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Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11, 12

## From The President's Desk

Over the years I have enjoyed reading the editorials of Tom Anderson. Some time ago he gave me permission to share some of his writings with our readers. And since they have great advice for teenagers, I thought this year would be the right time to share. Here is Tom Anderson at his best.

“People haven’t changed much since recorded history. Human nature remains much the same as it has always been. When young, we resent advice. We prefer to make our own mistakes—the same mistakes people have been making for thousands of years. When old, we like to give advice—usually the same advice we refused to take when young. How I wish I had latched onto more of the following when I was young!

“Be eager, but don’t be a beaver. Beavers today build their dams the same way the first beaver did. There is a better way to do almost everything. Find it. Don’t be a conformist. Be a sovereign individual.

“The majority crucified Jesus Christ. The majority burned the Christians at the stake. The majority permitted the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution. The majority established slavery. The majority chained to stakes and surrounded with flames martyrs through all the world’s history.

“Neither be indifferent to the opinions of others nor subservient to them. Some people sell their opinions like an auctioneer sells cattle. Stand up and be counted—else you’ll be counted out. Believe in your God, in your country, and in yourself—in that order. The middle-of-the-road between the extremes of good and evil is evil. When freedom is at stake, your silence is not golden, it’s yellow.

“A rabbit darts and ducks and jumps and hides behind bushes and in holes. The snake slithers through the grass on its belly. God made men to be men, rabbits to be rabbits and snakes to be snakes. You can’t be a man hiding, or crawling. A real man stands up in the image of God.

“Pontius Pilate was a clever politician. He pleased the crowd and let them kill their Savior. He took the easy road and got elected. That’s what most politicians do. Some politicians are like cockroaches: It’s not what they steal and carry off, it’s what they fall into and mess up.

“What your ancestors did is not what counts. It’s not what they were, but what you are. A snooty old lady once asked Will Rogers, who was part Indian: ‘Did your parents come over on the Mayflower.’ ‘No Ma’am,’ Will replied, ‘They met the boat.’

“Our materialistic society has come to rate people by their money and their position, regardless of how acquired. We look down on plumbers and others who do ‘dirty work’ and look up to philosophers, regardless. A society which prefers lousy philosophers to good plumbers produces a people whose theories and pipes neither hold water.

“There’s no disgrace in failure. The only disgrace is to fail the last time you try. The following is the biography of a ‘failure,’ a man who was handicapped by less than three years of formal schooling. He failed in business in ’33; was elected to the Legislature in ’34; defeated for Speaker in ’38; defeated for Elector in ’40; defeated for Congress in ’43; elected to Congress in ’46; defeated for Congress in ’48; defeated for Senate in ’55; defeated for Vice Presidential nominee in ’56; defeated for the Senate in ’58. His name was Abraham Lincoln.

“Most of those who miss the boat in life don’t know where they’re going. People, like ships, arrive at the ports toward which they chart their courses. Opportunity has hair in front and is bald behind. You have to grab opportunity by the forelock. Most people never really realize their capacity because they don’t plan their work and work their plan.

“Some things you can change and some you can’t. You can raise a pig in your parlor. It won’t change the pig—only your parlor. Be for change—as long as it’s change for the better. Ruts are just graves with the ends removed. The most inevitable thing in life is change. But why change the American system which produced the greatest freedom for the greatest number of people in human history, along with the world’s highest standard of living, for Socialism? The ‘Liberals’ now prefer to call Socialism the ‘Welfare State.’ That means that the Power Elite—those who run the Establishment—get well and you pay the fare. Under any name,

Socialism has been a miserable failure for a thousand years. All Welfare States finally become Dictatorships.

“Security is not tangible. Security cannot be bought, sold, guaranteed, married, nor inherited. Security lies not in laws, not in government, not in the group, but inside you.

“This is the law, and the law shall run

‘Till the earth in its course stands still

That he that eateth another’s bread

Shall do the other’s will.’

“Mousetraps furnish free cheese. But the mouse’s happiness there is short-lived. For mice or men, there is no such thing as a free lunch.

“Suppose you made 95 on your exam and the student next to you made 45. Under Socialism, the teacher would take 25 points away from you and give them to the other student, leveling you both off with a passing grade of 70. ‘From each according to his ability, to each according to his need’ is the Socialism-Communist slogan. Never forget that a government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you’ve got. Big government and little you—and vice versa. Look at your thumb for a moment. God never made another thumb like it, and never will. There is no such thing as equality. Free men are not equal and equal men are not free. One of the main reasons America became the greatest nation in the world was because we believed in the inequality of man—in the right of any man, no matter to what station born, to rise from the bottom to the top—or, the right be a bum.

“You don’t have to win to be successful. Be a good loser—but not too good.

“When you cash in your chips for this life—which could be today or when you’re old and gray—the only thing of value which you can take to the grave with you is your character. Character knows no color, no creed, no nationality. You’re only on this earth for a short visit. What do you plan to do with the time? If this earth is not a better place because you were here, then you were a failure, no matter what your wealth, titles, and position. Those who merely chase happiness usually catch misery. Those who make money their god become bored, or evil.

“One of life’s most rewarding blessings is work. How sad that so many people go through life doing the wrong work, square pegs in round holes. People who dislike all forms of work have a Pablum mentality.

“Happiness comes from determination, confidence, self-reliance, effort, accomplishment; from being needed, from serving and giving. It’s a crime to waste your natural talents. All of us can excel at something. Anybody can be ‘somebody.’ An old Proverb says: ‘There is nothing noble in being superior to some other man. The true nobility is in being superior to your previous self.’ ”

**Month In Review**

***Happy New Year!***

Q And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth. The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd. And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh.

Q “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

—Matthew 5:13-16

Q “An egg which came from no bird is no more ‘natural’ than a bird which had existed from all eternity. And since the egg-bird-egg sequence leads us to no plausible beginning, is it not reasonable to look for the real origin somewhere outside sequence altogether? You have to go outside the sequence of engines, into the world of men, to find the real originator of the rocket. Is it not equally reasonable to look outside Nature for the real Originator of the natural order?”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

Q “My father often used to say:

‘My boy don’t throw a thing away:

You’ll find a use for it some day.’

So in a box he stored up things,  
Bent nails, old washers, pipes and rings,  
And bolts and nuts and rusty springs.  
Despite each blemish and each flaw,  
Some use for everything he saw;  
With things material, this was law.  
And often when he'd work to do,  
He searched the junk box through and through  
And found old stuff as good as new.  
And I have often thought since then,  
That father did the same with men;  
He knew he'd need their help again.  
It seems to me he understood  
That men, as well as iron and wood,  
May broken be and still be good.  
Despite the vices he'd display  
He never threw a man away,  
But kept him for another day.  
A human junk box is this earth  
And into it we're tossed at birth,

To wait the day we'll be of worth.

Though bent and twisted, weak of will,

And full of flaws and lacking skill,

Some service each can render still.

—Edgar A. Guest

Q “It [evolution] appeals to every part of me except my reason.

...I believe it no longer.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Christian Reflections*

Q “If man does find the solution for world peace it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known.”

—George C. Marshall, 1945

Q “Human nature will not change. In any future great national trial, compared with the men of this, we shall have as weak and as strong, as silly and as wise, as bad and as good.”

—A. Lincoln, 1864

Q “Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice.”

—H.L. Mencken, 1922

Q “While we may not be able to articulate justice we are all experts on injustice (or what is unjust) especially when it relates to us personally.”

—Anonymous

Q “Leave it to the ministers, and soon the church will die;

Leave it to the women folk; the young will pass it by;

For the church is all that lifts us from the coarse and selfish mob,

And the church that is to prosper needs the layman on the job.

Now, a layman has his business, and a layman has his joys;

But he also has the training of his little girls and boys;

And I wonder how he'd like it if there were no churches here

And he had to raise his children in a godless atmosphere.

It's the church's special function to uphold the finer things,

To teach the way of living from which all that's noble springs;

But the minister can't do it single-handed and alone,

For the layman of the country are the church's corner-stone.

When you see a church that's empty, though its doors are open wide,

It is not the church that's dying; it's the laymen who have died;

For it's not by song or sermon that the church's work is done;

It's the laymen of the country who for God must carry on."

—Edgar A. Guest

Q "I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No.

It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No.

His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No.

Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;

Patience isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No.

I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No.

You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy in life.

God said, No.

I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.”

—Unknown

Q “Last week, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court discovered that the state constitution—written in 1780—requires the state to allow gay marriages. The court gave the legislature six months to rewrite the law to comply with the heretofore unnoticed gay



marriage provision in a 223-year-old constitution, leaving countless gay couples a scant six months to select a silverware pattern. Out of respect for my gay male readers, I'll resist the temptation to characterize this ruling as 'shoving gay marriage down our throats.'

“The Massachusetts Constitution was written by John Adams, who was quite religious. It is the most explicitly Christian document since the New Testament, with lots of references to ‘the great Legislator of the universe.’ Adams certainly would have been astonished to discover that the constitution he wrote provided for gay marriage—though one can see how a reference to two men marrying might get lost among the minutiae about the common good and ‘duty of all men in society, publicly and at states seasons, to worship the Supreme Being, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe.

“The main lesson from the court’s discovery of the hidden gay-marriage clause is that these judges are in the wrong job. If they can find a right to gay marriage in the Massachusetts Constitution—never before detected by any human being—we need to get them looking for Osama bin Laden. These guys can find anything!

“And if we don’t get Massachusetts judges out of the country soon, we could start reading headlines like: Mass Supreme Court Abolishes Capitalism; Gives Legislature 6 months to Nationalize All Industry.”

—Ann Coulter, FrontPageMagazine.com, December 1, 2003

Q “The Number of Americans against homosexual ‘marriages’ is on the rise with the strongest growing opposition coming from those with strong religious beliefs, according to a national survey released yesterday by the Pew Center.

“Fifty-nine percent of Americans oppose homosexual ‘marriage’—a rise of 6 percentage points since July. The highly committed religious Americans’ opposition to such unions has risen from 71 percent to 80 percent in the same time period.

“Evangelical Protestants, both black and white, appear to be one of the few remaining bulwarks against widespread acceptance of homosexuality in an American society where sodomy has been decriminalized and television shows feature homosexual characters.

“Whereas 55 percent of all Americans said they believe it is a sin to engage in homosexual acts, 76 percent of highly committed religious Americans do, according to the poll, which was conducted Oct. 15-19 and included 1,515 adults.

“Two-thirds (68 percent) of the clergy in evangelical churches sermonize on homosexuality, compared to 49 percent of Catholic priests and 33 percent of the mainline Protestant ministers, the poll said.

“Perhaps as a result, 55 percent of evangelical Protestants have very unfavorable views of homosexual men, compared to 28 percent of mainline Protestants and Catholics. Sixty-three percent of the evangelicals said acceptance of homosexuals is ‘bad for the country,’ compared with 30 percent of the others and 31 percent of the general public.

“Seventy-three percent of ‘highly committed’ evangelicals believe sexual orientation can be changed, compared to 36 percent of mainline ‘highly committed’ Protestants, 30 percent of Catholics and 21 percent of the secular public.

“Republicans overwhelmingly would oppose a 2004 presidential candidate who favors homosexual ‘marriage’—75 to 15 percent—whereas Democrats are split 46 percent for and 48 percent against, said Scott Keeter, an associate director at Pew. This will enable Republicans to use the issue as a wedge to split opponents, he suggested.

“ ‘Democrats need to frame [same-sex unions] in terms of equal protection and take it out of the religion category,’ he said. They also need to package homosexual ‘marriage’ in terms of fairness, rights of homosexuals to inherit their partners’ property or to make medical decisions for their loved ones.

“ ‘They can convince people more on those grounds more than saying, “This is something the church should be in favor of,” ’ he said.

“Opinions on homosexuality tend to be more negative among evangelical blacks and whites. Whereas 43 percent of mainline Protestants and 46 percent of Catholics have a favorable opinion of homosexual men, black Protestants (who are overwhelmingly evangelical or Pentecostal) poll as 62 percent unfavorable; white evangelicals poll at 69 percent.

“Homosexuality is viewed as a sin by 88 percent of white evangelicals, 74 percent of black Protestants and 64 percent of white Catholics, compared to 18 percent of secular respondents.

—Julia Dain, *The Washington Times*, November 19, 2003, p. A14

Q “If Michael Jackson did, in fact, as it is alleged, have sex with a minor boy, what’s wrong with that? The question is not meant to be cute; I am serious. If a male child was fondled or sodomized by Michael Jackson, why shouldn’t he and the boy be allowed the orientation of their choice? If you disagree, who are you to impose your morality on them?

“Are you outraged by this? Do you think we have gone too far? Not far enough, some say. Yesterday’s unacceptable (divorce, premarital sex, abortion, homosexuality, group sex, domestic partnerships and, soon, same-sex marriage) are today’s acceptable. It’s just a matter of conditioning. Groups exist that promote adult-child sex. Expect an alliance—composed of

academics, theologians and cultural commentators—to ram this home through the media, crushing whatever resistance remains.

“Nothing shames us. In pursuit of freedom we have embraced license and now licentiousness, throwing off all restraint.

“The Abercrombie & Fitch Christmas Field Guide magazine, targeted to 10- to 13-year-olds, contains 45 specific portrayals of sexual imagery in the first 120 pages, according to Kevin McCullough, who counted them for an essay on WorldNetDaily.com. The images, he writes, ‘include overt portrayals of group sex, lots of teen and young adult nudity, men kissing and teens/young adults frolicking in a river engaging in sexual activity in multiple group settings.’ The company now markets thong underwear to girls between 8 and 10.

“Should we be surprised when some people act on the permission the media give them? The early sexualization of children has produced ever-earlier sexual activity (and pregnancy) among those children.

“Professional organizations are trying to catch up in the race to normalize what we once called ‘depravity.’ The American Psychiatric Association (APA), which declared homosexual practice normal, has recently entertained the notion of similarly downgrading pedophilia. The APA’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) once contended that merely ‘acting upon’ one’s urges toward children was enough to generate a diagnosis of pedophilia (DSM-III). But in the revised DSM-IV, a person who molests a child is considered psychiatrically sick only if his actions ‘caused clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning.’

“That seems to mean that if the molester is OK with it and the child doesn’t complain, it’s healthy. It can’t be wrong if it feels so right, right?

“The National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH) challenged the APA’s stand. Writing on NARTH’s Web page ([www.narth.com](http://www.narth.com)), Linda Ames Nicolosi notes that a different organization, American Psychological Association, has published the ‘Rind’ study, which downplays the effects of man-boy sex. Rind supported the ‘finding that quite a few of the boys remembered their childhood sexual experiences positively,’ she writes. The association later apologized for the study and then seemed to back-pedal. But then it issued a surprisingly unscientific statement that no matter what the research might show about the psychological effects of pedophile relationships (and there is plenty of other research that shows extremely negative consequences), pedophilia remains ‘morally wrong.’ Since when did science concern itself with morality?

“The sexualization of children is supported by state governments, many of which mandate sex education as early as kindergarten. School nurses dispense contraceptives and abortion

advice without parental knowledge or approval. Ten magazines such as Cosmo Girl and Seventeen promote sexual activity for minor children. A British charity publishes a children's sex guide that explains various positions and the excitement of intercourse. For some, it seems Michael Jackson is not a pervert but a pioneer.

—Cal Thomas, The [Colorado Springs] Gazette, November 25, 2003, p. M6

Q “Dear Dr. Noebel: I thought you would be pleased to know that 250 copies of Mind Siege have been successfully delivered to different fellowships on the Cornell University Campus.

“Some of the fellowships that were reached are: Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Intervarsity/Cornell Christian Fellowship, and Navigators. A close friend of mine leads a fellowship called Athletes in Action at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario. I donated a few copies of the book to members of that fellowship as well.

“A number of people have talked to me since reading the book, and the majority are very excited and eager to learn so much more about how to defend their faith. One of my friends told me that the moment he finished the book, he checked out four books from the library.

“I am excited that this ministry (your book) is having a similar impact on others that it had on me.

“Thank you again for your generosity. I will keep you posted on any exciting news from the Cornell Campus. In Christ, P.H.”

Q “Our son, Nathaniel, attended Summit two summers ago and is now a sophomore at Penn State, majoring in Industrial Engineering and Spanish. He sent me a link to an article in the Daily Collegian about a ‘coming out’ rally for conservative students. I just went to the website and forwarded the link to you. Hope you will find it interesting, especially the quote by the student about his freshman English teacher.

“Nathaniel has benefited greatly from the training he received at Summit. He has written eloquent letters to the editor and handled the topics in his honors English class with poise and grace, while still presenting a conservative perspective. His English teacher was not at all like the one mentioned in the article I sent you.

“We are hoping to send our daughter this summer. She will be finishing her junior year in high school, but wants to complete her senior year by December 2003 so she can go to Ecuador and study Spanish for six months before college.

“Thanks for your commitment to this ministry. It provided a firm foundation. Capi S.”

Q “It is hard to imagine how our grandparents and great-grandparents lived at the end of the 19th century. The United States was still largely a rural society, and the amenities we take for granted today were unknown then.

“Most people lived on farms. Few Americans had running water, bathtubs, hot water, or flush toilets. Central heating, electricity and television were rare. There were no antibiotics. Infant mortality was high, and life expectancy was 30 years lower than it is today. For most people, educational opportunities were very limited. In 1890, only 5 percent of the eligible population attended high school.

“In the year 1900, there were only about 8,000 automobiles in the entire country. Horseless carriages, like yachts, were a toy for the rich to enjoy. People knew there would never be enough gasoline to power a nation of automobiles because the output of the Pennsylvanian oil fields had been declining for years.

“The seminal event that transformed the United States into an industrial and technological powerhouse occurred on the morning of Jan. 10, 1901, near Beaumont, Texas. A wildcat oil well on a location named Spindletop erupted into a geyser 100 feet high. It was the greatest oil well ever seen in the United States.

“Over the next year, production from the Spindletop well equaled the production of 37,000 typical oil wells in the eastern U.S. Overnight, the price of oil dropped to 3 cents a barrel, recovering to 83 cents a barrel 2½ years later. The cheap energy provided by abundant oil allowed the U.S. to transform itself from a rural, agrarian country into an urban, industrialized nation. Along the way, the prosperity of our society increased manyfold.

“Petroleum continues to be the lifeblood of our technological civilization. Our entire way of life depends on the energy provided by the oil industry. Oil and natural gas are by far the most important energy sources for the world. Their combustion also generates far less pollution than the third most-relied-upon energy source—coal.

“The best news is that the age of petroleum has only just begun. For more than 80 years, geological estimates of the world’s endowment of oil have risen faster than humanity can pump it out of the ground. In 1920, the U.S. Geological Survey estimated the total amount of oil remaining in the world amounted to only 20 billion barrels. By the year 2000, the estimate had grown to 3,000 billion barrels.

“Geologists are continually forced to revise their estimates upward, because every year technological advances make it possible to draw upon petroleum resources whose extraction were once unthinkable. We can now drill wells up to 30,000 feet deep. The amount of oil that can be recovered from a single well has been enhanced by a technology that allows multiple horizontal shafts to be branched off from one vertical borehole. The ability to drill offshore

has opened up the vast petroleum resources of the world's submerged continental margins.

“The world also contains immense amounts of unconventional oil resources that we have not yet begun to tap. For example, tar sands found in Canada and South America contain 600 billion barrels of oil, enough to supply the U.S. with 84 years of oil at the current consumption rate. Worldwide, the amount of oil that can be extracted from oil shales could be as large as 14,000 billion barrels—enough to supply the world for 500 years.

“Oil is by far the cheapest, most abundant, and cleanest source of energy we have. Nearly every advantage we enjoy today can be traced back to the energy provided by the petroleum industry. Yet the men and women who make our civilization possible are too often treated as pariahs who are damaging the environment. This is a shame. The environmental impacts of petroleum exploration and production are virtually negligible in comparison to the benefits they provide.

“We all want to preserve and protect the natural environment, but much of the modern environmental movement is based upon the myth of a primitive harmony with nature that has never existed. Life without oil and technology is a life that is short, dark and impoverished. Let us give thanks that we have been lifted out of darkness and poverty.”

—David Deming, *The Washington Times*, August 15, 2003, p. A16

Q “Male members of the Islamic world say a woman should only leave her home three times in her life: when she is born, when she's married and when she is buried. Any other time a woman is allowed to leave the house, she must wear a veil, hijab, chador or burqa and be accompanied by male relatives, for women cannot be alone outside the house. In many countries, such as Saudi Arabia, a woman cannot travel outside her town without the written permission of her nearest male relative.

“When men control a person's movements and call her a wife or daughter, they may deceive the rest of the world, but the truth is, these women are slaves and men are their masters. Yet we in America are silent. We accept the master's justification of slavery because it is hidden under the cover of culture and religion. We buy into this deception because it is politically incorrect for us to say anything negative about another culture or religion. All religions and cultures are valid, aren't they? I say they are not. Not if they result in the enslavement of women.

“In 1985 the president of Pakistan established a commission to investigate the status of women. The commission's report, quoted from the book, ‘Price of Honor’ by Jan Goodwin, states: ‘The average woman is born into near slavery, leads a life of drudgery, and dies invariably in oblivion. This grim condition is the stark reality of half our population simply because they happen to be female.’

“Not surprisingly, the government suppressed the findings, and conditions have deteriorated since this report.

“Women are commonly murdered to preserve the ‘honor’ of the husband or his family with little or no punishment to the male family perpetrators of these murders. Add to these horrors the practices of polygamy, wife beating, wearing of the burqa, genital mutilation and forced sex. A rape victim, not the rapist, is punished. The divorced woman automatically loses her children and any right to see them plus all means of supporting herself. The list goes on.

“The moment an Islamic woman is forced to marry (as early as 9 years old) and moves into a man’s family home, she becomes his slave. For her, life becomes a new series of injustices because she had the misfortune to be born a woman.

“It begins with the payment of a dowry. This alone shows she is simply property much as a pet is in this country. In the first few months of marriage, her husband’s family might decide the dowry they received was not enough. For the crime of an insufficient dowry, the young wife may be burned to death by her husband or a male family member, unless the young wife’s family is able to increase the dowry. Since law or tradition permits this despicable act, the perpetrators are seldom arrested or punished. This barbaric practice, called dowry burning, is a common practice in Pakistan and other areas.

“As you read this, perhaps you are thinking you know Muslim women who are not treated this way, and that’s true. Approximately 300 million Muslim women are not treated in this matter. But I estimate there are at least 200 million Muslim women who are treated as slaves—more women than live in the United States.

“Why are these crimes against Muslim women so prevalent and savage? There is an old saying that ‘power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.’ Over the last 200 years, and especially during the last few decades, the Islamic clerics, Wahhabism, organizations such as the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Hezbollah, and other male-dominated groups have used their power, religion, culture, and a lack of educated women to control women and therefore control entire societies. The subjugation of women is about power and control.

“In the 21st century, how can there be slavery on such a massive scale? The simple reason is that we allow and condone slavery so long as slavery is said to be ‘Islamic tradition.’ How often do you see articles in newspapers or programs on television about the slavery of Islamic women? How many demonstrations in the streets do you see against slavery? The answer is almost none.

“Perhaps the reason Islamic women are slaves (and treated historically worse than most slaves) is that we don’t care, or we choose to ignore it, or we consider it politically incorrect to challenge another religion or culture. The Islamic world and Islamic clerics are promoting

a medieval practice, and the rest of the world is turning the other way. It's time we do something about this injustice. The question is what can we do? Here are some simple ideas.

“Write letters to your congressional representative, senators and the president. Write articles such as this for newspapers and magazines expressing your objection to the slavery. Organize demonstrations calling for an end to slavery. Call into radio talk shows and express your views. Send e-mails to all your friends expressing how you feel about this despicable practice. What is important is that we start taking action now against the enslavement of 200 million women.”

—Larry Larsson, *The Washington Times*, November 16, 2003, p. B5

Q “Just because scripture and tradition say something is wrong that doesn't necessarily mean it's wrong.”—New Hampshire's Homosexual Episcopal Bishop

—First Things, December 2003, p. 74

Q “An Episcopal friend expressed her puzzlement that the Episcopal Church can so cavalierly jettison doctrines while taking such a firm stand on questions of funding and authority. Paul Marshall of Freedom House came up with a possible answer in a statement by Karl Marx in his preface to the first volume of *Das Kapital*: ‘The English Established Church will more readily pardon an attack on 38 of its 39 articles than on 1/39th of its income.’ But we know that Marx got everything wrong. Well, almost everything.”

—First Things, December 2003, p. 76

Q “October 5 was the beginning of Respect Life Week, and also the beginning of National Coming Out Week. At Boston College—a school ‘in the Jesuit tradition’—the promotion of gayness trumped the protection of unborn babies. On the student calendar, only National Coming Out Week is mentioned. October 5 was ‘Solidarity Sunday,’ and ‘All masses on campus will have a GLBT theme.’ Some students asked that pro-life petitions be included in the prayers of the faithful that Sunday and were told that they were free to propose such petitions from the congregation but the official focus was on affirming gays. The week's announced activities included a talk on gay issues in athletics, an evening titled ‘Guess Whose's Gay,’ and a talk by author and professional Bush-hater (his self-description) Michael Moore. So much for Respect Life Week at Boston College, a school ‘in the Jesuit tradition.’”

—First Things, December 2003, p. 75