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Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

## From The President's Desk

One would think that following the bombing of the World Trade Center and Pentagon and the crash of that United airplane in Pennsylvania the cultural wars would take a break so everyone could catch their breath.

In spite of a declaration of war by radical Islam upon America, however, those promoting another agenda just as deadly as radical Islam (i.e. radical humanism) have not let up one bit.

Under the smoke of Islam the atheists, evolutionists, abortionists, homosexuals, porn pushers, etc. continue with their crusade to destroy Christianity and replace Christ with any one of their heroes—Darwin, Marx, deSade, Sanger, Kinsey, et al.

Following the destruction of the World Trade Center, PBS used an eight hour miniseries to convince us that we are merely animals without a soul. The series was entitled 'Evolution.' And the U.S. tax payer picked up the tab for the revelation that we are mere farm animals waiting to be milked by the intellectual elite.

Stephen Jay Gould, atheist and Marxist, directs us from fish to Gish!

One of the better critiques of the series was by Jonathan Wells, author of *Icons of Evolution*. Here is what he says as reported in *The Washington Times* (September 23, 2001, p. B3).

"America is the most scientifically advanced nation on Earth, yet a majority of its citizens reject Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Gallup polls have shown that about 45 percent of Americans believe God created living things in their present form a few thousand years ago; about 40 percent believe that things evolved over a long time with God's guidance; while only a little more than 10 percent accept Darwin's theory that things evolved through unguided natural selection and random variations.

"Darwinists, of course, deplore this situation. To correct it, they broadcast an eight hour miniseries on public television from Sept. 24-27. The miniseries was entitled 'Evolution,' and its guiding vision was to convey 'the importance of evolution' to the American people.

"According to its producers, the miniseries 'presents facts and the accumulated results of scientific inquiry; which means understanding the underlying evidence behind claims of fact and proposed theories, and reporting on those areas where the science is sound. In keeping with solid science journalism we examine empirically testable explanations for "what happened," but don't speak to the ultimate cause of "who done it"—the religious realm.'

"Yet the 'underlying evidence' turns out to be surprisingly thin. Evolution has lots of interesting stories about scientists studying minor changes within existing species, but domestic breeders have been observing those for centuries. What made Darwin's theory revolutionary was his claim that similar changes could produce new species and new kinds of organisms. Viewers did not see any evidence for this in 'Evolution.'

"In fact, the miniseries distorts scientific evidence to make it look like support for Darwin's theory. A physician claims he sees HIV evolving into new species in a matter of hours—yet the claim is false. We are told that apelike creatures that lived a million years ago were our ancestors—yet Henry Gee, chief science writer for *Nature*, wrote in 1999 that this 'is not a scientific hypothesis that can be tested, but an assertion that carries the same validity as a bedtime story.' We are shown a mutant fruit fly with an extra pair of wings that is supposed to be evidence for the role of genes in evolution—yet (as the discerning viewer could see) the extra wings are immobile. The fly is actually a deformed cripple, an evolutionary dead end.

"Not only does 'Evolution' fail to present solid evidence for Darwin's theory, but it also presents uncritically some of the theory's more disreputable manifestations. Evolutionary psychologist Geoffrey Miller tells us that cultural achievements such as Handel's 'Messiah' are products of our ancestors' sexual urges—yet even most Darwinists consider this pseudo-science. American Museum of Natural History anthropologist Ian Tattersall, for one, has criticized Mr. Miller's speculations for being 'a product of the storyteller's art, not of science.'

"In place of evidence and sound science, 'Evolution' relies on a parade of carefully chosen experts who assure us Darwin was right and God had nothing to do with it.

"In fact, 'Evolution' has quite a lot to say about God and religion. From start to finish, its message is that only ignorant biblical fundamentalists criticize Darwinian evolution. Yet most of Darwin's critics in the 19th century were other scientists, and the number of modern scientists who criticize Darwinism is growing. Lehigh University bio-chemist Michael Behe, for example, has documented the 'failure of Darwin's theory on the molecular level.'

"There are also many religious people who doubt Darwinism even though they are not biblical fundamentalist. Renowned religion scholar Huston Smith has written that Darwinism is 'supported more by atheistic philosophical assumptions than by scientific evidence' and blames it for eroding the 'faith in transcendence' that is basic to all the world's religions.

"Instead of presenting us with a balanced picture of its controversial subject, 'Evolution' completely ignores critics such as Messrs. Smith, Behe, Tattersall and Gee. It distorts the evidence for Darwin's theory, it glorifies unsound science, and it promotes a biased view of 'the religious realm.' Instead of being an educational documentary, it is a work of pro-Darwin propaganda that is out of place on public television.

"If 'Evolution' fails to persuade the masses that Darwinism is true, perhaps it's because Americans have more sense than Darwinists think they have ."

**Month In Review**

***Happy New Year!***

Q "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

—I Peter 3:8-12

Q "One of the most dangerous errors instilled into us by nineteenth-century progressive optimism is the idea that civilization is automatically bound to increase and spread. The lesson of history is the opposite; civilization is a rarity, attained with difficulty and easily lost. The normal state of humanity is barbarism, just as the normal surface of our planet is salt water. Land looms large in our imagination of the planet and civilization in our history books, only because sea and savagery are, to us, less interesting. And if you press to know what I

mean by civilization, I reply 'Humanity,' by which I do not mean kindness so much as the realization of the human idea. Human life means to me the life of beings for whom the leisured activities of thought, art, literature, conversation are the end, and the preservation and propagation of life merely the means. That is why education seems to me so important: it actualizes that potentiality for leisure, if you like for amateurishness, which is man's prerogative. You have noticed, I hope, that man is the only amateur animal; all the others are professionals. They have no leisure and do not desire it. When the cow has finished chewing she sleeps; when she has finished sleeping she eats again. She is a machine for turning grass into calves and milk—in other words, for producing more cows. The lion cannot stop hunting, nor the beaver building dams, nor the bee making honey. When God made the beasts dumb He saved the world from infinite boredom, for if they could speak they would all of them, all day, talk nothing but shop.

—C.S. Lewis, *Rehabilitations*

Q "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

"All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays; stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

"Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are Thine. Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

"Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began. Father love is reigning o'er us; brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victor in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life."

—Henry van Dyke (1852-1933)

Q "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...who strives valiantly, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in worthy causes. Who, at best, knows the triumph of high achievement and who, at worst, if he fails, fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

—Teddy Roosevelt, *Newsweek*, December 3, 2001, p. 67

Q "Randy Parks, until recently a campus minister at Columbia University in New York, calls the religious outpouring after the terrorist attacks 'an event set within a context of people already searching.'" At Columbia, working for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, he witnessed an explosive growth of evangelical groups over the last two years. Graduate students in medicine, law, social work, and education formed fellowships that he describes as 'grass-roots kinds of things.'

"Now Parks is associate pastor of Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn Heights, just across the East River from where the World Trade Center stood. His Congregationalist church has 10 new members, 7 of them in their 20s or 30s. Several of these told Parks that the attacks had spurred them to follow through on their prior resolutions to join a church.

"Campus Crusade for Christ has statistics showing that the boom goes back several years. Mike Tilley, who oversees campus expansion in America, says Campus Crusade participation nearly doubled between 1995 and 2000, rising from 21,000 to 40,000. At 700 of the campuses where it operates, the chapters are organized by students, not Campus Crusade staffers.

"It's notable that at most campuses, evangelical groups like InterVarsity and Campus Crusade—which teach strict moral standards and salvation by faith in Jesus Christ—are flourishing, while more liberal, mainline Protestant groups struggle to attract members. At Catholic colleges with theologically and politically liberal campus ministry staffs, such as St. Louis University, students have begun to form their own 'underground' groups that emphasize fidelity to the pope, traditional devotions, and adherence to Church rules.

"Jean Bethke Elshtain, an ethics professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School, finds no mystery here. 'It's a reaction against some of the strands of the culture,' she says. Having seen her own students gravitate toward moral absolutes, she says the quest for religious truth and moral grounding has been percolating for a long time. 'The mainstream media weren't paying all that much attention,' Elshtain says of the reports that portrayed young adults' turning to religion as a reflexive response to fear. 'I think it's much deeper than that. My hunch is that there is considerable staying power.'

—*The Weekly Standard*, December 3, 2001, p. 19

Q "CBS this fall quietly opened a new front in the culture war. The network's new show *The Education of Max Bickford* features a male college professor who obtains a sex-change operation, marking the first time a transsexual character has been a regular on a weekly series. Actress Helen Shaver plays the man/woman.

"With middling ratings and the public distracted by the war on terrorism, *Bickford* has attracted scant attention. Yet the show runs at 8 p.m. (Eastern) on Sundays, in what the networks once considered the 'family hour.'

"Ms. Shaver's character, named 'Erica,' took a sabbatical from work for the operation and is an old drinking buddy of the title character, played by Richard Dreyfuss. The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation raves about the show and even sent a glossary to journalists, listing the preferred terms for the character. The group endorses the word *transgender* and says journalists should refer to 'Erica' as 'she,' never 'he.'

—*World* magazine, November 24, 2001, p. 17

Q "On the very day of the terrorist attacks, while so many of us were in a state of shock, the California legislature quietly passed a homosexual 'domestic partnership benefits' bill, thereby ignoring the will of the people who voted overwhelmingly in favor of a pro-marriage ballot initiative in 2000.

"While most Americans mourned for their fellow countrymen, radical homosexuals used this time to advance their radical agenda.

"Similarly in Washington, D.C. following the attacks, openly homosexual Rep. Jim Kolbe (R-Ariz.) introduced an amendment to the D.C. appropriations bill that would confer marriage benefits on live-on partners of homosexuals and unmarried heterosexuals.

"The bill which passed the House would allow the District to use tax revenues to fund domestic partner benefits.

"Shameless behavior in our country's most mournful hour.

"Americans understand now more than ever that the traditional family is the foundation of a strong society. While Americans are focused most on those things that promote the common good—Faith, Family, and Freedom—while their backs are turned... ..their families are under assault by those with no qualms about placing their own special interests above the interests of the nation.

—Kenneth L. Connor, Family Research Council

Q "A radically pro-homosexual website has published a list of notable people its creators hope will 'die soon' because the activists and lawmakers cited oppose the 'gay' lifestyle. The site, called 'usQueers.com,' is similar to a pro-life website that once published names and addresses of abortion doctors and providers before being forced to pull its pages by a court after being sued.

"UsQueers.com says it is not 'anti-heterosexual,' claiming it is merely a collection of 'gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered, intersexed, questioning and our supporters' who are 'dedicated to a mission of assisting with the recognition, protection and defense of the rights to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" which belong to Queers. ...'

"However, listed on one page are the names of several notable religious, cultural and political figures historically opposed to homosexuality that the group says it hopes will 'die soon... preferably a horrible death.'

" 'usQueers.com does not authorize, ratify or directly threaten acts of violence toward the people or organizations on this list,' said the site's creators. 'If a person on this list dies (preferably a horrible death), a line will be drawn through their name,' and then the deceased will be added to the site's 'good riddance list.;

"Included on the 'die soon' list are:

- Former President Ronald Reagan, who 'deserves to experience a horrible death soon and is getting what he deserves,' the latter a reference to Reagan's worsening Alzheimer's disease;
- Donald E. Wildmon, president of the American Family Association;
- Tim Wildmon, the AFA's vice president;
- Sens. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and Jesse Helms, R-N.C.;
- Pat Robertson, the 'anti-Christ, if there is one,' according to the site;
- James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family;
- Paul Weyrich, founder of the Free Congress Foundation is also listed, as is Rep. J.C. Watt, R-Okla., nationally known evangelist and WND columnist Rev. Jerry Falwell, and Gary

Bauer, the former head of the Family Research Council."

—*World Net Daily*, November 27, 2001

Q "Bit by bit, the evidence accumulates, and some conservatives are dismayed at what they see: a Republican administration sending low-key but clear signals that homosexuals are welcomed in its ranks and respected as a voting bloc.

"To many homosexual activists, the Bush administration's overtures are encouraging, though timid. Among staunch social conservatives—the pro-family lobby—there is frustration and a sense of betrayal.

" 'You'd almost think they were Democrats trying to infiltrate what makes the Republican Party distinctive,' said Robert Knight, executive director of the Culture and Family Institute. 'The record so far has been pretty bad...shockingly so, given the support Bush received from evangelical Christians.'

"The grievances date back to Mr. Bush's cautious openings toward homosexuals during last year's campaign. Since taking office, his administration has:

- Appointed openly homosexual men as head of the Office of National AIDS Policy and as ambassador to Romania, the highest appointments ever for uncloseted homosexuals in a Republican administration.
- Retained executive orders Bill Clinton issued to ensure equal treatment for homosexuals in the federal work force.
- Decided not to lobby against an amendment approved by the House of Representatives last month that permits domestic partnership benefits for homosexual employees of the District of Columbia.

"Some conservatives were particularly angry that the partner of Ambassador to Romania Michael Guest was acknowledged by Secretary of State Colin L. Powell during last month's □ swearing-in ceremony.

"Conservatives ire also was directed at Scott Evertz, the new AIDS policy director. A former homosexual activist in Wisconsin, Mr. Evertz is also a conservative Roman Catholic opposed to abortion.

" 'If the president is being battered by the right and the left, it probably means the vast



majority of the electorate like what he's doing,' Mr. Evertz said in a telephone interview.

" 'The average American isn't at a point where they can endorse gay marriage or domestic partnerships—the president isn't endorsing those concepts at this point. But does he believe gays and lesbians ought to be treated with dignity and respect? Yes.'

"Mr. Evertz predicted the Republicans' share of the national homosexual vote—estimated at 25 percent for Bush last year—would grow."

—*The Washington Times*, October 28, 2001, p. A3

Q "The Oct. 28 [2001] attack by Islamic militants on a Pakistani church that left 16 dead dramatizes the plight of Christians in Muslim-ruled countries, and according to several human rights organizations it's a dismal one.

"In many of those countries, Christians cannot openly practice their religion, nor attempt to convert others to it. Churches are not even allowed in Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan, and in other Islamic countries there are severe restrictions on where they can build and to whom they can preach the Gospel.

"The religious freedom enjoyed by America's 1.8 million to 2 million Muslims—the numbers are in dispute, and some Muslim groups claim millions more—lets them construct mosques, set up their own nonprofit groups and evangelize for their religion. Protected by the First Amendment, radical Muslim groups have also freely operated and raised funds here.

"The U.S. State Department's annual religious freedom report, released Oct. 25, rates Islamic-ruled Afghanistan among the worst countries—along with Burma, China, Cuba, Laos, North Korea and Vietnam—in terms of religious freedom.

Runners-up included Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Sudan, where leaving Islam for another religion is a capital offense.

—*The Washington Times*, November 6, 2001, p. 1

Q "The Madison [Wisc.] School Board voted to allow schools to offer the Pledge of Allegiance, reversing an earlier decision that critics denounced as unpatriotic.

"The board approved the change on a 6-1 vote yesterday after hearing about eight hours of testimony from emotional residents about its decision last week to bar the Pledge of Allegiance and allow only an instrumental version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in classrooms. The new policy allows the singing of the national anthem, too.

"For a few minutes every morning, everyone joins in an exercise that I believe binds us together," board member Ray Allen said.

"The 800-seat auditorium at Madison Memorial High School was overflowing late Monday into yesterday with citizens wanting to express their opinions.

"Last week, the board ruled out the pledge or the singing of the anthem as a way for schools to comply with a new state law that called for a daily dose of patriotism—either the pledge or 'The Star-Spangled Banner'—in schools. Instead, schools were to use an instrumental version of the anthem.

"Supporters of that policy had suggested the lyrics to the national anthem were too militaristic, and complained about the 'one nation, under God' line in the pledge, saying the religious words did not belong in public schools.

" 'I don't think the pledge is about religion. I think it is a commitment to our democracy,' Mr. Allen said.

"The district received more than 20,000 phone calls and e-mail messages over the matter—almost all of them criticizing the decision."

—*The Washington Times*, October 17, 2001, p. A4

Q Prominent Harvard alumni are trying to restore the Reserve Officers' Training Corps to the liberal university's campus after 32 years.

" 'A time like this makes the ROTC so important. I'd like to see the president of Harvard say, "We're at war, and we need ROTC training",' said David Clayman of Lawrence, Mass., a 1938 Harvard alumnus who heads a group called Advocates for Harvard ROTC.

" 'But at Harvard, ROTC cadets are not wanted; they are not tolerated. ...It's a deplorable, humiliating situation,' Mr. Clayman says.

"Advocates for Harvard ROTC have collected 900 signatures of alumni who want to see the return of the ROTC on the Cambridge, Mass., campus. Influential signers include former

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Staples founder Leo Kahn. 'Casper Weinberger is on our advisory board,' Mr. Clayman said.

"The Reserve Officers' Training Corps, established in 1916 to ensure that well-educated men were well-represented in the armed services, was banished from Harvard in 1969 when the campus was engulfed in anti-war turmoil.

"Several other schools, including Dartmouth College, and Stanford, Yale and New York universities also abolished the ROTC. Mr. Clayman identified a Washington state woman with two sons who attend Stanford, who has told him she wants to 'replicate his efforts' and try to get the ROTC re-established at the California university."

—*The Washington Times*, October 17, 2001, p. A11

Q "When an Iraqi intelligence officer greeted Mohamed Atta at Prague's Ruzyně airport on June 2, 2000, Czech security were shadowing Ahmed Khalil Ibrahim Samir Al-Ani, second secretary at the Iraqi Embassy in the Czech capital, as a suspected key player in Saddam Hussein's terrorist network. Within 24 hours, Atta boarded a flight to Newark, N.J., to continue his plot to fly airliners into the World Trade Center in New York City.

"Three days later, CIA Director George Tenet convened a special meeting at headquarters in Langley, Va. About 60 CIA employees and a group of like-minded National Security Agency (NSA) cryptographers, linguists and electronic-intelligence experts brought in by bus from Fort Meade, Md., gathered in the Awards Suite to hear him. Joining them was a prominent congressman who ranked high on a committee with jurisdiction over federal counterterrorism laws.

"Tenet had an important announcement. Before the applauding crowd of intelligence professionals, he introduced the congressman—homosexual activist Barney Frank (D-Mass.), kicking off the CIA's first official celebration of Gay and Lesbian Pride Month.

" 'Let me be clear,' said Frank, who had made a crusade of sorts to slash and publicize the intelligence community's secret budgets. 'I've not only been trying to cut your budget, I've been trying to out your budget.' Now he had been given what he wanted. 'The fact that I would be speaking at Gay and Lesbian Pride Month at the CIA—yeah, that's a sign of real progress,' Frank told the *Washington Post*."

—J. Michael Waller, *Insight*, November 12, 2001, p. 11

Q "Attorney General John Ashcroft should be congratulated for detaining 700 terrorist suspects including at least 10 linked to al Qaeda, bin Laden's terror network.

"But just as we round up some, more terrorists are entering America each day—part of a Washington bureaucratic oversight which may well border on negligence, or worse.

"First we should understand that the 19 suicide terrorists who destroyed the Trade Center were not immigrants to the United States, people who are thoroughly checked. No, most came here on the State Department's over-liberal visa program, which admits foreigners for tourism, business and schooling for anywhere from a month to five years.

"Citizens of 29 nations, mainly Europeans, can come here without a visa just as we do when we visit Europe. But many other foreign nationals require a State Department visa issued by the National Visa Center. Of these, some quarter of a million were granted to Middle Easterners - the source of our present terrorist population.

"Visitors apply at our overworked, underfinanced embassies and consulates overseas, where local foreigners do most of the background screening. The most generous visa is granted to citizens of Saudi Arabia, ostensibly our friend. It is for "Multiple Use," and valid for two years. It enables them to travel anywhere in the United States, even back and forth to Saudi Arabia.

"Most of the terrorists did not smuggle themselves into our nation. They just stepped off a plane, presented their legal visas at U.S. Customs, then were met by fellow terrorists and faded into the national landscape.

"Of the 19 terrorists, a total of 15 were carrying visas from Saudi Arabia, according to information from a knowledgeable government source. One, a non-German, was carrying a visa issued at our embassy in Berlin. Two were from the Gulf States, and one was of unknown origin. Two of the 19 were believed to be here on student visas, learning not academics, but how to kill Americans."

—Martin Gross, *The Washington Times*, October 17, 2001, p. A16

Q "Almost any English-language newspaper anywhere in the developing world carries more foreign news than America's top two or three dailies combined. Since the end of the Cold War, the melodrama of constant trivia, from Tania Harding to Monica Lewinsky and from O.J. Simpson to Gary Condit, blinded us to the new forces shaping the developing world.

"In a comparable news period, Miss Harding garnered more ink and air time than the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 that collapsed the Soviet empire and its communist ideology.

"Following the twin victories in the Cold War and the Gulf war, editors and TV producers, in their infinite wisdom, decided Americans don't care about foreign news and focused instead on less expensive to cover domestic melodramas.

"For the major conglomerates and mega-companies that own the media giants, the bottom line reigned supreme. The public good was a quaint concept relegated to academic debates, as was the journalistic duty of taking what's important and making it interesting. Stains on Monica's dress became more important than the growing popularity of Osama bin Laden in the slums of Muslim capitals.

"Prior to Sept. 11, ABC World News Tonight frequently reduced the rest of the world to a single foreign news item, more often than not of marginal importance. As the *New York Times*' Maureen Dowd put it, 'It's somewhat embarrassing that we didn't look outward sooner, that foreign wars got less TV air time than the war against wrinkles.'

"The fact that bin Laden was running a global terror network in some 60 countries was unknown by 99 percent of Americans; or that Pakistan's Islamic schools (madrassas) are producing an endless supply of recruits for terrorist training in Afghanistan; or that Pakistan's crassly ignorant religious leaders are promoting bin Laden's hatred of America; or that fanatics have won the hearts and minds of the Muslim masses while they chloroformed the silent majority into submission.

"For most of the developing world it was still a matter of how to put food on the family table, not twice or three times but once a day. Muslim clerics from Indonesia to Pakistan, the world's two most populous Islamic states, and from Egypt to Morocco, tell their impoverished flocks that America lives in the lap of luxury from the sweat of their brows. And to add insult to injury, they say America is supplying billions in military hardware to Israel to keep the Palestinians enslaved. All the ingredients for the 'Clash of Civilizations,' posited by Professor Samuel Huntington in his famous book, have slowly hardened without the ever-alert mass media machine taking notice."

—Arnaud de Borchgrave, *The Washington Times*, October 11, 2001, p. A23

Q "In the world today, Islam—the religion of the Muslims—is the principal alternative to what is called, broadly, 'the Western world.' The latter, based on the Judeo-Christian cultural tradition, is wealthier, technologically more advanced, and far more powerful than the

Muslim parts of the world. Culturally, it bestrides the globe in almost every respect. And its leading exemplar is the United States of America.

"Islam, by comparison, is wretchedly poor, militarily weak, and culturally impoverished. But Muslims are fiercely proud of their religion, which they regard as infinitely superior to the materialistic, libertine ways of the West. And, to be honest, we must admit that many aspects of Western culture—the widespread pornography and the popularity of drugs, to mention only two—are far from edifying. Small wonder that the Muslims' envy of the West simply makes them more loyal to their faith and curdles all too often into contempt and hatred."

—William Rusher, *The Washington Times*, October 11, 2001, p. A22

Q "Thanks to Osama bin Laden, the cultural wars of the '60s at last are over. The Taliban is not just another interesting 'culture.' Multiculturalism is dead. Relativism is out. Bin Laden and his Taliban friends are evil. There is no more war of the generations. Grandfathers and adolescents are waving American flags. In fact, the general population is more hawkish than the Bush administration. In the present climate, Donald Rumsfeld is a dove.

"Bin Laden murdered, among much else, the illusionary project of the 1960s that intended to cast everything in doubt. Nobody is spelling 'America' with a 'k' anymore—'Amerika.' Bin Laden killed anti-Americanism, even among liberals. In the wake of the twin towers mass murders, Americans are suddenly alive to who they are. This is the first time since 1912 that a foreign enemy has been able to strike directly at America in its own country.

"And, of course, bin Laden and his friends and allies are planning to murder again and again before he dies, which will not be in bed.

"Yes, the '60s are really over now.

"There are no 'counterculturalists' wearing bin Laden T-shirts. Posters of his ugly kisser do not decorate dormitory walls or storefronts on Berkeley's Telegraph Avenue.

"I notice that the term 'civilized nations' has come into frequent use, a refreshing development. There's nothing like the appearance of total negation to sharpen one's sense of positive being. The appearance of nothingness makes the adages of existence dramatically clear.

"The Taliban and its crony bin Laden actively hate high civilization. Their vision is something like that of Pol Pot—destroying in order to create a utopia out of total devastation. Pol Pot desired a Maoist anthill society. The radical Islamists desire to destroy everything

outside of their own bleak faith.

"By the way, I keep hearing that the Taliban is a perversion of the Muslim religion. Funny thing, the only people I hear that from are Christians. So far as I know, not a single important Muslim religious figure has said that, or denounced the crimes of bin Laden.

"I keep hearing that the Muslim faith is one of the world's 'great religions.' I don't think that idea should be repeated until, at the very least, its leaders condemn bin Laden and all his works.

"Furthermore, the maxim 'by their fruits you shall know them' certainly holds true here. There is not a single nation under Muslim sway that one would care to visit, much less live in. Between the shore of the Mediterranean and the border of India, there is no prosperity, no representative government, no great university and little that anyone would want to buy, except oil. In short: no civilization. The only modern, decently run nation in the Middle East is Israel. Its per capita income towers above anything in the region. When its government loses an election, it quietly leaves office. It has several great universities.

"When we talk about 'civilized nations,' we don't mean Iraq or Syria. We mean England and France.

"In actual practice, we always knew that multiculturalism meant regard for other cultures and civilizations except for Western culture, which was to be denigrated. Remember 'Eurocentric' used as a term of denigration?

"But, of course, all of that, even in the '60s, was in obvious bad faith. The multiculturalist, when ill, did not call a witch doctor. He went to the Mayo Clinic. On vacation, he did not go to Rwanda or Burundi. He went to London or Paris or Rome. When he went to a conference of multiculturalists, he did not travel in an ox cart. He traveled in a 747.

"Bin Laden has assassinated all that nonsense. He has reminded us of who we are, modernizing heirs of a great humane tradition.

"During the anti-Western convulsion of the '60s, none other than Christopher Columbus was a prime villain. As a schoolchild I memorized the verses 'In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.' He was a hero to me, to everyone.

"Much later, I came to understand his enormous importance as a navigator, geographer and explorer. He also hoped to spread Christianity—his flagship was named the Santa Maria.

"This great man, of course, was vilified during the '60s. His 'discovery' of the Americas, as we understood it, was a crime. The continent should have been left to the Incas and the

Aztecs, the latter of whom used sharp stone knives to cut the hearts out of thousands of young women in order to assure that the sun would continue to rise. Multiculturalism. Thank God for reason and the West.

"It may be that bin Laden completed something already under way. I sense a return to civility and good manners on the college campus. Almost no one is flaky or funky. Normality is settling in. Big hair and scraggly beards are out. The students even seem to be better dressed than they were in the recent past. We are a civilized nation."

—Jeffrey Hart, *The Washington Times*, November 5, 2001, p. A19

