

## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. If I say, ‘Surely the darkness shall fall on me,’ even the night shall be light about me; indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You.

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.

“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

“Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

—Psalm 139

❑ “Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart. Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee, as Thy beauty fills my soul, for by Thy transforming power, Thou has made me whole.

“Ever lift Thy face upon me as I work and wait for Thee; resting ‘neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth’s dark shadows flee. Brightness of my Father’s glory, sunshine of my Father’s face, keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with Thy grace.

*“Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what Thou art; I am finding out the greatness of Thy loving heart.”*

— Jean Sophia Pigott, 1876

❑ “We must picture Hell as a state where everyone is perpetually concerned about his own dignity and advancement, where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives the deadly serious passions of envy, self-importance, and resentment.”

—C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

❑ “Though Our Lord often speaks of Hell as a sentence inflicted by a tribunal, He also says elsewhere that the judgment consists in the very fact that men prefer darkness to light, and that not He, but His ‘word,’ judges men. We are therefore at liberty—since the two conceptions, in the long run, mean the same thing—to think of this bad man’s perdition not as a sentence imposed on him but as the mere fact of being what he is. The characteristic of lost souls is ‘their rejection of everything that is not simply themselves.’

—C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

❑ “Scientists at Harvard University yesterday announced they have created a human embryonic stem cell from ordinary skin cells, which they said is a step closer to medical treatments without the technical difficulties or the controversy of using human embryos.

“The method in effect could produce embryonic stem cells without the destruction of embryos, thus overcoming ethical and political opposition to such research.

“The scientists said their technique, in which they fused embryonic stem cells to skin and bone cells, one day could provide the scientific and medical benefits of so-called ‘therapeutic cloning.’

“But researchers Kevin Eggan and Douglas A. Melton, and colleagues at Harvard Medical School and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, stress in a report to be published in the journal *Science* that their method is not ready to try in humans.

“‘This technique is not ready for prime time now,’ Mr. Eggan told reporters yesterday.

“The newly fused cells contain DNA from both cells. Therefore, they would not be a perfect genetic match to the patient.

“Stem cells are the body’s master cells, used to continually regenerate tissues, organs and blood. Those taken from days-old embryos are considered the most versatile. They can produce any kind of tissue in the body.

“In 2001, President Bush announced the first federal funding for stem-cell research, but restricted it to existing stem-cell lines.

“When Congress returns next month, the Senate is expected to take up legislation, already passed by the House, that would

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## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

### ADULT CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendars for the spring Adult Conference. On March 19-24 at Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, Summit will provide the same faculty offered during our summer sessions. Watch this space or our website for details.

### WORLDVIEW WEEKEND

For a worldview crash course or booster shot, please attend a Worldview Weekend. For a complete listing of conferences and registration information, please log on to [www.worldviewweekend.com](http://www.worldviewweekend.com). Dr. Noebel will be speaking at the following conferences.

Dayton, OH	October 14-15
Indianapolis, IN	November 18-19



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Session 2 Colorado



Session 3 Colorado



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“Dear Dr. Noebel,

“I just wanted to thank you for the impact that Summit Ministries has had on my two sons, A. and S., especially S. In response to James Dobson’s recommendation in a radio broadcast back in 1999, we decided to send our oldest son, A., to Summit in Manitou Springs during his summer between high school and college. He didn’t much want to go, but later thanked us. We did the same for S. when his time came. S. was also not initially enthusiastic about going, but called home the second day that he was there to thank us enthusiastically. Our daughter, C., graduates from high school in 2006 and will be going to Summit next summer.

“Summit has turned out to be a significant resource for S.’s college experience. In fact, he asked us if he could go back the next summer following his freshman year in college. His college experience revealed to him the importance of what he had been introduced to the summer before. This past year, S. took an honors colloquium course at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia on the subject of Creation/Evolution,

during which there were various outside speakers brought in representing both sides of the issue. Being a public, liberal arts college, it was not surprising that his professors were openly biased toward Evolution. Nevertheless, I was proud of S. for speaking up without intimidation for the Creation side of the issue. Part of the course requirement was for each student to regularly make postings on the course’s discussion web site. It was there that one of his liberal-minded classmates said this in one of his responses to S. (paraphrased from my best recollection of it), ‘S., you and I often do not agree, but I appreciate the logical arguments that you make for your side of the issue, and the facts that you present supporting your position, as well as the respectful way in which you present it.’ It was obvious to me that Summit Ministries had been very instrumental in enabling S. to take a firm stand by knowing what he believed, and why he believed it.

“Thanks again for the impact that you are having in the lives of our children.” —G. R., Dalton, GA



Session 1 Tennessee



Session 2 Tennessee



Session 1 Ohio

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eliminate those funding restrictions. Mr. Bush has threatened to veto any such measure.

“The Harvard team worked with stem cells created using both private and federal funding.

“They fused embryonic stem cells to human adult skin cells, and managed to reprogram them back to an embryonic state. The new cells acted and appeared to survive indefinitely in a lab dish.

““We found they could be induced to mature into nerve cells, hair follicles, muscle cells and gut endoderm cells. And when cultured in lab dishes, the cell differentiated, or matured, into the three major basic types of cell,” Mr. Eggan said.

“Mr. Eggan said the research was not inspired by the political

debate. ‘Our motivation is completely based in science,’ he said.”  
—*The Washington Times*, August 23, 2005, p. A7

□ “Driving home from a high school mentoring luncheon held by the Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute, I contemplated my discussion with the girls at my table.

“They were troubled by the information at the weekend conference. It seemed a few considered themselves feminists. Luce Policy Institute President Michelle Easton’s speech—aptly titled ‘The Failures of Feminism’—worried them.

“Now a junior at Drake University, I couldn’t help but think of my own high school days. For all I knew, I was a feminist. Packing up my belongings for that all-important first year of college, I never bothered to categorize myself as a Democrat or a Republican or even a liberal or a conservative. I was 17 and in the middle of that angst/rebellion stage, meaning I no longer went to church with my parents and had purposefully chosen a college 500 miles from home.

“Surprisingly, my otherwise mediocre public high school employed a teacher passionate about American history. Come to think of it, the man is the most objective instructor I ever had. My younger sister’s revelation [that] the teacher was a Kerry supporter came as quite a blow. Nevertheless, he taught my Advanced Placement U.S. History class and he did so fairly. We spent a good deal of time on the suffragettes at Seneca Falls, and I grew to respect the women who fought for equal rights.

“Thus, my view of feminism was neutral, if anything. There was a general appreciation—‘isn’t it nice women have the right to work and vote.’ I didn’t see modern feminism directly affecting me. Equal pay for equal work? Sounded logical. I was OK with claims that women should seek fulfillment outside the home.

“Naively assuming Women’s Studies would be a thorough analysis of the obstacles women had overcome and, perhaps, a comparison of the rights American women have versus the rights of women in other countries, I followed my orientation counselor’s advice and enrolled in Women’s Studies 101. Call me gullible, but alongside courses titled Marxist Principles of Economics, Intro to Women’s Studies looked harmless.

“‘Harmless’ is perhaps the perfect description of how feminist activity seems to those, like my high school lunch companions, who have yet to experience the hateful wrath of the actual movement. This movement is often glamorous, fashionable, and ever-present in some shape or form on every American college campus.

“For three hours a week during my first semester of college, my tuition dollars were spent studying that oppressive beast, the white male. I don’t exactly specialize in staying quiet, so for 12 long weeks I was known as the enemy by my Women’s Studies professor and classmates.

“Soon after leaving home, I had an ‘Aha’ moment. I stopped hating my mother for her selfless devotion to her children and began looking forward to having children of my own. I voiced this desire in class, in response to a question about any justification of heterosexuality, and it was not well received.

“If you haven’t been in a Women’s Studies classroom, just imagine a situation where open-mindedness is touted so long as everyone shares the same liberal ideology. [Couple that with ]

one woman with a Marxist agenda fond of saying ‘America entered Iraq unpre[expletive deleted]pared’ ... to 30 impressionable and self-conscious peers.

“Combine that with assorted readings and film clips shining a positive light on self-centered, lesbian, anti-male existence, and you might see the feminist movement for what it really is: Anything but harmless.

“Most despicable in my view is the movement’s claim to represent all women equally. My professor could not get her mind around anyone disagreeing with her. Her open-mindedness simply did not extend to someone with pro-family convictions.

“The Women’s Awareness Coalition at my school certainly does raise awareness—the question is: of what? Trying to explain to a feminist that feminism furthers a leftist agenda, not the rights of all women, is something I think I’ll have earned a minor in if I survive the second half of my college career.

“After the mentoring lunch, a ninth-grader wrote to me, ‘I learned that most feminists are very confused.’ I couldn’t have put it better myself.”

—Danielle Sturgis, *The Washington Times*, August 21, 2005, p. B5

□ “In recent months it has become fashionable to say that future Western aid to Africa will be a hand up, not a handout. African governments, the aid lobby claims, will be encouraged to search for innovative solutions to their problems, free of Western interference. Yet, when the Ugandan government decided to introduce DDT, an effective insecticide, to its malaria-control program, the European Union threatened to embargo Ugandan agricultural exports to the EU. The EU threats are based on junk science. If carried out, they will cause a lot of harm.

“Uganda used DDT very successfully during the late 1950s and early 1960s. Some African countries—Eritrea, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia and Swaziland included—still successfully use it. In part as a result of the pressure from the environmentalist lobby, the South African government briefly discontinued the use of DDT in the late 1990s. Between 1998 and 2000, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa’s most malarial province, experienced a 400 percent increase in malaria cases and the government was forced to reintroduce DDT. By 2001, malaria cases fell to their pre-1998 levels.

“Encouraged by those results, the Ugandan Minister of Health, Jim Muhwezi, floated the idea of approving the use of DDT as one way of combating malaria in Uganda. He wants DDT to be used in addition to bednets and new drug treatments. If realized, Mr. Muhwezi’s wish would come not a moment too soon. Despite the fact that malaria is both preventable and curable, the disease kills up to 110,000 Ugandan children every year. Based on its past performance, it is reasonable to expect that the introduction of DDT could dramatically reduce that death rate.

“Unfortunately, DDT also happens to be an insecticide that most environmentalists love to hate—and nowhere more so than in the capitals of Western Europe. DDT has been used for more than 60 years and in all that time no scientifically replicated study has been able to link the chemical to cancer in humans. Despite the bad press from environmentalists, the insecticide has an incredibly safe record of use. In any event, when used in malaria

control, DDT is sprayed on the inside walls of houses in minute quantities. The chances of any trace amounts of DDT ending up on agricultural produce are tiny, and even if they did, the effects on human health would be negligible.

“The EU threats are part of a broader European agenda to force African countries to comply with rules and regulations that are totally unsuitable for Africa’s level of economic development. Take Pascal Lamy, who used to be the EU’s chief trade negotiator and now heads the World Trade Organization. Before leaving the EU Commission, Mr. Lamy proposed to open European markets to imports from the poor countries. In exchange, those countries would have to sign on to the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, the Cartagena Protocol on genetically modified organisms, and a plethora of international labor agreements.

“But European countries did not have to comply with environmental and labor regulations when they were at Africa’s stage of economic development. After Europe developed and its standard of living increased, many people were able to pay a premium for commercial goods that were produced in an environmentally friendly way. Increased efficiency of production and the concomitant reduction of waste also contributed to better environmental quality. Forcing poor countries to accede to unsuitable treaties will only slow down their economic development.

“It is encouraging that the United States does not share the EU’s approach to combating poverty and disease in Africa. The Bush administration has not tried to force African countries to subscribe to growth-killing environmental and labor regulations. Moreover, the administration takes a different view on how malaria should be fought. President Bush’s commitment of \$1.2 billion to combat malaria on the African continent explicitly allows for ‘indoor residual spraying with approved insecticides,’ including DDT.

“Time will show how that money will be spent. In the past, much of the money earmarked for fighting deadly diseases in Africa was embezzled by corrupt officials. In addition, U.S. aid agencies, like the European aid agencies, actively opposed DDT use in Africa. Still, the fact that DDT is back on the agenda both in the United States and Uganda is good news for the Ugandan people.

“It would be a shame if misguided environmentalists in Europe were to succeed in undermining the best hope the Africans have of defeating such a deadly menace.”

—Richard Tren, Marian L. Tupy, *The Washington Times*, August 18, 2005, p. A17

□ “Parents are on the warpath about the way 63,000 public schools are now starting their fall term in August, some even in hot July. Thousands of parents have organized Save Our Summers campaigns, and protests in Georgia, North Carolina, Texas and Florida have hit the national media.

“I wish them well with their demands for schools to return to their traditional post-Labor Day opening. But I also wish those parents would show as much concern about what is being taught in the classroom.

“The largest teachers union, the National Education Association (NEA), held its annual convention this summer in Los Angeles displaying its usual favoritism toward the gays and the feminists, hostility to parents, and support of liberal causes.

“The badges worn by the delegates included messages bashing President Bush and supporting gays and lesbians. There is a Conservative Educators Caucus within the NEA membership, but all its proposals were buried in committee except one on academic freedom, which the delegates voted to send back to committee without allowing any floor debate.

“The NEA convention handed a big victory to its large Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus by easily passing its proposal calling on the NEA to ‘develop a comprehensive strategy’ to deal with the attacks on gay curricula, policies and practices by what the NEA calls ‘extremist groups’ (that’s the NEA’s term for parents). A delegate who asked for respect for ex-gays was loudly booed, while the delegates cheered the speaker who pronounced that there is no such person as an ex-gay.

“Resolutions passed by the NEA convention that have nothing to do with education included a call to boycott Wal-Mart, statehood for the District of Columbia, affirmative action, opposition to private accounts in Social Security, opposition to capital punishment, gun control, ‘single-payer health care’ (*i.e.*, government medicine), and endorsement of the International Criminal Court and the UN Declaration on Human Rights.

“NEA resolutions pertaining to education called for the teaching of global, multicultural, suicide, environmental, and bilingual education. Somehow, resolutions about the need for improvement in reading, math or history didn’t make the cut. Of course, the NEA is adamantly opposed to vouchers and tuition tax credits.

“NEA resolutions endorsed all feminist goals, including abortion, Comparable Worth, the Equal Rights Amendment, and taking over the baby-sitting of children ‘from birth through age eight.’ The gay lobby’s influence extends even over infants, whom the NEA wants to provide with ‘diversity-based curricula’ and ‘bias-free screening devices.’ The NEA continues to call for mandatory kindergarten with compulsory attendance.

“The NEA resolutions demand that the public schools assume a bigger role in providing sex instruction, with teachers protected from any interference by parents. The NEA asserts that it is the right of every child to have freely available information about sex, birth control, diversity of sexual orientation, sexually transmitted diseases, incest, and homophobia.”

—*The Phyllis Schlafly Report*, August 2005

□ “The NEA delegates made their animosity against homeschoolers loud and clear. They passed a resolution demanding that children be permitted to be homeschooled only if their parents are licensed as teachers by the state education licensure agency. The NEA also demanded that the homeschool curriculum be approved by the state department of education. Of course, the reason why parents go to the extreme trouble and time commitment of homeschooling is that they don’t want their children to be taught what is being taught in the public schools.

“In another manifestation of hypocrisy about educational diversity, the NEA resolved that ‘homeschooled students should not participate in any extracurricular activities in the public schools’ (even though their parents pay the same school taxes that public school students’ parents pay). Obviously, homeschooling is something that the powerful and wealthy NEA union fears.

“Homeschoolers, who are one of the fastest growing move-

ments in America today, are more and more demanding their right to compete in high school sports along with public school students. After all, homeschooling families pay taxes to finance the public schools, and they should not be excluded from the benefits.

“This issue has made its way into the courts and they have come down with different decisions. The Michigan court sided with the public schools and upheld the exclusion of homeschoolers from public school sports. West Virginia reached the opposite conclusion and ordered the schools to rewrite their policies to allow homeschoolers’ participation in sports. Pennsylvania has taken a middle ground, permitting local school districts to make their own decisions about admitting or excluding homeschoolers from sports teams, and now more than half of Pennsylvania schools allow home-educated students to compete in public school sports.

“Homeschoolers have come a long way. It’s becoming conventional wisdom that homeschoolers usually do better academically than public school students.”

—*The Phyllis Schlafly Report*, August 2005

□ “One of my readers recently sent me a book published by the NEA in 1951. It provides a look down memory lane of what public schools used to be a half century ago.

“Called *The American Citizens Handbook*, this nearly-600-page book was intended to promote good citizenship among public school students. It includes essays on citizenship, brief biographies of ‘heroes and heroines of American democracy,’ and reprints of historical documents that are the ‘great charters of American democracy.’

“The book unabashedly celebrates old-fashioned virtue and patriotism. One section entitled ‘A Golden Treasury for the Citizen’ offers passages suitable for memorization by children.

“This NEA civics handbook embraces ‘the creation of national unity’ and ‘Americanization’ as explicit tasks for the public schools. The book states, ‘It is important that people who are to live and work together shall have a common mind — a like heritage of purpose, religious ideals, love of country, beauty, and wisdom to guide and inspire them.’

“Numerous Old and New Testament selections are included, including the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer. The Golden Rule, the Boy Scout oath, national songs and uplifting poems appear along with geography facts and a household budget.

“I don’t approve of everything in the book. It contains a large chapter [dedicated] to promoting the United Nations and a rather embarrassing endorsement of eugenics as a goal of education, so that ‘highly gifted young people’ are encouraged to bear children to ‘greatly improve our national stock.’

“Nevertheless, *The American Citizens Handbook* is a stunning contrast to the radical resolutions adopted by the NEA at its convention this year.”

—*The Phyllis Schlafly Report*, August 2005

□ “People who consider themselves very rational argue that most disputes about what is true and what is not can be settled by calmly looking at the evidence and letting it guide them to the proper conclusion. However, many who claim to be adherents of the scientific method seem to lose their ‘scientific objectivity’ in some of the great debates of the day.

“The global warming debate is a glaring example of where many enthusiasts have lost all sense of the scientific method in reaching their conclusions. Some European leaders have even implied President Bush and Americans are stupid for not embracing both the theology of global warming and their policy solutions, all designed to enhance state power.

“To rationally debate the issue, we should start by being modest about what we do and do not know. Arguably, it seems the globe has been very slowly warming in the last few decades. But remember: Only a couple of decades ago, many leading scientists—like Carl Sagan—warned us about global cooling.

“There is almost no agreement about the rate of this warming. There is also considerable disagreement about how much of the warming is man-made—by increasing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from burning fossil fuels—and dispute about how much of the additional CO<sub>2</sub> will be absorbed by faster vegetation growth and the ocean. (It seems almost every month a new report contradicts some of the previous studies about the above questions—which is not unexpected, given our rudimentary understanding of climatic forces.)

“The big question, at least for me as an economist, is whether moderate global warming will be good or bad for mankind. Most evidence strongly suggests modest global warming will be beneficial—more rainfall, longer growing seasons, less disease and longer lifespans, easier travel, more outdoor sports, etc. (The last warmer Earth period, roughly 900-1300 AD, is widely acknowledged on balance as highly beneficial to mankind).

“Despite all of the unknowns, many governments and the United Nations have been rushing into ‘solutions’ (e.g., the Kyoto agreement), for something that may or may not be a problem, without sound cost-benefits analyses.”

—Richard Rohn, *The Washington Times*, August 21, 2005, p. B3

□ “The easiest way to check out the bias of a history textbook is to look at its treatment of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Almost everything people think they ‘know’ about McCarthy is false. For example, he had nothing to do with the House Committee on Un-American Activities or with investigations of Hollywood; he limited himself solely to attacking the cover-up of security risks in government.

“Students and adults who want to learn the history that has been censored out of their textbooks should read Ann Coulter’s best-seller *Treason*. Her book does an awesome job of describing the widespread infiltration of the Franklin D. Roosevelt and Truman Administrations by a vast network of Soviet spies and agents. Ann Coulter’s history is supported by 47 pages of fine-print documentation. The official release in 1995 of the Venona Papers proves there is no longer any doubt about the massive penetration of our government by men who served the interests of the Soviet Union.

“Ann Coulter shows there is no longer any doubt about the willful, partisan coverup of treason by the Administrations whose strategy was to target ‘McCarthyism’ as the enemy and thereby deflect blame from Roosevelt who called Stalin ‘Uncle Joe,’ and from Harry Truman who said ‘I like old Joe; Joe’s a decent fellow.’ Her book is a tremendous piece of scholarship about American history during the 1940s and 1950s when the Soviet Union was able to place so many of its agents in high places in govern-



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ment, academia and Hollywood. Her book called *Treason* is a necessary antidote to historic illiteracy and a must-read if you want to know the facts about American history since the end of World War II.”

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□ “America’s scientists are a surprisingly spiritual group, according to a survey in which almost 70 percent agreed ‘there are basic truths’ in religion, and 68 percent classified themselves as a ‘spiritual person.’

“Overall, about a third said ‘I do not believe in God’ in the analysis, which polled 1,646 scientists at 21 research universities across the nation.

“The findings mirror a similar study of physicians released by the University of Chicago last month, which revealed 76 percent of the 2,000 doctors surveyed said they believed in God.

“‘Science is often perceived as incompatible with religion and spirituality, but few have asked how scientists themselves think about religion,’ said study director Elaine Howard Ecklund, a sociologist at Rice University in Houston.

“Previous studies have indicated that as few as 7 percent of the nation’s top scientists said they believed in God. However, change may be afoot.

“‘In general, those in the academy may not be as irreligious as some academic and popular commentators would like to think,’ Mrs. Ecklund writes in her study, ‘Religion Among Academic Scientists.’

“The analysis probed the spirituality of the ivory tower, questioning scientists in physics, chemistry, biology, sociology, economics, political science and psychology about God, the Bible,

religion, church attendance and prayer.

“The average respondent’s age was about 50, eight out of 10 were married, 84 percent were men, and all had children. About two-thirds were full professors, and all had published books.

“Blame it on an analytical background, perhaps, but the survey found fewer than 1 percent of the scientists took the Bible literally, while 25 percent thought it was ‘the inspired word of God’ but not to be taken literally in its entirety. About 75 percent agreed the Bible ‘is an ancient book of fables recorded by men.’

“The disciplines had their differences, however.

“Physicists and biologists were the least spiritual—41 percent in both groups said they did not believe in God. Among political scientists, the number was 27 percent – the lowest in the bunch.

“The social scientists were more devout: 30 percent said they prayed, compared with 22 percent of the natural scientists. Another 28 percent of the social scientists regularly read a ‘sacred text,’ compared with 20 percent of the natural scientists.

“‘Based on previous research, we thought that social scientists would be less likely to practice religion than natural scientists are, but our data showed just the opposite,’ Mrs. Ecklund said.

“She presented her findings yesterday before the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Philadelphia and plans to expand on the research.

“University of Chicago researchers were equally enthusiastic about their survey. They found that 59 percent believe in an after-life, 90 percent attended religious services, and 55 percent said their religious beliefs influenced how they practiced medicine.

“‘We did not think physicians were nearly this religious,’ said study author Dr. Farr Curlin.”

—*The Washington Times*, August 15, 2005, p.A3