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By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter and chose to suffer with the people of God rather than to enjoy the short-lived pleasure of sin.

Hebrews 11:24, 25

From The President's Desk

Before presenting a most telling editorial by the publisher of World magazine (one of my favorite publications) I want to do two things: first I want to thank our supporters who donated to our elementary curriculum fund (we need to raise a little over \$100,000 to put this curriculum before the Christian public) and our Summit Journal publication. The response has been overwhelming and a great encouragement to your humble and obedient editor; second, please do not forget to encourage any teenager (16 or older) planning to attend one of America's institutions of higher humanism, to join us for one of our eight two-week seminars this summer (beginning May 16th). We cannot afford to lose any more of America's finest Christian students to such forces seeking to eradicate Christ and Christianity from the public square. We need to at least level the playing field so our sons and daughters understand the lay of the land.

Now to Joel Belz's powerful editorial entitled "All Over But the Brimstone." It appeared in the April 3, 2004 edition of World magazine, p. 6.

"If you wonder why I have claimed here several times that we have already lost the battle over homosexual marriage, consider the tale of Michael and Tonya Hartsell of Wilmington, N.C.

"The Hartsells, according to the Associated Press, were stunned—and angry—when their

first-grade daughter last week brought home from her public-school library a book titled *King & King*, written and illustrated by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland.

So as not to overextend our bias in the matter, let's defer to Publishers Weekly for a summary of the colorful 32-page story: "When a grouchy queen tells her layabout son that it's time for him to marry, he sighs, "Very well, Mother.... I must say, though, I've never cared much for princesses." His young page winks. Several unsatisfactory bachelorettes visit the castle before "Princess Madeleine and her brother, Prince Lee" appear in the doorway. The hero is smitten at once. "What a wonderful prince!" he and Prince Lee both exclaim, as a shower of tiny Valentine hearts flutters between them. First-time co-authors and artists de Haan and Nijland matter-of-factly conclude with the royal wedding of "King and King," the page boy's blushing romance with the leftover princess, and the assurance that "everyone lives happily ever after."

"I was flabbergasted," Mr. Hartsell said. "My child is not old enough to understand something like that, especially when it is not in our beliefs." Mr. Hartsell and his wife said they would hold on to the book until the school library offered assurances that it would no longer be distributed. They are filing a written complaint in accordance with school policies. And they said they are considering transferring their daughter to another school.

The lack of outrage, however, from some other quarters was altogether telling.

The school librarian, of course, said she couldn't comment. The local school principal, Elizabeth Miars, said evenly that "What might be inappropriate for one family, in another family is a totally acceptable thing."

Publishers Weekly, after its summary, critiqued the book quite harshly-but not exactly in the manner you might have expected: "Unfortunately," PW says, "the multimedia collages are cluttered with clashing colors, amorphous paper shapes, scribbles of ink, and bleary brushstrokes; the characters' features are indistinct and sometimes ugly. Despite its gleeful disruption of the boy-meets-girl formula, this alterna-tale is not the fairest of them all. For a visually appealing and more nuanced treatment of diversity in general, Kitty Crowther's recent *Jack and Jim* is a better choice. Ages 6-up."

Meanwhile, Amazon.com's website is just as helpful as it can be, offering its "You Might Also Like ..." feature to refer you to half a dozen other children's books promoting a homosexual agenda. Not the least of these recommendations is *King & King & Family*, published just this month, with this matter-of-fact invitation: "Join newlyweds King Lee and King Bertie on their journey into the noisy jungle. The kings are greeted by wild animal families, but the royal travelers suspect that something more significant awaits them in the trees. King and King soon discover that there's no adventure more wonderful than starting a family of their own."

“ ‘Activist courts’ have properly come in for severe criticism by those in our circles who are alarmed by the attacks on traditional marriage. But we shouldn’t kid ourselves. The dry rot in our foundations extends far beyond the courts. Michael and Tonya Hartsell were betrayed not just by their local elementary school, but by a whole national system of teacher education that for a generation has valued ‘diversity’ more than it has valued the basic skills of a teacher. Virtually all of America’s college and university systems—including way too many Christian institutions—are in on that treachery.

To the traitor courts and schools, you must also add the treason of corporate America. You can’t blame a few wacko judges in Massachusetts or misled left-coast mayors for telling companies like PW and Amazon what they should approve and disapprove. The leaders of some of the big publishing, entertainment, and news conglomerates are just as much to blame. For many of the same reasons readers trust World as an alternative news source, many of our readers turn to World’s related God’s World Book Club (gwbc.com) and other alternatives for a careful screening of books for kids.

We didn’t arrive where we are all of a sudden. The frog’s been in the pot longer than we think. And the number of cooks who’ve been turning up the heat is a whole lot bigger than most of us have realized.

Month In Review

Q “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: ‘There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him saying, “Get justice for me from my adversary.” And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, “Though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.” ’ ’ ”

—Luke 18:1-5

Q “God is indeed good to Israel, to the pure in heart. But as for me, my feet almost slipped; my steps nearly went astray. For I envied the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

“They have an easy time until they die, and their bodies are well-fed. They are not in trouble like others; they are not afflicted like most people. Therefore, pride is their necklace, and violence covers them like a garment. Their eyes bulge out from fatness; the imaginations of their hearts run wild. They mock, and they speak maliciously; they arrogantly threaten oppression. They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues strut across the earth. Therefore His people turn to them and drink in their overflowing waters. They say, ‘How can God know? Does the Most High know everything?’ Look at them—the wicked! They are always at ease, and they increase their wealth. Did I purify my heart and wash my hands in

innocence for nothing? For I am afflicted all day long, and punished every morning. If I had decided to say these things aloud, I would have betrayed Your people. When I tried to understand all this, it seemed hopeless until I entered God's sanctuary. Then I understood their destiny. Indeed You put them in slippery places; You make them fall into ruin. How suddenly they become a desolation! They come to an end, swept away by terrors. Like one walking from a dream, Lord, when arising, You will despise their image.

“When I became embittered and my innermost being was wounded, I was a fool and didn't understand; I was an unthinking animal toward You. Yet I am always with You; You hold my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me up in glory. Whom do I have in heaven but You? And I desire nothing on earth but You. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever. Those far from You will certainly perish; You destroy all who are unfaithful to You. But as for me, God's presence is my good. I have made the Lord God my refuge, so I can tell about all You do.”

—Psalm 73

Q “An open mind, in questions that are not ultimate, is useful. But an open mind about ultimate foundations either of Theoretical or Practical Reason is idiocy. If a man's mind is open on these things, let his mouth at least be shut.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

Q “All possible knowledge, then, depends on the validity of reasoning. If the feelings of certainty which we express by words like *must be* and *therefore* and *since* is a real perception of how things outside our own minds really ‘*must be*, well and good. But if this certainty is merely a feeling in our own minds and not a genuine insight into realities beyond them—if it merely represents the way our minds happen to work—then we can have no knowledge. Unless human reasoning is valid no science can be true.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

Q “Reason is given before Nature and on reason our concept of Nature depends...Our whole idea of Nature depends...on the thinking we are actually doing, not vice versa. This is the prime reality, on which the attribution of reality to anything else rests. If it won't fit into Nature, we can't help it. We will certainly not, on that account, give it up. If we do, we should be giving up Nature too.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Miracles*

Q “The kind of humor I like is the thing that makes me laugh for five seconds and think for ten minutes.”

—William Davis

Q “Someone criticized Charles H. Spurgeon for his humor. He said to her, ‘You should hear what I hold back’.”

Q “A man’s unhappy life ended at age forty-seven. The widow, inconsolable at first, finally got a dog to ease her loneliness. The sorrow mellowed as she became attached to the dog.

“ ‘She’s happy because she’s gotten back to her old pattern of living,’ reported a neighbor. ‘That dog is a perfect substitute for her poor husband. He’s out all day, sleeps all evening, and she feeds him out of cans.’”

Q Summit Ministries’ eight two-week sessions are available for your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters (16 years and above). If you wish to see your teenagers prepared to face their college years with a firm foundation based on a Biblical Christian worldview, enroll them in one of these two week sessions and watch them grow in their Christian faith. Call or write for your 2004 brochure. Call 719-685-9103 or write Summit Ministries, PO Box 207, Manitou Springs, CO 80829. You can also check our website at www.summit.org.

Q “Dear Dr. Noebel, Just a quick note to let you know what an incredible impact you are making in the lives of young adults through your summer programs. About 12 years ago I attended Summit (under great protest) and am so thankful that my parents knew that it was important enough to make sure that I went even if I was unhappy about it at the time. Even as a non-believer at the time, I learned so many things that helped me to be more grounded during college, and helped to build a stronger foundation for my worldview up to the time that I finally trusted Christ at age 25. I know that the Lord was working in my life even at Summit when I was in rebellion and I thank Him for allowing me to take away precious truths from my 2 weeks that would help me to continually go back to Him as my source for everything. The work you do is so important and I know that you put your whole heart into this ministry. May you be richly blessed as you touch the lives of tomorrow’s adults! In Christ, M.T.

“P.S. Thank you so much for your handwritten thank you note, it meant a lot. We give thanks to Him who blesses our finances that we may give back!”

Q “I am a sophomore at Boston College and a two-year alumnus of Summit. I cannot thank you, Summit faculty, and Summit staff enough for the foundation those two summer sessions gave me before I entered college. I have developed a more accurate and defined Biblical worldview and now seek to make a difference for Christ on my campus. I read the January issue of the Summit Journal including the last quote, which mentioned Boston College. The

author noted the apparent contradiction between BC being “in the Jesuit tradition’ and its “promotion of gayness” during the National Coming Out Week. While I did not find this a major event on campus, it nonetheless gives another example of institutions appearing to uphold Christian values while greatly straying from God’s truth. This is only one example of how many ‘Christian’ priests and professors at Boston College and other schools infiltrate their liberal theology and taint Biblical truth. It has a very damaging effect on ungrounded Christians, even those who have grown up in strong Bible preaching churches and Christ-centered families. They begin to think everything they hear is true, because it comes from a priest or ‘Christian’ professor. They have let their guard down and do not stand firmly on a Biblical worldview. Myself and many other strong Christians, including other Summit alumni, have done our best to uphold biblical truth and spread the truth of the Gospel. God has done some amazing things here in my first two years. We have definitely seen God’s faithfulness and purpose. Many hearts have been changed by the Holy Spirit, but many still wander further from the truth. Please pray we will be faithful and steadfast in following God’s lead.

“I also read in this Journal about the student at Cornell University who was able to distribute Mind Siege on his campus. I was wondering if it would be possible to spread this ministry to Boston College. I have read Mind Siege, and think it could help reverse this dangerous pattern of compromised Christianity, which is emerging among Protestant and Catholic students alike on this campus. We are engaging in the battle for the hearts and minds of college students. Thank you for your time in considering this request and thank you again for your service to the Lord. D.B., Boston College”

Q “Thank you for your encouraging response. I am involved with two Christian groups on campus at Boston College and have contacts with several others. I have also been involved a bit with Campus Crusade, which has one large meeting for all the schools in the Boston area (Harvard, Boston University, BC, MIT, Northeastern, etc). That may also be a good way to distribute the books. As you suggested, it is probably best to get them to the leaders first, then decide how many we will need to distribute. If you could send 30-35 initially, I can get them to the staff and student leaders. You may have a more efficient idea based on the past; just let me know. I will begin to contact the different groups and spread the word. I also think a debate would be perfect for this school and this city to hear. Hopefully that will happen in the future. Thank you for your help. I am excited to see how God is going to use this ministry in Boston. D.B., Boston College”

Q “Can you believe it? Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin were born on the exact same day, February 12, 1809, but their lives had completely different effects.

“Lincoln is best known for freeing the slaves by issuing the Emancipation Proclamation, affirming that all men are equal.

“Darwin is best known for the theory of evolution, arguing that all men are not equal because some are more evolved.

“Darwin’s theory has been used by atheists to explain away belief in God, whereas the last act of Congress signed by Lincoln before he was shot, was to place the phrase ‘In God We Trust’ on all our national coins.

—Bill Federer, *American Minute*

Q “America was founded as a Protestant society and for 200 years almost all Americans were Protestant. With the substantial Catholic immigration first from Germany and Ireland and then Italy and Poland, the proportion of Protestants declined fairly steadily. By 2000, about 60 percent of Americans were Protestants. Protestant beliefs, values, and assumptions, however, had been the core element, along with the English language, of America’s settler culture, and that culture continued to pervade and shape American life, society, and thought as the proportion of Protestants declined. Because they are central to American culture, Protestant values deeply influenced Catholicism and other religions in America. They have shaped American attitudes toward private and public morality, economic activity, government, and public policy. Most importantly, they are the primary source of the American Creed, the ostensibly secular political principles that supplement Anglo-Protestant culture as the critical defining element of what it means to be American.

“In the early 17th century, as Adrian Hastings has said, Christianity was the ‘shaper of nations, even of nationalisms,’ and states and countries explicitly defined themselves as Protestant or Catholic. In Europe, existing societies accepted or rejected the Protestant Reformation. In America, the Reformation created a new society. Unique among countries, America is the child of that Reformation. Without it there would be no America as we have known it. The origins of America, I have argued, ‘are to be found in the English Puritan Revolution.’ In America, the 19th century Swiss visitor Philip Schaff observed, ‘everything had a Protestant beginning.’

“Its Protestant origins make America unique among nations and help explain why religion is central to American identity. America, said Tocqueville in an oft-quoted phrase, ‘was born equal and hence did not have to become so.’ More significantly, America was born Protestant and did not have to become so. America was thus not founded, as Louis Hartz argued, as a ‘liberal,’ ‘Lockean,’ or ‘Enlightenment’ fragment of Europe. It was founded as a succession of Protestant fragments, a process under way in 1932 when Locke was born. Scholars who attempt to identify the American ‘liberal consensus’ or Creed solely with Lockean ideas and the Enlightenment are giving a secular interpretation to the religious resources of American values.”

—Samuel P. Huntington, *The American Conservative*, April 12, 2004, p. 10

Q “The dissidence of American Protestantism, manifested first in Puritanism and congregationalism, reappeared in subsequent centuries in Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, and other types of Protestantism. These movements differed greatly. They were, however, generally committed to an emphasis on the individual’s direct relation to God, the supremacy of God’s word, salvation through faith and, for many, the transforming experience of being ‘born again,’ personal responsibility to proselytize and bear witness, and democratic and participatory church organization. Beginning in the 18th century, American Protestantism became increasingly populist and less hierarchical and increasingly emotional and less intellectual. Doctrine gave way to passion. Sects and movements multiplied constantly, the dissenting sects of one generation then being challenged by the new dissidents of the next generation. ‘Dissidence of dissent’ describes the history as well as the character of American Protestantism.

“Evangelicalism, in various manifestations, has been central to American Protestantism. From the beginning, America was, in the phrase of the University of Chicago historian Martin Marty, an ‘evangelical empire.’ In the early 19th century, sects, preachers, and adherents exploded in number. ‘Young men of relentless energy,’ as the historian Nathan Hatch has said, ‘went about movement-building as self-conscious outsiders. They shared an ethic of unrelenting toil, a passion for expansion, a hostility to orthodox belief and style, a zeal for religious reconstruction, and a systematic plan to realize their ideals. . . . They all offered common people, especially the poor, compelling visions of individual self-respect and collective self-confidence.’ ‘The history of American Evangelicalism is then more than a history of a religious movement,’ William McLoughlin, the leading scholar of Great Awakenings, agrees. ‘To understand it is to understand the whole temper of American life in the nineteenth century.’ ”

—Samuel P. Huntington, *The American Conservative*, April 12, 2004, p. 11

Q “Except perhaps for academia, the publishing and entertainment industries are the most left-leaning portions of American culture—as well as the most cheerfully insular and relentlessly smug. And among them sit the women Myrna Blyth calls the ‘Spin Sisters’: an axis of kvetching, pouring tales of woe, victimhood, and the nefarious nature of Republicans into the small, shell-like ears of American women.

“From television divas like Katie Couric, Diane Sawyer, and Barbara Walters, to Vogue’s Anna Wintour and the other editors of the glossy fashion and food magazines, to the women who produce, write, and star in the four-Kleenex weepies in the movie theaters, they form a friendly circle. The television hostesses celebrate the actresses, while the magazine editors interview the hostesses, and all of them join in a choir to extol as feminine models such people as Hillary Clinton and Anita Hill. Now and then they are forced by circumstances to spotlight some other figures—Elizabeth Dole, Condoleeza Rice, or Lynne Cheney—but it always appears that their hearts are not in it. Somehow or other, they are never named

Woman of the Year and never make the list of Women We Love. They are instead Women We Can't Figure Out, women who, despite all their advantages, insist on backing wrong causes.”

—Noemie Emery, *The Weekly Standard*, April 5, 2004, p. 33

Q “On February 2, Federal District Judge Richard Williams threw out the newly enacted Virginia statute banning partial birth abortions. The bill, passed by the Virginia legislature and signed into law by the governor this past June, was immediately set aside by the judge when it was challenged by the ACLU. It now has been definitely rejected. During the period since the law was written, but its enforcement was prohibited, some nearly born infants may have been killed in Virginia, and, of course, now the field is open for more. This procedure is a wonderful example of scientific barbarism: labor is induced, and the baby in the womb is partially extracted until the head is visible. An incision is made, a canula is inserted, and the brain is sucked out. The skull collapses and the ‘terminated’ baby can be extracted. Europeans, who accept abortion early in pregnancy for various reasons, cannot believe that such a barbaric procedure exists, but it does, and it has just been re-approved by Judge Williams.

“Williams’ diktat is a fresh example of what was done to Chief Justice Moore in the Alabama Commandments case. It demonstrated once again that a state has no rights at all where the power of a federal judge is concerned. The people of Virginia had voted, electing representatives to express their will. The representatives did so, and the elected governor signed the bill into law. A single federal judge, unelected, can trash the will of the people of Virginia. He approved a procedure so barbaric that physicians in other countries cannot believe that it is performed at all, much less that it is approved by our judges. The U.S. Congress has enacted a similar prohibition of such abortions, and the President has signed it into law. It was immediately protested, naturally, and we shall see whether the courts will again demonstrate their quasi-divine and absolute sovereignty by telling Congress and the President that in their ignorance they have violated the Constitution, which gives all power to the Supreme Court alone.”

—Harold O.J. Brown, *The Religion and Society Report*, March 2004, p. 1, 2

Q “The French mathematician A.A. Upinsky asserts that ‘the will of the people means the will of one.’ Judge Williams’ decision once again reveals the truth of Upinsky’s theorem. The U.S. Supreme Court can decide the most momentous issue by a majority of one, and rather frequently does so. This is also clearly revealed in such things as the 4-3 decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in *Goodridge*, requiring the state legislature to establish provisions for homosexual marriage. That the voice of one woman, Chief Justice Margaret Marshall, could transform all that the world’s religions and cultures have established during millennia, spurning both religions and natural law, is an egregious

example of absolute monarchical autocracy. This decision, like so many others recently handed down, corresponds exactly to what dissenting Justice Byron White called *Roes*, the exercise of ‘raw judicial power.’ Who awarded this power to our judges? No one: they simply took it, and no one in authority has objected.

“Is it the plan of the federal courts to stamp out America’s religious heritage and her traditional morality and to replace it, not with nothing at all, but something like the religion and morality of Sodom? David Lowetha’s *Present Danger* demonstrates that whether or not it is consciously planned, in any event, that is what is being done. If one examines the way in which anything reminiscent of Christianity—and Judaism, when the two coincide, as they frequently do—has been systematically and progressively eradicated, at least since Everson (1947), it is hard to avoid the impression that it is indeed actually planned.”

—Harold O.J. Brown, *The Religion and Society Report*, March 2004, p. 2

Q “The scandal of feminism’s demand for girls to be sent into combat is outweighed only by the scandal of our failure to say ‘no’.”

—Sarah M. Bramwell, *Claremont Review of Books*, Spring 2004, p. 48

Q “If we imagine that the decline of boys into wimps and barbarians has led inversely and categorically to the rise of girls, we would be gravely mistaken. In the new gender-blind world promising careers open to talents, young women have found unprecedented opportunities in science, medicine, academia, letters, and the law. Title IX has ensured that no stone is left unturned in allowing women to wrestle, play lacrosse, or bass fish competitively. But today, many young women are suffering from the aftermath of the sexual revolution and the extreme demands of the radical feminist agenda. These movements have made it far more difficult for them to find honorable men to love them. As the authors of the immensely popular *The Rules* contend, ‘many women we know find it easier to relocate to another state, switch careers, or run a marathon than to get the right man to marry them!’ The truth is there are fewer ‘right men’ around these days—in part because of the ways women themselves have compromised their natural modesty and the inmost prompting of their hearts. Though women can command higher salaries, they have ceased to be able to command men.

“Many young women today look upon the world of dating with anxiety, hopelessness, disappointment—even dread. They express disappointment with young men’s stubborn immaturity, with their own slim chances of finding love, and with the sad fact that whereas in the past, everyone expected women not to have sex before marriage, nowadays everyone, especially their boyfriends, expects that they will. And though they often don’t say so directly, many young women are disappointed by their parents.”

Q “Congregants in the Methodist church where the Rev. Karen Dammann used to preach celebrated her acquittal yesterday, a day after she was cleared of violating church doctrine by living in a lesbian relationship and ‘marrying’ her partner.

“The United Methodist Church has repeatedly voted against changing its policies on homosexuality, but the response to the verdict in this small, central Washington town was warm.

“ ‘I’m very pleased,’ said Dodie Haight, a member of the congregation who sat through Miss Dammann’s trial about 95 miles away in the Seattle suburb of Bothell. ‘I don’t think the jury had an easy task, but I think they gave it long, thoughtful, prayerful consideration.’

“A 13-pastor jury Saturday acquitted Miss Dammann, 47, of violating a church ban on ordaining ‘self-avowed, practicing homosexuals.’ If nine jurors had voted to convict, she could have lost her ministry.

“Miss Haight said she arrived at church early expecting protesters, but there were none.

“At one point during yesterday’s service, during the sharing of joys and concerns, choir member Charlie McKinney said Miss Dammann had taught the congregation about the power of truth.

“ ‘She did a courageous thing and a difficult thing,’ Mr. McKinney said. ‘She did this as a way to pull bricks from the age-old wall of prejudice, fear and exclusion.’

“But there was concern about the fallout for the United Methodist Church, the nation’s third-largest denomination with 8.5 million U.S. members.

“Since the late 1980s, Pacific Northwest Methodist leaders have petitioned for eased policies on homosexuality at each of the denomination’s General Conferences, held every four years. During past international General Conferences, most attendees have refused. The next General Conference begins next month.

“ ‘I believe the vast majority of United Methodists are in grief and shock today. I’m personally heartbroken,’ said Indiana state Sen. Patricia Miller, executive director of the Confessing Movement, a conservative movement within the United Methodist Church.

“ ‘I think the issue is, a part of the jurisdiction has broken covenant with the rest of the church and has decided to go the way of the world, as opposed to being faithful to and abiding by church law.’”

—The Washington Times, March 22, 2004, p. A 8

Q “Fewer U.S. teenagers and adults have the virus that causes genital herpes, but health experts said Monday that they were troubled by the recent resurgence in syphilis, especially among homosexual and bisexual men.

“The findings, which were presented at the 2004 National STD Prevention Conference in Philadelphia, showed that many Americans, especially homosexual and bisexual men and adolescents, were tuning out safe-sex messages.

“Researchers also reported high rates of the genital-wart virus, human papillomavirus (HPV), and chlamydia, another common venereal infection, and other sexually transmitted diseases among some groups.

“Sexually transmitted diseases ‘can cause serious medical consequences, including infertility, transmission to newborns, neurologic damage and increased risk of HIV transmission,’ said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, deputy director of HIV, STD and Tuberculosis prevention programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“ ‘While we acknowledge the successful declines in herpes, overall STD rates in the U.S. remain alarmingly high,’ Dr. Valdiserri said.

“The prevalence of herpes simplex virus type 2, the most common cause of genital herpes, declined to 17.6 percent among those ages 14 to 49 in the 1999-2000 period from 21.3 percent in the 1988-94 period, according to data from two CDC surveys.

“The prevalence of the incurable virus fell 74 percent among those ages 14 to 19. Overall, 35 percent fewer men reported having the herpes simplex virus. Health experts said the reasons for the decline were not clear.

“Researchers from the Colorado Health Sciences Center reported that more than 30 percent of women in a recent study were found to be infected with a strain of HPV linked to cervical cancer. In comparison, 18.7 percent of men carried HPV-16, one of 10 high risk strains of the genital-wart virus, the most common sexually transmitted disease in the nation. Researchers from Minnesota also presented a statewide study showing that nearly 10 percent of adolescent males had chlamydia.

“A rising number of syphilis infections in men, particularly among those who are homosexual or bisexual, helped fuel a rise in the nation’s syphilis rate in the past year, according to preliminary data released by the CDC.

“Last year, there were 7,082 confirmed cases of primary and secondary syphilis, the initial stages of the disease, compared with 6,862 cases in 2002, according to the data. The rate of syphilis rose to 2.5 cases per 100,000 during the period. Syphilis rates have risen each year since 2000.

“CDC researchers estimated that 60 percent of the cases in 2003 occurred among men who had sex with men, compared with 5 percent in 1999. The resurgence of the disease in that high-risk group is of particular concern because of its links to the virus that causes AIDS.

“Studies have shown that syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases increase the likelihood of HIV infection. Up to 70 percent of homosexual and bisexual men infected in recent syphilis outbreaks in the United States were HIV-positive.

In addition to helping spread HIV, untreated syphilis can cause arthritis, heart disease, insanity and death as well as miscarriages, stillbirths and severe infections in newborn babies.”

—The Washington Times, March 20, 2004, p. A2

Q “Just five short day after President Bill Clinton’s nomination, Ruth Bader Ginsburg had been confirmed by the Senate and sworn in as justice to the U.S. Supreme Court. That was during the Dog Days of August 1993. Obviously, the Clinton administration wanted to fast-track the process so no one would have time to ask any embarrassing questions.

“Because of her low-key manner, people believed Mrs. Ginsburg was a moderate. But if senators had bothered to look into her background, they would have been troubled, indeed.

“Ruth Ginsburg received her law degree from Columbia Law School. In 1971, she established the Women’s Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. Throughout the 1970s, Mrs. Ginsburg acquired a firsthand knowledge of the workings of the Supreme Court as she argued six cases—all feminist issues—to the Justices.

“Ruth Ginsburg made the same assumption as the rest of the feminist movement. She accepted without question the Marxist claim that women’s role as mothers and wives is inherently oppressive. And she believed equality of opportunity should always translate into identical social roles.

“In 1977, Mrs. Ginsburg wrote a report for the Commission on Civil Rights titled ‘Sex Bias in the U.S. Code.’ This report demanded 800 changes to federal laws in order to eliminate any and all distinctions between men and women.

“For starters, the report claims the Boy Scouts perpetuate stereotyped sex roles, so they must

be gender-integrated or abolished. You can't help but wonder if the current leftist hostility to the Boy Scouts stems from this recommendation.

“Then we are instructed to clean up our speech: ‘man-made’ must be changed to ‘artificial,’ ‘midshipman’ to ‘midshipperson,’ and so forth. Why the report fails to object to such obviously sexist terms as ‘mother tongue,’ ‘Mother Nature,’ ‘ladybug,’ and ‘sister city,’ I can't possibly guess.

“But Page 206 of this report is where it all comes out. There we learn of Justice Ginsburg's grand vision to reshuffle the deck of the traditional family. She purposes to do away with the husband-as-primary-bread-winner concept:

“ ‘Congress and the president should direct their attention to the concept that pervades the Code: that the adult world is (and should be) divided into two classes—independent men, whose primary responsibility is to win bread for a family, and dependent women, whose primary responsibility is to care for children and household. This concept must be eliminated from the Code if it is to reflect the equality principle.’

“But we're still not done. On Page 214, Justice Ginsburg urges us to adopt communist-style day-care services: ‘The increasingly common two-earner family pattern should impel development of a comprehensive program of government-supported child care.’

“Radicals often moderate their stance as they get older and wiser. But not Ruth Ginsburg.

“On Jan. 29, Justice Ginsburg appeared at a lecture sponsored by the National Organization for Women Legal Defense Fund. Over the years the NOW Legal Defense Fund has used the cover of sexual/gender equality to promote their agenda of destabilizing the family and promoting Marxist ideals. Justice Ginsburg not only appeared at the meeting, she introduced the speaker for the Fourth Annual Ruth Bader Ginsburg Distinguished Lecture Series on Women and the Law.

“In that appearance, Mrs. Ginsburg showed she remains ever-faithful to the Sisterhood. Plus, she fostered the perception she lacks judicial impartiality and objectivity. As Hofstra University law professor Monroe Freedman remarked, ‘I think this crosses the line.’

“Ruth Bader Ginsburg's writings reveal the true intentions of radical feminism: achieve a genderless society and impose totalitarian ideals on American society. And her recent appearance at a NOW conference reveals she still hews to the fem-socialist line.

“Justice Ginsburg is now 70 years old, and may step down from the bench in a few years. But for now, radical feminists can rest assured that they have a friend in a very high place.”

—Carey Roberts, *The Washington Times*, March 21, 2004, p. B5

Q “In 1980, Astronomer Carl Sagan commenced the influential national public television series *Cosmos* by announcing its theme: ‘The cosmos is all there is, ever was, or ever will be.’ Sagan’s mantra was spoken more than 20 years before the landmark Santorum Amendment to the Federal Education Act of 2001 encouraged science educators to teach students to distinguish between testable scientific theories and philosophical claims that are made in the name of science.

“In those unsophisticated pre-Santorum years, celebrity scientists like Sagan freely promoted a dogmatic naturalistic philosophy as if it were a fact that had been discovered by scientific investigation—just as previous generations of celebrities had promoted racism, class warfare, and Freudian fantasy in the name of science. The celebrities felt themselves free to ignore both evidence and logic, because the approval of the rulers of science, who had a vested interest in persuading the public to adopt a philosophy that maximized their own influence, was all that was needed to induce the media to report an ideological dogma as a scientific conclusion.

“Millions of schoolchildren and credulous adults were led to accept the voice of Sagan as the voice of science and thus to believe that scientists had proved that God does not exist, or at least is irrelevant to our lives. In brief, the message of this government-promoted television series was that philosophical naturalism and science are one and the same. The series did contain scientific information, much of it inaccurate or misleading, but primarily it was an appeal to the imagination, promoting the worship of science and the adventurous vision of exploring the universe.”

—Phillip Johnson, *World magazine*, April 3, 2004, p. 36