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Romans 1:18, 19

From The President's Desk

In western science we have dispensed with the notion of “Intelligent Designer” and replaced it with chance and purposelessness. With the move to evolve a new humanity, however, we are adding some human intelligence to the mix. Chance and purposelessness don’t seem to get the job done.

Balint Vazsonyi, director of the Center for the American Founding, says God has also been deep-sixed in our society as well. What he says about the move is worth pondering.

“Blessed is our land for its ability to deal with the highly complex in the simplest of ways. Ten years ago we said goodbye to Johnny Carson, but now we have Jay Leno.

“Last week, the night of Wall Street’s worst drop, Jay said – without the slightest heaviness in his voice – ‘you see, we took out ‘under God’ from the Pledge of Allegiance, so God is saying ‘OK, see how far you get without me.’”

“Thunderous applause from the audience.

“As anyone who has stood in line for NBC-TV’s “Tonight Show” knows, there is more America in that audience than in all the focus groups and opinion polls combined.

“Reverend so-and-so may shake his fist at America. The U.S. 9th Circuit may unleash its

dimmest panel yet. The Supreme Court may deliberate for weeks on end. For Jay, as for most Americans, it's quite simple. 'OK – see how far you get without me.'

“We are in the midst of two great debates. One is about ‘separation of church and state.’ Blessed are they who have not read the U.S. Constitution, for they can afford to refer to the phrase as a constitutional provision. Those of us burdened with the experience of having actually read those few remarkable pages know only that it ain't there. Whether the Founding Fathers had it in mind is for clever people like Phil Donahue to figure out. His extensive communings with Karl Marx and Vladimir Ilyich Lenin surely provide the necessary insight.

“This first debate appears to be of recent vintage. Not so. Many centuries ago, thinkers began to turn their attention to aspects of philosophy, soon to encompass political philosophy. Organization of the secular world – until then fashioned largely to reflect the hierarchy of the church – was the purpose.

“Those who wrote in English found ways to make their recommendations without challenging the church – certainly without challenging God. Such was John Locke, such were America's Founding Fathers. Those who wrote in French and German – of whom Marx was one, and whose teachings Lenin applied in the Bolshevik Revolution – picked a quarrel with God from the very beginning. From Rene Descartes through Immanuel Kant to Martin Heidegger, the ultimate slaying of God became unavoidable, for without it the supremacy of the human mind could not be proclaimed.

“Thus, the debate is legitimate, valid and of long standing. What is phony is the suggestion we are engaged in ‘different interpretations of the Constitution.’ In truth, we have simply imported an age-old dispute between the main protagonists of Western Civilization.

“There is nothing in the Constitution that prohibits a preference for French and German thought over the Anglo-American. But establishing clarity does help if one decides to advocate one side of an intensive debate – all the more so as we look at the other debate.

“The other debate is about to test our concept of religious liberty, of tolerance, of First Amendment rights to the limit.

“In the absence of a state religion, denominations proliferated in America to an extent unimaginable in Europe. As if to symbolize the new society, the church steeple no longer marked the center of town. How could it, if no church carried greater weight than any other, and there were so many of them. No – it was the courthouse that occupied the central square now, symbol of the institution where everyone could find relief, regardless of faith, origin or social status. And the court was surrounded by a growing array of houses of worship.

“But they were all Christian or Jewish – all anchored in the book we call the Holy Bible.

“Now comes Lynne Cheney’s new ‘Patriotic Primer’ and its entry for the letter ‘G (God).’ On the page opposite, ‘Main Street U.S.A.’ is drawn to include a mosque and a Hindu temple.

“Ancestors of those who worship in those holy places were neither present at America’s Founding, nor contributed the ideas and tenets expressed in the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution. But they have asked for, and been granted, a new home in our land and, with that, all the liberties, rights, protections established in those documents.

“What is the debate, then? Whether our way of life will endure faced with this expansion, and what we must asked of our new fellow Americans in the way of conscious effort to study, comprehend, and adopt without reservation, that way of life.

“Or we shall really wake up to the message, ‘OK – see how far you get without me.’

—The Washington Times, August 4, 2002, p. B4

Month In Review

Happy Thanksgiving!

Q For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

“Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

“For this reason God gave them over to vile passions; For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife,

deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God; that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.”

—Romans 1: 18-32

Q To all ye Pilgrims:

“Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the raids of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.”

—Governor William Bradford, Plymouth Foundation, 1623

Q Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection, aid, and favors . . .

“Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of the United States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficient Author of all the good that was, and is, or that will be; that we may all then unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.”

—President George Washington, 1789

Q We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is 'good,' because it is good, if 'bad' because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

—C.S. Lewis, August, 10, 1948

Q Thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue,
For the spirit of America that still is staunch and true,
For the laughter of our children and the sunlight in their eyes,
And the joy of radiant mothers and their evening lullabies;
And thankful that our harvests wear no taint of blood to-day,
But were sown and reaped by toilers who were light of heart and gay.

“Thankful for the riches that are ours to claim and keep,
The joy of honest labor and the boon of happy sleep,
For each little family circle where there is no empty chair
Save where god has sent the sorrow for the loving hearts to bear;
And thankful for the loyal souls and brave hearts of the past
Who builded that contentment should be with us to the last.

“Thankful for the plenty that our peaceful land has blessed,
For the rising sun that beckons every man to do his best,
For the goal that lies before him and the promise when he sows
That his hand shall reap the harvest, undisturbed by cruel foes;
For the flaming torch of justice, symbolizing as it burns:
Here none may rob the toiler of the prize he fairly earns.

“To-day our thanks we're giving for the riches that are ours,
For the red fruits of the orchards and the perfume of the flowers,
For our homes with laughter ringing and our hearthfires blazing bright,
For our land of peace and plenty and our land of truth and right;
And we're thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue,
For the spirit of our fathers and a manhood that is true.”

—Edgar A. Guest, “Thanksgiving”

Q Freedom is a need of the soul, and nothing else. It is in striving toward God that the soul strives continually after a condition of freedom. God alone is the inciter and guarantor of

freedom. He is the only guarantor. External freedom is only an aspect of interior freedom. Political freedom, as the Western world has known it, is only a political reading of the Bible. Religion and freedom are indivisible. Without freedom the soul dies. Without the soul there is no justification for freedom... There has never been a society or a nation without God. But history is cluttered with the wreckage of nations that became indifferent to God, and died.”

—Whittaker Chambers, Witness

Q Perhaps my favorite example [of intelligent design] is that of the trilobites, arthropods (invertebrates with jointed legs) that are extinct and only found as fossils worldwide. They occur among the earliest fossils in the so-called Cambrian rocks, and are the lowermost multi-cellular fossils with hard parts found in the Grand Canyon, for example. Often regarded as primitive creatures, their anatomy reveals that they are, perhaps, the most complex of all invertebrate creatures. They are thought to have been marine creatures, because their fossils are commonly found with the remains of creatures that still live in oceans today. Furthermore, they appear to have had a set of gills associated with every leg. The animal’s shell is usually divisible into three sections or lobes – the head, thorax, and tail. Hence, the animal’s name (tri for three, and lobite for the lobes). Because of their jointed legs and antennae, the trilobites are classified with lobsters, crabs, scorpions, spiders, and insects. The legs require them to have had complex muscle systems, and because of their similarity to modern arthropods, trilobites are thought to have had a circulation system, including a heart. They also had a very complex nervous system, as indicated by antennae, which probably had a sensory function, and the presence of eyes on many species.

“Indeed , some scientist believe that the aggregate (schizochroal) eyes of some trilobites were the most sophisticated optical systems ever utilized by any organism. The schizochroal eye is a compound eye, made up of many single lenses, each specifically designed to correct for spherical aberration, thus allowing the trilobites to see an undistorted image under water. The elegant physical design of trilobite eyes also employs Fermat’s principle, Abbe’s sine law, Snell’s laws of refraction, and compensates for the optics of birefringent crystals. Such a vision system has all the evidence of being constructed by an exceedingly brilliant designer! “The trilobite’s extraordinary complexity hardly warrants the creature being called “primitive,” but herein lies the dilemma for evolutionists. There are no possible evolutionary ancestors to the trilobites in the rock layers beneath where the trilobites are found, for example, in the Grand Canyon. In fact, the trilobites appear in the geological record suddenly, fully-formed and complexly integrated creatures with the most sophisticated optical systems ever utilized by any organism, without any hint or trace of an ancestor in the many rock layers beneath. There is absolutely no clue as to how the amazing complexity of trilobites arose, and thus they quite clearly argue for design and fiat creation, just as we would predict from the biblical account in Genesis.”

—Andrew Snelling Ph.D., *In Six Days*

Q Evolution itself is a runaway train, guided only by an absurd combination of determinism and chance, with no objective truth or morality at its disposal. No maps, no charts – i.e., no intelligent design. The progressives might think we humans are the leading edge of evolution and that they can take charge by at long last supplying the missing ‘intelligent design’. But given the universe they think we live in, their chances are nil. Their universe will eat them up just like it will eat up all the rest of us.”

—F. Earle Fox and David W. Virtue, *Homosexuality*, p. 116

Q Ralph Frerichs, of UCLA, framed the matter like this in the course of an interview: ‘Traditionally, we epidemiologists have been granted full responsibility, but society has eroded that, and we now talk about respecting the rights of human individuals who have disease-causing viruses, bacteria, and so on, which makes it increasingly difficult to stop the spread of these diseases. This is society’s choice. But this is de facto granting rights to the viruses and to the bacteria’”

—Chandler Burr, *The Atlantic Monthly*, June 1997

Q E. Michael Jones was right – the driving force of 20th century western culture has been the quest for sexual liberation. The common denominator, here and in Europe, has been secularism, with the consequent failure of moral backbone, followed inevitably by the demise of the intellect. That drive for sexual license, surfacing in the 1960’s, more than any other drive has dominated the latter half of the 20th century, including the life of the Christian community.

“The spread of AIDS highlights a common romantic theme, the alliance between lust and death. The persistent lust for sexual pleasure amounts to a death wish. AIDS is a fitting epitaph for our 20th century, writes Jones. ‘What started out in rebellion ended in death. The rebellion against the moral law succeeded, and we overthrew ourselves.’

“Aldous Huxley had tipped the hand of the secularists in his 1946 book, *Ends and Means*, Science (by which he should have indicated secularized science), he recognized, could not give us moral standards or show us any meaning in life. But he was going to take the scientific view, he wrote, ‘because I want this world not to have meaning because it frees me

to my own erotic and political desires.’

“Unrestrained power and uninhibited pleasure were more important to Huxley than the covenant God was offering. That is red-handed rebellion, the aim of an evil-minded person. ‘If there is a God, I do not want to hear about it . . .’ Huxley had a voice in the formation of the arts and culture which helped to crumble what shards remained of western biblical culture.”

—F. Earle Fox and David W. Virtue, *Homosexuality*, p. 74

Q Science starts to have trouble with ideology when facts start getting in the way. Contrary to the theory of global warming, NASA satellite observations have determined that during the last 20 years the ice in the Antarctic has not melted but, in fact, has increased. The study was published in the peer-reviewed journal *Annals of Glaciology*.

“The study was done by Claire Parkinson, a NASA climatologist who has analyzed the role of sea ice in the global-climate system since 1979. She measured the duration of Antarctic ice seasons—the time during which ice covers at least 15 percent of the area—and found nearly twice as much land that had seasons increasing by one day per year between 1979 and 1999 than areas where the opposite occurred.

“Several other studies support the recent NASA observations. In 2000, the American Meteorological Society’s *Journal of Climate* published two separate works that found increases in Antarctic ice between 1987 and 1996, as well as an expansion of the edge of Antarctic sea ice toward the equator by 0.011 degrees. A 2001 study published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters* found little change as measured by six submarine cruises during the 1990s.

“The current data suggest that alleged global warming is inconsistent with trends of the Antarctic ice. ‘What is happening in the Antarctic is not what would be expected from a straightforward global warming scenario, but a much more complicated set of events,’ says Parkinson.”

—*Insight*, September, 23, 2002, p. 6

Q A discovery that it is much colder over the South Pole than believed has exposed a major flaw in the computer models used to predict global warming, a new scientific paper claims.

“U.S. scientists based at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station say they have measured the

temperature of the atmosphere 30 to 110 kilometers (18 to 68 miles) over the pole and found it is 20 to 30 degrees Centigrade (36 to 54 degrees Fahrenheit relative) colder than computer models showed.

“Various models are used to predict global climate and some assumptions have had to be made, including air temperatures over Antarctica. Chester Gardner, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois, Weilin Pan, a doctoral student at Illinois and Ray Roble of the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research writing in the American Geophysical Union Letters say the models are wrong.

“ ‘Because of the obvious challenges, until now, the only temperature data we have had from either the North or South Poles has been from surface measurements and weather balloons that don’t go any higher than about 20-30 kilometers (12-18 miles),’ Gardner told AFP.

“The researchers used a laser radar system from the South Pole to make the first measurements of the temperature higher up and found it was much colder than assumed. Global warming could be caused by greater concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO₂) which is a strong absorber of infrared radiation.

“In the lower atmosphere CO₂ absorbs the heat. While CO₂ also emits heat other CO₂ absorbs it. In the thinner stratosphere and mesosphere, much of the heat emitted by CO₂ is radiated into space and so in the upper atmosphere the primary affect of CO₂ is cooling.

“ ‘Thus as CO₂ levels continue to rise in the atmosphere, we expect the lower atmosphere to continue warming while the upper atmosphere . . . will cool.’

“During winter Antarctica receives little sunlight and its atmosphere is sealed off by a vortex of winds preventing warmer air from lower latitudes traveling to the pole.

“ ‘As a consequence the region cools to very low temperatures in winter, primarily by radiation of heat into space.’

“In May, June and July the stratopause was considerably colder than model predictions. The greatest difference occurred in July, when the measured stratopause temperature was about minus 17 degrees C (0 degrees F) to about 4 degrees C (40 degrees F) predicted by models.

“ ‘Current global circulation models apparently over-predict the amount of down-welling, because they show warmer temperatures than we observed,’ Gardner said.

“Their measurements will be a baseline for future temperature studies.

“ ‘We believe a major flaw in current models is the way they account for compressional heating associated with down welling over the polar cap in winter,’ Gardner said.

“ ‘Of course you and I are really not interested in what happens above the South Pole. We do care about what happens where we live. Models can help predict those changes due to rising CO2 levels but only if we believe they give accurate results.

“ ‘Our South Pole measurements will help the modelers and theoreticians better understand the atmosphere and incorporate that understanding in their models, making their future predictions more accurate.’ ”

—Space Daily, Auckland (AFP), September 10, 2002

Q It’s back-to-school time. That means school supplies, clothes, packing lunches, and the annual battle over what can be taught.

“The Cobb County, Ga., School Board voted unanimously late last month to consider a pluralistic approach to the origin of the human race, rather than the mandated theory of evolution. The board will review a proposal that says the district ‘believes that discussion of disputed views of academic subjects is a necessary element of providing a balanced education, including the study of the origin of the species.’

“Immediately, pro-evolution forces jumped from their trees and started behaving as if someone had stolen their bananas. Apparently, academic freedom is for other subjects. Godzilla forbid! (This is the closest one may get to mentioning ‘God’ in such a discussion, lest the ACLU intervene, which it has threatened to do in Cobb County, should the school board commit academic freedom. God may be mentioned only as a curse word. The First Amendment’s free-speech clause protests such utterances, we are told by the ACLU. The same First Amendment, according to their twisted logic, allegedly prohibits speaking well of God.)

“What do evolutionists fear? If scientific evidence for creation is academically unsound and outrageously untrue, why not present the evidence and allow students to decide which view makes more sense? At the very least, presenting both sides would allow them to better understand the two views. Pro-evolution forces say (and they are saying it again in Cobb County) that no ‘reputable scientist’ believes in the creation model. That is demonstrably untrue. No less a pro-evolution source than Science Digest noted in 1979 that ‘scientists who utterly reject Evolution may be one of our fastest-growing controversial minorities...Many of the scientists supporting this position hold impressive credentials in science’ (Larry Hatfield, ‘Educators Against Darwin’).

“In the last 30 years, there’s been a wave of books by scientists who do not hold to a Christian-apologetic view on the origins of humanity but who have examined the

underpinnings of evolutionary theory and found them to be increasingly suspect. Those who claim no ‘reputable scientist’ holds to a creation model of the universe must want to strip credentials from such giants as Johann Kepler (1571-1630), the founder of physical astronomy. Kepler wrote, ‘Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it befits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God.’”

“Werner Von Braun (1912-1977), the father of space science, wrote: ‘...the vast mysteries of the universe should only confirm our belief in the certainty of its Creator. I find it as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of their universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science.’

“Who would argue that these and many other scientists were ignorant about science because they believed in God? Contemporary evolutionists who do so are practicing intellectual slander. Anything involving God, or His works, they believe, is to be censored because humankind must only study ideas it comes up with apart from any other influence. Such thinking led to the Holocaust, communism, and a host of other evils conjured up by the deceitful and wicked mind of uncontrolled Man.

“There are only two models for the origin of humans: evolution and creation. If creation occurred, it did so just once and there will be no ‘second acts.’ If evolution occurs, it does so too slowly to be observed. Both theories are accepted on faith by those who believe in them. Neither theory can be tested scientifically because neither model can be observed or repeated.

“Why are believers in one model—evolution—seeking to impose their faith on those who hold that there is scientific evidence that supports the other model? It’s because they fear they will lose their influence and academic power base after a free and open debate. They are like political dictators who oppose democracy, fearing it will rob them of power.

“The parallel views should be taught in Cobb County, Ga., and everywhere else, and let the most persuasive evidence win.”

—Cal Thomas, World magazine, September 7, 2002

Q Among the Patriotic lesson plans for 9-11 was one proposed by the National Council for Social Studies, which recommends a short story titled ‘My Name is Osama.’ Calculatedly inciting hatred toward white American boys, the story is about a nasty little boy, ‘Todd,’ who taunts an Iraqi immigrant named ‘Osama.’

“This is the lesson to commemorate the biggest hate crime in history – committed by someone named ‘Osama’ against people with names like ‘Todd.’ How about a 1942 lesson plan titled ‘My name is Adolf’? Might the 9-11 lesson plan inquire into what little

‘Osama’ thinks about the terrorist attack? May we ask? (Question from the actual lesson plan: ‘Why, do you think, did Osama’s family leave Iraq?’ Incorrect answer: Because his father wanted to go to flight school in America.)

“Since the horrific attack by practitioners of the ‘Religion of Peace,’ there have been a slew of hate crimes – committed by Muslims against Americans. Hesham Mohamed Hadayet murdered two and wounded many more at Los Angeles International Airport. Suleyman al-Faris, aka ‘John Walker Lindh,’ joined an attack in Afghanistan that left Michael Spann dead. Abdel Rahim, aka ‘Richard Reid,’ tried but failed to murder a plane-load of people on an American Airlines jet headed to Miami.

“The only backlash by actual Americans – not imaginary characters named ‘Todd’ – consists of precisely one confirmed hate crime. Some nut in Arizona murdered a Sikh thinking he was a Muslim. Current hate crime tally: Muslims: 3,000 (and counting); White Guys: 1.

“In the spirit of specifically targeting only the worrisome Muslims, I note that the media have inadvertently identified several of them with blinding clarity. In case you missed these stories, I bring them to your attention so you will be forewarned: Do not fly with any of these kids.

“Soon after the terrorist attack, the New York Times chatted with students at the Al Noor School, a private Islamic academy in Brooklyn – evidently the Arab equivalent of the Horace Mann High School (Anthony Lewis, ’44). None of the students said they had experienced any harassment since Sept. 11. To the contrary, their school had been deluged with support from local Catholic schools, hospitals, state education officials and political leaders.

“But the love was entirely one-sided. The students stated point-blank that they would not fight for America against a fellow Muslim, denied that Osama bin Laden was behind the attacks, and criticized the United States for always opposing Muslims.

“ ‘Isn’t it ironic,’ one student sneered, “that the interests of America are always against what Muslims want?” (That’s why the last several major American interventions abroad – in Kuwait, Somalia, the Balkans – were all conducted in defense of Muslims.) Though uniformly refusing to believe bin Laden was behind the terrorist attack, the students showed a remarkable lack of curiosity about who was.

“Students from the Al Noor School were interviewed again a few weeks ago, this time by CBS’ ‘60 Minutes.’ The students instantly and enthusiastically agreed with the proposition

that a ‘Muslim who becomes a suicide bomber goes to Paradise for that action.’ ‘Definitely,’ one student said, calling a female suicide bomber ‘very brave.’

“‘Do you believe they are martyrs? Holy martyrs?’ Again, without hesitation, the students affirmed: ‘Yes’ and ‘of course.’

“As to whether suicide bombers would go to Paradise, the students said they earnestly hoped so. ‘I mean, they’re doing it for a good cause,’ one boy explained. ‘I pray that they go to Paradise,’ another said. Not only that, but one student said, ‘I think we’d all probably do the same.’

“Weeks later, at the urging of the principal, the students modified their answers slightly. But according to CBS, ‘None of them changed their view that suicide bombers in Israel would go to Paradise.’ The Islamic studies teacher at Al Noor claimed the students misunderstood true Islam: ‘If you go to chapter 4, verse 29, it says so clear, “Do not kill yourself.”’

It’s always so comforting when Muslims cite the precise verse from the Quran that tells them killing is wrong. Don’t all empathetic human beings understand that instinctively? What if they lost their Quran that day and couldn’t remember?

“In any event, and more to the point, the Quran does not strictly inveigh against killing and dying for Allah. In the eye-opening book ‘Unveiling Islam,’ Christian-convert authors Ergun Mehmet Caner and Emir Fethi Caner say the Quran ‘promises Paradise to those who die in battle for Islam more certainly than it promises salvation to anyone else.’

“The Quran instructs: ‘Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day ... until they pay compensation with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.’ It promises that ‘if you are slain or die in the way of Allah, forgiveness and mercy from Allah are far better than all they could amass.’ Muhammad says: ‘Fighting is prescribed upon you. ... Tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter.’

“The real ‘Todd’ of Sept. 11 prayed to a different God. Realizing the Muslim hijackers were on a mission of death, Todd Beamer and the other men decided to fight back.

“He did not shout ‘God is great!’ before ripping out an innocent man’s entrails. He prayed: ‘The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.’ “

—Ann Coulter, FrontpageMagazine.com, September 12, 2002

Q As the late philosopher Richard Weaver profoundly observed more than a half century ago in his book of the same name: 'Ideas Have Consequences.' And where better to hash out those competing ideas than in the halls of higher education. If only that were so. Sadly, it's not. One enduring legacy of the turbulent '60s and '70s is the radicalization of America's colleges and universities. With a few notable exceptions, the tenured left is firmly in control and has manipulated the purpose of intellectual discourse in higher education from that of a free exchange of ideas to one of ideological activism. Their mission is to indoctrinate impressionable, idealistic young minds and to enlist academe in a crusade to transform society in their leftist image. Political correctness reigns supreme.

"I'm speaking primarily about the arts and sciences: history, sociology, political science, economics, psychology, women's studies, etc. These are fields that lend themselves more to political biases and value judgments. Engineering, physics, mathematics, accounting and the like are another matter. Professors in those departments tend to be technicians rather than sandalistas.

"Anecdotal accounts of classroom proselytizing by leftist instructors on college campuses are abundant. Just ask any politically aware, non-Marxist student who's willing to be candid. If you seek more formal evidence, then get your hands on the September 2002 issue of The American Enterprise magazine (www.TAEmag.com). There you'll find a study of 21 colleges and universities, prestigious places such as Harvard, Stanford, Cal-Berkeley, Penn State and even CU-Boulder. Researchers tabulated—it's public record—the party registrations of arts and science faculty members, and divided them into parties of the right (e.g., Republican, Libertarian) and of the left (e.g., Democrat, Green, Socialist Workers). The results are staggering but not surprising. At Cornell it was 166 faculty members on the left to 6 on the right. Harvard was 50-2, Brown 54-3, Cal-Santa Barbara, 72-1, Syracuse 50-2, UCLA, 141-9, and at CU-Boulder it was 116-5—duh!

"Party registration may not be entirely conclusive, but it's a good clue. A more precise sense of political ideology could be derived by reading the published works of these faculty members. I'd love to see such a study, and I have no doubt it would produce similar results. Isn't it ironic that the same institutions that obsess over 'diversity' as it pertains to race, gender, sexual orientation and culture offer scant little diversity when it comes to philosophical and political beliefs? It's probably true that academia attracts more lefties than righties. But there are many more conservative intellectuals who aspire to cushy professorships than is reflected by their representation on college faculties. Yes, the ugly truth is that in their ivory-tower sanctuary, the tenured left discriminates against conservatives. When it comes to filling faculty positions, they favor their own, and conservative thinkers aren't generally welcome. The offshoot is that students are denied a well-rounded education. And the problem is compounded in state-run schools, where taxpayers in the political mainstream, ironically, wind up bankrolling a political culture that trashes the values they hold dear in classrooms filled by the children they've raised on those

values.

“The solution is obvious. Since the left is so fond of affirmative action programs and quotas, let’s apply that remedy in the name of philosophical diversity, and launch a hiring campaign for conservative faculty members—not based on arbitrary classifications like race and gender but on the merit of ideas. I have no illusions that reigning faculty leftists will voluntarily loosen their grip. It’s up to college administrators, trustees, regents or legislators to force the issue. Based on their duplicity or timidity in the past, I’m not optimistic.”

—Mike Rosen, The [Colorado Springs] Gazette, Sept. 13, 2002