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Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. Romans 12:10

Q “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another, not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

“Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible as much as it depends on you, live peacefully with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. Therefore

‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.’

“Do not be overcome by evil, but

Your sins, all of them, are wiped out, I can do that. I am Re-birth, I am Life. Eat Me, drink Me, I am your Food. And finally, do not be afraid, I have overcome the whole Universe.’ That is the issue.”

–C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, #832 in *Quotes*

Q “How to be cheerful, do you say,
When the wind is cold and the skies are gray?

How to be cheerful? Just one way:
Forget yourself for awhile today.

Never mind self and your irksome cares.
Somebody else greater burden bears.
Stretch out a helping hand and play
The friend to all who may chance your way.

You’ll never be cheerful sitting there
Sorrowing over the hurts you bear,
For never a joyous hour is known
By the man who thinks of himself alone.
How to be cheerful? Scatter cheer;
Share your life with your neighbors here;
Encourage the weary and comfort the sad

overcome evil with good.

“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing.”

– Romans 12:9-

13:6

Q “‘What are we to make of Christ?’ There is no question of what we can make of him, it is entirely a question of what He intends to make of us. You must accept or reject the story.

“The things He says are very different from what any other teacher has said. Others say, ‘This is the truth about the Universe. This is the way you ought to go,’ but He says, ‘I am the Truth, and the Way, and the Life.’ He says, ‘No man can reach absolute reality except through Me. Try to retain your own life and you will be inevitably ruined. Give yourself away and you will be saved.’ He says, ‘If you are ashamed of Me, if, when you hear this call, you turn the other way, I also will look the other way when I come again as God without disguise. If anything whatever is keeping you from God and from Me, whatever it is, throw it away. If it is your eye, pull it out. If it is your hand, cut it off. If you put

And you’ll find more joy than you’ve ever had.”

–Edgar A. Guest “How to Be Cheerful”

Q “The Argument: School Choice Would Destroy American Education

- School choice would be ‘a death sentence for public schools struggling to serve disadvantaged students; draining all good students out of poor schools.’–Sen. Edward Kennedy
- ‘Free market economics works well for breakfast cereals, but not for schools in a democratic society. Market-driven school choice would create an inequitable, elitist educational system.’–Keith Geiger, Then-President of the National Education Association

The Facts:

If giving regular Americans the opportunity to choose a private school will destroy America’s educational system, then why is it OK for wealthy liberals to choose private schools for their children? President Clinton and Hillary chose a private school for daughter Chelsea, as did the Vice President for his kids. Jesse Jackson sent his kids to private schools. The list goes on and on.

- ‘It is fashionable these days to say that choice is ‘not a panacea.’ . . . [W]e think reformers would do well to entertain the notion that choice is a panacea . . . It has the capacity all by itself to bring about the kind of transformation that, for years, reformers have been seeking to engineer in myriad other ways . . . [W]e think the best way to achieve significant, enduring reform is for states to take the initiative in withdrawing authority from existing institutions and building a new system in which most authority is vested directly in the schools, parents, and students.’–John E. Chubb and Terry M. Moe, Senior Fellows at the

yourself first you will be last. Come to Me everyone who is carrying a heavy load, I will set that right.

liberal Brookings Institution, in *Politics, Markets and America's Schools*

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• Private schools are the choice of 14 percent of Americans, but 50 percent of U.S. senators who answered a new Heritage Foundation survey send their kids to private schools, as well as 34 percent of members of the House of Representatives. Only 8 percent of Hispanic Americans can send their children to private school, yet 44 percent of the members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus answering the Heritage survey send their kids to private school. Blacks able to choose private schools also total 8 percent, but four times that proportion – 32 percent – of the members of the Congressional Black Caucus choose private schools for their children.”

–Rush Limbaugh, “Rush Classic”

□ “Decrying a moral and ethical breakdown in society, activists and former heads of state on Tuesday launched the Earth Charter, a collection of global guidelines they hope will be a blueprint for a better world.

“The charter, eight years in the making, touches on subjects as diverse as democracy, recycling and education.

“Proponents said it provides global ethical guidelines based on the idea problems such as poverty and environmental degradation are interdependent.

“It is a human document. It has its limits. We hope it will provide a third pillar after the International Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Charter to help govern

Last week, GLAAD cheerfully announced what it regards as a partial victory. While Dr. Laura will have her show, the format will ensure that she include viewpoints contrary to her traditional views of sexual morality.

“Fortunately, Dr. Laura can demolish the average liberal activist in about the time it takes to peel a banana. But when was the last time a successful talk show host was required to ‘open’ a show to opposing viewpoints at the behest of a special interest group? Did Oprah Winfrey ever have to ‘balance’ her left-leaning show?”

“Dr. Laura had always planned to have guests, videos and a studio audience. It appears that she has not conceded anything, but it is a testament to the power of Homosexual activists that Paramount and Dr. Laura felt obliged to issue a joint statement with GLAAD. With GLAAD editing all scripts involving homosexuality, 30 homosexual characters on prime-time television, pro-homosexual themes dominating theater, and homosexual characters dictating morality in Academy Award nominated films, one would think homosexual activists would feel visible. Honored. Even in charge.

“They have not conquered every single information outlet, however. Hence the pressure on Paramount and Dr. Laura.

“GLAAD Executive Director Joan Garry declared on GLAAD’s Web site that ‘we are not in the business of trying to shut down

people's relations with each other and the environment,' said Algeria's Mohamed Sahnoun, special U.N. envoy for Africa, who helped draft the project.

"Among the project's backers are former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.N. Undersecretary-General Maurice Strong.

"Nothing is more important to the future of our planet than the moral and ethical balance by which we shape that future,' Strong, co-chair of the Earth Charter Commission, told a news conference in Paris.

"About 100,000 people in 51 countries contributed to the final text.

"The central principles of the text urge people to respect and care for the Earth and life, build fair and sustainable democratic societies and secure the Earth's bounty for future generations.

"Strong recognized skeptics might find the charter 'soft and insignificant,' but the authors refused to be relegated to the ranks of idealistic do-gooders.

"We are not a group of idealists who are going to fight some imaginary things,' said Alexander Likhotal, vice president of Green Cross International, an organization founded by Gorbachev in 1993 to spearhead the Earth Charter campaign."

—Associated Press, March 15, 2000, *The Gazette*, March 15, 2000, p. A13

Q "Does this statement sound like tolerance to you?"

"We're going to go after the media outlets, the radio stations that run her, and get her off."

"So spoke Cathy Renna of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) of radio talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger, at a homosexual activist conference held last October. Dr. Laura had enraged homosexual activists by opposing their 'born-that-way-and-can't-change' myth and their drive to radically

opposing points of view.' Sure. Last May, she applauded two Florida TV stations for refusing to air pro-family 'Truth in Love' ads featuring former homosexuals. By doing so, the stations upheld 'the principles of fairness and accuracy, which are so fundamental to journalistic integrity,' according to Ms. Garry. Shutting down one side of a debate now represents fairness. George Orwell, meet the homosexual activists.

"When Rush Limbaugh was asked to 'balance' his show, he declared that he is the balance against an overwhelmingly liberal media. The same goes for Dr. Laura. In taking on the homosexual lobby, she has shown great courage and tenacity. This has earned her hate mail, death threats and promises of retaliation from homosexual activists, who say they are only dedicated to tolerance and fairness."

—Robert Knight, *The Washington Times*, February 28, 2000, p. A17

Q "Back in the 1980 presidential campaign Ronald Reagan did in fact visit Bob Jones University, just as George W. Bush did 20 years later. The big difference, though, between then and now, is that Reagan was making a symbolic statement that the strong moral values of evangelicals and religious Christians would be welcome inside the Republican party tent. Indeed the conservative Christian vote helped carry Reagan to two big victories. The vote also helped carry George Bush the elder in '88, and remained the core support of Bush and Dole in their losing efforts in '92 and '96. It's also worth recalling that the Christian right was essential to the Gingrich congressional victory in '94.

"Don't blame the Christian right for Bush the elder's tax hike, or Dole's dispiriting '96 run, or the GOP Congress's big-spending budget deal in 1998. If the most faithful of

redefine marriage.

“Unable to ‘get’ Dr. Laura, whose listening audience is estimated at 18 million, GLAAD did the next best thing by hounding Paramount Television, which is planning to launch Dr. Laura’s new TV show this fall.

the faithful stayed home, it’s no wonder.

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

“Even though the primaries have decided that it’s going to be Bush versus Gore, there is still much uncertainty ahead. The Republicans and Democrats have made their choice. But what about the independents? Is there going to be an effective third party candidacy? If Buchanan can win the Reform Party nomination, he will be challenging the underlying force that controls both major parties: the internationalist cabal.

“President Clinton, the Rhodes scholar, is doing all he can to get Congress to renew communist China’s most favored nation status and its entry into the World Trade Organization, despite its saber rattling over Taiwan, with threats to nuke the United States should we decide to help Taiwan resist a PRC attack. It is interesting that something called the Business Round Table has been sponsoring TV ads promoting more trade with China and lambasting ‘isolationists’ for opposing further trade privileges to the Chinese communists before they drop their threatening posture.

“This puts Gore in a difficult position. He must back Clinton’s pro-China policy while trying to hold onto AFL-CIO backing. The labor unions complain that China denies its workers the right to organize, and that it pays them wages that undercut the American wage

“On education, Bush has no intention of getting rid of the Department of Education. On the contrary, he intends to use the federal treasury to ‘help’ local governments improve education. The Republicans are now as much a party of big government as the Democrats.

“The question is: Why have conservatives failed to implement a truly conservative agenda through the Republican Party? The answer is simple: The power of the internationalists has increased so incredibly during the last eight years, that conservatives can get nowhere at the levels of power where major decisions are made. Conservatives can only succeed in areas where they still have the freedom to do so. That’s in education. Parents can still remove their children from public schools and educate them at home.

“However, if you want to know how and why the internationalists, who represent a small elite in this country, have been able to gain so much power, you must read Dennis Cuddy’s new book, ‘Secret Records Revealed, The Men, The Money & The Methods Behind the New World Order.’ Dr. Cuddy traces in simple chronological order the birth, growth and development of the internationalist cabal. His documentation is impeccable and astonishing. It’s a very sobering read. But it explains why

standard. But since the economy is good and unemployment is at its lowest in decades, Gore may be able to argue that granting more trade privileges to China will actually improve the ability of Americans to get better goods more cheaply and open up the Chinese market to American business.

“Besides, union leadership is too politically dependent on the Democrats to make much trouble. The largest labor unions are now made up of public employees—government workers such as public school teachers—whose leaders favor the Clinton globalist policy. They have little interest in defending the freedom of Taiwan.

“But the Republicans are the most divided of all. Internationalist Republicans want Congress to extend most favored nation status to China, but conservative and fundamentalist Republicans are still as anti-communist as ever and not only want to defend Taiwan against communist aggression, but also want to replace the entrenched communist regime in China with something more democratic.

“It is significant that the Business Round Table TV ad is trying to characterize this battle as one between internationalists and isolationists. These are the terms that have been used by internationalists since 1918 to denigrate anyone who disagrees with their plans for a new world order. There are no ‘isolationists’ in America. No conservative is against fair trade among nations. What so-called isolationists fear is the erosion of national sovereignty, the gradual surrender of our rights under our own Constitution to international organizations run by faceless bureaucrats in Geneva and Brussels.

“That is why Pat Buchanan left the Republican Party and decided to run as a third party candidate. He knew that the Republicans were too divided and that the internationalists had the upper hand. Americans were not being given a choice among the four major

conservatives have been reduced to virtual impotence in our circles of power. Dr. Cuddy’s book can be obtained by calling 800-652-1144.

“Another book worth reading at this time is the late Malachi Martin’s ‘The Keys of This Blood,’ published in 1990. He wrote:

‘Willing or not, ready or not, we are all involved in an all-out, no-holds-barred, three-way global competition. Most of us are not competitors, however. We are the stakes. For the competition is about who will establish the first one-world system of government that has ever existed in the society of nations . . . No holds are barred because, once the competition has been decided, the world and all that’s in it – our way of life as individuals and as citizens of the nations; our families and our jobs; our trade and commerce and money; our educational systems and our religions and culture; even the badges of our national identity, which most of us have always taken for granted – all will have been powerfully and radically altered forever.’

“The three contenders are Christian civilization and culture, the communists, and the New World Order of internationalist capitalism. For Martin, the Catholic church embodied Christian values and culture. In America, Christian fundamentalists share those Biblical values, and that is why the attack on fundamentalists by John McCain was so significant. In reality, the battle between internationalists and isolationists in America is really a battle between secular humanism and Christianity. That is why George W. Bush’s profession of faith in Jesus Christ has created a bit of a problem for the secularists.

“Things seem to be coming to a head. Paganism is rampant in America. The public schools bar the teaching of Christian values, while four million kids are on Ritalin. The new Internet technology is spreading pornography across the globe. Children,

contenders during the primaries. Bradley, a Rhodes scholar, and Gore are internationalists. John McCain is an internationalist. Bush? He calls himself a 'cautious internationalist,' whatever that means. He is surrounded by advisors from the Council on Foreign Relations. His backers realize that they must tread lightly on this issue if they want to keep the Republican Party unified in the election.

reading about their own president, are exposed to obscenities that destroy their innocence. It's not difficult to be a pessimist. But times are good. The malls are crowded with shoppers. Cruise ships plow the seas with tanned vacationers. Las Vegas is booming. But for how long? Something is terribly amiss, and many of us feel it. Meanwhile, the Chinese communists are consolidating their control over the Panama Canal. That's the big picture."<![endif]>

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"I say all this because when John McCain by inference blames the religious right for the last two Republican presidential defeats and the poor GOP congressional showing in 1996 and '98, he completely misses the point. And when McCain blames Reverend Falwell and Pat Robertson for 'leading the GOP in the wrong direction' he misses the point even more. And when he said that McCain will lead the GOP back to Reagan, he misses the point for the third time. Remember, the evangelicals and the Catholics were the Reagan Democrats.

"It's not only that the Christian right has become a core Republican constituency, but it's also important to remember that twenty years ago Reagan made sure that the Republican party would be the party of traditional, moral, religious and family values. In other words, if McCain is blaming the Christians, then he is also blaming Reagan. He can't have it both ways. If Reagan were active today, he would argue that the GOP should not be secularized. If Republicans are to succeed, then religious values must be central to their mission.

"Here's another point on this. It may well be that Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson have

sent to prison for using them, I would say they were mad,' said Bruce Robertson, chairman of the British Weights and Measurements Society.

"The metric dispute is just the latest to pit British traditions against the increasingly powerful EU bureaucracy in Brussels.

"In December, a European court forced Britain to lift its ban on homosexuals in the military.

"But it does not stop there. German theatergoers, perhaps broader-bottomed than their British counterparts, have put pressure on Brussels to provide wider seats in London's West End, home to some of the world's most cramped theater seats.

"And despite the urgings of Labor Prime Minister Tony Blair, a solid majority of Britons remain opposed to perhaps the most ambitious project hatched in Brussels: giving up the British pound in favor of the continent's new euro as the basic unit of currency.

"Britain's beloved draft beer will still be sold in pints, road signs will remain in miles and precious metals will be measured in troy ounces.

"But under the legislation, which took

overstepped in political terms. But a much bigger point in American life today – including American political life – is the claim by University of Chicago Nobelist Robert Fogel that the nation is in the midst of its fourth great spiritual awakening.

“Falwell and Robertson don’t really matter. What does matter is that millions of people, including the baby boom generation, which is now graying around the temples, is going through a lifestyle change that includes a spiritual awakening.

“Sometimes this includes direct contact with religion. Sometimes this includes a more ambiguous and less structured spiritual higher power. But at the core, the spiritual awakening that is so present in American life today is aimed at a change in individual behavior which is certainly more sober, more faithful, more responsible and more traditional. I, by the way, include myself in all of this. For me the issue was alcohol and substance abuse. For others it could have been marital infidelity, gambling, debt, or other extreme forms of behavior. The fact of the matter is, there are so many people involved in churches, synagogues, self-help groups and so forth, that in sum this great wave is unmistakable.

“None of us are all-powerful; it’s one of the things life has taught us. But God is. And that lesson guides us toward a better life. By listening to God, we have become better spouses, better parents, better friends, better workers, better citizens and better people. This may not always be apparent in Washington, but it’s happening nearly every place else.”

–Larry Kadlow, *National Review Online*, March 3, 2000

Q “Never one to give an inch in matters European, Britain nevertheless has bowed to orders from its European Union partners and reluctantly banished its 800-year-old imperial

effect Jan. 1, it is a criminal offense to sell most packaged or loose products in imperial measures. One pound of butter now weighs 0.45 kilograms. A 2-by-4 plank of wood is now a 5.08 by 10.16 centimeter plank.

“Britain has been inching toward metrification since 1965, but the changeover this year marks the most ambitious overhaul. More than 60,000 retailers were ordered to convert 200,000 scales at a cost the government estimated at \$54 million.

“The Brussels-based European Commission has allowed British retailers to print imperial measures alongside metric ones until 2009 – but shopkeepers are forbidden to say the words ‘pound’ or ‘foot’ during any sale.

“National grumbling has not reached such epic proportions since 1971, when Britain abandoned shillings and pennies for a decimal currency system.

“‘We wish the British would stand up like the Americans and say ‘no,’ but we’re too polite,’ said Jose O’Ware, who so far has refused to convert her Fourth Avenue Blinds shop in east London.

“‘These champagne socialists over in Brussels are having a field day at the public’s expense,’ said butcher David Stephens, co-owner of Mandy’s Chop Shop in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, northeast of London.

“Mr. Stephens was served with a metric infringement notice and had until Feb. 3 to get rid of six illegal scales. But the deadline passed with no action taken – and his scales securely in place.

“Mr Stephens, who say’s he’s had thousands of supportive phone calls and letters from across the world, is itching to be a test case.

“‘People in this country are fed up being dictated to by Europe,’ he said.”

–*The Washington Times*, February 26, 2000 P. 1

weights and measurement system in favor of metrics.

“The result has all but left Britons crying into their 0.5683 liter of beer.

“Retailers face fines of up to \$8,000 and possible imprisonment if they refuse to adopt liters and meters – a law traditionalists believe is more a measurement of bureaucratic stupidity.

““If somebody told me 20 years ago that ‘inch,’ ‘foot’ and ‘yard’ would be four-letter words, and that I could be

Q “In the final Democratic debate before the Super Tuesday election, Vice President Al Gore responded to a question about the type of Supreme Court justices he as president would select: ‘I would look for justices of the Supreme Court who understand that our Constitution is a living and breathing document, that it was intended by our founders to be interpreted in the light of the constantly evolving experience of the American people.’

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“Mr. Gore went on to note that while the supposed right to an abortion is not in the Constitution, the late Justice Harry Blackmun read that right into it. Mr. Gore said that the Constitution must evolve because when it was written Thomas Jefferson owned slaves and women could not vote.

“Mr. Gore’s view of the Constitution, shared by most political liberals, is one of the most dangerous philosophies of our time. It establishes a class of philosopher-kings who determine the rights of the people and shreds the Constitution as a document that conforms people to unchanging principles that promote their own and the general welfare.

“A ‘living’ Constitution, notes constitutional attorney John Whitehead, means the Constitution is ‘up for grabs,’ and it becomes whatever the justices decide, not the people through their elected representatives.

“The proper way to resolve inequities such as slavery or women’s suffrage is the way these issues were, ultimately, resolved – through the amendment process. We wouldn’t need a Constitution at all if unelected, elitist judges could decide everything. The founders

Q “One of the first acts Mr. Clinton undertook after being sworn in [as President] was to try to fulfill a campaign pledge to open the ranks of the military to practicing homosexuals and lesbians. Rebuffed by Congress and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he forged a compromise – ‘Don’t ask, don’t tell.’ Prior to this policy, new recruits were asked before joining the military if they were homosexual. If they answered ‘yes,’ they were thanked for their interest in the military and informed that those behaviors are inconsistent with military service. No lawsuits, no bureaucratic discharges, no special orientations, no hard feelings.

“Now, however, the military is consumed with the issue of homosexuals in the ranks. Rather than turning young men into warriors and teaching them to shoot straight, drill instructors are teaching new recruits to be ‘sensitive’ to those who are not ‘straight.’ In today’s Army, sensitivity training is mandatory. While the current policy is supposed to allow homosexuals to serve as long as their proclivities are kept private, Mr. Clinton’s Defense Department is rewriting the

intended that the amendment process would cool the hotheads who want to inflame public opinion to do certain things that may not ultimately be in the public's best interest. The philosopher-kings believe they are best equipped to decide which laws are good and which are not. Knowing that a majority of the people probably would not follow the social engineers into their idea of social and political nirvana, liberals want the judicial class to define everyone's rights.

"In the coming election, voters must decide whether they wish to remain under the authority of a constitutional republic or a dictatorial oligarchy run by unelected people in black robes."

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, March 8, 2000, p. A16

Q "In his 1989 book, 'The Tempting of America: The Political Seduction of the Law,' Robert Bork observed where the 'living Constitution' concept has led: 'The abandonment of original understanding in modern times means the transportation into the Constitution of the principles of a liberal culture that cannot achieve those results democratically.' While this might make liberals temporarily happy, would they be as content to see a conservative court majority causing harm to the Constitution from the right by reading their own biases into the document?"

"Mr. Bork wrote there are only two sides in the war for control of the law: 'Either the Constitution and statues are law, which means that their principles are known and control judges, or they are malleable texts that judges may rewrite to see that particular groups or political causes win.' Mr Gore clearly prefers a legislating judiciary. George W. Bush says he would name judges who respect and uphold the Constitution as written.

"Mr. Bork outlined the fundamental reason for having laws in the first place: 'When we

rules on 'homosexual conduct.'

"According to a report in the New York Times, soldiers at Fort Campbell, Ky., are being instructed in the new language of 'homosexual-speak.' When one soldier described to his 'sensitivity instructor,' Maj. James Garrett, a hypothetical situation in which he was asked out on a date by a homosexual soldier and asked if that constituted conduct, he, and his fellow soldiers, were told, 'No, it's just "associational behavior,"'—whatever that means. The instructor continued, 'Going to a gay bar, having a gay roommate off-base, marching in a gay parade, that's associational behavior. That is not against the policy.'

"Maj. Garrett apparently expanded on the hypothetical situation as a way to illustrate when or how soldiers should report homosexual conduct that they witness. He described a homosexual soldier in off-base quarters with his homosexual lover. At that point, another soldier visits the apartment and witnesses touching, 'French-kissing, grabbing of the genitalia.' Maj. Garrett says such conduct should not be reported without first talking to the military lawyers on the base. What? With this kind of nonsense being put out as 'sensitivity training,' is there any doubt why we have readiness, recruiting and retention problems in the armed forces?"

"There are those who say 'not to worry,' that the November elections will produce a commander in chief who will redress these assaults on our armed forces. But if the man who once expressed his loathing for the military continues to have his way, there may not be anyone left to command."

—Oliver North, *The Washington Times*, February 21, 2000, p. A19

Q "When *National Geographic* published the first pictures of a fossil creature that looked for all the world like a bird-dinosaur, it was hailed

speak of 'law,' we ordinarily refer to a rule that we have no right to change except through prescribed procedures. That statement assumes that the rule has a meaning independent of our own desires."

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, March 8, 2000, p. A16

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"*National Geographic* convened a press conference last October, heralding the fossil as a crucial missing link, the first solid evidence for a new theory that birds evolved from dinosaurs (contrary to an older theory that they evolved separately). But the prestigious journal soon had egg on its face. Chinese farmers have grown adept at gluing fossils together in ways that increase their black-market value, and in this case, the body turned out to be an early toothed bird while the tail was from a dinosaur.

"This missing link was forged by glue, not by evolution, quipped Jeff Hecht in the *New Scientist*. Worse, *National Geographic* was warned ahead of time that the fossil was probably a hoax, in a letter from Storrs Olson, curator of birds at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. 'There is no such thing as a feathered dinosaur,' Olson says. Moreover, a paper describing *Archaeoraptor*, written by Czerkas, was rejected by two scientific journals (*Nature* and *Science*). Yet, astonishingly, *National Geographic* went ahead with its own publication.

as a stunning coup. But now the creature has been exposed as a hoax—the latest in a series of embarrassing reversals in evidence for evolutionary theory.

"The fossil, dubbed *Archaeoraptor liaoningensis*, was picked up at a fossil fair in Tucson, Ariz., in February 1999 by Stephen Czerkas, who runs a small private museum in Utah. He was ecstatic when a Chinese dealer unveiled a foot-long slab of rock with fossilized bones embedded in it: The body was clearly a bird, while the tail was that of a dinosaur.

to decline, while a darker variety flourished. Most biology textbooks show photos of the light moths against darkened tree trunks. But an article in *The Scientist* (May 24, 1999) by biologist Jonathan Wells reports that peppered moths don't actually perch on trunks but in the upper branches—and that the photos were all staged.

"Or take the familiar drawing of embryos lined up side by side—fish, amphibian, bird, and mammal—allegedly supporting common ancestry. An article in the *American Biology Teacher* (May 1999), again by Wells, shows that these drawings were fudged—lengthened in some places, shortened in others—to make them appear more similar than they really are. The inaccuracies in these drawings were exposed more than a century ago, yet they continue to appear in most biology textbooks.

"Another commonly used image shows Darwin's finches, found on the Galapagos Islands. In recent years, researchers discovered that in droughts, larger birds survived better and thus the overall beak size grew slightly larger. Evidence for evolution?

Q “Reexamining Other Fossils

“Now Chinese scientists are reexamining other important fossils, with devastating results. Already a second forgery has surfaced. Last April, *Nature* published an article by Kevin Padian of the University of California at Berkeley on a pterosaur with a tail, found in the same fossil deposit where *Archaeoraptor* was found. It turns out that the tail was attached by a local farmer before selling it to a Chinese museum.

“Small wonder reporters are invoking the memory of the famous Piltdown fraud. (*New Scientist* referred to *Archaeoraptor* as ‘Piltdown bird.’) Piltdown Man was a notorious fossil hoax in 1911 put together to provide the missing link between humans and apes predicted by Charles Darwin. From the start, it seems Darwin enthusiasts have been overly eager to find evidence to support their theory.

“Dozens of fakes and reversals have recently come to light. Take, for example, the case of the peppered moths in England. According to the standard textbook treatment, the Industrial Revolution, when the tree trunks were darkened by soot, a light-colored variety of the moth became easier for birds to see and eat, causing them

No: When the rains returned, the beaks returned to their normal size. Yet a 1998 National Academy of Sciences booklet for teachers (‘Teaching About Evolution and the Nature of Science’) describes the increase in beak size *without mentioning the return to normal*.

“The booklet then encourages teachers to speculate what would happen in 200 years if the increase continued indefinitely—whether ‘a new species of finch might arise.’ Writing in the *Wall Street Journal* (Aug. 16, 1999), Berkeley law professor Phillip Johnson comments, ‘When our leading scientists have to resort to the sort of distortion that would land a stock promoter in jail, you know they are in trouble.’

“In the months that the fossil was proudly on display at National Geographic’s Explorer’s Hall in Washington, D.C., some nine million school children filed by to see it—leaving with their imaginations filled with images of a creature that never existed. This is a disgrace, a powerful reminder that scientists often see what they want to see, especially when it supports a theory, like evolution, that they cherish.”

—Nancy Pearcey, *Human Events*, March 10, 2000, p. 14