists of the 20th Century, 'that we tend to take it for granted—not realizing how exceptional growth of this magnitude is on the scale of human history.' And he wrote that before the greatest economic boom of all: the 1982-99 prosperity.

"Today, in many ways, even the poor have routine access to a quality of food, health care, consumer products, entertainment, communications, and transportation that even the Vanderbilts, the Carnegies, the Rockefellers, and the 19th Century European princes, with all their combined wealth, could not have afforded. No mountain of gold 100 years ago could have purchased the basics of everyday life in 1999: a television set, a cellular telephone, vaccination against small pox and polio, a Haagen Dazs ice cream bar, a sinus tablet, contact lenses (to say nothing of laser surgery), or the thrill of seeing Michael Jordan majestically soar through the air as if defying gravity while dunking a basketball. Today, almost all Americans can afford these things.

"Yet, I have no doubt that many readers have deep skepticism about my contention that this is the greatest time ever to have lived on the earth (with the exception of the future). We Americans seem to have a nostalgia for the past, not recognizing that as the late great

—Ted Turner, *The Washington Times*, January 5, 2000, p. A3

Q "Last month at a party celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of a former FSB [one of the successor agencies to the KGB] chief, Yevgeny Primakov—a former prime minister and KGB alumnus—proposed a toast. 'Those of us who consider ourselves Chekists, stand up,' Primakov said proudly. Nearly everyone got to his feet—Russia's new president [Vladimir Pactin] included."

—Newsweek, January 10, 2000, p. 52

Note: Interested *Journal* readers can obtain background material on the Chekist organization, founded by Feliks Dzerzhinsky in 1917, from *The Black Book of Communism*, edited by Stephane Courtois. The book also contains excellent material on Communist Cuba.

Q "More than 12 million sub-Saharan Africans have died of AIDS. Last year 2 million died, more than five times the number of AIDS-related deaths in America in the nearly two decades since the disease arrived here. Annually, the world's wars kill only one tenth as many people as AIDS kills in Africa. Almost 23 million sub-Saharan people carry HIV, the AIDS-causing virus. Every minute 11 people worldwide are infected with HIV, 10 of them in sub-Saharan Africa.

"In South Africa, one of five countries in southern Africa, there are 1,600 infections a day, the highest rate in the world (which is not unrelated to the fact that a woman is raped there every 26 seconds). In Carletonville, near the concentration of migrant men working in the gold mines, prostitution is rampant and two out of every three women under 25 have HIV and will die before they are 30. Within five years, more than 6 million of the 40 million South Africans will be infected. In five to 10 years 3.5 million South Africans will die of AIDs.

"In the other four countries (Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland), one in four adults is infected. Ninety percent do not know it. Within five years 61 of every 1,000 children born in the five countries will not reach their first birthdays. By next year there will be 13 million African AIDS orphans. There already are 670,000 in Zimbabwe, and 60,000 more there each year.

"In 14th-century Europe the bubonic plague was in the air, food and water. Breathing, eating and drinking were deadly. In Africa, AIDS is transmitted primarily by heterosexual sex. The problem is promiscuity. This underscores the primacy of cultural factors, including the notion that calling attention to promiscuity reveals a racist obsession with the supposedly unmastered sexuality of black men.

"Modernity and primitivism are a lethal mixture in Africa. The dislocations of wars, rapid economic development, modern transportation and migrations of laborers across porous borders have put people in motion, weakened families and dissolved traditional sexual norms. As the Globe reports,

habits—nothing. All such unificatory federations of disparate peoples have collapsed (the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, to name two). This is not the place to develop the whole range of arguments against the 'Europe' concept—which (amongst other themes) I have dealt with in my recent book, *Reflections on a Ravaged Century*. But still it is appropriate to insist here on the American interest in discouraging its development, and in offering alternative cohesions."

—Robert Conquest, *National Review*, January 24, 2000, p. 22

Q "Much of the history of the 20th century can be seen as testing various ideologies produced in the 19th century. At a vast economic cost and a staggering cost in human lives, we learned that collectivism does not work. The sundry varieties of collectivism—communism, fascism, Nazism—were once widely believed to be 'the wave of the future,' though each met disasters that made it a relic of the past.

"Painful as it is to recall what a price was paid to disprove a theory, it is even more sobering to realize the underlying assumptions of collectivism continue to flourish today. The idea that collective decisions, made by third parties, are to be imposed by force to override decisions made by individuals for themselves continues to spread. We seem to have learned nothing from the failures and catastrophes that such ideas have produced around the world.

"Wholesale collectivism, sailing under its own colors, no longer has any appeal. What is

to a migrant worker deep in a gold mine who has a one in 40 chance of being crushed by falling rock, the threat of HIV is a relatively remote worry. But when he visits his family, after visiting prostitutes, he visits HIV upon his wife. Many male secondary school teachers sleep with their students, and a widespread belief is that sex with a virgin, including girls as young as 10, can cure AIDS."

—George F. Will, *Newsweek*, January 10, 2000, p. 64

Q "This year marks the last year of the 20th century. The century will be remembered for unprecedented technical progress, advance of knowledge and improvements in living standards.

"It will also be remembered as mankind's most brutal century. International and civil wars have yielded a death toll of roughly 50 million lives. As tragic as that number is, it's small in comparison to the number of people murdered by their own governments.

"R. J. Rummel, professor of political science at the University of Hawaii and author of *Death by Government*, estimates that since the beginning of this century governments have murdered 170 million of their own citizens. Top government murderers are: the former Soviet Union, who between 1917 and 1987 murdered 62 million of their own citizens, and the People's Republic of China, who between 1949 and 1987 murdered 35 million of its citizens. In a distant third place were the Nazis, who murdered about 21 million Jews, Serbs, Czechs, Poles, Ukrainians and other Slavs, and other deemed misfits such as homosexuals and the mentally ill."

thriving is retail collectivism, sailing under a variety of colors as environmentalism, anti-discrimination policies, safety regulations and social services. None of these makes the explicit case for collective decision-making by third parties. Instead, each stresses the supposedly crying need that it is striving to meet.

"Perhaps the most dangerous of these retail collectivisms is the notion popularized by Hillary Clinton that 'it takes a village' to raise a child. This is more than just a pious phrase coined by spin-masters. It is a whole mindset behind numerous government programs that operate through schools and other points of access to children to impose outsiders' notions on families. "Whether it is sex education in the schools or 'home visitation' programs by social agencies, the point is to replace the decision of parents by collective decisions made by third parties who presume themselves superior in wisdom or virtue – and who pay no price for being wrong, the Achilles heel of collectivism."

—Thomas Sowell, *The Washington Times*, Jan. 9, 2000, p. B1

Q "'Jesse Ventura deserves credit for opening up for discussion the subject of atheism and its effects on public life, although probably not in the way he intended. In fact, Jesse Ventura's recent autobiography and Playboy interview have not only opened the issue to debate, they provide the best possible context for understanding the roots of atheism in moral degeneracy. . . .

"'Jesse Ventura is a whoremonger. The governor of Minnesota even brags about cheating whores out of the money he has

–Walter Williams, *The Washington Times*, Jan. 8, 2000, p. A12

Q "The prime example is the European Union. Here we have the case of a bureaucratic drive whose much-needed justification, or false consciousness, is toward a supposedly better, or deeper, or more united political continent—which is to say, a generality that avoids the now obviously untenable complete utopianism of the old ideologies, while still projecting the image, for both addicts and opponents, of a grander, or more progressive, or more important future. The result has been a bureaucratic nightmare, a Brussels that—even after the public scandals of 1999—still cannot account for billions of dollars in its expenses; that is amenable to no serious control; that inflicts on those under its sway regulations by the thousands, in every sphere from wages to sausages; that seeks to destroy the common-law culture of Britain in favor of continental statist rule.

"In this context the natural links of Britain are with the United States and the former Dominions. The international objection to the EU is, of course, that it is divisive of the West. In so far as there is a 'European' culture in the sense implied, it subsists also in the 'Europe Overseas.' But most of, or the most important part of, that transoceanic transplant is in the sphere seeded by Britain rather than by continental Europe. The links so implied, therefore, must—from a Brussels point of view—be blocked. For, as is not often and openly said in European circles, the aim is to compete with, to exclude, and in general to do down the United States. That is to say, the EU is both implicitly and explicitly anti-American—and this in a world in which a greater closeness, rather than a greater mutual hostility, is needed

promised them. The fact that he brags about things like this means he has become habituated to vice. . . .

"'As John Adams said, "We have no constitution which functions in the absence of a moral people."

"'Vice of the sort that Jesse Ventura practices will shred that constitution. . . . Vice, in other words, leads to tyranny, as those in power are forced to deal with the social consequences of libertinism. The suppression of morals, the root of political atheism, always leads to the suppression of freedom.'"

–E. Michael Jones, *The Washington Times*, Dec. 21, 1999, p. A2

Q "Thank you for your work at Summit Ministries, Our son, Jesse, attended an August 1999 session and we know that helped him make a smooth transition to campus life. Jesse was fired up after his Summit session. Of course as parents we were concerned that his zeal would last after being on a state campus, knowing he would be under Satan's direct attack.

"He is attending Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, CA and immediately got involved with campus ministries. He has developed strong friendships with other Christians, one from his Summit session, Chris, a Graduate Student at Cal Poly that worked on the Summit Staff during Jesse's session.

"Thank you for the part Summit Ministries is having in Jesse's spiritual development. We're praying for God's blessings in your continued work."

in the non-totalitarian world.

–Teresa D., Montrose, Colorado

"But there is good news: This EU business is doomed to failure. The 'Europe' that is to become a united state has none of the necessary qualifications: shared ethnicity, traditions, economic level, civic

Q A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing.

–Martin Luther

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