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For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul? Luke 9:25



## MONTH IN REVIEW

☐ “Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.

“But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God.”

—Luke 9:23-27

☐ “Truth is always about something, but reality is that about which Truth is.”

—C.S.Lewis, *God in the Dock*,  
Quote# 1482

☐ “Grant me, O Lord, this day to see  
The need this world may have for me;  
To play the friend unto the end;  
To bear my burden and to keep  
My courage, though the way be steep.

Grant me, O Lord, to set aside  
The petty things of selfish pride;  
To toil without too much of doubt;  
To meet what comes of good or ill  
And be a gracious neighbor, still.

Grant me, O Lord, to face the rain  
And not too bitterly complain;  
Nor let a joy my calm destroy;  
But teach me so to live that I  
Can brother with each passer-by.”

—Edgar A. Guest

☐ “ ‘Tis good to take these lovely trips,  
‘Tis good to get away,  
There’s pleasure found on sailing ships,  
But travel as you may  
You’ll learn as most of us have learned,  
Wherever you may roam,  
You’re happiest when your face is turned  
Toward the lights of home.”

— Edgar A. Guest

☐ “The most influential educators of our time – John Dewey, William Kilpatrick, George Counts, Harold Rugg, and the lot – are out to build a New Social Order.

“There is not enough room, however, for the New Social Order *and* religion. The New Order is philosophically wedded to the doctrine that the test of truth is its ability to win acceptance

by the majority. Economically, the new Order is egalitarian; politically, it is majoritarian; emotionally, it is infatuated with the State, which it honors as the dispenser of all good, the unchallengeable and irreproachable steward of every human being.

“It clearly won’t do, then, to foster within some schools a respect for an absolute, intractable, unbribable God, a divine Intelligence who is utterly unconcerned with other people’s versions of truth and humorlessly inattentive to majority opinion. The State prefers a secure monopoly for itself. It is intolerably divisive to have God and the State scrapping for disciples.

“Religion, then, must go. First we must expose religion as a not-very-serious intellectual and emotional avocation (see the famous 1945 Harvard Report’s dismissal of religion: “. . . we did not feel justified in proposing religious instruction as part of the curriculum. . . . Whatever one’s views, religion is not now for most colleges a practicable course of intellectual unity.”).

“Next, we must prove that to allow religion to be taught in public schools imminently commits us to uniting Church and State (see the *McColum* decision of the Supreme Court). Having paved the way, we can rely (always barring divine intervention) on the results. If religion is given no place at all – or just token recognition – in the intellectual diet of the school, the growing generation will probably come to think of it, as Canon Bernard Iddings Bell puts it, as “an innocuous pastime, preferred by a few to golf or canasta.” When this happens, religion will then cease to be a divisive influence.

“The fight is being won. Academic freedom is entrenched. Religion is outlawed in the public schools. The New Social Order is larruping along.”

—William F. Buckley, Jr., *Let Us Talk of Many Things*

## —UPCOMING EVENTS—

### DR. NOEBEL’S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

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Start making plans today to attend the 2002 Adult/Educators conference. Held at beautiful Glen Eyrie, this week can be a life-changing week for you. The conference will be held April 14-19. Watch the *Journal* for details.

❑ “Surgeon General David Satcher’s new report on sexuality, which got a thumbs down from the White house, was drafted by an internationally known authority on homosexual and transgender practices.

“Eli Coleman, a senior adviser to Dr. Satcher, directs the University of Minnesota Medical School’s program on human sexuality. He also is the outgoing president of the World Association for Sexology (WAS), an organization devoted to promoting the ‘scientific’ study of sex world-wide.

“Mr. Coleman supervised the contents of the report, which were sure to raise hackles in the Bush administration by offering a tepid appraisal of abstinence education while castigating Americans for ‘anti-homosexual attitudes.’ Those attitudes, the report says, lead to depression, suicide and lower self-acceptance among homosexuals and ‘transgendered’ individuals.

“White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said that, as of yesterday morning, President Bush had not read Dr. Satcher’s report, ‘Call to Action to Promote Sexual Health and Responsible Sexual Behavior.’

“The report – 16 pages long, not counting notes – was released Thursday. It called on Americans to address high rates of sexually transmitted diseases, abortion, rapes, HIV infections, and child sexual abuse via a ‘mature and thoughtful discussion about sexuality.’

“Dr. Satcher said such a dialogue must aim at ‘finding common ground’ based on respect for ‘the diversity of sexual values within any community.’

“President Clinton appointed Dr. Satcher as surgeon general, the nation’s chief health officer. But even his administration had doubts about the document, Mr. Fleischer said.

“‘The previous administration made some judgements about the merits of this report and made a decision that it was a report that they did not want to come out at a time when the previous administration, at least, was running for office,’ Mr. Fleischer said. ‘[They] must have seen something in this report that made them delay it.’

“Infighting within the Bush administration further delayed the report. That disagreement is one reason Dr. Satcher is not expected to be reappointed after his four-year-term ends in February.

“Mr. Coleman has said he knew the Satcher report on sexual behavior would anger many, but it had to be done.

“‘It may not satisfy everybody,’ he told the Dallas Morning News earlier this month. ‘We’ve got to be able to bring people together and not just have this as an endorsement of one side’s position on this issue.’

“Mr. Coleman is highly regarded on some quarters for leadership on issues of human sexuality.

“‘I think he’s a wonderful role model of a research scientist who also sees the importance of advocacy’ Debra Haffner, former head of the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States, said in an interview last year with the Minneapolis Star-Tribune.

“Detractors view him differently. Tom Pritchard, of the Minneapolis-based Minnesota Family Council, said Mr. Coleman is ‘the vanguard of the sexual revolution, which has unleashed a wide range of destructive forces in American society.’

“Mr. Coleman’s human sexuality program at the University of Minnesota ‘promoted some of the most outrageous behavior and activities,’ Mr. Pritchard said. He cited an event for transsexuals and transvestites that was held at a local homosexual bar.

“Mr. Coleman has a doctorate in psychology and has worked on sexuality issues for more than two decades. He specializes in research on homosexuality, bisexuality, and transgenderism. He has written widely on homosexuals ‘coming out.’ He is the founder and editor of the Journal of Psychology of Human Sexuality and the International Journal of Transgenderism.

“Under his leadership in 1999, the World Association for Sexuality adopted an 11-point ‘Declaration of Sexual Rights,’ which asserts all people have the right to sexual freedom without coercion or discrimination based on sexual orientation, age, race, class, religion or disability.

“People should have the freedom to make reproductive choices and have access to comprehensive sex education and sexual health care, the declaration says.

“The WAS declaration ‘is sort of a manifesto of the sexual revolution – no holds barred, anything goes,’ Mr. Pritchard said.

“New York psychotherapist and author Edward Eichel takes issue with Mr. Coleman’s 1989 statement that sexual behavior ‘is primarily a sex act and the sex of the partner is of secondary consideration.’

“This viewpoint undermines support for heterosexuality, marriage and laws that prohibit sex with children, said Mr. Eichel.

“Mr. Coleman’s many honors include a Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and the Richard J. Cross Award for Sexuality Education from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.”

—*The Washington Times*, June 30, 2001, p.1

❑ “Malaria kills more than 1 million people a year – mostly children in Africa – and 300 million to 500 million cases of the disease are reported worldwide each year, the U.N. World Health Organization said.

“Malaria is caused by a single-cell parasite that is transmitted by the bite of infected Anopheles mosquitoes. Malaria also can be transmitted from a mother to her unborn baby and by blood transfusions.

“All humans have the G6PD gene, a kind of general house-cleaning agent that helps with glucose metabolism. But some

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## From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

We have been receiving some great letters from our students and their parents. Excerpts are printed below:

"I am writing to express how grateful I am for your ministry. I was a student at Summit both in 1997 and in 1999. Also, I went through the high school curriculum my senior year at the private, Christian school I attended. The information I received there I use on a regular basis in many of my classes, day-to-day encounters and activities, and Bible studies. My "Understanding the Times" book is well worn by now and many of my friends have used it for questions, papers, and a reference. I'm scared of where I might have been or what I might have believed had I not received the information I did at Summit. So for that, I am eternally grateful." T.Z., Yukon, OK

"Hello~ you probably don't remember me...I was a part of Summit Session Seven two years ago. But I just wanted to say that "The Summit" was such a WONDERFUL and LIFE CHANGING experience for me. Looking through your website brings tears to my eyes because I want to attend again SO MUCH. It's like drinking from a fire hydrant...I just can't seem to get enough. I just wanted to say "Thank you" for being such a wonderful influence on my life...and on countless other lives. I think I'll be joining you again next year, due to the fact that this year, my summer is packed with my college summer classes...I hope to see you again." J.K., Great Neck, NY

"I praise the Lord for the ministry of the Summit. My daughter attended your summer program last year and will never be the same. Your ministry has had a profound impact in her life as a young woman following Jesus Christ. She will be attending a Christian university in the fall and she couldn't imagine going to school without the training and leadership skills she received while at the Summit. As a parent training our children in the way they should go, I thank you for your time, effort and energy so many of you poured into my daughter. To God be the glory." J.C.

"I praise you all for your untiring efforts to stay abreast with

the times. Only thru Jesus can we lift our heads knowing what lies before us! Thank you! Please note a small donation; please add my friend to your mailing list for the Journal. She has 5 kids and home schools. I know she'd enjoy the articles. Also, my son attended Summit almost 6 years ago – I always credit a good portion of his success in life (besides his love for the Lord) due to his summer at Summit. You are a blessing to many." J. and C. S.

"Enclosed is a check for the tuition for my youngest grandchild. It is her High School graduation gift, but I wanted to tell you my family's history with Summit.

In June of 1990 my husband I brought our youngest daughter to Summit. We left a very scared and unhappy girl in her assigned room. On Tuesday when L. called she was so happy and didn't want to come home! She learned so much and went back for a 1991 session as a student. Then in 1992 she went out and worked for several weeks. What a blessing Summit has been in her life! Her dad and I were completely sold on the Summit experience.

L. told our whole family about Summit and how much it taught her. In 1999, M.H. was the first to have Granny send her to Summit. This year, C. H. is really looking forward to coming on Aug. 5. So you see, we are really a Summit family!

We lost my husband to cancer in 1994, and our family is almost grown now. As I was about to get the check ready to mail I realized that C. will be returning from Summit on her Granddaddy's birthday! How pleased he would be!

I didn't intend to write such a long note, but I do want you to know how much your Ministry, to our young people, means to this family in Lower Alabama. My husband and I used to attend your lectures at 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Methodist Church in Mobile (we were members there).

May God richly bless you as you raise up young leaders for our Country and our Lord." J. T., Mobile, AL

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people are born with a mutation in the G6PD gene that appears to provide natural resistance to malaria. When reacting to such triggers as infection or certain foods such as fava beans, the mutation also can cause anemia."

—*The Washington Times*, June 22, 2001, p. A8

❑ "Over the years, the phrase "unintended consequences" has come up with increasing frequency, as more and more wonderful-sounding ideas have led to disastrous results. By now, you

might think that people with wonderful-sounding ideas would start to question what the consequences would turn out to be – and would devote as much time to discovering those consequences as to getting their ideas accepted and turned into laws and policies. But that seldom, if ever, happens.

"Why doesn't it? Because a lot depends on what it is you are trying to accomplish. If your purpose is to achieve the heady feeling of being one of the moral elite, then that can be accomplished without the long and tedious work of following up on results.



“The worldwide crusade to ban the pesticide DDT is a classic example. This crusade was begun by the much-revered Rachel Carson, whose best-selling book “Silent Spring” was based on the premise that DDT’s adverse effects on the eggs of songbirds would end up wiping out these species. After that, springtime would no longer be marked by birds singing; hence the silent spring.

“Rachel Carson and the environmentalists she inspired have succeeded in getting DDT banned in country after country, for which they have received the accolades of many, not the least their own accolades. But, in terms of the actual consequences of that crusade, there has not been a mass murderer executed in the past half-century who has been responsible for as many deaths of human beings as the sainted Rachel Carson. The banning of DDT has led to a huge resurgence of malaria in the Third World, with deaths rising into the millions.

“This pioneer of the environmental movement has not been judged by such consequences, but by the inspiring goals and political success of the movement she spawned. Still less are the environmentalists held responsible for the blackouts plaguing California in the past year or the more frequent blackouts and more disastrous economic consequences that can be expected in the years ahead, despite the key role of environmental extremists in preventing power plants from being built.

“The greens have likewise obstructed access to the fuels needed to generate electricity, run automobiles and trucks, and perform innumerable other tasks in the economy. Nationwide, the greens have been so successful in preventing oil refineries from being built that the last one constructed anywhere in the United States was built during the Ford administration. But environmentalists are seldom mentioned among the reasons for today’s short supplies of oil and the resulting skyrocketing prices of gasoline.

“Advocates of rent control are not judged by the housing shortages that invariably follow, but by their professed desire to promote ‘affordable housing’ for all. Nor are those who have promoted price controls on food in various countries being judged by the hunger, malnutrition or even starvation that have followed. They are judged by their laudable goal of seeking to make food affordable by the poor – even if the poor end up with less food than before.

“Some try to argue against the evidence for these and other counterproductive consequences of high-sounding policies. But what is crucial is that those who advocated such policies usually never bothered to seek evidence on their own – and have represented the evidence presented by others. In short, what they advocated had the intended consequences for themselves – making them feel good – and there was far less interest in the unintended consequences for others.

“Even before the rise of today’s many social activist movements, T.S. Eliot understood such people and their priorities. Writing in 1950, he said: ‘Half the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don’t mean to do harm – but the harm does not interest them. Or they do not see it, or they justify it because they are absorbed in the endless struggle to think well of themselves.’

“There is little hope of changing such people. But what the rest of us can do is stop gullibly accepting their ego trips as idealistic efforts for others. Above all, we need to stop letting them morally intimidate us into silence about the actual consequences of their crusades. The time is long overdue for us to insist that they put up or shut up, in terms of hard evidence about results, rather than the pious hopes that make them feel so good.

—Thomas Sowell, *The Washington Times*, June 10, 2001, p. B1

□ “Your May 27 editorial on the AIDS crisis promotes AIDS drugs even though, by your own admission, they have ‘alarming side effects’ and cause mutations of the AIDS virus, making the epidemic worse in the long run (‘Mr. Powell’s pilgrimage’). In your own May 13 front-page special report ‘Doctors losing war on AIDS,’ you say that HIV is developing a resistance to the AIDS drugs. So why promote them?

“Also on May 27, Commentary columnist Holger Jensen argued that we should spend billions on cheap AIDS drugs so that ‘more will live.’ He is wrong. AIDS drugs won’t save any lives.

“At best, AIDS drugs only delay the onset of full-blown AIDS. A proposed HIV/AIDS vaccine, into which billions of dollars are being channeled, could backfire and spread the disease to more people. It may be politically correct, but it is not caring to promote billions of dollars on false or phony solutions. A recent General Accounting Office study revealed that the main contribution of the U.S. Agency for International Development to fighting AIDS in Africa has been to distribute condoms, which may or may not be effective. Hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent on this debacle.

“Until the United Nations starts testing its ‘peacekeepers’ for HIV/AIDS before deploying them into Africa, the credibility of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, the former director of peacekeeping, is also a tragic joke. U.N. soldiers were spreading AIDS to Africa and Asia for five years before the Security Council addressed the matter and recommended a condom-a-day—but not HIV testing—for U.N. troops.

“One obvious answer to the AIDS problem is sexual abstinence outside of marriage. In Congressional testimony, the Rev. Franklin Graham of the Samaritan’s Purse organization said the only true solution to AIDS was ‘behavioral change.’ He said condoms were an ‘inadequate’ solution that had not slowed the spread of the disease. He pleaded for support for African churches and faith-based institutions.

“The program 60 Minutes II ran a story last year about African men who had spread the disease after having sex with prostitutes. Miners who come to South Africa, the worst-hit country, from the rest of the continent, have a 25 percent infection rate. Truckers have a 56 percent infection rate. The survey found that 34 percent of truck drivers regularly stopped for sex on their routes.

“The Wall Street Journal carried a story on Jan. 12 about the risky traditions and sexual practices that were spreading the disease in Africa. In one tribe that practices polygamy, the tradition was that a widow and her children and property would come under the control of the brother-in-law. But if the husband had

AIDS and he gave it to his wife, the brother-in-law and his wives were put at risk of contracting the disease.

"1995 statistics show that Africa had an HIV infection rate of almost 600 per 100,000 people. The region with the next highest rate of infection was the Caribbean, with about 220 per 100,000 people. North America's rate of infection was about 40. Here in the United States, blacks now account for more than 50 percent of new HIV infections.

"It would be appropriate for *The Washington Times* editorial page to promote abstinence as a real solution to the AIDS epidemic."

—Cliff Kincaid, *The Washington Times*, June 2, 2001, p. A11

□ "What an optimistic month June is. The Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs are both in first place, and I am looking forward to a replay of the 1918 World Series, which is the last time the Red Sox were world champions. Furthermore, in weddings across the land new husbands and wives are pledging lifelong fidelity – and I hope they keep those vows.

"But what if they don't? Many liberal denominations are developing rituals that wrap religious cellophane around divorce defeat.

"You might think that in a divorce service everyone would wear mourning clothes and the bride would walk down the aisle to funereal music. Maybe the exes would be pelted not with rice but with tomatoes, or at least cream pies, as they left the building. Nope – that's retro thinking, for these days we must not do anything to lessen self-esteem.

"A new Unitarian ritual, for example, begins with the minister intoning: 'This ceremony marks the end of a long and intense relationship; perhaps neither as long nor as intense as some might wish, but . . . the days are cold. The nights are long.' And perhaps dark and stormy. The divorcing folks are heroes who make the choice to walk alone at 'a time when survival as an individual is at stake.' Realizing that 'paths must part [as] necessity requires,' they embrace a 'solemn, courageous – and hopeful – time of divorce.'

"Other clerics are jumping in. The United Church of Christ has added to its book of worship an 'Order for Recognition of the End of a Marriage,' and Reform Judaism has as part of its rabbi's manual a 'Ritual of Release.' The goal is not to show the sadness of divorce but to make the divorce ceremony upbeat.

"Video specialists are putting together marriage highlight films – vacation photos and all – for showing at divorce ceremonies. Dressmakers and musicians are also busy, although so far some of the favorites for weddings – Pachelbel's Canon in D and white dresses – seem to be also on call for divorce ceremonies.

"It would be far better to acknowledge that a tragedy is a tragedy. Church and synagogue buildings once were venues for teaching the difference between right and wrong. Now, those liberally reincarnated are places where any wrong can be declared right. Funerals legitimately offer comfort after what cannot be controlled, but divorce rituals attempt to relieve responsibility for what we could control. Instead of helping individuals to

repent, the Unitarian ritual attacks 'the callous judgmentalism of a posturing society.'

"Curiously, these new divorce rituals are gaining attention at the same time new research shows that fewer than one-third of divorces result from marriages where abuse, neglect or even fighting is the norm. More than 3 in 5 marriages break apart because of creeping loneliness and boredom. 'Community Marriage Policies,' through which religious and civic institutions take a stand to encourage people in troubled marriages to hang in there, have reduced divorce rates dramatically in 25 cities.

"Instead of establishing divorce ceremonies, let's emphasize recommitment to marriage. Linda J. Waite and Maggie Gallagher, in 'The Case for Marriage: Why Married People are Happier, Healthier, and Better Off Financially' (Doubleday, 2000), show that bad marriages often show dramatic turnarounds if people just stick it out. More than 3 in 4 people who rated their marriages as very unhappy in 1987 and 1988, but did not get a divorce, viewed their marriages as 'very happy' or 'quite happy' when they were surveyed again from 1992 to 1994.

"Christians and Jews particularly should keep in mind what the Bible teaches: that God provides balm for failing marriages if those in trouble turn to Him. The new rituals make divorce seem satisfactory, but they undercut the belief that leads to silver and golden anniversaries: Marital failure is not an option.

—Marvin Olasky, *The Washington Times*, June 9, 2001, p. A10

□ "Some black politicians and civil rights activists refuse to pledge allegiance to the U.S. flag, calling it a symbol of slavery and racial oppression.

" 'This flag represents the former colonies that enslaved our ancestors,' says Tennessee state Rep. Henri Brooks. 'And when this flag was designed, they did not have [black people] in mind.'

"The Memphis Democrat made headlines two months ago when she was reproached for not standing while her fellow lawmakers recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

" 'It's not one nation under God and it's not liberty and justice for all,' Ms. Brooks told *The Washington Times* in a telephone interview yesterday.

"Ms. Brooks – who says she hasn't recited the pledge since third grade – apparently is not alone in her views. The American Civil Liberties Union came to her defense, as have such prominent black intellectuals as syndicated columnist Julianne Malveaux.

" 'With liberty for whom? And what is justice? For whom?' Miss Malveaux said in a recent televised debate.

"It is 'ridiculous' for blacks to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, because its words are "nothing but a lie, just a lie," Miss Malveaux said on Fox News Channel.

"Ms. Brooks' official Web site ([www.legislature.state.tn.us/house/members/h92.htm](http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/house/members/h92.htm)) lists her as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and former membership chairman of the NAACP Political Action Committee.

"Officials at the NAACP's Baltimore headquarters did not respond yesterday to requests for comment on Ms. Brooks' statements about the U.S. flag. The NAACP has led the fight to banish the Confederate flag from public display.

"Veteran civil rights activist Lawrence Guyot says Ms. Brooks

made 'quite a compelling argument' against the pledge.

" 'I am historically aware of how ingrained slavery was in America,' Mr. Guyot, a D.C. resident, said in an interview. 'There's just no question about the nexus between the development of America and slavery. . . . She could not have taken a better point to make that argument, even though I do not agree with her conclusion.'

"Other black leaders are more emphatic in their disagreement with Ms. Brooks.

" 'Civil rights and black peoples' sensibilities are being prostituted for political purposes,' said Niger Innis, national spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality and son of civil rights leader Roy Innis.

"Ms. Brooks' remarks are 'terribly anti-patriotic . . . racial demagoguery,' Mr. Innis said in an interview. 'It's what goes on as common practice in left-wing American politics today.'

"Such demagoguery is a 'disease [that] has infected not only most of the recognized black leadership, but it has now infected the highest levels of the Democratic Party,' Mr. Innis said.

"The furor over the pledge began with conflict between Ms. Brooks and a fellow Democrat, state house Speaker Jimmy Naifeh.

"According to press accounts, a group of children touring the state Capitol in Nashville asked why Ms. Brooks was not standing when other lawmakers were reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Mr. Naifeh says he approached Ms. Brooks to ask her about the incident, calling it a matter of decorum. Ms. Brooks says although she has never said the pledge during her nine years in the Legislature, she usually stands out of respect to her colleagues, but on the day in question was busy at her desk preparing legislation.

"Mr. Naifeh asked that, if Ms. Brooks would not say the pledge, she wait outside the House chamber until after her colleagues had finished reciting it. Ms. Brooks said the speaker's manner was insulting.

" 'He approached me in a master-slave type manner,' she says.

"Ms. Brooks took her case to the ACLU, which sent Mr. Naifeh a letter saying his request that she wait outside the House during the pledge was an infringement of Ms. Brooks' First Amendment rights.

"News coverage of the dispute stirred strong emotions in Tennessee.

" 'I've gotten a lot of hate mail, and some of them are veiled kind of threats,' Ms. Brooks said.

"The strongest reaction was from Jim Boyd, a former U.S. Army Reserve officer who burned Ms. Brooks in effigy in front of the Capitol two weeks ago.

"Mr. Boyd, who has announced he will run for governor next year on the U.S. Patriot ticket, called Ms. Brooks a 'traitor' who was 'pandering to the lowest and most vile and traitorous elements of our society.'

" 'For Henri Brooks to say that she will not pledge her loyalty to this nation spits in the face of soldiers who laid down their lives in defense of this nation,' said Mr. Boyd, of Hendersonville, Tenn. 'I see [Ms. Brooks] not only as a traitor to our nation, but as a traitor to the civil rights movement. Because she is using it

for her own political gain.'

"Ms. Brooks responded to Mr. Boyd's protest by asking the FBI to launch an investigation of Mr. Boyd, claiming he had violated her civil rights. After FBI agents questioned Mr. Boyd, an FBI official told a Nashville newspaper that the interview was 'an initial contact,' telling the Tennessean that 'all complaints are taken seriously by the FBI.'

" 'Me being a regular guy that has never gotten anything more than a parking ticket, [the FBI investigation] was at first a little intimidating,' Mr. Boyd told *The Washington Times*. 'But since then, I have realized that I did nothing wrong and shouldn't be intimidated by my government that I trust.'

"Ms. Brooks has sponsored legislation against racial profiling by police and in favor of reparations payments to the descendants of slaves.

"She cites a litany of grievances – poverty, discrimination, inequality – that she describes as evidence of 'a double standard for African-Americans and non-African-Americans.'

" 'Pledging allegiance to the flag, to me, is very hypocritical,' Ms. Brooks said.

"She expressed amazement at the response to her statements.

" 'When I try to give my side . . . it seems like it always comes out wrong,' Ms. Brooks says. 'For this to be blown to the proportion it has been, it's just taken me aback.'

—*The Washington Times*, June 22, 2001, p.1

❑ Since black slavery continues to be an issue in our nation let me suggest a work that covers most of the bases – Hugh Thomas' *The Slave Trade: The Story of the Atlantic Slave Trade – 1440-1830*. Generally what is not mentioned is exactly who started black slavery and who ended it. As unpleasant as it may be, the truth is that black chieftains started black slavery and, in the main, evangelical Christians ended it. Names such as David Livingston, Henry Stanley, Charles Gordon, William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, William Paley, James Ramsay, John Newton, John Wesley, etc.

"One of the saddest commentaries growing out of the slave trade is the fact that freed black slaves who returned to Africa immediately turned right around and engaged in black slavery. Grandville Sharp put it like this: 'I could not have conceived that men who were well aware of the wickedness of slave dealing, and had themselves been sufferers under the galling yoke of bondage to slaveholders . . . should become so basely depraved as to yield themselves instruments to promote, and extend, the same detestable oppression over their brethren.'

❑ "The increasingly casual attitude of teen-agers toward sex is "more dangerous than smoking," according to the Medical Institute of Austin, Texas, which has been studying teen-age sexual activity.

" 'Teens just do not know how at risk they are for emotional, physical, spiritual and psychological problems,' said Dr. Joe McIlhaney, president and founder of the institute. 'They don't know in their minds any reason to stop or not [engage in sexual behavior]. Nobody's taught them how much they can be hurt by it.'



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“About 50 percent of all current American high school students will lose their virginity, with nearly 900,000 teen-age girls becoming pregnant each year, the institute reports.

“The Medical Institute is a non-profit medical organization committed, in its own words, to ‘presenting only and completely what the data tells us.’ Among the findings:

- 20 percent of sexually active teens get an infection.
- Approximately two-thirds of those who contract sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are under 25, and 50 percent of all newly reported HIV infections are found in people under 25. HIV and herpes are both incurable lifelong diseases.

“In addition to compiling research from outside sources, the Medical Institute has conducted its own interviews with teens and surfed the Internet for teen attitudes toward sex. It found that many teens view sex in general casually, and there is a huge dichotomy between their evaluation of the seriousness and consequences of sexual intercourse and oral sex.

“ ‘Oral sex and intercourse are two very different things’ said one 16-year-old girl. ‘With oral sex, you get gratification without any of the consequences of actually having sex.’

“Another 16-year-old female agreed.

“ ‘With oral sex, you don’t get the emotional attachment that comes with intercourse,’ she said. ‘Oral sex isn’t really sex; it’s much more casual, and it comes with a lot fewer responsibilities.’

“The Medical Institute is worried about these attitudes in

particular, because several sexually transmitted diseases can be transmitted through oral sex. Also, any kind of sexual activity comes with unforeseen emotional and psychological consequences.

“These consequences have Dr. McIlhaney worried.

“ ‘Sex is more dangerous than smoking,’ he said. ‘Sex hurts them while they’re teen-agers. Smoking will hurt them later.’

“To try to ward teen-agers off from these dangerous consequences, the Medical Institute recently produced a video, ‘Sex Is Not a Game,’ to inform teens about the consequences of sex and for their own sexual health.

“The film features five teen-agers talking about their sexual experiences. One girl talks about the humiliation of having vaginal warts as a teen-ager, and another talks about how she has to say ‘no’ to sex now because she has genital herpes.

“One teen-age guy wonders why he should make any effort to be sexually pure now, since he was molested as a boy. Another tries to convince himself that it is OK to lie about whether he has been tested for STDs because ‘it’s just a big deal if you’re not getting any, right?’

“Though the film does not specifically address the issue, the accompanying discussion guide advocates postponing sexual activity until marriage with an uninfected partner as the only way to be safe. Medical Institute Executive Vice President Curt Stine says abstinence until marriage is ‘universally a healthy message.’

“ ‘We say marriage is a health issue,’ he said.

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