

## MONTH IN REVIEW

□ “Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, “Peace, peace!” when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,” says the Lord.

“Thus says the Lord: ‘Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.” Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, “Listen to the sound of the trumpet!” But they said, “We will not listen.” Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people—the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words nor My law, but rejected it.’”

—Jeremiah 6:13-19

□ “Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues. There is no getting away from it: the old Christian rule is, ‘Either marriage, with complete faithfulness to your partner, or else total abstinence.’”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

□ “Each Nation that has “liberal” abortion laws has rapidly become, if it was not already, a nation of murderers.’ The person who spoke those words was not Operation Rescue’s Randall Terry, or the Reverend Jerry Falwell, or some fundamentalist preacher from the Ozarks. She was one of the twentieth century’s most eminent academic philosophers—indeed, a woman who might fairly have claimed (though it would never have occurred to her to make such a boast) to be the greatest woman philosopher in modern history: G.E.M. Anscombe.”

—Robert P. George, *First Things*, January 2006, p. 56

□ “We now know securely that the difference between an embryo and a fetus, infant, child, adolescent, and adult is not a difference *in kind*, but is rather a difference *in biological maturity or stage of development*. Embryos and human beings are not different kinds of beings; an embryo is simply a human being in the earliest developmental stage.”

—Robert P. George, *First Things*, January 2006, p. 58, 59

□ “The lady [Lisa Sowell Cahill] should not say ‘embryo,’ but rather ‘conceived child.’”

—G.E.M. Anscombe, *First Things*, January 2006, p. 59

□ “Sixteen-year-old Johnny came down from his bedroom and stumbled into the kitchen to get a bowl of his favorite cereal—Alpha-Bits. When he got to the table, he was surprised to see that the cereal box was knocked over, and the Alpha-Bit letters spelled ‘TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE—MOM’ on the placemat.

“Recalling a recent high school biology lesson, Johnny didn’t attribute the message to his mom. After all, he’d just

been taught that life itself is merely a product of mindless, natural laws. If that’s the case, Johnny thought, why couldn’t a simple message like ‘Take out the garbage—Mom’ be the product of mindless natural laws as well? Maybe the cat knocked the box over, or an earthquake shook the house. No sense jumping to conclusions. Johnny didn’t want to take out the garbage anyway. He didn’t have time for house chores. This was summer vacation, and he wanted to get to the beach. Mary would be there.

“Since Mary was the girl Scott liked too, Johnny wanted to get to the beach early to beat Scott there. But when Johnny arrived, he saw Mary and Scott walking hand-in-hand along the shore. As he followed them at a distance, he looked down and saw a heart drawn in the sand with the words ‘Mary loves Scott’ scrawled inside. For a moment, Johnny felt his heart sink. But thoughts of his biology class rescued him from deep despair. ‘Maybe this is just another case of natural laws at work!’ he thought. ‘Perhaps sand crabs or an unusual wave pattern just happened to produce this love note naturally.’ No sense accepting a conclusion he didn’t like! Johnny would just have to ignore the corroborating evidence of the hand-holding.

“Comforted by the fact that principles learned in his biology class could help him avoid conclusions he didn’t like, Johnny decided to lie down for a few minutes to get a little sun. As he put his head back on his towel he noticed a message in the clouds: ‘Drink Coke,’ the white puffy letters revealed on the sky-blue background. ‘Unusual cloud formation?’ Johnny thought. ‘Swirling winds, perhaps?’

“No, Johnny couldn’t play the game of denial any longer. ‘Drink Coke’ was the real thing. A message like that was a sure sign of intelligence. It couldn’t be the result of natural forces because natural forces have never been observed to create messages. Even though he never saw a plane, Johnny knew there must have been a skywriter up there recently. Besides, he wanted to believe this message—the hot sun had left him parched, thirsting for a

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

### SUMMER PROGRAM DATES

Summer is quickly approaching. The dates and places for the 2006 summer program are set. Call or write for your application, or download an application from our website.

**Colorado:** May 21-June 2; June 4-June 16; June 18-June 30; July 9-July 21; July 23-August 4; August 6-18; August 20-September 1.

**Tennessee**—Bryan College: July 9-July 21; July 23-August 4.

**Ohio**—Cedarville University: June 18-30.

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### ADULT CONFERENCE

Now is the time to register 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. Check our website at [www.summit.org](http://www.summit.org) or call 719-685-9103 for details.

Coke.

“One needs to be playing with only half a deck or be willfully blind to suggest that messages like ‘Take out the garbage—Mom’ and ‘Mary loves Scott’ are the work of natural laws. Yet these conclusions are perfectly consistent with principles taught in most high school and college biology classes today. That’s where naturalistic biologists dogmatically assert that messages far more complicated are the mindless products of natural laws. They make this claim in trying to explain the origin of life.

“Naturalistic biologists assert that life generated spontaneously from nonliving chemicals by natural law without any intelligent intervention. Such a theory might have seemed plausible to a nineteenth century scientist who didn’t have the technology to investigate the cell and discover its amazing complexity. But today this naturalistic theory flies in the face of everything we know about natural laws and biological systems.

—Norman L. Geisler, Frank Turek, *I Don’t Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*, p. 113, 114

□ “I have expressed misgivings about the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) being taken in by environmental groups that are glad to have Christian support for their frequently very un-Christian purposes. The Reverend Ted Haggard, president of the NAE and pastor of the huge New Life Church in Colorado Springs is aware of such misgivings and responds in an interview in *Christianity Today*. Asked about his relations with the environmental organizations, he says: ‘We don’t respond to them. They’ve all tried to reach us and communicate with us, but we are so diametrically opposed to some of the traditional environmentalist philosophies that we don’t return their phone calls, because we think this should be an evangelical Christian issue. We think the environmental solutions should come from our philosophy of human responsibility and dignity, because we’re in the image and likeness of God, rather than we’re a fellow animal in the animal kingdom. We think that our approach is a pro-business, pro-free market approach to environmental problems, where their approach is typically anti-business and anti-free market. Their solutions will never work. It’s going to require our approach to improve some of our environmental problems. I think our strategy is better. Our strategy is more thoughtful. Ultimately, since God created it all and God is sovereign and God will judge it all in the end, it’s only God-type solutions that will work. All the other attempted solutions that various human beings will try will fail.’”

—Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, *First Things*, January 2006, p. 67

□ “Stephen Barr criticizes me for confusing two very different things: the modest scientific theory of neo-Darwinism (which he defines as ‘the idea that the mainspring of evolution is natural selection acting on random genetic variation’) and what he calls the ‘theological’ claim that evolution is an ‘unguided, unplanned’ process. ‘This,’ he asserts, ‘is the central misstep of Cardinal Schönborn’s article.’

“Let us assume for the moment that I indeed made a mistake. Is there any excuse, any basis for my error? Barr, treating Darwinism with great delicacy, says nothing. But there is much he could have said. He could have listed quotations from Darwinian scientists

going on dozens of pages in which they make such ‘theological’ assertions, in bold and completely unqualified ways, assertions that evolution by means of random variation and natural selection is an unguided, unplanned process.

“Many of those assertions are in textbooks and scientific journals, not just in popular writings. I will leave it to others to compile a complete account of such quotations. I made a small contribution of three quotations in my recent catechesis on creation and evolution in the cathedral church of St. Stephen’s in Vienna. Here is one of those three examples, a quotation from the American scientist Will Provine: ‘Modern science directly implies that the world is organized strictly in accordance with deterministic principles or chance. There are no purposive principles whatsoever in nature. There are no gods and no designing forces rationally detectable.’

“Barr argues that such ‘theological’ claims are separable from a more modest *science* of neo-Darwinism. I agree that there is a difference between a modest science of Darwinism and the broader metaphysical claims frequently made on its behalf. But which of those two is more properly called ‘neo-Darwinism’ in an unqualified way, as I did in my essay?”

—Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, *First Things*, January 2006, p. 35

□ “Why would any self-respecting boy want to attend one of America’s increasingly feminized universities? Most of these institutions have flounced through the last forty years fashioning a fluffy pink playpen of feminist studies and agitprop ‘herstory,’ taught amid a green goo of eco-motherism and anti-industrial phobia. They routinely showcase such trendy trumperies as *The Vagina Monologues*, while sacrificing thousands of men’s athletic teams at the altar of Title IX. They happily open their arms to the recruiting efforts of gay and lesbian student centers, while banning the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps and other military groups from campus. And, as they launch bidding wars for the few women who qualify for tenured appointments in math and science, they stint on male-oriented pursuits such as engineering and mechanics.

“Perhaps this explains why American men have taken a demographic plunge in higher education. Men now constitute less than 43 percent of the U.S. college student population, and receive only 41 percent of new bachelors’ degrees. Similar figures appear throughout the Western world, implying that the emergence of an unschooled male underclass is not only an American problem. In a

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

I would be amiss if I did not publicly thank our *Journal* readership (now over 40,000) for the recent out pouring of support for this ministry. Thank you for the financial help, cards and letters. Thank you for your interest in this ministry. Thank you for keeping us in prayer. Thank you for just being there!

As we begin to plan for our 2006 summer two-week programs, please consider sending us your college-bound son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter. Each church might consider the Summit experience for their high school graduates. Many churches honor these graduates and we can't think of a better way to do this than a life-changing two weeks at the Summit (Colorado, Tennessee and Ohio).

Since many thousands of our *Journal* readers are Summit graduates, I would challenge you to send us the names and addresses of young people you know who would fit into our mould of preparing the next generation of leaders in all areas of service and society. In fact, better yet, direct one or two to the Summit and personally explain why the two-week sessions are important to "understand the times" in which we live and what we ought to be doing to prepare for such times.

To encourage one and all I have a few brief notes to share from former students or their parents who believe it is important for Christian teens to be settled in their Christian faith and able to take on the deceptions and falsehoods of our pagan culture.

"I am enclosing a small donation to the work of your ministry—Summit Ministries—in deepest appreciation for the commitment you and your staff have made to the call of the Lord! Both of my daughters—C. and J.—have benefited from each attending 2 sessions at Summit over the years. The work that you do on behalf of the Lord to train and to equip our young people to understand and stand firm in their faith under increasing secular persecution is invaluable! I have personally witnessed my daughters both standing for the truth, often alone, with dramatic results. I pray that there may be some way to encourage more young people to seek out your ministry. I am afraid that we have already lost one

generation, with the next generation in jeopardy as well. Unfortunately this is even true in the church today!

"Please accept this small gift today. I plan to join the Millennium supporters next year. I believe that's were the Lord would have us to invest His resources for training young people for time and eternity! God bless you!"—G.W.C., D.V.M., Wichita, Kansas

**Note:** The Summit Millennium team is comprised of those who donate at least \$1000 to Summit during the calendar year, and is open to all our supporters. At the present we have 261 members. Our goal is 1000!

"Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Summit has blessed our daughter thus our whole family has benefited. Thanks for challenging her, thanks for your example of excellence, thanks for calling young adults to a higher level—a life set apart, thanks for providing a place for God to work in their lives.

"Be blessed. Be encouraged. Continue to be strong and courageous!"—M. and D. H., Grand Island, Nebraska

"It has been a joy in recent months to read of the lives that are being changed through Summit. I was especially excited to see the launch of the Ohio program (I'm originally from Ohio). I attended the eighth session back in 2000, and I can definitely say it was one of the turning points in my relationship with God.

"When I went to Summit, I saw for the first time in a very tangible way Christians who thought deeply about their faith. I saw Christians who knew what they believed, why they believed, and articulated it in a powerful way in the public square. It was foundational for me in beginning to develop a Christian worldview and develop a heart for reaching people with the gospel.

"I graduated in the spring of 2004 from Ohio University and am now working for the Social Security Administration in Vancouver, WA.

"It is a joy to be able to give back to this ministry. Please use the enclosed gift as you see fit for Summit. Thanks again. God bless."—M.F., Vancouver, WA

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world where male talent in mathematics and engineering confers significant national advantages in wealth and power, these numbers are portentous indeed."

—George Gilder, *National Review*, December 31, 2005, p.

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☐ "As Margaret Mead famously declared, the key social issue in every society is how to deal with the aggressiveness and competitiveness of males. The traditional solution is marriage, which ties men to the future through their children and channels their

aggression into supporting their families through competitive success in both education and the workplace. In families that are intact, boys tend to socialize upward toward their fathers and other adult men, such as teachers and coaches, rather than sideways toward the gang and the street. They also tend to readily accept the educational disciplines required by upward mobility. Even today in intact middle- and upper-class families, where fathers usually perform as chief providers, more boys than girls go to college."

—George Gilder, *National Review*, December 31, 2005, p.

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□ “The sexual skew in American universities reflects a condition widely reported in anthropological studies: The nuclear family always must compete with polygyny (derived from the Greek for ‘many women’). Enabling the most powerful men (by whatever relevant measure) to dominate the nubile or childbearing years of several young women, polygyny can be pursued through harems and mistresses or extended over time through a series of divorces and remarriages. Monogamy is egalitarianism in sex; it means one to a customer. When this institution breaks down, it leaves behind an underclass of young men who cannot marry and who are prone to addiction to homosexuality and pornography. It also creates cohorts of abandoned women who are left to struggle with their sons and then grow old alone.”

—George Gilder, *National Review*, December 31, 2005, p. 27

□ “Dear Friends: Thank you for the ‘State of the Summit’ letter with all the encouraging news of this fantastic ministry.

“I take this opportunity to tell you how much your teaching and your vision for this ministry has influenced the lives of our three children, all of them Summit students.

“The state of Europe is worse than that of the U.S., but the truth they have been taught at the Summit, the fact that they have experienced there that hundreds of other students have the same belief system that they have been raised with, gave them the courage to often stand alone in the defense of Christian values and truth.

“Thank you, thank you, thank you!

“Our son debates the liberal left, he reads a lot and seems to ‘understand the times.’ I would not be surprised if he would want to follow in your footsteps and teach!

“C. and I were not aware of your ‘Summit Millennium Team’ to which we would like to belong. Please find our donation enclosed.

“We both have fond memories of our times at the adult classes at Summit.

“To you and your wife a joyful holiday season and may God bless you both mightily in this coming year 2006.”

—C. & J. N., Belgium

□ “The Canadian Supreme Court ruling that redefined obscenity for that nation and legalized group-sex clubs, combined with Canada’s unusually low age of consent—14—will result in an influx of pedophiles to America’s neighbor to the north, contends a former consultant to the U.S. Justice Department.

“In its Dec. 20 decision, Canada’s Supreme Court legalized a type of business activity previously restricted by Canadian law, overturning two previous Quebec Court of Appeal decisions that had ruled group-sex clubs qualified as ‘bawdy houses’ violating Quebec’s community decency standards and were therefore illegal.

“Judith Reisman, a world-renowned scholar and author of four books, including *Kinsey: Crimes and Consequences*, said that since under Canadian law 14-year-olds are legally considered ‘consenting adults,’ the court’s controversial decision ‘will now make Canada a sex traffic playground for pedophiles.’

“A former consultant to three U.S. administrations, Reisman, who is also a WND columnist, says the court’s decision sends a clear message to pedophiles: ‘You don’t have to go to Asia anymore. Pedophiles can have the blond, blue-eyed kids in Canada, too.’

“The Canadian government, Reisman believes, is sending a strong message to international sex traders that ‘you can get all the kids you want when you come to Canada.’ The liberalization of the Canadian courts, the author contends, shows ‘that pedophiles or politicians who refuse to prosecute these types of crimes are in power more than ever in Canada.’

“Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverly McLachlin was joined by Justices Major, Binnie, Deschamps, Fish, Abella and Charron in the sex-club decision. Dissenting justices Michael Bastarache and Louis LeBel said the high court’s ruling ‘strips of all relevance the social values that the Canadian community as a whole believes should be protected,’ according to Canada’s *Globe and Mail* newspaper.

“‘There is a real trend to break down moral principles in Canadian society,’ said Gwen Landolt, vice president of Real Women of Canada, according to LifeSiteNews.com. ‘The implications are horrendous,’ said Landolt. ‘It’s an exploitation of human sexuality. Fourteen-year-olds will be exploited.’”

“‘The Canadian government,’ Reisman told WND, ‘will see that the kids are clean from sexual disease by giving them the appropriate drugs and medication and if they get pregnant, they will provide them with abortions.’”

—James L. Lambert, *WorldNetDaily.com*, December 27, 2005

□ “I attended Summit Ministries in 1994, the summer before I started college. I’ll never forget the impact that your seminar had on me, or the good memories that I made those two weeks. It is my pleasure to support your ministry as you provide the same education and experience for so many others.

“I’m now a physician and my husband and I are expecting our first child. I pray that your ministry will still be going strong in 18 years so that I can send this child! Sincerely,”

—K.M., Columbus, OH

□ “Hi, I wasn’t sure what to put this under, but I want to let Dr. Noebel know something about a guy I attended Session 2-CO with this year. Nathan was a 16-year-old who sat next to me, and he was one of those guys who is very friendly and loves Jesus a lot. I just found out that he died in a car crash on Thanksgiving Day [2005], on the way to his grandparents. He was by himself when he crashed, and he died instantly.

“It has been hard for his family and friends, but we praise God because he was so on fire for Him. Nate had attended a Summit conference in 2004 (I don’t know the date), and he became a Christian while at Summit. Since then, he’s been witnessing pretty much everywhere he went. Also, because of his testimony his older brother became a Christian.

“I want to thank God for Summit, that you impacted his life so much.

“Thanks for impacting mine, too, when I went. Sincerely,”  
—K.O., Roscoe, IL

❑ “I recently received a letter from a leading botanist at a prominent scientific institution. The letter was mostly agreeable and even complimentary. But near the end, when humanity became the subject, its tone darkened. The scientist said he disagreed with me that human beings were part of the plan, as it were. On the contrary, he complained about ‘the devastation humans are currently imposing upon our planet’: ‘Still, adding over 70 million new humans to the planet each year, the future looks pretty bleak to me. Surely, the Black Death was one of the best things that ever happened to Europe: elevating the worth of human labor, reducing environmental degradation, and, rather promptly, producing the Renaissance. From where I sit, Planet Earth could use another major human pandemic, and pronto!’

“If he were merely offering an eccentric, private opinion, I wouldn’t be writing about it. Unfortunately, his desire is all too common among some self-described ‘environmentalists.’ Our well being, in this view, doesn’t really enter into the calculation. We are, at best, an accident of cosmic history, and at worst, despoilers and destroyers. Adding more humans to the planet, then, is as bad as adding more parasites to an already ailing host.

“Again, this would be merely academic, except that such ideas have real-world consequences. Every environmental policy implemented by government, for instance, stems from someone’s views about the nature of man and man’s place in nature. If those views are anti-human, the policy probably will be anti-human as well. Consider the ban on DDT in the 1970s. The ban, which in hindsight we know as misguided, has resulted in the deaths of more than a million people a year. The vast majority of those deaths have been among the poor in developing countries.

“Because environmental policies perpetuate certain notions about the human person, and because these notions have real-world consequences, Christians have little choice but to engage the debate over the environment. In particular, we should strongly challenge the misanthropic strain in the modern environmental movement. Human beings aren’t an accident. We are an intended part of God’s good creation. And while God called everything he created ‘good,’ he only called human beings, whom he created in his own image, ‘very good.’

“That doesn’t mean God has given us a free pass to do whatever we want. On the contrary, the Bible tells us that the Earth is the Lord’s, and we are its stewards. We have a delegated responsibility over the Earth, for which we will be held accountable.

“These truths provide a solid theological foundation for addressing environmental concerns while avoiding an anti-human bias. Unfortunately, these truths do not figure prominently in the contemporary debate. In fact, it’s more fashionable to argue—incorrectly—that the Judeo-Christian tradition is the problem, not the solution.

“An organization called the Interfaith Stewardship Alliance has been launched to help Jews and Christians develop a positive environmental ethic that avoids such pitfalls. Announced this fall at a press conference at the Ugandan embassy in Washington, D.C., the ISA is a coalition of individuals and institutions—including the Acton Institute—who share an interest in environmental stewardship. The ISA will focus on issues such as global warming, population, poverty, food, energy, clean water, endangered species and habitats.

“The ISA draws its inspiration from the Cornwall Declaration,

published by the Acton Institute in 2000. As theologian Calvin Beisner explains, the Cornwall Declaration describes human beings not merely as consumers and polluters but also as producers and stewards. It challenges the popular assumption that ‘nature knows best,’ or that ‘the earth, untouched by human hands is the ideal.’

“And it calls for thoughtful people to distinguish environmental concerns that ‘are well founded and serious,’ from others that ‘are without foundation or greatly exaggerated.’ In other words, it calls for a reasoned, humane environmental ethic. At a time when mistaken policies based on anti-human assumptions can lead to the deaths of millions of people, such an ethic cannot come soon enough.”

—Jay W. Richards, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, December 2, 2005, p. M6

❑ “Attention, Dr. Frankenstein, and maybe Gloria Steinem: There are girl brains, then there are boy brains. But there’s not one generic human brain, no matter what hand-wringing feminists may insist in their quest for sexual equality.

“Some stark new clinical evidence shows that men and women are just not the same upstairs.

“‘The comedians are right. The science proves it. A man’s brain and a woman’s brain really do work differently,’ a research team from the University of Alberta in Canada announced yesterday.

“After analyzing magnetic resonance imaging (MRIs) of 23 men and 10 women, the team found that the sexes use different areas of the brain even when working on exactly the same task.

“‘The larger implications of this work is that we may increasingly find out that there are differences in the “hard wiring” of male and female brains,’ said study author Dr. Peter Silverstone, a psychiatrist.

“During the Canadian study, volunteers were given memory, language, spatial and coordination tests while their brains were monitored through the MRIs. The patterns revealed that men and women clearly met the challenges differently.

“‘The results jumped out at us,’ said Emily Bell, one of the researchers. ‘Sometimes males and females would perform the same tasks and show different brain activation. And sometimes they would perform different tasks and show the same brain activation.’

“Similar research also reinforces differences in the brains of men and women.

“Again using MRIs, he found that men have more than six times the amount of gray matter—which controls information processing—in their brains as women do. But females have 10 times the amount of white matter, which controls networking abilities.

“The findings ‘may help explain why men excel in tasks requiring more local processing (like mathematics) while women tend to excel at integrating and assimilating information...such as required for language,’ the study found.

“There’s some reassuring common ground, though. A study of almost 700 adults released yesterday by Cornell University found that men and women are happier with each other, rather than alone. And the stronger the relationship’s commitment, the greater the happiness and sense of well-being of the partners, the analysis found.

“‘Being married is associated with higher self-esteem, greater

life satisfaction, greater happiness and less distress, whereas people who are not in stable romantic relationships tend to report lower self-esteem, less life satisfaction, less happiness and more distress,' sociologist Claire Kamp Dush said yesterday."

—*The Washington Times*, December 2, 2005, p. A1

□ "The late Peter Jennings would be mildly amused that ABC News has named two anchors to replace him.

"He might also be pleased the very pleasant-looking Elizabeth Vargas and Bob Woodruff share Mr. Jennings' political philosophy. They are both liberal.

"How do I know this? For the same reason I know that when a pope dies, his successor will not be a Methodist, but a Roman Catholic. Mrs. Vargas and Mr. Woodruff, along with the new 'Nightline' troika of Terry Moran, Cynthia McFadden and Martin Bashir (Ted Koppel, you get bragging rights because it took three to replace you) are all liberals.

"If ABC News President David Westin wanted to make a bold statement and attract new viewers, he might have found at least one conservative to be part of the anchor mix. But where would he look and upon whom would he call? John Stossel, who appears on '20/20,' is the only conservative-leaning reporter at ABC, but his chances of being tapped were about the same as mine: slim to none. During an interview two years ago with '60 Minutes' reporter Lesley Stahl, I asked her about journalistic bias. She asserted CBS News had people of differing political viewpoints. Asked to name one, Miss Stahl could not.

"Liberal journalists see the world through their own prism: big government and higher taxes are good; abortion on demand is good; nothing wrong with homosexual practice or same-sex 'marriage'; America is evil or, if not evil, the cause of much of the world's problems; religious people are by definition unintelligent and need watching; Democrats are better than Republicans and have a 'divine right' (if they believed in the divine, which most big-time journalists do not) to run our government; President Bush is evil and an idiot; the war in Iraq is a failure and nothing American soldiers are doing is worthwhile; Howard Stern is a First Amendment crusader (he was featured on last Sunday's '60 Minutes') while those who want culture to at least acknowledge their beliefs are radical imposers of a narrow religious view.

"The country needs a robust debate and access to information from many points of view. ABC, CBS and NBC do not practice ideological diversity. That's why conservatives have increasingly abandoned broadcast network news in favor of cable. Those who continue to view broadcast news deserve better, but these new anchors guarantee they'll get more of the same."

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, December 11, 2005, p. B3

□ "Former President Jimmy Carter yesterday condemned all abortions and chastised his party for its intolerance of candidates and nominees who oppose abortion.

"I never have felt that any abortion should be committed—I think each abortion is the result of a series of errors,' he told reporters over breakfast at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, while across town Senate Democrats deliberated whether to filibuster the nomination of Judge Samuel A. Alito Jr. because he may share President Bush and Mr. Carter's abhorrence of abortion.

"These things impact other issues on which [Mr. Bush] and I basically agree,' the Georgia Democrat said. 'I've never been

convinced, if you let me inject my Christianity into it, that Jesus Christ would approve abortion.'

"Mr. Carter said his party's congressional leadership only hurts Democrats by making a rigid pro-abortion rights stand the criterion for assessing judicial nominees.

"I have always thought it was not in the mainstream of the American public to be extremely liberal on many issues,' Mr. Carter said. 'I think our party's leaders—some of them—are overemphasizing the abortion issue.'

"While Mr. Carter has previously expressed ambivalence about abortion, his statements yesterday were 'astonishing,' said Robert Knight, director of the Culture and Family Institute at Concerned Women for America.

"He has long professed to be an evangelical Christian and yet he had embraced virtually all the liberal political agenda,' said Mr. Knight. 'Maybe with Jimmy Carter saying things he never uttered before, more liberals will rethink their worship of abortion as the high holy sacrament of liberalism.'"

—Ralph Z. Hallow, *The Washington Times*, November 4, 2005, p. A6

□ "Last week, South Africa's Constitutional Court ordered that the definition of marriage be changed from a 'union between a man and a woman' to a 'union between two persons,' which should remind us that we in America still have not arrived at a final answer to this question. And the electorate does not have to wait until our Supreme Court discovers their answer.

"A picture of the American family, or the lack thereof, emerges from the following information. Today in the United States the most common living arrangement is a household of unmarried persons with no children. Cohabitation, living together with neither civil blessing nor public promise to stay together, has widespread acceptance by our youth who are now coming of age. Forty-six percent of first marriages and 65 percent of second marriages end in divorce; the children of these broken homes face unprecedented social and psychological difficulties as a result. This year probably less than five children in ten will be born and reared in a household with both mom and dad.

"Adding insult to injury, powerful groups are trying to change what it means to be civilly married, exacerbating the problems marriage already has. In short, the foundation of the millennia-old family is crumbling under our feet.

"Nothing described above, including the conclusion, is new; similar information and descriptions have already been widely published. Everyone knows the status of the game. What is lacking is strong and dedicated national leadership persuading us how to win.

"In quiet moments of war or peace, each American asks what their country requires of him. Some of us are part of Generation X—the first set of children reared in the nascent social environment arising after the sexual revolution and no-fault divorce laws, among other societal upheavals. Others were reared before these upheavals and then have, in turn, been parents of young children after. We believe what is required of us now is to give a final answer to our most fundamental and pressing question of today: What to do about the family? We hold that society's survival depends upon the wholeness of the traditional family. Therefore we ask that the federal government more decisively endorse and fight for traditional marriage.



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“Two steps have already been taken by the Bush administration: the Healthy Marriage Initiative and the Federal Marriage Amendment. The Department of Health and Human Services’ Healthy Marriage Initiative is designed to ‘help couples, who have chosen marriage for themselves, gain greater access to marriage education services, on a voluntary basis, where they can acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage’; it has worthy goals, one being to increase the percentage of children who are raised by two parents in a healthy marriage. The Federal Marriage Amendment was endorsed by President Bush in early 2004 and proposes to amend the Constitution with language that in effect declares marriage in the United States to be the union of a man and a woman.

“Unfortunately, both are stalled. The time has come for the government to energetically and unequivocally state that the perpetuity of the social contract it administers rests squarely on the health of the time-honored family. We understand both the vitality and even the necessity of the traditional family are being fiercely questioned. Nevertheless, a decision must be made. While we do not naively think that restoring the traditional family to its place of pre-eminence will solve all of America’s challenges, we do believe that without such a restoration, all other solutions will fail to provide the desired results.

“Both civilization’s history and the great world religions are on the side of marriage as it has been known throughout time. Our nation’s government should align itself with this ancient wisdom.”

—David Wilkinson, Chris Stevenson, *The Washington Times*, December 16, 2005, p. A23

❑ **Correction:** In the November *Journal*, the following “Rules” was mistakenly attributed to Bill Gates. It is actually by Charles J. Sykes, adapted from the *San Diego Union Tribune*, September 19, 1996. We are re-running the “Rules” now.

“RULE 1 Life is not fair—get used to it.

“RULE 2 The world won’t care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

“RULE 3 You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won’t be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn both.

“RULE 4 If you think your teacher is tough; wait till you get a boss. He doesn’t have tenure.

“RULE 5 Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping—they called it Opportunity.

“RULE 6 If you mess up, it’s not your parents’ fault, so don’t whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

“RULE 7 Before you were born, your parents weren’t as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent’s generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

“RULE 8 Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they’ll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn’t bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

“RULE 9 Life is not divided into semesters. You don’t get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

“RULE 10 Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

“RULE 11 Be nice to nerds. Chances are you’ll end up working for one.”