

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “Who can find a capable wife? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will not lack anything good. She rewards him with good, not evil, all the days of her life. She selects wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and portions for her servants. She evaluates a field and buys it; she plants a vineyard with her earnings. She draws on her strength and reveals that her arms are strong. She sees that her profits are good, and her lamp never goes out at night. She extends her hands to the spinning staff, and her hands hold the spindle. Her hands reach out to the poor, and she extends her hands to the needy.

“She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all in her household are doubly clothed. She makes her own bed coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known at the city gates, where he sits among the elders of the land. She makes and sells linen garments; she delivers belts to the merchants. Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle. Her sons rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also praises her: ‘Many women are capable, but you surpass them all!’ Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised. Give her the reward of her labor, and let her works praise her at the city gates.”

—Proverbs 31:10-31

❑ “A society in which conjugal infidelity is tolerated must always be in the long run a society adverse to women. Women, whatever a few male songs and satires may say to the contrary, are more naturally monogamous than men; it is a biological necessity. Where promiscuity prevails, they will therefore always be more often the victims than the culprits. Also, domestic happiness is more necessary to them than to us. And the quality by which they most easily hold a man, their beauty, decreases every year after they have come to maturity, but this does not happen to those qualities of personality—women don’t really care twopence about our looks—by which we hold women. Thus in the ruthless war of promiscuity women are at a double disadvantage. They play for higher stakes and are also more likely to lose. I have no sympathy with moralists who frown at the increasing crudity of female provocativeness. These signs of desperate competition fill me with pity.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

❑ “In much of the Arab and Muslim world, ‘face,’ ‘shame’ and ‘honor’ define moral norms, not standards of good and evil. That is the reason for ‘honor killings’—the murder of a daughter or sister who has brought ‘shame’ to the family (through alleged sexual sin)—and the widespread view of these murders as heroic, not evil. That is why Saddam Hussein, no matter how many innocent people he had murdered, tortured, and raped, was a hero to much of the Arab world. As much evil as he commit-

ted, what most mattered was his strength, and therefore his honor.

“As for the West, with notable exceptions, Christians did not tend to regard evil as the greatest sin. Unbelief and sexual sin were greater objects of most Christians’ animosity. Over time, however, many Christians came to lead the battle against evil—from slavery to communism. And today, it is not coincidental that America, the country that most thinks in terms of good and evil, is the country that most affirms Judeo-Christian values.

“In the contemporary Western world, most people who identify with the Left—meaning the majority of people—hate war, corporations, pollution, Christian fundamentalists, economic inequality, tobacco, and conservatives. But they rarely hate the greatest evils of their day, if by evil we are talking about the deliberate infliction of cruelty—mass murder, rape, torture, genocide, and totalitarianism.

“That is why communism, a way of life built on cruelty, attracted vast numbers of people on the Left and why, from the 1960s, it was unopposed by most others on the Left. Even most people calling themselves liberal, not leftist, hated anti-communism much more than they hated communism. When President Ronald Reagan called the Soviet Union an ‘evil empire,’ liberals were outraged—just as they were when President George W. Bush called the regimes of North Korea, Iran, and Saddam Hussein’s Iraq an ‘axis of evil.’

“Ask leftists what they believe humanity must fight against, and they will likely respond global warming or some other ecological disaster (and perhaps American use of armed force as well).

“In fact, the Left throughout the world generally has contempt for people who speak of good and evil. They are called

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

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	Session 3	June 19 - July 1
	Session 4	July 10 - 22
	Session 5	July 24 - Aug 5
	Session 6	August 7 - 19
	Session 7	August 21 - Sept 2
Ohio	Session 1	June 19 - July 1
Tennessee	Session 1	July 10 - 22
	Session 2	July 24 - Aug 5

All sessions are now open, but space is limited, so apply soon. Priority consideration is given to graduating high school seniors and older.

Manichaeans, moral simpletons who see the world in black and white, never in shades of grey.

“As the leading German weekly magazine, *Der Spiegel*, recently wrote: ‘Mr. Bush’s recent speeches have made no retreat from the good vs. evil view of the world that the Europeans hate.’

“Patrice de Beer, an editor of the leading French newspaper, *Le Monde*, wrote that in the European Union ‘the notion of the world divided between Good and Evil is perceived with dread.’

“Entirely typical of the Left’s view of good and evil is this series of questions posed on the leftist website Counterpunch by Gary Leupp, professor of history and of comparative religion at Tufts University: ‘Questions for discussion. Was Attila good or evil to invade Gaul? Saddam good or evil to invade Kuwait? Hitler good or evil to invade Poland? Bush good or evil to invade Iraq? Are “good” and “evil” really adequate categories to evaluate contemporary and historical events?’

“Western Europeans and their American counterparts loathe the language of good and evil and correctly attribute it to religious—i.e., Judeo-Christian—values. Among those values is fighting evil and ‘burning evil out from your midst.’ And to do that, you have to first hate it. Because if you don’t hate evil, you won’t fight it, and good will lose.”

—Dennis Prager, *worldnetdaily.com*, March 1, 2005

□ “Dr. Noebel, I am so thankful that I attended Summit this summer (session 6) before I started college. I would have had no idea what I was going to be up against in the world of secular education. I was a sheltered homeschooler all my life, so I almost went into shock my first week of college classes. I discovered that zoology is really an in-depth, hardcore evolution class, and that sociology is basically Karl Marx-glorifying junk. (I call my sociology ‘pollution class.’)

“Thank you for Summit!! It really opened my eyes and gave me a better understanding and boldness to stand up for what I believe in. I have used the ‘Colombo Tactic’ several times in class (which I think has had at least two of my professors in discomfort. They don’t like answering, ‘Well...I don’t know.’)

“I find myself quoting scripture, thinking on ‘whatever things are pure...,’ so that I will not be polluted during class. After ‘evolution class’...I like to come home and read Genesis.

“I have enclosed an envelope with a gift for Christians in Sudan. I didn’t know how to get it to them, and I know that you can. Could you send info on how to send financial support directly to Sudan? I would very much appreciate it.

“Thank you again for your ministry!

“May God bless you as you daily seek His heart.”

J.S., Del Rio, TX

□ “Hollywood [recently released] its tribute to the man who launched the ‘sexual revolution.’

“The film is called ‘Kinsey,’ a name mostly associated with shattering our archaic ideas about sex and popularizing the notion that values were really just old-fashioned ‘hang-ups.’

“The truth is that Alfred Kinsey was not a legitimate researcher. He was not some kind of pioneer and scholar in the area of human sexuality. He was not a heroic figure who transformed society for the better.

“He was a monster. He protected pedophiles. He was a pervert. He was a beast akin to Dr. Josef Mengele – and that’s the way he should be remembered.

“For years, the foremost scholar in the area of Kinsey, Dr. Judith Reisman, has been trying to blow the whistle on the author of the 1948 explosive book, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*.

“She shows that the book was actually a record of unspeakable sexual human experiments conducted by sexual predators on hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children.

“The study was used by Kinsey to support the idea that sexual activity in children – even with adults – is natural and healthy and should not be repressed.

“Reisman, along with Dr. Laura Schlessinger, has attempted to alert the public, as well as the movie’s producers and actor Liam Neeson, to the hard truth about Kinsey, the subject of this sympathetic portrayal on the big screen.

“Not only is the movie about to whitewash Kinsey’s record, it’s also getting a facelift from the rest of the media, backed by multimillion-dollar grants from the Ford Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and Indiana University’s Kinsey Institute.

“Kinsey used data from the diaries of pedophiles like Rex King and Nazi Fritz von Balluseck, who was tried for the rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl. King’s data appears in a table in *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* that summarized his attempts to bring to orgasm boys between the ages of 2 months and 15 years, in some cases over a period of 24 hours.

“Kinsey falsely claimed the information came from multiple sources. But even retired Kinsey Institute director John Bancroft admitted in 1995 that it all came from King.

“Though Reisman has twice been denied screenings of the film, reports about it suggest it is the story of a ‘tragic hero’ who overcame the religious rigidity of his Methodist father to pave the way for sexual freedom.

“Reisman acknowledges that our society has become sufficiently jaded that most will watch the movie and accept it at face value. What audiences will not be told, however, is that Kinsey passed off the rape and sexual victimization of children as science.

“The filmmakers continue in the cover-up of this crime against humanity. They continue to collaborate with evil. They do it knowing the truth. They do it without excuse. They do it to entertain. They do it intentionally to revise history. And they do it for profit.

“That’s disgusting. But what should we expect from fans of the master of disgust, Alfred Kinsey?”

—Joseph Farah, *worldnetdaily.com*, October 18, 2004

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

As your editor approaches his 43rd year at the Summit, it is now timely to reiterate some good reasons why Christian parents (and grandparents) should consider entrusting their sons and daughters to this youth ministry for a two-week spiritual journey along with an intellectual challenge! Indeed, a Summit experience seeks to weld head, heart, and hand (mind, soul and strength). Hence, ponder carefully whether or not Summit's programs are for you—

First, every Christian teenager needs a fresh understanding and a continuing firm grounding in the absolute truth of the Gospel—that God created us in His image as part of His well thought-out universe; that we messed things up by disobedience; that He loved us in spite of our sin and sent Jesus Christ to handle the sin issue on the Cross; that Jesus was raised from the dead to prove He was the true Son of God; and that someday He is returning for us to live eternally with Him.

Second, every Christian teenager needs to be exposed to an in-depth study of the Biblical Christian Worldview which includes understanding some theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, etc. There is no reason why teens cannot understand that everything coming into existence needs an adequate cause or explanation. Nor is there any reason why teens need to apologize for the magnificent design in the universe, etc. They just need to recognize design in atoms, cells, humans, animals, and the starry heavens! Under normal circumstances design clearly suggests a Designer just as a piece of art suggests an artist!

Third, Christian students planning to attend one of America's Secular Humanist colleges or universities (most of them!) must understand the religious nature of the Secular Humanist Worldview and its influence on education (it certainly isn't much of a secret that humanists run the educational establishment under the buzz words of liberalism, diversity, pluralism, and academic freedom).

Fourth, since there are only a handful of worldviews vying for the hearts and minds of our Christian students they should know something about Biblical Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Secular Humanism, Marxist Humanism, Cosmic Humanism and Postmodern Humanism (as far as I know all Postmodernists—the Rortys and Foucaults of the world—are atheists, naturalists, evolutionists, and ethical relativists).

Fifth, since we live in Western Civilization it is appropriate to grasp the influence of Jesus Christ on Western Civilization including art, music, literature, science, society, government, inventions, and values. It should also be remembered that while Western Civilization engaged in black slavery for nearly 400 years it was Western Civilization (and evangelical Christians to boot!) that ended it!

Sixth, Christian teens need to form friendships with other Christians interested in more than home-grown drugs, sex, and

rock 'n' roll! Friendships made at the Summit are generally life-long friendships (something our two-week program encourages).

Seventh, Christian teenagers need to learn how to live out and share their Christian faith in a near-pagan society...a society influenced by Hollywood's humanistic ethical standards of promiscuity, profanity, pornography, and perversion.

Eighth, Christian teens need to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They need a deeper appreciation of God's truth as revealed in the greatest book ever penned—the Bible.

Ninth, Christian students need to grasp the importance of family (father, mother, child), church, and state (limited by a written Constitution interpreted by non-activist judges). They also must learn to recognize the enemies of family, church, and state.

Tenth, Christian young people should know how to defend their Biblical Creationist point of view and understand the weaknesses of atheistic evolution (particle to people) and theistic evolution (sorry, Calvin College and Point Loma Nazarene University, but the Cambrian fossils still say "no"!)

Eleventh, Christian students need to know how to handle the feminists, feminoids, and feminazis and their women studies courses (generally hostile to men!). Biblical Christianity teaches a mutual love and respect between men and women! In the beginning He created us male and female and called both mankind and human beings.

Twelfth, Christian teens need to know the role of Christianity in America's founding and expose the myth that our founding fathers and mothers (our founding fathers could not have founded anything apart from America's great women) were atheists, agnostics, and worse. Most were believers in God and His son Jesus Christ.

Thirteenth, Christian students need to know how to select professors that are somewhat objective and not part of the radical left brigade. We can help a great deal here as even Princeton has a Robert George, Harvard a Samuel Huntington, Baylor a Frank Beckwith and USC a Dallas Willard, etc., etc. There are some great teachers for our young people, we just need to connect them!

Fourteenth, Christian teens need to realize that soon they will be adults who must take on adult-like responsibilities including having an overall game plan for life itself. It is difficult to imagine a more overarching game plan than to build a God-honoring, Christ-centered family, society, and even a world in which the strong are just and walk humbly with God, power is tempered by mercy, the weak are nurtured, the marginal embraced, and those at the entrance gates and those at the exit gates of life are protected by law and Christian love (thanks R.J. Neuhaus).

In other words, our Christian young people stand in need of

proper and meaningful preparation to enter into the great battle for their hearts, souls, and minds. And, speaking frankly, why should our Christian teenagers be the only ones in the universe that don't know what is going on right under their noses – a gigantic shift from a Christian perspective to a humanist one. Why should we always be a day late and a dollar short? Why should we spend thousands on education only to lose our children and grandchildren to the enemies of their souls?

Summit Ministries is committed to making sure this doesn't happen. We have communications from hundreds if not thousands of students that we have helped stem the tide in their lives and given them a firm foundation upon which to build a life worth living for God, their families, their churches, their country, their world. Isn't this the essence of what is now designated "the

purpose-driven life"? A life centered on loving God and each other more than loving self!

Parents, grandparents, send us your college-bound sons and daughters before they step on campus and see if I'm saying is on target!

In the meantime, God bless our children and help us help them make something beautiful with their lives as they revel in God's truth and avoid the abyss of Satan's lies centered in drugs, promiscuity, nihilism, ethical relativism, evolution, unbelief, ungodliness, and despair.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12: 2.

❑ "I enjoyed Thomas Sowell's column on '...ending slavery.' Usually I agree with his opinions, but I would like to point out that on this occasion, his facts are plainly wrong when he writes: 'To me the most staggering thing about the long history of slavery—which has encompassed the entire world and every race in it—is that nowhere before the 18th century was there any serious question raised about whether slavery was right or wrong.'

"In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas deduced that slavery was a sin, and a series of popes upheld his position, beginning in 1435 and culminating in three major pronouncements against slavery by Pope Paul III in 1537 and Urban VIII in 1639. Pope Eugene IV (1431 to 1447) issued a bull, *Sicut dudum*, which under threat of excommunication gave everyone involved 15 days from receipt of his bull 'to restore to their earlier liberty all and each person of either sex who were once residents of said Canary Islands....These people are to be totally and perpetually free and are to be let go of without the exaction or reception of any money.'

"Pope Pius II (1458 to 1464) and Pope Sixtus IV (1471 to 1484) followed with additional bulls condemning enslavement of the Canary Islanders. Pope Paul III (1534 to 1549) issued two official condemnations of slavery, saying 'by our Apostolic Authority decree and declare by these present letters that the same Indians and all other peoples, even though they are outside the faith...should not be deprived of their liberty or their other possessions...and are not to be reduced to slavery, and that whatever happens to the contrary is to be considered null and void.'

In a second bull on slavery, Paul III imposed the penalty of excommunication on anyone, regardless of 'dignity, state, condition, or grade...who in any way may presume to reduce said Indians to slavery or despoil them of their goods.' On April 22, 1639, Pope Urban VIII (1623 to 1644), at the request of the Jesuits of Paraguay, issued a bull, *Commissum nobis*, reaffirming the ruling by 'our predecessor Paul III' that those who reduced others to slavery were subject to excommunication. On March 20, 1686, the Congregation of the Holy Office (the Roman Inquisition) took up the matter of slavery and ruled again against 'the peculiar institution.'

"Finally, let me point out that slavery was finally and completely abolished in all the territories of New Spain in 1810, at the very beginning of its war of independence. This particular issue was one of the motives of discord between Mexican authorities

and the Anglo colonists who had settled in Texas during the 1820s and '30s, leading to Texas' independence in 1836."

—Dr. Roberto Blum, *The Washington Times*, February 16, 2005, p. A 16

❑ "A blogger brought to my attention a column by Bill Moyers in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on Jan. 29, titled 'There is no tomorrow.'

"The third paragraph reads as follows:

" 'Remember James Watt, President Ronald Reagan's first secretary of the interior? My favorite online environmental journal, the ever-engaging *Grist*, reminded us recently of how James Watt told the U.S. Congress that protecting natural resources was unimportant in light of the imminent return of Jesus Christ. In public testimony he said, 'After the last tree is felled, Christ will come back.'

"I have never thought, believed or said such words. Nor have I ever said anything that could be interpreted by a reasonable person to mean anything similar to the quote attributed to me.

"The paragraph does have one true statement about me. I did serve as President Reagan's first secretary of the interior. I am very proud of having been associated with such a great president. After 20-plus years of hindsight, I am delighted that the revolution I helped to bring about remains fixed in America.

"The Moyers column tells that one truth about me. It also tells us a lot about Mr. Moyers. First, he did no primary or objective research, because there is no record, in congressional hearings or elsewhere, attributing such words to me.

"Mr. Moyers is of at least average intelligence and has a basic understanding of Christian beliefs and therefore he knows that no Christian would believe what he attributed to me.

"Because Mr. Moyers served in the White House under President Johnson, he knows that no person avowing such a thing would be qualified for a presidential appointment, nor would he be confirmed by the U.S. Senate, or if confirmed and said such a thing would be allowed to continue to serve.

"Since Mr. Moyers must have known such a statement would not have been made and refused or failed to do any primary research on this supposed quote, what was his motive in printing such a damnable lie?

"Did he want to demean or degrade a man who has been out

of the public arena for 22 years? Did he seek to damage the cause of Christ by attributing lies to His followers? Did he want to try to damage the record of President Reagan by repeating such an outrageous claim of a selfish interest group?

“One way out of the mess would be for Mr. Moyers to respond by saying, ‘I did not say you said that, I correctly reported that *Grist* magazine (or whoever) said you said that.’ That is the cowardly way out of this corrupted column of his. It is what many of the mainstream media did when I was in the Cabinet and caught a news reporter or CBS anchorman attributing statements to me that I never made.

“Another way to handle this matter, the way many in the mainstream media would handle it, is to simply ignore me and the matter and continue on with ruthless disregard for the truth.

“Or, he could simply apologize to me in the same space and with the same flair he used to impugn me. Then the public might respect him as the honest man he should want to be.

“(In some primary research on Mr. Moyers, I found he also used this damnable quote when receiving the Harvard Medical School’s Global Environment Citizen Award from Meryl Streep. If they honored him for environmental reporting, and the basis of Mr. Moyers’ reporting is no greater than the lie repeated about me, I question their judgment in giving him the award.)”

—James G. Watt, *The Washington Times*, February 13, 2005, p. B 5

❑ “Supporters of expanded federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research were disappointed by President Bush’s State of the Union address that indicated no softening of restrictions. But those who believe the research will bring medical breakthroughs need not fear. A far more promising approach is likelier to produce more benefits much sooner.

“We are flooded with exciting new developments from the alternatives to ESCs, called adult stem cells. Taken from a person’s own body or from umbilical cords or placenta, these cells are treating even more diseases. Further, ASC research in humans and animals keeps biting away at the alleged trump card of ESCs—that only they can be transformed into every type of cell in the body. Cardiologist Douglas Losordo’s research lab at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Boston has now become the latest to indicate ASCs can do just that.

“Reporting their results in the February issue of *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, the researchers extracted bone-marrow stem cells from the bloodstream of three patients and found what they believe to be a heretofore-undiscovered type. They then injected these into the hearts of rats that had suffered heart attacks and subsequent damage.

“Some of the cells became new heart muscle, while others became new blood vessels. Marrow stem cells have been used to induce either muscle growth or vessel growth in human hearts in hundreds of patients in labs throughout the world. But this appears to be the first time both were grown at the same time by a single type of cell.

“More exciting still, Dr. Losordo also conducted experiments showing the cells can also become nerve tissue. That means they could be transformed into all three major categories of cells, making them just as pliable as ESCs theoretically are.

“Yet several other labs have also found different ASCs (all from marrow) that seem to have this same property. One of them was that of Ira Black, a neurologist at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. ‘I can’t say I’m surprised’ at Dr. Losordo’s findings, Dr. Black told me. ‘It’s consistent with studies going on across the world. And one of the most exciting areas now is the use of ASCs in heart failure.’”

—Michael Fumento, *The Washington Times*, February 13, 2005, p. B 3

❑ A former editor of a scientific journal has filed a complaint against the Smithsonian Institution, charging that he was discriminated against on the basis of perceived religious and political beliefs because of an article he published that challenged the Darwinian theory of evolution.

“‘I was singled out for harassment and threats on the basis that they think I’m a creationist,’ said Richard Sternberg, who filed the complaint with the federal Office of Special Counsel.

“Smithsonian officials deny the accusations.

“‘We at the Smithsonian consider religion a matter of personal faith. The evolutionary theory is a matter of science. The two are not incompatible,’ said Randall Kremer, a spokesman for the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History.

“Mr. Sternberg, who holds two doctorates in evolutionary biology, says he’s been told by the Office of Special Counsel that ‘they take my complaint seriously and are investigating.’ The special counsel’s office said it cannot discuss the case.

“Mr. Sternberg, 41, is employed at the National Center for Biotechnology Information, a part of the National Institutes of Health. But as part of his duties there, he spends half of his time at the Smithsonian as a research associate.

“From December 2001 until last fall, he also served as managing editor of an independent journal published at the Smithsonian called the *Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*.

“Mr. Sternberg said his troubles started after the appearance of the August 2004 issue of the journal, which included a peer-reviewed article by Stephen C. Meyer. The article, titled ‘The Origin of Biological Information and the Higher Taxonomic Categories,’ made the case for a theory known as intelligent design, or ID.

“ID contends that the origins of some biological forms are better explained by an unspecified intelligent agent than by natural processes, such as natural selection and genetic mutation, which are hallmarks of Darwinism.

“In his report, Mr. Meyer, a fellow at the Discovery Institute in Seattle, argues that ID is a more likely explanation than evolution for the biodiversity in the Cambrian period about 530 million years ago. He points to the ‘explosion’ of phyla, which ‘suddenly appeared within a narrow 5- to 10-million-year window of geological time’ during that period.

“‘To say that the fauna of the Cambrian period appeared in a geologically sudden manner...implies the absence of clear transitional intermediate forms connecting Cambrian animals with simpler pre-Cambrian forms,’ Mr. Meyer wrote in his defense of ID.

“The report was ‘peer-reviewed’ by three outside scientists, Mr. Sternberg said, ‘but employees at the Smithsonian, who had a sharply negative reaction to the report, insinuated that editorial

malfeasance occurred on my end. I protested vigorously.’

“He says he gave up his post as managing editor of *Proceedings* in September but continued to be harassed by Smithsonian officials. Mr. Sternberg says he was penalized by the museum’s Department of Zoology, which limited his access to research collections and told him his associateship at the museum would not be renewed because no one could be found to sponsor him for another three-year term.

“Because of his shortened tenure, Mr. Sternberg says he will not have time to complete his research on crustaceans.

“He also said one zoology official told him the museum ‘is not comfortable with religious fundamentalism and with creationism, so you are being treated differently.’

“Mr. Sternberg also says he was ‘called on the carpet’ by his bosses at NIH after they were besieged by phone calls and e-mails from Smithsonian staffers, seeking his ouster. He said one Smithsonian official even wanted to know if he is a ‘right-winger.’

“‘My lawyer called some people on Capitol Hill,’ who intervened and saved his job at NIH, Mr. Sternberg said.

“Mr. Kremer, the Smithsonian spokesman, denied that Mr. Sternberg’s supervisor at the museum or any other museum officials called NIH to get him fired. He also insists Mr. Sternberg still has access to the collections he needs for research.

“‘Research associates are here at our pleasure...but every effort was made to ensure there was no discrimination, even though he (Mr. Sternberg) published something a lot of people didn’t agree with,’ Mr. Kremer said.”

—Joyce H. Price, *The Washington Times*, February 13, 2005, p. A 2

□ “The training provided by Summit conferences is an indispensable tool that every youth ministry would be wise to incorporate into their overall program. We’ve been sending students for many years and with great results. Our Summit-trained college students are now strong in their faith and impacting their worlds today! For example, in my inbox at the moment are two emails from Summit grads. The first is from Erin, a college sophomore who’s doing an internship in a hospital at the University of Iowa. She writes: ‘Euthanasia has come up every night I’ve worked. At first I was stunned that none of the nurses are against it—physician-assisted suicide. I’ve been reading a ton on the subject lately and I’ve been able to share a little. I don’t want to be disrespectful to my nurse—plus she gives me a grade for this—yet it’s important to me that she at least has an idea of why I disagree. I’ve used Summit stuff more than I ever thought I would! I don’t remember if I told you or not, but I’m leading a Bible study this year. I have four wonderful girls.’

“The second is from Seth, a college freshman at Iowa State, who I always considered spiritually ‘at-risk’ in high school. He was an attender, but showed little spiritual interest. His parents forced him to go to Summit against his will after his senior year. Listen to what he emailed to me: ‘Within the two weeks I was there, I learned more than I ever thought I would be able to learn. One of the main purposes of Summit is to prepare students for the liberal world of college. One in two Christians lose their faith after their first year at college. I think back and say to myself that I could have been one of those statistics if I had not gone to

Summit. After being a college student for 6 months I can see how it would be easy for someone to lose their faith. Summit prepared me more than I ever thought possible. Your professors almost TRY to make you fall from your faith. It’s ridiculous how liberal it is. If a Christian goes into college with a weak mind they will lose their faith. Summit teaches you to defend your faith and keep it strong no matter what your professors try to tell you. Last year my parents forced me to go. This year I am going by my own free will. I like it so much and learned so much that I want to go and learn more. They give you so much information it is hard to conceive it all in one visit. I would recommend Summit to every young Christian. Even if you think you couldn’t benefit from it, you should still go. I promise that you won’t regret it.’

“Seth is now witnessing to an atheist and is drawing on his Summit notes! I would never have dreamt the impact it has had on him!

“It is my conviction that Summit is a necessary component of every student’s Christian education. In our youth ministry, we are now starting to encourage everyone to attend before going off to college. It’s become one of our highest core values within our ministry. This summer we plan to take 20 people from our group and increase that each year until everyone has experienced what Erin and Seth have.

“I would be happy to talk to anyone who wants further information on this great ministry resource!”

—Mark Forstrom, New Covenant Bible Church, Cedar Rapids, IA

□ “Godlessness is in trouble, according to a growing consensus among philosophers, intellectuals, and scholars.

“‘Atheism as a theoretical position is in decline worldwide,’ Munich theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg said in an interview.

“His Oxford colleague Alister McGrath agrees.

“Atheism’s ‘future seems increasingly to lie in the private beliefs of individuals rather than in the great public domain it once regarded as its habitat,’ Mr. McGrath wrote in the U.S. magazine, *Christianity Today*.

“Two developments are plaguing atheism these days. One is that it appears to be losing its scientific underpinnings.

“The other is the historical experience of hundreds of millions of people worldwide that atheists are in no position to claim the moral high ground.

“British philosopher Anthony Flew, once as hard-nosed a humanist as any has turned his back on atheism, saying it is impossible for evolution to account for the fact that one single cell can carry more data than all the volumes of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

“Mr. Flew still does not accept the God of the Bible, but he has embraced the concept of intelligent design—a stunning desertion of a former intellectual ambassador of secular humanism to the belief in some form of intelligence behind the design of the universe.

“A few years ago, European scientists snickered when studies in the United States—for example, at Harvard and Duke universities—showed a correlation between faith, prayer and recovery from illness.



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“Now 1,200 studies at research centers around the world have come to similar conclusions, according to *Psychologie Heute*, a German journal, citing, for example, the marked improvement of multiple sclerosis patients in Germany’s Ruhr District because of ‘spiritual resources.’

“Atheism’s other Achilles’ heels are the acts of inhumanity and lunacy committed in its name.

“‘With time, [atheism] turned out to have just as many frauds, psychopaths, and careerists as religion does....With Stalin and

Madalyn Murray O’Hair, atheism seems to have ended up mimicking the vices of the Spanish Inquisition and the worst televangelists, respectively,’ Mr. McGrath wrote in *Christianity Today*.

“The Rev. Paul M. Zulehner, dean of Vienna University’s divinity school and one of the world’s most distinguished sociologists of religion, said atheists in Europe have become ‘an infinitesimally small group.’

“‘There are not enough of them to be used for sociological research,’ he said.

“Mr. Zulehner cautioned, however, that the decline of atheism in Europe does not mean that re-Christianization is taking place.

“‘What we are observing instead

is a re-paganization,’ he said.

“The Rev. Gerald McDermott, an Episcopal priest and professor of religion and philosophy at Roanoke College in Salem, Va., said a similar phenomenon is taking place in the United States.

“‘The rise of all sorts of paganism is creating a false spirituality that proves to be a more dangerous rival to the Christian faith than atheism,’ he said.

“After all, a Satanist is also ‘spiritual.’”

—Uwe Siemon-Netto, *The Washington Times*, March 4, 2005

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