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I exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude 1:3

From The President's Desk

The [report](#) below from my son Brent is a summary of last summer's Summit program and the students mission project relative to Sudan. The students' response to this project was one of enthusiasm and deep spiritual awareness of the unbelievable need of the Christians suffering in Sudan.

For all the Summit graduates of 2000—my profound thank you for showing the world what one blind guy and fourteen hundred young men and women can do when motivated and challenged to do something worthwhile. I trust you will be encouraged by his report.

Month In Review

Q "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

—John 1:1-5

Q "John 1: 1 is probably the strongest passage in the New Testament for declaring the deity of Jesus Christ. Because of this many who deny this biblical doctrine, especially cultists, have attempted to undercut it by arguing that this passage only teaches that Jesus is "a god" and so

not fully Deity. This confused position falls on at least two grounds. Such a view is polytheistic, the belief in more than one god. Second, it betrays a misunderstanding of Greek grammar. Verse 1 of the first chapter of John reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." The last portion of 1:1 is the major point of contention. It reads in the Greek *theos* 'n *ho logos*, or literally, the Word was God." God, or *theos*, occurs in this verse without the Greek article *ho*, so that some have contended that the lack of the article in the Greek text should cause the statement to be translated "the Word was a god." The best understanding for the translation, however, as recognized by Greek scholars, is that since *theos* is a predicate and precedes the noun *logos* and a verb, it is natural for it to occur here without the article. Greek scholars are agreed that the verse should be translated as it regularly is in modern and ancient translations, clearly affirming that Jesus is indeed God."

—*The Nelson Study Bible*, p. 1756

Q "Jesus! the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast:
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mem'ry find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The Savior of mankind.

O hope of ev'ry contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask, how kind Thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show,
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but His loved ones know."

—Bernard of Clairvaux

Q "The Christian story is precisely the story of one grand miracle, the Christian assertion being that what is beyond all space and time, what is uncreated, eternal, came into nature, into human nature, descended into His own universe, and rose again, bringing nature up with

Him. It is precisely one great miracle. If you take that away there is nothing specifically Christian left."

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

Q "The writer has documented in two recent Impact articles from admissions by evolutionists that the idea of particles-to-people evolution does not meet the criteria of a scientific theory. There are no evolutionary transitions that have ever been observed, either during human history or in the fossil record of the past; and the universal law of entropy seems to make it impossible on any significant scale.

"Evolutionists claim that evolution is a scientific fact, but they almost always lose scientific debates with creationist scientists. Accordingly, most evolutionists now decline opportunities for scientific debates, preferring instead to make unilateral attacks on creationists.

" 'Scientists should refuse formal debates because they do more harm than good, but scientists still need to counter the creationist message.'

"The question is, just *why* do they need to counter the creationist message? Why are they so adamantly committed to anti-creationism?

"The fact is that evolutionists believe in evolution because they *want* to. It is their desire at all costs to explain the origin of everything without a Creator. Evolutionism is thus intrinsically an atheistic religion. Some may prefer to call it humanism, and New Age evolutionists may place it in the context of some form of pantheism, but they all amount to the same thing. Whether atheism or humanism (or even pantheism), the purpose is to eliminate a personal God from any active role in the origin of the universe and all its components, including man.

" 'The core of the humanistic philosophy is naturalism—the proposition that the natural world proceeds according to its own internal dynamics, without divine or supernatural control or guidance, and that we human beings are creations of that process. It is instructive to recall that the philosophers of the early humanistic movement debated as to which term more adequately described their position: humanism or naturalism. The two concepts are complementary and inseparable.'

"Since both naturalism and humanism exclude God from science or any other active function in the creation or maintenance of life and the universe in general, it is very obvious that their position is nothing but atheism. And atheism, no less than theism, is a religion! Even doctrinaire-atheistic evolutionist Richard Dawkins admits that atheism cannot be proven to be true.

" 'Of course we can't prove that there isn't a God.'

"Therefore, they must *believe* it, and that makes it a religion. The atheistic nature of evolution is not only admitted, but insisted upon, by most of the leaders of evolutionary thought. Ernst Mayr, for example, says that: 'Darwinism rejects all supernatural phenomena and causations.'

"A professor in the Department of Biology at Kansas State University says: 'Even if all the data point to an intelligent designer, such a hypothesis is excluded from science because it is not naturalistic.'

"It is well known in the scientific world today that such influential evolutionists as Stephen Jay Gould and Edward Wilson of Harvard, Richard Dawkins of England, William Provine of Cornell, and numerous other evolutionary spokesmen are dogmatic atheists. Eminent scientific philosopher and ardent Darwinian atheist Michael Ruse has even acknowledged that evolution *is* their *religion!*

" 'Evolution is promoted by its practitioners as more than mere science. Evolution is promulgated as an ideology, a secular religion—a full-fledged alternative to Christianity, with meaning and morality...Evolution is a religion. This was true of evolution in the beginning and it is true of evolution still today.'

"Another way of saying 'religion' is 'worldview,' the whole of reality. The evolutionary worldview applies not only to the evolution of life, but even to that of the entire universe. In the realm of cosmic evolution, our naturalistic scientists depart even further from experimental science than life scientists do, manufacturing a variety of evolutionary cosmologies from esoteric mathematics and metaphysical speculation. Socialist Jeremy Rifkin has commented on this remarkable game.

" 'Cosmologies are made up of small snippets of physical reality that have been remodeled by society into vast cosmic deceptions.'

"They *must* believe in evolution, therefore, in spite of all the evidence, not because of it. And speaking of deceptions, note the following remarkable statement.

" 'We take the side of science in spite of the patent absurdity of some of its constructs,...in spite of the tolerance of the scientific community for unsubstantiated commitment to materialism...we are forced by our *a priori* adherence to material causes to create an apparatus of investigation and set of concepts that produce material explanations, no matter how counterintuitive, no matter how mystifying to the uninitiated. Moreover, that materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.'

"The author of this frank statement is Richard Lewontin of Harvard.

—Henry M. Morris, *Impact*, February 2001

Q "Dear Dr. Noebel,

"My son Aaron attended Summit this past summer. It was a life changing experience for him. It had tremendous impact on our family, youth group and now on the college campus he is attending. He went from a reserved, shy kid and became one of the leaders in his youth group. This past summer he organized many groups of kids to take out sharing their faith in our community. (The stories could go on and on!)

"After attending Summit's banquet we drove back to CA and had 3 days of hearing about what our son had learned as well as listening to many of the speakers on tape. WOW! We felt like we had almost attended Summit.

"I want to thank you for this vital ministry in these young people's lives. I look forward to having all of my kids one day attend.

"It is with joy and a thankful heart I can contribute a little to this wonderful ministry.

God Bless, S.D."

Q "But on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed."

—Luke 17:29, 30

Q "It is well known in British political circles of all stripes that homosexuals wield considerable influence in the cabinet and government of British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"In fact, the homosexual activist agenda has provided the impetus for some of Blair's more controversial political causes. When he successfully instituted a policy accommodating homosexuals in the British armed forces, some of that nation's top officers resigned in protest, including famed Brig. Gen. Pat Lawless.

"And lawmakers in the Labour Party overwhelmingly backed—three times—a bill to lower the age of consent for "consensual sex" from 18 to 16, spurred on by Blair's fierce leadership on the issue. In cheering on the successful 263-102 vote last August, Blair claimed he wanted to bring the UK's laws on homosexuals more 'into line with the rest of Europe.'

"In that, he is correct. In Malta, Holland, Portugal and Spain, the age of consent is 12. In Austria, Iceland, Italy, San Marino and Slovenia, the age is 14. And in the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Finland, Poland, Slovakia and Sweden, the age of consent is 15. It is 16 in Germany, Luxembourg (18 for homosexuals) and Britain. And last fall, Israel also lowered its age of consent from 18 to 16.

"The measure was opposed vigorously in the House of Lords, which had thrown out such a proposal twice before. Home Secretary Jack Straw said that lowering the age of consent for homosexual men was all about creating a British society 'free from prejudice.'

"Since that time, Blair has altered the House of Lords—and its hereditary privilege—and has instead essentially filled the parliament's upper chamber with hand-picked people who concur largely with his agenda.

"Blair's team includes avowed homosexuals: Chris Smith, minister for heritage and Angela Eagle, junior environment minister. Also, Ben Bradshaw, MP for Exeter and Stephen Twigg, MP for Enfield, Southgate. In fact, there are an estimated 40 homosexual Labor members of parliament according to insiders of both parties.

"Bradshaw was recently awarded a House of Commons 'Spouse's Pass' for his 'partner,' Neil Dalglish, who now is permitted to use the Commons 'Family Room' and to work out in the gym. Bradshaw is also pressing for 'travel rights' for Dalglish, including 15 first-class return rail tickets between Westminster and the constituency at a cost of 2,000 pounds per annum to the British taxpayer.

□ "Concerning the influence of the UK's homosexual activist agenda on Blair, a prominent member of Parliament told WorldNetDaily he personally had opposed the lowering of the age of consent because it 'left young and immature men open to the advances of older homosexual men.'

"He added, 'It would change the law regarding non-homosexuals as well. [For example,]The dirty old man in the raincoat sitting in the park. It would give an old man the legal right to bugger a young woman.'

"Along with lowering the age of consensual sex to 16, the Blair 'pink agenda,' as it is derisively referred to by some conservatives, had sought to repeal what is commonly known here simply as 'section 28.' Passed under the government of Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher as part of the 1988 Local Government Act, Section 28 outlaws the 'promotion' of homosexuality by local authorities.

"If and when Section 28 is finally overturned—and it is at the top of the homosexual activist agenda in Great Britain—a new sex education guide is ready to be employed in primary schools. Called 'A Whole Approach to Sex Education,' the new curriculum states flatly: 'Children should not be taught that homosexuality is wrong.'

"Referring to Section 28's prohibition of promoting homosexuality, the producers of the sex-education guide claim in it that 'the law does not apply to individual teachers or schools and does not limit teaching about the issue. ...Teachers should remember that we all have a 'sexual career' and for many this will include homosexual experience at some time in their lives.'

" 'A Whole Approach to Sex Education,' reviewed by WorldNetDaily, also presents ways 'teachers can discuss with children as young as 4, homosexuality and anal sex.' It emphatically asks teachers 'not to try to promote any type of family or home life as the norm' and urges businesses to hire lesbian and homosexual couples with children.

"This time around, Blair lost the vote to repeal Section 28, as Baroness Thatcher—who, though long out of office, showed up for what she considered an extremely important vote—and 16 Labour ministers rallied behind the Conservative Party in a legislative victory for the Tories. The legislation was voted down 270 to 228 in the House of Lords.

—Anthony LoBaido, WorldNetDaily.com, January 16, 2001

□ "President Clinton having now denounced Sudan, saying that countries engaged in slavery 'cannot join the community of nations,' Assistant Secretary of State Susan Rice traveled to Sudan, at great risk, to meet with women freed from slavery who, as she said in a Reuters report, had been 'captured, enslaved, tortured and raped by Khartoum's Arab militia.'

"In the same month, in what appeared to be retaliation against her visit to southern Sudan, the Sudanese government—the Reuters dispatch continued—'canceled the visas of U.S. diplomats who go to Khartoum (the capital) on short visits to run the U.S. embassy.'

"There is a further sequel, as reported by Christian Solidarity International, which has freed many of the slaves: 'On November 20, the day after U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Susan Rice's arrival in Marial Bai to meet with victims of slavery, the armed forces of the government of Sudan executed seven African schoolboys following a mid-morning slave raid on the nearby Guong Nowh Community Elementary School, according to Simon Wol, the

Civil Commissioner of Awaal West Coutny' in rebel territory.

"I received this information from John Eibner of Christian Solidarity International, whom I've known during the five years I have covered this story. Everything he has told me has proved true, and he keeps going to southern Sudan to liberate slaves—putting his life on the line each time.

"In that morning slave raid, Mr. Eibner reports, 'government soldiers also enslaved 24 other children, including six girls.' Two children who escaped 'reported that soldiers shot three boys in the head to instill fear and obedience in the other children. All the children were forced to watch the killing. Local people found the discarded bodies of four other captured boys who had been similarly murdered.'

"Admittedly, the attention of this nation—and its media—has been focused on the battle of the ballots in Florida. But will the murder of these seven black children continue to be overlooked by Americans—including the new president?

"If this had happened in Kosovo or in Gaza, would there not have been some notice in our newspapers and on television, even during the controversy over the divided ballots? This, after all, was the murderous work of a government that is seated at the United Nations.

"The raid on the elementary school, says Christian Solidarity International, 'was reportedly undertaken by an approximately 600-strong unit of Government troops belonging to the Popular Defense Forces (PDF).'

"In the same month, November, President Omer Bashir of Sudan, the report continues, 'signaled the beginning of a new season of slave raiding when he urged 12,000 PDF troops at a mobilization rally in the western town of Nyala to continue the "jihad" in southern Sudan.' The source is Agence France-Press.

"Civil Commission Wol has asked United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan—who has been silent on slavery in Sudan—to finally, at no personal risk, speak on behalf of the civilized nations of the wrold. He must demand, says Mr. Wol, that the Sudanese government end the practice of slavery, return the slaves to their homes, and prosecute the raiders who not only abduct children, but also abduct women—many of whom are forced into sexual slavery in the north.

—Nat Hentoff, *The Washington Times*, December 18, 2000, p. A 21

Q "Susan Rice, the State Department's top official on Africa, slipped unauthorized into the

southern Sudan for two days last month and came back with accounts of extensive damage done to civilian communities by slave raiding and aerial bombardment.

" 'The situation there was even worse than I had imagined,' she said in a telephone interview last week. 'In all this, the culpability of the Khartoum government is clear.'

"Mrs. Rice went there after Sudanese officials told her directly that nothing of the sort was going on.

"She described her mission as an examination of the human rights situation in Sudan, Africa's largest nation.

" 'I raised the issue of human rights abuses with the Sudanese foreign minister last July,' Mrs. Rice said in the interview. 'He denied there was any such thing as systematic slavery.'

"Mrs. Rice's encounter with Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustapha Ismail took place at a conference in Lome, Togo.

"The Sudanese journey took her and her party, which included an Associated Press photographer, to Marial Bai, a village in the province of Bahr el-Ghazal; to Rumbek, also in Bahr el-Ghazal, in an area seized from the government in 1997; and to Lui, in Equatoria, where the Samaritan's Purse, a Christian humanitarian assistance group, has built a hospital.

"In Marial Bai, her party talked to people who identified themselves as escaped slaves or people who had lost family members in slave raids.

"In Rumbek, they inspected a showcase development project, undertaken with U.S. funds.

"In Lui, the visitors saw the damage done to the hospital by aerial attacks.

" 'The slave raids are undertaken partly for money and partly to weaken the hold of the rebels in this area,' she said. 'The aerial bombardments are probably carried out to scare away the [non-government organizations providing aid].'

"The State Department acknowledged that Mrs. Rice did not have a visa to visit southern Sudan, but said 'she used procedures followed by past visitors' and had informed the government of her itinerary.

"The visit took place during Nov. 19 and 20.

"Unusual or not, her trip threw Khartoum into a frenzy.

"It angrily denounced the American diplomat's unauthorized visit to areas in rebellion as 'a grave violation' of Sudan's sovereignty. On Nov. 21, it abarred U.S. diplomats from visiting Sudan.

—*The Washington Times*, December 14, 2000, p. A 19

Q Please hurry if you are wanting to send your young person to Summit Ministries. We have limited space and much demand. Call today to request an application and mail it in soon!

Sudan Update

This is Brent Noebel with your Sudan update. For the past three summers, Summit Ministries has been involved with Peter Hammond and Frontline Fellowship to spread the gospel and encourage the Christians in Sudan, Africa. In 1998, we called the project "Bibles For Sudan"; we raised \$12,500. In 1999, "Christ to Sudan" raised \$42,000. The project in 2000 was called "Love to Sudan" and the total amount raised was \$80,000! These have been amazing efforts by Summit students.

With part of the funds from "Love to Sudan" we purchased 250 Christian flags, 750 lapel crosses and 60 "Jesus" videos in 29 different languages. These "Jesus" videos will be shown in Sudan and across Africa. Christian flags, lapel crosses and "Jesus" videos were sent and insured to Frontline Fellowship in South Africa, with proceeds from calling card sales during the summer. Funds were also sent to Peter Hammond to purchase 4 video players and all the accessories needed to show the "Jesus" videos in Sudan and other countries in Africa. The funds to purchase Bibles, Bibles, and more Bibles have also been sent to him. We also helped financially to smuggle Bibles, Christian flags, lapel crosses, "Jesus" videos and players into Sudan.

The students in each session during the summer of 2000 gave, gave, and then gave some more. It really was beautiful. The record amount raised for one session goes to session number 6. During their two weeks at Summit, they raised \$10,200; session 8 – \$9,300; session 2 – \$9,200 and session 5 – \$9,000. Thank you so very much to each of the 9 sessions during the summer of 2000 for all the hard work and money that was given to the Sudan project. One good example of the students' giving hearts and attitudes is a student from 8th session named Matt. Matt had earned and saved \$3,000 to buy himself a car, but instead he gave the money to "Love to Sudan."

All the praise and honor for "Love to Sudan" goes to our Savior the Lord Jesus Christ. Special thank you's to Summit Ministries, Peter Hammond, Frontline Fellowship, Curtis Bowers, and everyone who contributed to the spectacular total of \$80,000. We are grateful to Affordable Flags and the Hiding Place for the good deals on the Christian flags and lapel

crosses. The "Jesus" videos are from *The Jesus Film Project* of Campus Crusade. We appreciate the discount that "Love to Sudan" was given on the videos. Their "Jesus" videos are a fabulous way to get the gospel to people in over 500 languages. Thank you to Campus Crusade from our Sudan project and from every soul that has been and will be touched by your "Jesus" videos. Thank you to the people that help me with what I do in our Sudan projects. They could be listed by name, but I would rather have them get 100% of the reward in Heaven. I do want them to know that I appreciate them and the help so very, very, very, much.

The project for Sudan during the summer of 2001 will be called "Hope for Sudan." "Love to Sudan" began the summer of 2000 with \$4,000. This was a definite advantage in reaching \$80,000. If you would like to be a part of "Hope for Sudan", please make your checks out to Summit Ministries and write "Sudan Project" in the memo line.

As you consider this project, please keep these things in mind. Summit students are the largest supplier of Bibles to Sudan in the entire world. Every Christian flag in Sudan, Africa is from Summit Ministries, Manitou Springs, Colorado. There are people in Africa who have never seen a film or video. How wonderful it is that the first video they will ever see will be the "Jesus" video in their own language.

Thanks again to everyone who has been involved with "Love To Sudan", including the Summit students, Summit Ministries, Peter Hammond and the dedicated staff of Frontline Fellowship. There is no doubt that our Sudan Projects have been touched by the Lord Jesus.

"1-2-3 Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound That Saved a Wretch Like Me. I Once Was Lost, But Now Am Found, Was Blind But Now I See."

"It was particularly poignant that I was handing over the first Moru Bibles to the congregation in Jambo, when we were bombed that Sunday morning. Barely 10 miles away, Canon Ezra was killed in an ambush by Government forces, 9 years ago, in 1991. Canon Ezra had translated the Bible into Moru. His last act before dying was to hand over the completed manuscripts of the translation of the Bible into Moru to his deacon, Bullen Dolli (now the new Bishop of the ECS in Moruland). 'My ministry is complete,' he declared, as he entrusted his manuscripts into Bullen's hands for it to be published. For years, the ECS failed to find a sponsor to publish the Moru Bible. It was only when I heard of the fact that the translation was complete, but that no one had been willing or able to publish it yet, that I assured them that FF [Frontline Fellowship] would find the funds to make this publication possible. Summit Ministries students can have the joy of knowing, amongst other projects, they have made possible and fully paid for, the printing of 9,600 Moru Bibles! Delivering this Bible to a church that had just been bombed on a Sunday morning, just a few miles from where the translator had been killed in the service of Christ, just impressed upon us again that the Bible is a message of life and death."—**Peter Hammond in correspondence with Brent Noebel,**

November 30, 2000