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From The President's Desk

The following letter from one of our Summit students summarizing in a graphic way our mission and the importance of a Summit education. It also will encourage our friends and supporters:

"Dear Dr. Noebel,

"My name is Jennie N. and I am the violinist from Oklahoma City planning to major in violin performance at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. This is my first day home from Summit Session 3, and God has already given me an opportunity to implement my Summit training. I thought you would be interested to hear about it.

"I take violin lessons from a Chinese man at a local university and have taken lessons from him throughout high school. He is a very intelligent man, and in our many conversations about Christianity and Buddhism he has made it clear that he finds the claims of the Bible hard to believe. I have faithfully prayed for his salvation all these years and have plainly told of him of the only Way to salvation and a meaningful life. When I told him that I would be missing two lessons in order to attend a Christian Leadership Seminar in Manitou Springs, he seemed skeptical but wished me a good time anyway.

"This morning I walked into my lesson, unpacked my violin while he finished a phone conversation, and set my music on the stand. Before I had even begun to tune my instrument he sat down in his chair and told me to tell him all about my time at Summit because he 'had

some questions.' I was excited because I knew that his questions were not irrational and that I was equipped to offer rational defenses of Christianity. We discussed worldviews and at his request for an example of worldviews in conflict I explained that a person who calls himself a Christian and yet believes in evolution is a contradiction of worldviews. A Christian should believe the Bible's claims about the origin of the world rather than adopting an aspect of another's worldview to explain the amazing. I think he saw the connection but instead of agreeing he said, 'Let's talk about evolution.' I almost laughed because he obviously thought that he could win any debate on that subject. Little did he know that I had spent quite a few hours learning about the fallacy of evolution. I got to explain to him that true science and Christianity are not in conflict the way scientists would have us think that they are. I asserted that evolutionists formulated a theory about the origin of the world based upon their own presupposition that God doesn't exist and have spent years trying to manipulate the evidence to fit that theory. He agreed that true science observes evidence first before hypothesizing and that the evolutionists have done things backwards. That is not to say that he admitted the sheer ridiculousness of that theory, but at least he saw that their arguments don't hold water and are not at all consistent with evidence.

"Eventually I asked him what he thought about salvation and what would happen to him personally after he died. I have asked him this question many times before, and I have noticed that he never really gives me an answer. He just makes it universal by saying that everyone has to come to his or her own faith and way to heaven. Not willing to play that game this time, I said, 'Well, I don't really care about "everyone" right now. How are YOU going to get to heaven?' He said that he believed in God. I told him that Satan believed also. He had no further explanation and every time I asked him a specific question he had no answer for himself—only generalizing. He then asked me if I knew exactly how I was to get to heaven. I said I did and proceeded to explain to him again my personal faith and that of millions. He gave the typical secular humanist answer of 'That's your truth and not necessarily true for me.' I then used Kevin Bywater's example: One man talking to another says that he thinks its OK for him to rape children because that's feels good to him and he can create his own truth. He then asks the other man what he would think if he took his little girl out and raped her. Of course the other man expressed rage at the thought of someone hurting his child and quickly understood the point that absolute truth does exist. My violin teacher had no words to say except 'That's bad logic.' He knew that it was perfectly good logic, but it made an impact on him because he is a father of a six-year-old girl. Again I asked him how he expected to get to heaven, and this time answered, 'God is fair. I'll be there.' I agreed with him that God is fair but that that fact was bad for him because God had already been very clear in his word the only way to salvation—through personal faith in Christ and his atoning sacrifice. My faith rests on the fact that God is fair and that he will honor his promise to save those who believe whereas my violin teacher should fear the fairness of God.

"I fet that for the first time I was able to give a rational defense of the faith I hold so dearly in such a way as to make him speechless. His arguments did not stand up against the evidence I had at my disposal and it was clear to him that he needed to do some thinking. I told him that

he was living as a humanist – trusting in his own ability to create truth instead of God – and that he was placing his confidence in himself. I told him that even if I didn't know that the Bible's claims were true I would still believe it over the claims of the human mind. I would much rather place my trust in something traditionally trusted like the Bible rather than figments of my own mind.

"I ended by challenging him to entertain the thought that he might be wrong, because if he was, then he needed to find out now rather than in eternity. I told him that someday he would be a believer—the hard way if necessary. I am convinced of two things:

1. Prayer works. My small group at Summit prayed for my violin teacher's heart to be softened as I was away. It was. I didn't even ask to talk with him about the things I had learned. He initiated the conversation.

2. Christians do not have to be the fools of this world portrayed as irrational believers of legend. There are rational defenses of Christianity that hold up against any other religion and philosophy even shatter the defenses of those.

"Thank you for the exceptional training I received at Summit. I will be forever grateful, and when I write to you to tell you of my violin teacher's salvation, you can rejoice with me and the kingdom of heaven. May God bless you and your work.

"In the Truth,

"Jennifer N."



Month In Review



Q "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is not 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 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. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

"Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any

other commandment, all are summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

–Romans 13:1-10

Q "More noble than the valiant deeds
Of shining knights of yore;
More powerful than earthly plights
That make the rich man poor;
More kingly than a royal throne
Or lion with his pride;
Is he whose babes sleep well tonight
Knowing Daddy will provide.

"There is a spirit in this land
And Jezebel's her name.
She's calling you to leave your home
For power, fun and fame.
She wants your wife and children, too.
She'll never compromise
Until your house is torn in two
By list'ning to her lies.

"Though hundred thousand million men
May fall prey to her lures,
And wives en masse leave home in search
Of more 'fulfilling' chores,
Though preachers praise and friends embrace
Her pagan plan of death,
Stand strong and quit you like a man
With every blessed breath.

"Stand strong and rise, O man of God,
To meet this noble call.
The battle is not new, you see,
It's been here since the Fall.

"Your wife is your helpmeet, my friend,
And not another man's.
So care for her and keep her far

From Mistress Jezi's plans.
Protect, provide and give to her
Your undivided life.
This is the dear one of your youth,
Your precious bride, your wife.

"And rally to those tiny ones
Who trust you for their care,
A lifetime spent disciplining them
Is a lifetime pure and rare.
For when they put their hands in yours
And know a daddy's love,
You're showing them a picture of
The Father from above.

"Look not to worldly goals or gain,
Nor for your liberty;
Look only into their sweet eyes
To find your ministry.
Devote your heart and sacrifice,
And make your manly mark.
There's none so great as he who finds
His call as patriarch."

—Douglas W. Phillips

Q "Christian writers (notably Milton) have sometimes spoken of the husband's headship with a complacency to make the blood run cold. We must go back to our Bibles. The husband is the head of the wife just in so far as he is to her what Christ is to the Church. He is to love her as Christ loved the Church—read on—*and give his life for her* (Eph. V, 25). This headship, then, is most fully embodied not in the husband we should all wish to be but in him whose marriage is most like a crucifixion; whose wife receives most and gives least, is most unworthy of him, is—in her own mere nature—least lovable."

—C. S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*

Q "There is, hidden or flaunted, a sword between the sexes till an entire marriage reconciles them. It is arrogance in us to call frankness, fairness, and chivalry 'masculine' when we see

them in a woman; it is arrogance in them, to describe a man's sensitiveness or tact or tenderness as 'feminine.' But also what poor, warped fragments of humanity most mere men and mere women must be to make the implications of that arrogance plausible. Marriage heals this. Jointly the two become fully human. 'In the image of God created He them.' Thus, by a paradox, this carnival of sexuality leads us out beyond our sexes."

—C. S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*

Q "A global summit bringing 1,000 religious leaders to the United Nations will disclose some participants next week, good news to U.N. officials eager to plan security and protocol for the unprecedented Aug. 28-29 event.

"The 'working list' to be issued Tuesday will not include personages such as Pope John Paul II and probably not the Dalai Lama, who reports no invitation.

"But the Vatican's Cardinal Francis Arinze, a Nigerian, will make the trek to New York City as will spiritual leaders from countries such as Peru who have never before left their native soils.

"'The leaders we've met in Africa, and Europe and Asia and Russia understand the opportunity,' said Dena Merriam, a vice chairman of the summit.

"'The challenge is to have so many top leaders, and they all have something to say,' she said.

"Miss Merriam, who has traveled with the summit's Secretary-General Bawa Jain to enlist participants, noted that even heads of state are given no more than five minutes to make remarks as the United Nations.

"The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders is organized by an 'independent coalition' of interfaith leaders, and is being held in a year when nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs, are seeking use of the General Assembly chamber more than usual.

"'We're hoping in the next two weeks that their program will begin to gel,' a U.N. official said.

"'Any event that takes place in the General Assembly room requires major concern for security, protocol, the political [aspects], and making sure the program is compatible with the work of the United Nations,' he said.

"NGO use of the chamber averages about four times a year, but this year it will be roughly 10 times.

"The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders opens August 28 with an afternoon procession into the General Assembly and sessions all the next day.

"It moves for two more days to the nearby Waldorf Astoria hotel.

"The summit was announced last October after 'conversations' between media mogul Ted Turner and U.S. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who will address the session of 'the world's pre-eminent' spiritual leaders.

"One casualty of the inevitable political delicacies may be the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of Tibet. China holds one of five permanent seats on the U.S. Security Council and long has opposed his speaking at the United Nations.

"'His Holiness has not been invited to the summit,' an Office of Tibet spokeswoman in New York said yesterday.

"The religious leaders are expected to issue a Declaration for World Peace and agree to some form of a permanent International Advisory Council of Religious and Spiritual Leaders.

"Mr. Turner, the summit's honorary chairman, has promised full live coverage by CNN.

"The chairman of the top advisory board is Canadian businessman Maurice Strong, who ran the U.S. Earth Summit in 1992, and a vice president of the summit's executive counsel is former Sen. Timothy Wirth, Colorado Democrat, who now heads Mr. Turner's grant-giving United Nations Foundation.

"Other vice presidents are Gillian Sorenson, assistant to Mr. Annan, and the Rev. James Morton, an Episcopal priest with the Interfaith Center of New York.

"A midtown Manhattan office near the United Nations has been the hub of the yearlong effort inviting notable people from 12 world traditions."

—*The Washington Times*, July 14, 2000, p. A6

Q "The pro-homosexual metamorphosis at the New York Times has advanced so far that on any given day, three-quarters of the people who decide what goes on the front page are 'not-

so-closeted' homosexuals,' according to Richard Berke, the Times' national political correspondent.

"Berke, a longtime member of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA), made the following comments at a 10th anniversary reception for the group April 12 in Washington, D.C.:

"'This is at a newspaper where not so long ago – when I started there 15 years ago – they were keeping lists – the department heads were asking for lists of the gay reporters on different sections so they could be punished in different ways. So things have really changed at the newspaper. Since I've been there there's been a dramatic shift: I remember coming and wondering if there were . . . any gay reporters there or whatever. Now it's like, there are times when you look at the front-page meeting and . . . literally three-quarters of the people deciding what's on the front page are not-so-closeted homosexuals. . . .'

"Berke was one of the speakers at the NLGJA's 'View from the Top' reception, held at the National Press Club April 12 . . . [T]he event . . . was sponsored by America Online, Inc., USA Today, the Washington Post, and CBS News."

–from "Just How 'Gay' Is the New York Times?" in the April-May issue of Lambda Report

–*The Washington Times*, July 28, 2000, p. A2

□ "Citing public outcry, the pager company Skytel Communications Inc. has become the latest company to cease advertising with 'The Dr. Laura Schlessinger Show.'

"Skytel, based in the District, was bought last year for \$1.75 billion by MCI WorldCom Inc. It is the country's second-largest paging company.

"The Web site StopDrLaura.com reported that Skytel stopped advertising for the talk show because of 'customer outrage' over Miss Schlessinger's remarks about homosexuals. StopDrLaura.com has waged a battle to get advertisers to boycott her radio show and the TV show that premieres this fall.

"Skytel joins Procter & Gamble, United Airlines, American Express, Xerox, Toys R Us, Geico, More.com, Boxlot and Amica Insurance in boycotting the talk show, which draws about 18 million listeners. The Web site had targeted Geico and Skytel for three weeks, asking readers to persuade the companies to cease their ad buys.

"'Intolerance is bad business, and so is Laura Schlessinger,' said John Aravosis, a co-founder

of StopDrLaura.com. His Web site calls her the 'queen of hate radio.' Miss Schlessinger has sought to diffuse criticism by issuing a prepared statement in March explaining she has no prejudice against homosexuals and apologizing for any hurt she may have caused. This did not mollify her critics, however."

—*The Washington Times*, July 18, 2000, p. A2

Q "Dear Dr. Noebel,

I am a Summit Student who attended the 3rd session camp this summer. I wanted to write and thank you for changing my life and making me realize what our world has become. I was already aware about New World Order, the U.N., and other topics from my brother, who attended Summit in 1995, but I learned so much more and I'm glad that I have the knowledge how to defend my faith in a secular environment. It is good to know that there are other youth out there who are willing to work hard to spread the word of God. Keep up the tremendous job you are doing. And may the Lord bless you and give you strength throughout your lifetime. Hopefully our paths will cross again. Thank you, once more, for giving me the knowledge I need to be a Christian leader today.

"Always in Christ,

"Mandy A."

Q "Great website! I am very impressed. I just attended the Summit 5th Session this summer and I must say it was definitely a life changing experience. I will be encouraging all my worthy friends to attend the program. The Summit has helped me get my life back in focus and got me thinking about more important things than everyday worries and concerns. Thank you so much, Summit, for making me a more godly and more educated person! Jeremy J."

Q "In his book, 'Earth in the Balance,' Vice President Al Gore positions himself as something of a scientific expert. But on last Sunday's 'Meet the Press,' Mr. Gore showed that he has an enormous hole in his moral ozone layer.

"Responding to a question from host Tim Russert as to whether Mr. Gore believes human life begins at conception, Mr. Gore responded categorically and with surprising certainty for a politician: 'No.'

"Reversing an earlier pro-life position in which he claimed to hold a 'deep personal conviction that abortion is wrong,' Mr Gore said he had changed his mind because 'I talked to a lot of women who taught me about the kinds of circumstances that can come and the kinds of dilemmas that women can face.' Now, he says, he has come to another 'deep conviction that a woman's right to choose must be protected regardless of the woman's income.' Huh? It appears Mr. Gore's convictions have the depth of floor wax. Never mind that all of the circumstances that lead a woman to have an abortion—except personal inconvenience—can be alleviated and that there are childless couples yearning to give life and love to a baby that some women just discard. For Mr. Gore, politics is more important than life.

"Mr. Gore's sale of his soul to the pro-choice political devils was further evident in two other comments. He hinted he would not require parents to give permission for their minor daughters to have an abortion. Why? He said such requirements are used by pro-lifers to try to eliminate all abortions.

"Tim Russert asked Mr. Gore about a law on the books that says 'a [federal] sentence of death shall not be carried out upon a woman while she is pregnant.' Mr. Gore seemed flummoxed. He wasn't familiar with the law. But the next day, apparently after consulting the National Abortion Rights Action League, Mr. Gore told a news conference in Nashville, 'The principle of a woman's right to choose governs in this case.' In other words, if a condemned pregnant woman wants to take her unborn child to the death chamber with her, it is her 'right'. A pro-lifer who favors the outlawing of abortion under all circumstances is condemned as a zealot and fanatic. Why aren't the same words valid for the opposite position, which Al Gore holds, of abortion under any and all circumstances and for whatever reason?

"Mr. Gore's contention that human life does not begin at conception is objectively untrue. Here, logic has been eclipsed by politics. Even many pro-choice scientists acknowledge life's beginning occurs when egg and sperm meet. The Chicago Tribune reported on a conference of scientists meeting in Montreal in 1977 to study the latest research on DNA: 'The overriding message of all this new research is that the life of a baby begins at conception.'

"Testifying before a Senate subcommittee in 1981, the late Dr. Hymie Gordon, chairman of the department of genetics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said: 'The question of when human life begins is an established fact. All life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception.'

"The late Dr. Jerome Lejeune, a world-renowned French geneticist, wrote in "Social Science and Modern Society" (May/June, 1982), 'Modern biology teaches us that ancestors are united to the progeny by a continuous material link, for it is from the fertilization of the female cell [ovum] by the male cell [the spermatozoon] that a new member of the species will emerge. Life has a very long history, but each individual has a very neat beginning – the moment of conception.'

"On June 27, the editorially pro-choice New York Times reported on the Human Genome Project that maps the body's DNA: 'The human genome is. . . a model of high performance and reliability. Millions of times a year, egg genome meets sperm genome, and the result is a human baby, its parts all in place, its brain a universe of love and meaning.'

"Such facts – and they are indisputable – suggest Vice President Gore is such a pro-abortion zealot he has aborted his own soul for what he believes will be the prize of winning the White House."

–Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, July 23, 200, p. B1

Q "Anyone wanting to understand the Clinton administration's true social agenda should spend some time watching the United States negotiate at the United Nations. The documents being negotiated are intended to shape international law, and international law is intruding, to a greater and greater degree, into the domestic arena. Nevertheless, there are few spectators and very little press coverage of United Nations proceedings. Most Americans ignore the United Nations. Consequently, the Clinton State Department feels free to take positions it would never openly espouse to the American public.

"For example, during the same week in 1996 that Bill Clinton was signing the Defense of Marriage Act – telling the American people he believed that marriage should be heterosexual – his State Department was at the United Nations Habitat Conference in Istanbul promoting language which would have required legal recognition of homosexual marriage.

"Last year, after the Columbine tragedy, Mr. Clinton was publicly calling on parents to exercise more control over their teen-age children. Simultaneously, however, U.S. diplomats negotiating at the United Nations 'Cairo +5' conference were systematically trying to dismantle the legal framework of parental rights which allows parents to exercise such control.

"The U.S. performance at last week's Beijing +5 women's conference was another example of the Clinton administration's two-faced approach to social policy at the United Nations.

"During the final hours of negotiations, debate opened on language calling for efforts to strengthen the family, the fundamental unit of society. The proposal rested on solid data showing that breakup of the family overwhelmingly leads to the impoverishment of women, and that little girls are safest from abuse and exploitation when they live in an intact family.

"But the United States immediately proposed an amendment calling not for 'stronger families,' but for government 'support' (read 'welfare') for poor families. The United States also proposed language allowing for alternative 'families,' such as homosexual couples. When the United States failed to win support for its amendment, the delegation called for total deletion of the pro-family language. It was deleted.

"As tenaciously as Mr. Clinton's State Department resisted any positive reference to the family throughout the Beijing +5 negotiations, it was equally tenacious in resisting any negative reference to prostitution. During the negotiations, the United States continually maneuvered to avoid explicit condemnation of prostitution, pornography – and even pedophilia.

"When asked for an explanation of his delegation's pro-prostitution stance, one U.S. diplomat claimed it was taken out of deference to countries whose laws permit prostitution. The United States showed no such deference, however, to countries whose laws prohibit homosexual behavior, pushing aggressively for a provision calling for repeal of all such laws.

"The United States also promoted unlimited 'sexual rights,' even for minors, and for increased sex education and access to 'reproductive health services' – meaning contraception and abortion for youngsters. At the same time, however, the United States resisted any mention of the right of parents to guide the upbringing of their children in these matters.

"While the official Clinton position when speaking to the folks at home is that abortion should be 'safe, legal and rare,' the United States pushed hard at the United Nations for expansion of 'access' to abortion, which can only be a call for more abortion. The United States called for more abortionists, by increasing 'training' for abortion, without allowing for doctors'

rights of conscience.' The United States also supported veiled language aimed at making unfettered abortion a 'human right,' which would override national sovereignty and laws.

"Last, but certainly not least, the United States called for universal ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms Against Women, or CEDAW – a treaty which the United States itself has not ratified. On this point, at least, the Clinton administration is consistent when speaking to Americans, having lobbied openly for U.S. ratification of CEDAW. CEDAW is the most potent international anti-family weapon currently in effect. It is a binding instrument which calls for government intrusion into all facets of life, no matter

how private, consensual, or even sacred.

"The leftist spin emanating from the Beijing +5 negotiations blamed a handful of developing nations and the Holy See for blocking negotiations, and smeared those delegations as anti-woman. In truth, the stumbling block was the persistent focus by the Clinton administration and its allies on undoing the traditional family and creating controversial 'rights' that don't enjoy popular support even in the United States, and which are completely immaterial to most women of the developing world.

"In the end, the most radical proposals put forward by the United States and its allies were defeated by a coalition of developing world nations who stood up to the Western powers. In the end, they grew stronger and gathered more support, and the United States capitulated. Ironically, these nations actually won a victory, not only for themselves, but for the majority of the American people who still believe in the family, and the traditional morality which supports it."

—Kathryn Balmforth, *The Washington Times*, July 20, 2000, p. A21

Q "The chief reason America has remained a free country is the widespread private ownership of firearms. Individual ownership of guns made the American Revolution possible. The principle purpose of the Second Amendment was to maintain our freedom from government. It is an insult to our heritage to imply that the Founding Fathers wrote the Second Amendment just to protect deer hunters.

"My good friend, the late Reverend Stephen Dunker, C. M., was a missionary in China who was imprisoned by the Communists during the early 1950s. I heard him tell of his experiences many times. When the Communists first took over the area where he lived, they appeared to be good rulers. They established law and order and cleaned up the traffic in drugs and prostitutes. Then one day the Communist bosses announced, 'You can see that we have established a good society and you have no need for your guns. Everyone must come in the night and dump all guns in the town square.' The people believed and obeyed. The next day, the reign of terror began, with public executions and cruel imprisonments. Everyone accused of being a 'landlord' was dragged through the streets and executed; a 'landlord' was anyone who farmed his little plot of ground with two water buffalo instead of one.

"Gun confiscation leads to a loss of freedom, increased crime, and the government moving to the left. This has already happened in England and Australia. After Great Britain banned most guns in 1997, making armed self-defense punishable as murder, violence skyrocketed because criminals know that law abiding citizens have been disarmed. Armed crime rose 10% in 1998. The *Sunday Times* of London reported on the new black market in guns: 'Up to 3

million illegal guns are in circulation in Britain, leading to a rise in drive-by shootings and gangland-style execution.' There has been such a heavy increase in the use of knives for violent attacks that new laws have been passed giving police the power to search anyone for knives in designated areas.

"In 1996 Australia banned 60% of all firearms and required registration of all guns and the licensing of gun owners. Police confiscated 640,381 firearms, going door to door without search warrants. Two years later, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that all crime had risen and armed robberies were up 44%.

"Miguel A. Faria Jr., M.D., described his first-hand experience in Cuba. Before 1958, Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista had all citizens register their firearms. After the revolution, Raul and Fidel Castro had their Communist thugs go door to door and, using the registration lists, confiscate all firearms. As soon as the Cubans were disarmed, that was the end of their freedom.

"Tyrannical governments kill far more people than private criminals. The Nazis conducted a massive search-and-seizure operation in 1933 to disarm their political opponents, in 1938 to disarm the Jews, and when they occupied Europe in 1939-41 they proclaimed the death penalty for anyone who failed to surrender all guns within 24 hours.

"The first line of safety has to be an ability to defend yourself. In some areas, a woman who is being stalked by her ex-husband must wait 10 days to buy a gun, even if her life has been threatened. Some cities criminalize carrying guns for self-defense but make exceptions for people carrying money or jewels. Are money and jewels more important to protect than people's lives?

"History teaches us that registration leads to the confiscation of guns and that is the goal of many gun control advocates. Pete Shields, founder of Handgun Control Inc., told *The New Yorker*: 'The first problem is to slow down the number of handguns being produced and sold in this country. The second problem is to get handguns registered. The final problem is to make possession of all handguns and all handgun ammunition - except for the military, police, licensed security guards, licensed sporting clubs, and licensed gun collectors - totally illegal.'

"Atlanta public-safety commissioner George Napper told U.S. News, 'If I had my druthers, the only people who would have guns would be those who enforce the law.' Like those who 'enforced the law' at Waco? or at Ruby Ridge? or invading a Miami home to grab Elian Gonzalez?

"The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states: 'A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms,

shall not be infringed.’ Polls show that up to 80% of the public believe citizens have a constitutional right to own guns.

"If the First Amendment read ‘A free press being necessary to the security of a free state, Congress shall make no law respecting. . . the freedom of speech, or of the press,’ nobody would argue that free speech belongs only to newspapers. Likewise, they should not argue that the right to keep and bear arms belongs only to government agents.

"Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for the majority in *U.S. v. Verdugo-Urquidez* (1990), stated that the term ‘the people’ has the same meaning in the First, Second, Fourth, Ninth and Tenth Amendments. All those five amendments in the Bill of Rights use the term ‘the people’ the guarantee a right for individual citizens, not just some collective right of the state as a whole. There is no reason to believe that the Second Amendment uses the term ‘the people’ differently from the other four amendments.

The claim that ‘militia’ just refers to the National Guard is ridiculous. The same Congress that passed the Second Amendment also passed the Militia Act of 1792 which defined militia as ‘each and every able-bodied male citizen’ from age 18 to 45 (with some exceptions) and stated that each one shall ‘provide himself’ with a gun, ammunition, and a bayonet.

"The currently effective Militia Act substantially keeps the same language (‘all able-bodied males at least 17 years of age and . . . under 45’), and further defines militia as: ‘(1) the organized militia, which consists of the National Guard and the Naval Militia; and (2) the unorganized militia, which consists of the members of the militia who are not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.’ (10 U.S.C. 311)

"In recent years, a scholarly consensus has emerged across the political spectrum that the Second Amendment protects an individual right. Between 1980 and 1995, of 39 law review articles, 35 noted the Supreme Court’s prior acknowledgment of the individual right of the Second Amendment and only four claimed the right is a collective right of the states (and 3 of those 4 were authored or co-authored by persons connected with the gun-control lobby.)"

-The Phyllis Schlafly Report, June 2000

Q "I was a Summit student for the first session of this year. Thank you for having this ministry open to teenagers; I have come out of Summit prepared to defend my worldview and unmask deceptions with a heart for the deceived.

"When I came home from Summit I wrote the editor of ‘Reader’s Digest’ regarding an article in the June 2000 issue about the validity of the Bible. The editor wrote back and said

she would circulate my letter among the editorial staff. I also wrote the Denver Rocky Mountain News (I live here in Colorado) and my letter to the editor is in the June 14, 2000, Wednesday paper on page 64A. This has been a really exciting experience for me because I feel that I am carrying out the 'Summit Challenge.'

"If I hadn't attended Summit I might never have written a newspaper or magazine over a controversial issue. Thank you again for everything Summit provides. I love Summit Ministries and hope to come back.

"God Bless!

"Anneli H."