

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.

“Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths.

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; for whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights.

“Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; for her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. Length of days is in her right hand, in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.”

—Proverbs 3:1-18

❑ “Some Christians—those who happen to have the right talents—should be economists and statesmen, and . . . all economists and statesmen should be Christians, and . . . their whole efforts in politics and economics should be directed to putting ‘Do as you would be done by’ into action. If that happened, and if we others were really ready to take it, then we should find the Christian solution for our own social problems pretty quickly. . . . The job is really on us, on the laymen.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

❑ “I’m so pleased about *The Abolition of Man*, for it is almost my favorite among my books but in general has been almost totally ignored by the public.”

—C.S. Lewis, Letter to an American Lady

❑ C.S. Lewis’ book *The Abolition of Man* is a must read to understand America’s public education. “The Conditioners” in his work refers to Secular Humanism, the religious worldview that decrees public education curriculum.

❑ “Either we are rational spirit obliged forever to obey the absolute values of the Tao [moral order], or else we are mere nature to be kneaded and cut into new shapes for the pleasures of masters who must, by hypothesis, have no motive but their own ‘natural’ impulses. The Conditioners, then are to choose what kind of artificial Tao they will, for their own good reason, produce in the human race. It is not that they are bad men. They are

not men at all. Stepping outside of the Tao they have stepped into the void.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man*

❑ “The most influential educators of our time—John Dewey, William Kilpatrick, George Counts, Harold Rugg, and the lot are out to build a New Social Order. There is not enough room, however, for the New Social Order and religion. It clearly won’t do, then, to foster within some schools a respect for an absolute, intractable, unbribable God, a divine Intelligence who is utterly unconcerned with other people’s versions of truth and humorless inattentive to majority opinion. It won’t do to tolerate a competitor for the allegiance of man. The State prefers a secure monopoly for itself. It is intolerably divisive to have God and the States scrapping for disciples. Religion, then, must go. . . . The fight is being won. Academic freedom is entrenched. Religion is outlawed in the public schools. The New Social Order is larruping along.”

—William F. Buckley, *Let Us Talk of Many Things*, p. 9. 10

❑ “Still, deconstructing Western civilization remains a central mission of the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Its professors regularly denounce Eurocentrism and competition, and students sign up for popular courses like ‘Education for Social and Political Change.’ A recent conference on student research

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—Joyce Milton, *The Road to Malpsychia*, p. 257

□ “The [Secular] humanistic system of values has now become the predominant way of thinking in most of the power centers of [American] society. It has outstripped Judeo-Christian precepts in the universities, in the news media, in the entertainment industry, in the judiciary, in the federal bureaucracy, in business, medicine, law, psychology, sociology, in the arts, in many public schools and, to be sure, in the halls of Congress. Indeed, the resources available to secular humanists throughout society are almost unlimited in scope, and they are breaking new ground almost every day.”

—James C. Dobson, *Children at Risk*, p. 22

□ “The world’s future is being decided at this time. Such moments are extremely rare in history. And when they have occurred they have been between two, not three, competing ideologies. But there are now three ideologies competing to shape the future of mankind. They are militant Islam, Western European secularism and socialism, and American Judeo-Christianity and capitalism. The first is being spread both peacefully and violently, the second is being spread peacefully, the third is not being spread.”

—Dennis Prager, February 2003

□ “Leftists love to complain and they especially love to whine about ‘greed.’ They just don’t get it. A market economy is based on incentives. The prospect of financial reward is what motivates most people to work, save and invest. There’s nothing particularly ingenious about a system that recognizes this. It’s intuitive. In *The Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith didn’t invent an economic system; he merely observed and analyzed what people do naturally when left to their own devices.

“Socialism on the other hand, is an ingenious system, an invention of coercive economic utopians based on the notion that human nature can be elevated to a collective, altruistic plane. Its myriad failures in the real world include places such as the former Soviet Union, North Korea and Cuba. The socialist democracies of Old Europe are rapidly proceeding down that road.

“It’s instructive to note that the recent economic rise of communist China is directly related to its increasing embrace of good old-fashioned capitalism, a system that has ably served its Asian neighbors in Taiwan, South Korea and Japan.

“*Greed* is a word leftists use to describe what conservatives call *ambition*. Ambition and reward are what fuel prosperity in a market economy. When you impose penalties and restrict rewards on economic activity—such as by excessive taxation—however noble your motives, there are consequences. You get less work, savings, investment and output. If that weren’t the case we could tax ourselves rich.

“The fatal shortcoming of socialist economies is that they don’t sufficiently reward excellence, so, predictably, they get less of it. It’s that fundamental conflict with human nature that seals socialism’s ultimate doom.

“To leftists, greed is when someone else makes more money

than they do. The problem with that word is that it’s impossible to objectively define. Is a cab driver that chooses to work 60 hours a week instead of 40 greedy? According to whom? Suppose he wants the extra income to send his children to college? Suppose he wants to blow it in Las Vegas? A market economy doesn’t ask these questions. They’re irrelevant to public policy. Regardless of his motivations, a farmer who produces twice as much as his neighbor has added that much more to the nation’s product. He should be suitably rewarded. The tax collector will relieve him of quite enough of the fruits of his labor. What he does with the rest is his business.

“Some cancer researchers may be motivated solely by a humanitarian desire to relieve suffering. That’s wonderful. Some may be seeking fame or fortune. What’s truly important to society is that a cure be found. Whatever encourages that outcome is good—even if someone might have the bad manners to get rich as a result. Three generations of Americans who have not had to fear the disease of polio couldn’t care less about the motivations 50 years ago of Dr. Jonas Salk.

“Yes, there are greedy people in this world. There are also lazy people and dishonest people. And there always will be. It’s an elusive moralistic exercise to attempt to calculate where ambition ends and greed begins. Whatever you call it, the trick is to maximize human energy for the private and public good.

“Adam Smith summed it up nicely more than 200 years ago, when he observed that in a market economy, people pursuing their own prosperity are inadvertently moved as if by an ‘invisible hand’ to promote the interests of society as a whole. They do this by creating wealth—for themselves and, in the process, for others.

“Any society that becomes obsessed with restricting the accumulation of personal wealth will destroy initiative and creativity. The way the world works, if you want the poor to get richer, you have to make it possible for others to get richer, too.

“Leftists have little regard for the creation of wealth. They take that for granted. Their fun comes in redistributing income and wealth. It may be difficult to define greed, but it’s easy to define covetousness. That’s the greed of leftists for governmental power to confiscate the property of others.

—Mike Rosen, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, May 27, 2005, p. M9

□ “Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson, the first openly homo-

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“Dear Dr. Noebel,

“I had almost decided to take Summit Ministries off my ministry giving list until my thirty-three year old son made a statement while standing in our kitchen last Sunday.

“We had heard about Summit Ministries from Focus on the Family in the late 80s.

“Both of our boys, Nathan and Aaron, have attended your summer conference in Colorado and my wife and I have attended an adult conference at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center sometime in the last ten years. Nathan came back a second year for Outback.

“Nathan was going to be an engineer or architect and decided on architecture in his first year at The Ohio State University. Immediately upon entering Ohio State, Nathan got involved with Campus Crusade for Christ and his priorities started to change. First he decided that he wanted to go into ministry with Crusade, and then he decided that he would be spending too

much time with architecture and he needed a major that would allow him more time for campus ministry.

“The statement that he made in our kitchen was that ‘going to Summit was the main reason he chose to be a Political Science major.’ It is interesting how this thought just came to him. He graduated from Ohio State in Political Science and then got his ThM degree from Dallas Seminary. Political Science afforded him more electives at Ohio State and he took several courses in Greek which really helped when he got to Dallas.

“Nathan now serves Campus Crusade, Behind the Lines at the University of Michigan. You can check out his website site at www.ardle.org. He occasionally has opportunities to talk with people about the Christian Worldview he learned at the Summit.

“I believe a short course in Summit Ministries would be good for many Crusade staff members since so many of the staff come from a secular campus background.

“Sincerely, Bill”

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sexual bishop of his denomination, has angered traditionalist Anglicans by suggesting that Jesus Christ might have been homosexual.

“Robinson, who left his wife—and mother of his two daughters—to cohabit with his male lover, Mark, made his inflammatory remarks during an address titled, ‘Homosexuality and the Body of Christ: Is There a New Way?’ at Christ Church of Hamilton and Wenham, Massachusetts. The bishop was asked by a congregant how Christians could accept both homosexuality and the Bible’s emphasis on redemption for sins.

“ ‘Interestingly enough, in this day of traditional family values,’ answered Robinson, ‘this man that we follow was single, as far as we know, traveled with a bunch of men, had a disciple who was known as “the one whom Jesus loved” and said my family is not my mother and father, my family is those who do the will of God. None of us likes those harsh words. That’s who Jesus is, that’s who he was at heart, in his earthly life.

“ ‘Those who would posit the nuclear family as the be all and end all of God’s creation probably don’t find that much in the gospels to support it,’ he concluded.

“ ‘Rubbish,’ responds David Virtue who operates *VirtueOnline*, a website that bills itself as ‘the voice for global orthodox Anglicanism.’

“ ‘It is appalling deconstructionism from the liberal lobby which will spin even the remotest thing to turn it into a hint that Biblical figures are gay,’ says Virtue. ‘It is so utterly preposterous to imply that Jesus’ relationship with John was homo-erotic, but twisting the truth is the only way these people can get scriptural justification for their lifestyles. Can you imagine Calvin,

Luther or Erasmus saying something like this? It is a wonder that thunder and lightning bolts don’t strike Bishop Robinson down.’

“Canon Chris Sugden, spokesman for the traditionalist organization, Anglican Mainstream, also disputes Robinson’s use of scripture and the implications he draws from them.

“ ‘He’s really selective in what he’s addressing,’ says Sugden. ‘He makes no mention of Jesus’ teaching on marriage, for instance. And he does not acknowledge that nowhere in the text or in ancient literature is there any suggestion of any form of sexual impropriety among Jesus or the disciples. Jesus broke the cultural traditions of the time and has women mixing with men in public and having them teaching. Those of us who put scripture as a priority are called on to obey the scripture even when that is in conflict with our culture. Bishop Robinson is saying that the culture has moved in his direction and that it’s all becoming accepted, so he’s looking for ways to interpret scripture to support that instead of realizing that scripture asks us to do the unpopular thing and stand against the prevailing culture.’

“Robinson’s 2003 consecration created a schism in the Anglican church between liberals and traditionalists, causing some to suggest he should be ‘struck down by thunder and lightning bolts.’ In some cases, traditional congregations have sought to shift their affiliation with the worldwide Anglican communion from liberal American bishops to bishops in Africa where a conservative understanding of Biblical morality still dominates.

“Robinson, however remains undaunted by the criticism, saying he has reconciled his homosexuality and his faith. ‘God’s

light and God's life ooze over me like warm butter,' he declares."
—*WorldNetDaily.com*, April 3, 2005

□ "In light of the recent controversy at the U.S. Air Force Academy [the ADL says the Academy is too Christian], I propose the following rule changes be implemented immediately. I believe these rules should please critics who feel the academy is not doing as it should to promote religious tolerance.

· The cadets will have seven-day training weeks with mandatory events planned on every day as not to offend those who think not having events planned on Sunday shows a religious bias. The cadets can then ask for passes to observe whatever religious holidays they so choose. Consistent military training will no longer be the top priority. We want everyone to be happy.

· Chaplains will still remain at the academy for spiritual support, but they can no longer pray to any God or teach any tenets of their faith.

· Construction on the academy chapel will begin soon to divide it into 4,200 equal spaces to accommodate all religions equally. Cadets are able to participate in any service they choose, but it will be a violation of academy rules to tell anyone which service they attend.

· No one will be assigned to any position on the permanent academy staff unless they sign a statement that they are either agnostic or apathetic to the specific tenets of their faith. However, if it is discovered that they are openly living any beliefs, they will be summarily discharged from their duties regardless of rank and time in service.

· American currency will no longer be accepted on base due to the religious nature of the motto imprinted upon it. Barter or the use of an alternative currency will be accepted.

"We are in the process of compiling a list of which holidays to send to the United Nations so the world will know which days they are not able to participate in combat.

"Welcome to your new sensitive Air Force Academy. We hope you have a pleasant four years. When you receive your commission, you may be called into battle.

"If shot while in the field, please do not call out to God—because if you do, you may be shot a second time by one of your own."

—Kathy Howell, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, June 3, 2005, p. M7

□ "Human life versus animal life. This fundamental conflict of values, which was dramatized a few years ago when AIDS victims marched in support of research on animals, is still raging. PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has just launched a campaign against Covance, Inc., a biomedical research lab in Vienna, VA., that uses animals for drug testing.

"It is an indisputable fact that many thousands of lives are saved by medical research on animals. But animal rightists don't care. PETA makes this frighteningly clear: 'Even if animal tests produced a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it.' Such is the 'humanitarianism' of animal rights activists.

"How do these advocates try to justify their position? As someone who has debated them for years on college campuses and in the media, I know firsthand that the whole movement is

based on a single—invalid—syllogism, namely: men feel pain and have rights; animals feel pain, therefore, animals have rights. This argument is entirely specious, because man's right do not depend on his ability to feel pain; they depend on his ability to think.

"Rights are ethical principles applicable only to beings capable of reason and choice. There is only one fundamental right: a man's right to his own life. To live successfully, man must use his rational faculty—which is exercised by choice. The choice to think can be negated only by the use of physical force.

"To survive and prosper, men must be free from the initiation of force by other men—free to use their own minds to guide their choices and actions. Rights protect men against the use of force by other men.

"None of this is relevant to animals. Animals do not survive by rational thought (nor by sign languages allegedly taught to them by psychologists). They survive through sensory-perceptual association and the pleasure-pain mechanism. They cannot reason. They cannot learn a code of ethics. A lion is not immoral for eating a zebra (or even for attacking a man). Predation is their natural and only means of survival; they do not have the capacity to learn any other.

"Only man has the power, guided by a code of morality, to deal with other members of his own species by voluntary means: rational persuasion.

"To claim that man's use of animals is immoral is to claim that we must sacrifice our welfare for the sake of creatures who cannot think or grasp the concept of morality. It is to elevate amoral animals to a moral level higher than ourselves—a flagrant contradiction. Of course, it is proper not to cause animals gratuitous suffering. But this is not the same as inventing a bill of rights for them—at our expense.

"The granting of fictional rights to animals is not an innocent error. We do not have to speculate about the motive, because the animal 'rights' advocates have revealed it quite openly. Again from PETA: 'Mankind is the biggest blight on the face of the earth'; 'I do not believe that a human being has a right to life'; 'I would rather have medical experiments done on our children than on animals.' These self-styled lovers of life do not love animals; rather, they hate men.

"The animal 'rights' terrorists are like the Unabomber and Oklahoma City bombers. They are not idealists seeking justice, but nihilists seeking destruction for the sake of destruction.

"They do not want to uplift mankind, to help him progress from the swamp to the stars. They want mankind's destruction; they want him not just to stay in the swamp but to disappear into its muck.

"There is only one proper answer to such people: to declare proudly and defiantly, in the name of morality, a man's right to his life, his liberty, and the pursuit of his own happiness."

—Edwin A. Locke, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, June 3, 2005, p. M7

□ "The religious left's political operatives have mounted a shrill attack on a significant portion of the Christian community. Four out of five evangelical Christians supported President Bush in 2004—a third of all ballots cast for him, according to the Pew

Research Center. Factor in Catholics and members of other conservative religious communities and it's clear that the religious right is the largest voting bloc in today's Republican Party.

"The religious left took note. Political opportunists in its ranks sought a wedge issue to weaken the GOP's coalition of Jews, Catholics and evangelicals and shatter its electoral majority. They passed over obvious headliners and landed on a curious but cunning choice: the environment. Those leading the charge are effective advocates: LBJ alumnus Bill Moyers of PBS fame, members of the National Council of Churches USA and liberal theologians who claim a moral superiority to other people of faith.

"Their tactics are familiar. I encountered them more than 20 years ago as President Reagan's secretary of the interior, when I clashed with extreme environmental groups adept at taking out of context—or in some cases creating—statements that, once twisted, were attributed to me as if they were my religious views.

"Now political activists of the religious left are refreshing those two-decades-old lies and applying them with a broad brush to whole segments of the Christian community: 'people who believe the Bible,' members of Congress and 'Rapture proponents.' If these merging groups—the extreme environmentalists and the religious left—are successful in their campaign, the Christian community will be marginalized, its conservative values maligned and its electoral clout diminished.

"Last December Moyers received an environmental award from Harvard University. About three paragraphs into the speech, after attacking the Bush administration, Moyers said: '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." Beltway elites snickered. The press corps didn't know what he was talking about. But James Watt was serious. So were his compatriots out across the country. They are the people who believe the Bible is literally true—one-third of the American electorate if a recent Gallup poll is accurate.'

"I never said it. Never believed it. Never even thought it. I know no Christian who believes or preaches such error. The Bible commands conservation—that we as Christians be careful stewards of the land and resources entrusted to us by the Creator. Moyers then attacked the congressional leadership, some by name, saying that 'we're not talking about a handful of fringe lawmakers who hold or are beholden to these beliefs. Nearly half the U.S. Congress before the recent election—231 legislators in total and more since the election—are backed by the religious right.'

"Moyers is not without reinforcements. A liberal theologian and active participant in the National Council of Churches, Barbara R. Rossing of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, published a book titled 'The Rapture Exposed.' In it she attacks a large segment of the Christian community after attributing to me erroneous motives and beliefs on the basis of a fragment of a sentence taken out of context. Rossing contends that Christians who believe in the Rapture presume that there is no need for stewardship of natural resources because of the expected return of the Lord. She writes: 'Watt told U.S. senators that we are living at the brink of the end-times and implied that this justifies

clear-cutting the nation's forest and other unsustainable environmental policies. When he was asked about preserving the environment for future generations, Watt told his Senate confirmation hearing, "I do not know how many future generations we can count on before the Lord returns." Watt's "use it or lose it" view of the world's resources is a perspective shared by the Rapture proponents.'

"Rossing fictionalizes this whole scenario and neglects to finish the sentence, which was as follows: 'I do not know how many future generations we can count on before the Lord returns; whatever it is we have to manage with a skill to leave the resources needed for future generations.'

"Moyers, to his credit, has made a personal apology to me. But there has been no apology for the affront to major segments of the Christian community. Rather, the charges have escalated. On Feb. 14, the National Council of Churches issued a statement 'in an effort to refute' what NCC theologians 'call a "false gospel" . . . and to reject teachings that suggest humans are "called" to exploit the Earth without care for how our behavior impacts the rest of God's creation. . . . This false gospel still finds its proud preachers and continues to capture its adherents among emboldened political leaders and policymakers.'

"If such a body of belief exists, I would totally reject it, as would all of my friends. When asked who believed such error, where adherents to this 'false gospel' might be found, the NCC turned to its theological sources, Moyers and a magazine called *Grist*, which had also apologized to me. I then contacted the chairman of the NCC task force and asked him about the 'some people' who believe this false gospel and the 'proud preachers' advancing this false gospel. He could not name such persons.

"Be alert. I learned this lesson two decades ago—the hard way. Never underestimate the political impact of the twisted charges by extreme environmentalists now advanced by the religious left to divide the people of faith."

—James Watt, *FrontPageMagazine.com*, May 25, 2005

□ "At the time of writing, an astonishing event is scheduled to take place in Havana: the General Meeting of the Assembly to Promote Civil Society in Cuba. This is to be a great democratic gathering, and the Cubans involved expose themselves to considerable risk. Indeed, Castro has arrested many of the leading democrats in advance, and has otherwise flexed the muscles of a police state. In support of the democrats, bodies from around the world have expressed their solidarity. Among them is the U.S. Congress, which passed a resolution. Twenty-two congressmen voted against it—the usual suspects: Charles Rangel, Dennis Kucinich, Maxine Waters, John Conyers, Barbara Lee, Jim McDermott, Cynthia McKinney, Pete Stark. . . . Rangel is perhaps the most steadfast friend of Castro in the American political establishment (and one of the most enduring darlings of our media). He told the *New York Sun* that he voted against the congressional resolution because American politicians 'refuse to give the government the respect that it deserves.' He was referring to Castro's regime, which is a totalitarian one, imprisoning, torturing, and executing at will, and allowing no democratic rights whatever. Rangel's colleagues on the left expressed similar sentiments. It is commonly said that all Ameri-

cans—certainly those in our political establishment—support freedom and democracy. None of us likes, or defends, dictatorship or oppression. We all belong to the same, universal cause, no matter what our minor differences. It isn't true. It just isn't—as the resolution on Cuban democracy has confirmed."

—*National Review*, June 6, 2005, p. 8

□ "Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person. Sometimes it is not wrong at all."

"Peter Singer, Princeton University bioethics professor, penned this chillingly cold line in his book *Practical Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 1993).

"In case you're not freezing yet: Mr. Singer explains that, 'Newborn human babies have no sense of their own existence over time.' Hence, they're disposable.

"Infant euthanasia (Have you ever imagined seeing those two words together?) is the practice Mr. Singer is discussing. And don't confuse it with abortion. We're talking out-of-the-womb, mom-has-delivered, right-here-with-you-and-me babies. Where's it happening? In Europe and the Netherlands, specifically—although word of it is slowly spreading. In the Netherlands, the Associated Press reports that 'at least five newborn mercy killings occur for every one reported.'

"'Mercy' is the keyword. Learning that your newborn has a fatal or potentially fatal illness must be indescribably painful for a parent. But consider that added anguish of a doctor talking you into 'mercifully' ending your child's life. And what determines mercy, anyway? The terms are a bit vague in this context, as is most of the language advocating infant euthanasia.

"Writing in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, two doctors from the Netherlands' University Medical Center Groningen confessed 'it is difficult to define' who, among infants, can or should be eliminated. Babies, obviously, can't tell you their pain is unbearable, so it is incumbent on 'parents and medical experts' to decide what 'hopeless' means.

"'Hopeless' is another term for the infant-euthanasia glossary.

"At the moment, the 'mercy killing' of infants isn't officially legal—even in the Netherlands. It just happens. But the Groningen doctors seem to believe if they can present guidelines by which doctors can break the law uniformly—the presumption being they be professional about their killing—a law allowing such killing will follow.

"The larger framework already exists in the Netherlands: 'Adult' euthanasia is legal there, including for some teenagers without parental consent. Voluntary euthanasia is not restricted to the terminally ill; if your desire to die is 'rational,' you get a green light. (It's not an attitude confined to the Dutch: in a 2001 interview, right-to-die activist Philip Nitschke told me suicide facilitation should be available 'to anyone who wants it, including the depressed, the elderly bereaved, [and] the troubled teen.')

"Just think about that. Life can seem pretty hopeless in high school pretty darn often when you're struggling in French and the captain on the football team doesn't know you exist. If the United States had a law like the one in the Netherlands, lines of the pimple-faced dejected would wrap around the killing clinics.

"The Dutch way is a clear example of a slippery slope at work. First 'adult' euthanasia is embraced (decriminalized in a pattern clearly familiar to the one Groningen doctors are outlining), then infant euthanasia.

"Christine Rosen, author of *Preaching Eugenics* (Oxford University Press, 2004), a book on America's experience with euthanasia, says, 'The Netherlands' embrace of euthanasia has been a gradual process aided by growing acceptance (in a much more secular Europe) that some life is "unworthy of life."'

"Indeed, Europe is doing just that. According to the Associated Press, 73 percent of French doctors have admitted using drugs to end an infant's life; 2-4 percent of doctors in the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Germany and Sweden admit the same.

"Here in the United States, infant euthanasia remains under the radar. But it's not new. There was the 1915 Bollinger Baby case: A Chicago doctor permitted an infant, who could have lived with surgery, to die. According to Ms. Rosen, Dr. Harry J. Haiselden 'later admitted that he had allowed the death of many other "defective" babies.' He even made a film, 'The Black Stork,' to promote euthanasia and infant euthanasia.

"Could Peter Singer be, or be grooming, the next Harry Haiselden? Wesley Smith, author of *A Consumer's Guide to a Brave New World*, points out that Mr. Singer is a tenured professor at one of our most prestigious universities 'because of his advocacy'—school administrators knew exactly who they were hiring. And there he is, 'preparing the intellectual ground' for infant euthanasia right in New Jersey. Mr. Smith warns, 'If we invite the vampire of euthanasia into our midst, we will fall off of the same vertical cliff as has Holland.'

"'Mercifully, we're still a good way from vampires and cliffs on the issue of infant euthanasia. But a few more winks and nods at the 'mercy killing' of newborns and it will be time to watch our necks and look out below."

—Kathryn Lopez, *The Washington Times*, March 26, 2005, p. A 13

□ "As glaciers from Greenland to Kilimanjaro recede at record rates, the central ice cap of Antarctica has steadily grown for the past 11 years, partly offsetting rising seas because of the melt waters of global warming, researchers said Thursday.

"The East Antarctic Ice Sheet—a 2-mile-thick wasteland of ice larger than Australia, drier than the Sahara and as cold as a Martian spring—increased in mass every year between 1992 and 2003 because of additional annual snowfall, an analysis of satellite radar data showed.

"In a region known for the lowest temperatures on Earth, it normally is too cold to snow across the 2.7 million square miles of the ice sheet. Additional annual snowfall in East Antarctica, therefore, is almost certainly the result of warmer temperatures, four experts on Antarctica said.

"'As the atmosphere warms, it should hold more moisture,' said climatologist Joseph McConnell at the Desert Research Institute in Reno, Nev., who helped conduct the study. 'In East Antarctica, that means there should be more snowfall.'

"The additional snowfall is enough to account for an extra 45 billion tons of water added to the ice sheet every year, about equal to the annual amount of water flowing into the ocean from



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the melting Greenland ice cap, the scientists reported online Thursday in the journal *Science*.

“Rising sea level, which could swamp coastal and island communities, is considered one of the most serious potential consequences of global warming.

“Sea level is believed to be rising worldwide at an estimated rate of 1.8 millimeters a year because of the expansion of warming water and the added outwash from melting glaciers in Greenland, Alaska, tropical highlands and elsewhere in Antarctica itself.

“Every millimeter of increased sea level corresponds to about 350 billion tons of water a year. The growth in the East Antarctica ice cap is enough to slow sea-level rise by about 0.12 millimeter a years, the researchers said.”

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, May 20, 2005, p. A 10

□ “Lutheran bishops could allow homosexual clergy to become pastors of congregations under a proposal advanced yesterday by a council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

“Current policy for the 5-million-member church bans homosexual clergy who are involved with partners but allows those who are celibate.

“The proposal—which would require that the bishops of a synod, or district, seek an exception to the ban for a particular candidate—will be presented to the church’s assembly for a vote at its annual meeting in August.

“Disappointed homosexual supporters said the proposal, offered after three days of meetings at church headquarters in Chicago, might not be approved by the estimated 1,000-member

assembly because it is complicated and filled with conditions.

“They also point out that several actively homosexual ministers already are in committed relationships and have not been disciplined by church leaders.

“ ‘They’re creating a second-class roster and a complicated process of exceptions which will not serve gay or lesbian people well, and I’m afraid it won’t serve the church well,’ said the Rev. Jeff Johnson of Berkeley, Calif., co-chairman of Good Soil, a group seeking to change the church’s policy.

“Using the same wording as a 1993 letter from the church’s bishops, the council approved a resolution saying the church does not officially approve of blessing ceremonies for same-sex couples, but recognizes the desire of pastors with homosexual members to ‘explore the best ways to provide pastoral care for all to whom they minister.’

“Single Lutheran clergy members are expected to abide by the historic Christian teaching on adultery and remain celibate before marriage.

“The homosexual minister would have to provide evidence of ‘intent to live in a lifelong, committed and faithful same-sex relationship,’ according to the proposal.

“The minister then could head a congregation that had ‘indicated its openness to’ a pastor in such a relationship, according to the proposal.

“The Rev. Roy Harrisville III, the executive director of Solid Rock Lutherans, a group dedicated ‘to maintaining the current polices on sexuality within the church,’ opposed the proposal.

“ ‘It opens the door to crossing myriad sexual boundaries that I think should not be crossed,’ he said.”

—*The Washington Times*, April 12, 2005. p. A 10