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## *Month in Review*

Q “To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the Lord is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it. Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord. I am weary of holding it in. I will pour it out on the children outside, and on the assembly of young men together; for even the husband shall be taken with the wife, the aged with him who is full of days. And their houses shall be turned over to others, fields and wives together; for I will stretch out My hand against the inhabitants of the land,’ says the Lord. ‘Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, “Peace, peace!” when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,’ says the Lord.

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Q “On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff’ring and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

“To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I’ll share.

“So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.”

–Rev. Geo. Bennard (1st and 4<sup>th</sup> verses and chorus)

Q “There is abundant evidence that the Bible, though written by men, is not the product of the human mind. By countless multitudes it has always been revered as a communication to us from the Creator of the Universe.”

– Sir Ambrose Fleming

it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.” Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, “Listen to the sound of the trumpet!” But they said, “We will not listen.” Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people—The fruit of their thoughts. Because they have not heeded My words nor My law, but rejected it.”

– Jeremiah

6:10-19

Q “We may note in passing that He was never regarded as a mere moral teacher. He did not produce that effect on any of the people who actually met Him. He produced mainly three effects—Hatred—Terror—Adoration. There was no trace of people expressing mild approval.

“Jesus . . . told people that their sins were forgiven. . . . This makes sense only if He really was the God whose laws are broken and whose love is wounded in every sin.

“. . . I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

–C. S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*,

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Q “A Louisiana public school district’s disclaimer that accompanies its teaching on evolution must go. The disclaimer distanced the school district from the evolution vs. creation debate and urged students to ‘exercise critical thinking’ on the matter of origins. But a federal appeals court found that to be a violation of the separation of church and state, and the Supreme Court last week refused to reverse that decision.

“The Tangipahoa Parish school board in 1994 voted to require teachers to tell students about to study the theory of evolution that the theory was ‘presented to inform students of the scientific concept and not intended to influence or dissuade the biblical version of creation or any other concept.’

“The disclaimer drafted by the school board also said: ‘It is the basic right and privilege of each student to form his-her own opinion or maintain beliefs taught by parents on this very important matter . . . . Students are urged to exercise critical thinking and gather all information possible and closely examine each alternative toward forming an opinion.’

“Three parents of students sued in federal court, and a three-judge panel of the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the disclaimer, saying it had the effect of promoting religion. It did not bar a disclaimer per se but ruled that the one created by the Tangipahoa Parish ‘is not sufficiently neutral.’

“In their appeal, lawyers for the school board said the disclaimer encouraged diversity. ‘The central message of the disclaimer resolution is that there are no outsiders or insiders, no one who is favored or disfavored, on the issue of life’s origin, but persons of all viewpoints are full members in the school community.’”

–*World*, July 1, 2000, p. 11

Q **“Question:** I’m a senior at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin. Among my many quite-liberal professors, I have one who is confident enough in his Marxist ideology to hang the portrait of Marx in his office. I have him for my senior seminar. What would you recommend to students like me? How should we act in dealing with such professors?

**“Professor Kors:** That is a wonderful question. I will tell you from experience. There’s no reason in theory why this should work, but from experience, this is what works.

“Go talk to the professor in office hours and say, ‘Professor, I respect absolutely your right to hold your own political beliefs, but I want to make certain of something. Will I be graded down in this course for disagreement, for my mind and conscience, with your views or will you respect my academic freedom in this course?’

“The professor will find some timid coward whom he knows disagrees with him to penalize. He will bend over backwards to prevent you from being the case.

“The academic left are bullies, and like bullies everywhere, if you stand up to them with backbone, they crumble. The first shot across their bow is that question, ‘Professor, will I be graded down for sincere intellectual or moral disagreement with you in this class?’ At that point, you have him over a barrel.

“If I hung a portrait of Reagan in one of my classes, by the way, the university would come in and say I created a hostile environment for everyone but me. That’s right.”

—Alan Charls Kors, *The Betrayal of Liberty on America’s Campuses*, Policy Council

“Chief Justice William Rehnquist denounced the anti-religious bias of the majority ruling which recently struck down pre-game prayers at high school football games. In a minority opinion, he wrote, ‘Even more disturbing than its holding is the tone of the court’s opinion; it bristles with hostility to all things religious in public life.’

“This judicial bristling reveals that personal prejudices on the Supreme Court mirror those which infect the liberally driven mainstream culture. To the surprise and shock of the entire religious community, people of faith are no longer held in high esteem. They are tolerated only so long as they stay in their place and keep their mouths shut.

“We have arrived at a time in America when God is viewed as a moral nag, that is to say the Ultimate Parent, against whom childish man is in rebellion. In other words, religion stands between many Americans and what they want to do and be. As a nation, we are running from eternal truths in desperate fear that they may overtake us.

“John Dewey is widely considered one of the most influential philosophers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He was widely read and his theories about the role of religion in the classroom had a significant impact on the progressive movement in American education.

“In the essay, ‘The Religion vs. The Religious,’ Dewey argued that a belief in the supernatural (his code word for God) was an ‘encumbrance’ from which we should liberate ourselves. He advocated that traditional religion be replaced by humanism, which holds that man is alpha and omega,

Q “What are religious people to do when the Supreme Court, the court of last resort, enforces the legally puritanical view that religious speech in government schools, at graduation ceremonies, and even at high school football games is a clear and present danger to the Constitution? When personal freedoms are being violated by the Supreme Court itself, to whom can one address an appeal?”

“The First Amendment is a ‘Hands Off!’ amendment. It tells the Congress to make ‘no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. . .’ That is the complete instruction given by the Founders on the subject of religion. Note that nowhere in the Constitution is to be found the phrase, ‘separation of church and state.’”

“Since the Congress has not proposed, contemplated or passed any law establishing a state religion, what is the Supreme Court ruling on? For over 150 years after the Constitution was ratified, children prayed in schools and teachers were not terrified of using the word ‘God’ in the classroom. At no time did religious freedom in schools put America in any danger of becoming a theocracy, nor was the singing of a Christmas carol considered to constitute such a danger.

“Spare me legal sophistry. It is all too clear that the original words of the First Amendment, and much of the rest of the Constitution, have been lost in a vast legal jungle, overgrown with judicial prejudices and heavily thicketed with bad precedents. Jurists and politicians no longer go back to the original document for guidance but rather to the last lawyerly violation of it.

completely sufficient within himself, in no need of a ‘higher power.’”

“While those who teach humanism in government schools insist that it is merely a secular philosophy, [Paul Kurtz in the preface to] ‘Humanist Manifesto I, II’ describes it as ‘a philosophical, religious and moral point of view.’”

“Humanism is the companion of utopianism, the belief in man’s ability to achieve a perfect social order. While Christians believe that the key to man’s salvation occurred two thousand years ago, humanists have faith that man’s salvation lies just over the horizon in a utopian world.

“One of the more frequent arguments used to prohibit the presence of religious symbols and speech in government schools is that the students there are captive and as such, must not be forced to see or hear religious messages with which they do not agree or find offensive.

“The belief that government schools are neutral on morality and religion is extraordinarily naive. Once it become clear that government schools indoctrinate captive students in the tenets and dogma of humanism to the exclusion of all other religions, it also becomes clear that the government itself is in the business of establishing a state-run, religious monopoly.

“It is time for the total privatization of schools and the building of a wall of separation between state and education.”

–Linda Bowles, World Net Daily, June 27, 2000

# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

From the Editor:

Since both Judge Roy Moore and Pastor Rick Scarborough are good friends of the Summit, and both are on the front lines of the battle to restore the Ten Commandments to the public square, it is only right to give attention to the following article by Valerie Richardsen as found in *The Washington Times* (June 25, 2000).

“A cadre of conservative religious leaders yesterday called for a ‘spiritual war’ to return the Ten Commandments to its former place of prominence in public schools and facilities.

“‘[Christians] shy away from thinking they must fight,’ said Judge Roy Moore, an Alabama circuit judge and Christian author. ‘But I tell you, there’s a war going on, and it’s not a war fought with buns or bullets. It’s a spiritual war.

“‘And it’s not a war without casualties – ask Cassie Bernall or Rachel Scott,’ he added, referring to two Columbine High School victims who professed strong Christian beliefs.

“The rally, which drew about 200 to the Calvary Temple here, is one of several planned for communities across the nation where interest in posting the Ten Commandments is simmering. The event was also broadcast live on the Internet and on cable stations nationwide.

“Colorado was one of 11 states where legislation to allow the Ten Commandments to be posted was introduced during the last session. The bill’s sponsor, state Sen. John Andrews, said he hoped reintroducing the biblical document to public schools would help stop school shootings like last year’s Columbine massacre, which left 15 dead.

“The idea of drumming up grassroots support for the Ten Commandments began in November in Corbin, Ky., he said, after seven school districts began displaying the document. ‘As a way to tip our hat to them, we decided to have a rally,’ said Mr. Swarthout.

“The response astounded him. ‘We had 4,500 people there, in this remote little town,’ he said. ‘We had national coverage with the Associated Press.’

“Organizers held a total of seven rallies in Kentucky before branching out nationwide. They’ve since held events in Tennessee and Illinois, and they’ve been asked by community and religious leaders to appear in Indiana, North Carolina, Las Vegas and St. Louis, he said.

“Mr. Swarthout said the small band of pastors, musicians and Christian authors is discussing teaming up with a larger national ministry in order to reach more venues.

“At yesterday’s rally, the speakers emphasized the historical significance of the Ten Commandments in the founding of the United States, often quoting from the Founding Fathers to bolster their arguments that the document was integral to the Constitution. In 1980, the Supreme Court ruled that posting the Ten Commandments in public schools breached the constitutional separation of church and state.

“‘We today don’t know what the First Amendment means,’ said Judge Moore. ‘We’re ignorant of our Constitution, ignorant of our laws.’

“Speakers blamed the removal of religion from the classroom for the recent rash of violence in public schools. ‘In schools, we’ve

“The proposal was withdrawn before a floor vote, but similar measures were approved earlier this year in Kentucky, Indiana and South Dakota, said Don Swarthout, chairman of the Colorado 2000 Ten Commandments rally.

““There are little fires burning all over the nation, and it’s awesome to watch this happen,” said Mr. Swarthout, a Denver-based pastor.

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“Folks in Galveston who were trying in good faith to find a constitutional way to let kids pray at football games were treated by the majority with all the summary contempt the court once reserved for racists trying to circumvent *Brown vs. Board of Education*. ‘We do not need to wait for the inevitable to confirm and magnify the constitutional injury,’ sniffed Justice John Paul Stevens, explaining why the policy was struck down before the court had a chance to see whether in practice it resulted in religious unfairness.

taken out the Ten Commandments, and we’ve put metal detectors in its place,’ said Rick Scarborough, a Pearland, Texas, pastor.

““We’ve gone from teaching abstinence in schools to passing out condoms,’ said Mr. Scarborough.”

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“What do the nine robed justices propose doing if a kid in Galveston gets near a microphone and utters the word ‘God’? Tar and feather him? Kick him out of school? Arrest him? This is how we teach our kids tolerance for religious difference?

““The choice between whether to attend these games to risk facing a personally offensive religious ritual is in no practical sense an easy one,’ Justice Stevens pontificated. Oh yeah? I have been exposed to a lot of different prayers, what with a New Age mom, nonreligious siblings, my own Catholic faith,

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a Buddhist sister-in-law, and a whole pack of Hindu relations (including my husband). I can’t imagine taking offense because they pray to God in their own way, not mine. Far from promoting religious tolerance, the court in this decision endorsed religious bigotry, the kind of WASPy bigotry that Frederick Streets, chaplain at Yale University, explicitly endorsed the next day in a letter to the *New York Times*: ‘Every citizen must be able to attend public events free of feeling imposed upon by any expression of religion or its practice.’ Keep your religion in church where

“Over the last two years, law enforcement officials have increasingly complained that they have followed speed boats and aircraft stuffed with illegal drugs to the edge of Cuba’s territorial waters and airspace, only to be forced to give up the chase because of Castro’s refusal to help. Those drug smugglers are then safe within the territory of Cuba, and the Cuban government has done nothing to stop them. A Miami television station has aired video from a US National Guard helicopter chasing a speed boat into Cuban waters. I personally gave this tape to General Barry

it belongs. What? Did you think this was a free country?

“People who choose to be offended by others’ diverse attempts to gain the favor of the fivine, simply because they pray differently or not at all, should be exposed for the illiberal, intolerant, small-minded bigots they are, not catered to by the Supreme Court. The words ‘separation of church and state’ never appear in the Constitution, but the ‘free exercise’ of religion is our explicitly guaranteed birthright.”

–Maggie Gallagher, *The Washington Times*, June 26, 2000, p. A16

Q “On December 4, 1998, authorities in Cartagena, Columbia, seized a ship headed to Cuba with 7 ½ tons of cocaine for distribution in the United States and Europe. But soon reports surfaced that the U.S. Embassy in Columbia urged the Colombian government not to publicize the seizure to avoid disrupting U.S. initiatives to improve relations with Cuba. Immediately the Castro spin machine went into operation. Agence France-Presse reported that Castro was pledging to ‘investigate’ this matter, and insisting that the Cuban authorities would have fully cooperated with Colombian authorities if they had been notified of the narcotics trafficking.

“On January 14, 1999, Representative Dan Burton (R-IN), chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, released a statement indicating that he had sent a letter Secretary of State Madeleine Albright requesting a full accounting of the reports of U.S. embassy suppression of the seizure. ‘Fidel Castro’s offer to help investigate the 7 ½ ton cocaine seizure by the Colombian National Police is part of a concerted public relations campaign waged by the Cuban Government in an attempt to cover up their complicity in drug-trafficking,’ Rep. Burton charged. “I hope that no one in the international community is fooled

McCaffrey, President Clinton’s Drug Czar, yet nothing has been done.

“Sources close to the American Embassy in Bogota have informed me that officials at the U.S. Embassy asked the Colombian National Police not to publicize their seizure of cocaine which was destined for Cuba because it could hurt Clinton Administration efforts to improve our relationship with Castro. If this is true, then the Clinton Administration is placing a higher priority on normalizing relations with Castro than on drug trafficking. This is just deplorable.”

–William F. Jasper, *The New American Special Report on Drugs*

Q “When first published in 1990, *Red Cocaine* was one of the most important, must-read books in print. In the past ten years, as the global drug epidemic has become more virulent and pervasive, the importance of Dr. Douglas’s book has grown. Now, thanks to a British publisher, this essential volume is back in print in America, in a new updated edition.

“There is no way to fully calculate the terrible toll—human, economic, social, moral, spiritual—that drugs have taken on our civilization. Two generations of youth have been brutally decimated by the ravaging effects of narcotics. Few families or communities have escaped completely unscathed. And it is getting worse, not better. Unless major reversals are made, we will go the way of Mexico and Colombia into total corruption, anarchy, and narco-tyranny.

“Many people have given up hope, believing we have already tried everything possible in the way of public policy. Not true. As Dr. Douglas points out, ‘The drug plague has been able to flourish because it has been politically protected.’ Protected by whom? Most importantly, the U.S. Government. How has it been protected? By the suppression of

by Castro's transparent offer to help investigate drug-trafficking. It is clearly an effort by his regime to make it appear that Cuba is tough on drug trafficking when just the opposite is true.'

"Chairman Burton then cited a litany of evidence showing that Fidel Castro is neck deep in drug trafficking:

"In 1993, a Miami grand jury indicted Cuban General Raul Castro, Fidel's brother and Cuba's First Vice President of the Council of State, on drug-trafficking charges. The Clinton Administration has remained curiously silent on this matter.

"Ileana de la Guardia, the exiled daughter of Cuban Col. Antonio de la Guardia, has said that drug-trafficking in Cuba, 'was a matter of state, organized by the highest echelons of power in the country. . . it was impossible that Fidel Castro was unaware of this.'

conclusive and overwhelming evidence that the drug scourge is really a major, secret offensive in a long-term war against the West by the Leninist rulers of Russia and China. That war has intensified in recent years, even as our government and business elites have embraced more ardently these enemies who are flooding our land with substances that kill our children, corrupt our institutions, and destroy our communities.

"Dr. Douglas is to be especially commended for recognizing the importance of General Jan Sejna, one of the highest Communist officials ever to defect to the West, and for painstakingly debriefing him over a period of several years, to glean his vast personal knowledge about the Communist drug offensive. In addition to Gen. Sejna's information, Douglass has marshaled an enormous array of vital evidence to indict not only the Communist strategists responsible for the deadly pestilence, but also the

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American politicians who have been protecting them and their evil trade. As Douglass points out, there has been no 'War on Drugs'; our official policies that march under that banner have been a cruel sham. No public official – be he mayor, city councilman, police chief, governor, congressman, or senator – can hope to offer any serious opposition to the growing drug menace if he has not read this book. It is the task of informed, concerned citizens to make sure these officials do read it – and then *act* upon its imperatives."

–William F. Jasper, *The New American Special Report on Drugs*

"His campaign has predictably attracted ire from the right. Says James Heidinger II, publisher of *Good News*, a conservative Methodist journal: 'We don't feel good about outsiders coming in and using intimidation and pressure on our delegates for something that ought to be a family affair.' In fact, even some in-house gay activists feel trampled on. 'He's just like Falwell in his own way,' says an Episcopalian.

"White claims to understand. Of the gay Methodist activists who met him when he arrived in Cleveland (and who were themselves eventually arrested, to Bishop Solomon's



Q “Slender, California-breezy and prone to corny gay humor, the Rev. Mel White, co-head of the roving protest group Soulforce, seems a bit lightweight at first. But he has a powerful saga, and was willing to get arrested not just in Cleveland in May and in Orlando, Fla., in June (Baptists), but plans to do likewise in Long Beach in July (Presbyterians) and possibly in Denver a week later (Episcopalians). The only transdenominational figure on the scene, he will establish the nightly-news rat-tat-tat for the entire season of contention. His attitude toward the various denominations? ‘We don’t debate anymore. You change your policies, or we’re going to split you apart and leave.’

“White’s is a transformation that begs for comparison with Saul’s on the road to Damascus. Grandson of a tent revivalist, White was ghostwriter of choice in the 1980s to the Evangelical elite, co-authoring books with Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. One day, sitting with Falwell in a car surrounded by gay protestors, he realized he should be on the outside. After 25 years of clandestinely trying to ‘cure’ himself via exorcism, electroshock and prayer, the father of two divorced and settled down with a man named Gary Nixon. Then he began searching for a way to expiate sins committed in the service of ‘homophobic haters.’

“That turned out to be Soulforce. For six years, White steeped himself in the confrontational nonviolence taught by Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. He courted the heirs and icons of his newfound field—Gandhi’s grandson Arun, King’s daughter Yolanda and his strategist James Lawson—and they joined him in Cleveland, along with several hundred multidenominational gays, lesbians and transgendered persons wearing T shirts emblazoned with THIS DEBATE MUST END—WE ARE GOD’S CHILDREN TOO.

dismay), he says, ‘They’re thinking, ‘Mel, we’ve worked four years for this moment. Don’t screw it up for us.’ But to the extent that they are worried that he may mar their dialogue with their denominations, he really doesn’t care. ‘Schism? Yes, we are calling for a personal schism. I don’t think there’s any chance for reconciliation in these churches. We’re pushing people to say, Either you change the policies, or we will leave and get someplace where we can be spiritually fed. We’re calling gay, lesbian, bi- and transgendered people to leave these churches . . . And then let them try to find an organist.’”

—*Time Magazine*, July 3, 2000, p. 50

Q “Americans have the ‘the advantage of being armed’ – unlike the citizens of other countries where ‘the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms.’—James Madison

“The great objective is that every man be armed. . . . Everyone who is able may have a gun.”—Patrick Henry

“To disarm the people [is] the best and most effectual way to enslave them.”—George Mason

“The Constitution shall never be construed . . . to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.”—Samuel Adams

“The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.”—Alexander Hamilton

“To preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.”—Richard Henry Lee

Q “Richard Rorty is widely credited with the view that ‘truth is what our peers will let us get away with saying.’ Not this is a bit vague, but if taken seriously, it does,

Of these, 191 helped White block a Convention Center exit and went to jail, an act of 'redemptive suffering' intended as a Christian witness to the perceived injustice of the Methodist position on homosexuality.

"Humdrum as such activism might be in big-city streets, it can still shock the church world. Since the 1970s, mainline homosexual church activists have worked within the system, assuming that their quest for inclusion would begin as a minority cause but triumph when their brothers and sisters in Christ saw the justice of their plea. Only recently have some reached the conclusion that they are no match for Evangelical forces campaigning fervently from the right and that after rejecting gay ordination and marriage at convention after convention, denominational consensus was only hardening. In this context, White's attitude makes a certain harsh sense.

indeed, seem to be incompatible with Christian belief. That is because if a proposition is true (true 'for me', I suppose) if and only if my peers will let me get away with saying it, then God is dependent ('for me', if that makes sense) for his very existence on my peers. For if they were to let me get away with saying that there is no such person as God, then it would be *true* that there is no such person, in which case there would be no such person. So whether there is such a person as God depends upon the behavior of my peers. Not easy to believe. The view in question has still other peculiar consequences. For example, it promises an auspicious way of dealing with war, poverty, disease, and the other ills our flesh is heir to. Take AIDS: if we all let each other get away with saying that there just isn't any such thing as AIDS, then on this Rortyesque view it would be *true* that there is no such thing as AIDS, then there would be no such thing. So all we have to do to get rid of

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"We are on the defensive, trying to maintain the place of marriage as it has always been recognized in law and society, as a key institution,' Mr. Schwalm said. 'It is the other side, the homosexual activists, who are on the offensive, attempting to deconstruct the institution of family and de-legitimize views based on faith.'

"Mr. Stanley agreed that the homosexuality issue has 'heated up because the gay rights activists have become more vocal.'

"Mr. Stanley noted that adultery and

40 children under the age of five drown in water buckets every year and another 80 drown in bathtubs. Are we going to demand that water buckets and bathtubs be locked up and fitted with safety latches?

"Many more children are killed or injured every year from cars, drowning, fires, and even toys than from guns. The risk of a child drowning in a swimming pool is 100 times greater than the risk of dying from a firearm-related accident.

"The Columbine killers violated at least 17 state and federal gun-control laws among the

lying also are called sins in the Bible. 'I don't see a group of adulterers or a group of liars lobbying for civil rights,' he said. 'Our basis as Christians is the Bible, and the Bible clearly and unequivocally states that homosexuality is a sin, and that places it into an issue of morality. We don't see it as political.'

"Christians should 'find their identity not in sexuality, but in Jesus Christ,' said the Rev. J. Philip Ashe, associate rector of the Church of the Apostles Episcopal Church in Fairfax.

"Mr. Ashe noted that a worldwide conference of Anglican bishops last week rejected 'homosexual practice as incompatible with Scripture.' Describing that statement as 'a watershed event' for the church, which includes Episcopalians, Mr. Ashe noted the bishops likewise condemned other sexual sins and also condemned 'irrational fear of homosexuals.'

"Activists have 'said homosexuals can't change, which, in light of ten of thousands of people who have changed, is absurd,' Mr. Schwalm said. 'At our press conference, we had living proof that you can change.'

"The 'living proof' was FRC analyst Yvette Cantu, a former lesbian activist, and Anthony Falzarano, who said he spent nine years 'in the gay lifestyle' before abandoning homosexuality 15 years ago with the help of Christian therapy.

"It's the equivalent of coming off of heroin,' Mr. Falzarano said, describing homosexuality as an addictive behavior.

"Now married and the father of two, Mr. Falzarano said homosexual activists 'are quite intimidated by the ex-gay movement because the political gay movement is trying to pretend that the ex-gay movement does not exist.'

"Mr. Falzarano is executive director of Transformation Ministries, which counsels homosexuals who want to change.

"If [homosexual activists] don't discredit us, they're going to lose,' he said.

20,000 gun-control laws on the books today. Does anyone think that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold would not have known how to unlock their guns, or that a waiting period would have made a difference in the murders they planned months in advance? None of the proposals for trigger locks, waiting periods or gun-show restrictions would have stopped Harris and Klebold.

"The only policy that effectively reduces public shootings is right-to-carry laws. Allowing citizens to carry concealed handguns reduces violent crime. In the 31 states that have passed right-to-carry laws since the mid-1980s, the number of multiple-victim public shootings and other violent crimes has dropped dramatically. Murders fell by 7.65%, rapes by 5.2%, aggravated assaults by 7%, and robberies by 3%. On the average, murder rates in states without concealed-carry laws are 127% higher than in states having the broadest carry laws."

*—The Phyllis Schlafly*

*Report, June 2000*

"This [creationist] line of reasoning brings us to a principle in nature long recognized by scientists, both believing and skeptic. This is the 'anthropic principle' which recognizes that the heavens, the earth, and the things on the earth look very much as though they were made for man, to make the world a livable place for humankind. The plant world certainly echoes this theme—far from looking as though it were a product of struggle-for-survival evolution, it looks very much as if it were made for man, and for the animals as well.

"The evolutionist will point to thorny or poisonous plants, and maintain that these are examples of evolved defensive mechanism. The creationist maintains, with at least equal basis, that these evil things are the result of Adam's

“Their ultimate target is to destroy the traditional Judeo-Christian family.”

*The Washington Times*, August 13, 1998, p. A4

"Americans should reject arguments made by President Clinton's defenders in the sex-and-lies scandal, says William J. Bennett.

"This is a nation born, conceived in and dedicated to certain high ideals,' Mr. Bennett said yesterday in an interview. 'The arguments made by Clinton's defenders destroy those ideals and reduce the country down to a standard of very narrow self-interest.'

AIDS, or cancer, or poverty is let each other get away with saying there is no such thing. That seems much easier than the more conventional methods, which involve all that time, energy, and money.”

—Alvin Plantinga, *Warranted Christian Belief*, p. 429

Q “Professor John Lott Jr., senior research scholar at the Yale University Law School and author of *More Guns, Less Crime*, has exposed the blatant lies in the statistics bandied about by the President and the press, such as the oft-repeated lie that 12 children a day die from guns. Most of the ‘children’ in the statistics on kids killed by gunfire are 17-, 18- and 19-year-olds killed in gang or drug wars in high-crime urban areas. It is unrealistic to think that trigger locks or waiting periods would have any effect in stopping those homicides.

“The Centers for Disease Control could identify only 21 children under age 15 dying from accidental handgun deaths in 1996. But

sin and the resulting curse on the natural world.

‘Cursed is the ground for thy sake; . . . Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee. . .’ (Genesis 3:17, 18). In support of creation thinking, studies in plant embryology have shown that thorns are largely degenerative in nature. A high degree of organization and complexity, coupled with ongoing decay and degeneration, is a recurring theme in the study of nature, and points to descent from an even higher order.

“To conclude, this fundamental biological division of the living world, mysterious from a hypothetical evolutionary viewpoint, suddenly comes into clear focus through a single Bible passage. Genesis 1:29, 30, shows us why it is that plants fulfill nearly all of our diverse nutritional needs and are absolutely essential to our good health and longevity. ‘And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.’ This, and not selfish evolutionary competition, is why plant cells have worked with biochemical technology superior to that of our own cells since the world began, just to supply us through God’s grace and providence with our daily bread.”

—David Demick, *Impact*, July 2000, p. iii, iv