

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “Jehoshaphat king of Judah returned to his home in Jerusalem in peace. Then Jehu son of Hanani the seer went out to confront him and said to King Jehoshaphat, ‘Do you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Because of this, the LORD’s wrath is on you. However, some good is found in you, for you have removed the Asherah poles from the land and have decided to seek God.’

“Jehoshaphat lived in Jerusalem, and once again he went out among the people from Beer-sheba to the hill country of Ephraim and brought them back to the LORD God of their ancestors. He appointed judges in all the fortified cities of the land of Judah, city by city. Then he said to the judges, ‘Consider what you are doing, for you do not judge for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the matter of judgment. And now, may the terror of the LORD be on you. Watch what you do, for there is no injustice or partiality or taking bribes with the LORD our God.’

“Jehoshaphat also appointed in Jerusalem some of the Levites and priests and some of the heads of the Israelite families for [rendering] the LORD’s judgments and for [settling] disputes of the residents of Jerusalem. He commanded them, saying, ‘In the fear of the LORD, with integrity, and with a whole heart, you are to do the following: for every dispute that comes to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities—whether it regards differences of bloodguilt, law, commandment, statutes, or judgments—you are to warn them, so they will not incur guilt before the LORD and wrath will not come on you and your brothers. Do this, and you will not incur guilt.

“Note that Amariah, the chief priest, is over you in all matters related to the LORD, and Zebadiah son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all matters related to the king, and the Levites are officers in your presence. Be strong; may the LORD be with those who do what is good.”

—2 Chronicles 19:1-11

❑ “Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, you were here before the world began.

“Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there’s no way to measure what You’re worth.

“Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone; like a rose, trampled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of us, above all.”

—Lenny LeBlanc, Paul Balloche

❑ “I really think that in our days it is the ‘undogmatic’ and ‘liberal’ people who call themselves Christians that are the most arrogant and intolerant. I expect justice and even courtesy from many atheists and, much more, from your people: from Modernists I have to take bitterness and rancour as a matter of course.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters of C.S. Lewis*, April 1951

❑ “The American Founding Fathers were concerned with liberty,

so they set up a Republic to protect individual liberties from the passions of the majority at the moment. They worried about the excesses of democracy.

“James Madison, the primary Framer of the U.S. Constitution, noted: ‘Democracies have been spectacles of turbulence and conflict.’ His views were shared by the other Founders. That is why the U.S. Constitution was designed to restrict a democratic majority from limiting freedom of speech, press, religion and so forth.

“The Constitution is a document of liberty, not of democracy.

“The Bush administration has placed itself in a difficult position by advocating democracy rather than liberty as its global mission. The democratic elections in Iraq and Palestine may well result in subjugation of women, containment of basic freedoms of speech and the press, and support for terrorist activities.

“We, the victors in Iraq, had a perfect right—in fact, a responsibility—to insist any new constitution protect individual liberties, including full rights for women, property rights and the right to follow one’s own religious beliefs and not be forced to wear the majority’s religious garb.

“Remember, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his fellow American officials virtually dictated the constitution of Japan after World War II, which abolished the emperor’s role as a deity. That constitution served the Japanese well.

“The Allies would not have accepted a German constitution that restricted minority rights, for good reason. Standards of tolerance and civil liberties should not have been lowered for majority Moslem nations. By doing so, we may end with hollow victories. Religious Moslems can do perfectly well under regimes that protect the liberties of all citizens, as demonstrated by successful Moslem communities in the U.S. and elsewhere.

“It is argued you cannot have sustained periods of liberty without democracy, and that argument does have merit. Those economic/political units today that have liberty without democracy are almost all colonies or territories of large democracies (the notable exception is Hong Kong, which remains largely free because of the treaty).

“England enjoyed several centuries of substantial liberty with-

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

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out being a real democracy. However, such cases were rare: even the most liberal (in the original sense) monarchies and oligarchies most often ended up restricting liberties.

“The Bush administration needs to revise its rhetoric and actions to put advancement of human liberty, including economic freedom, in the forefront of its global agenda. This includes support for democratic governments and institutions within countries that help preserve liberty.

“Democracy should not be seen as the end goal in itself, but only as a mechanism, if properly constructed, to help create, preserve, and enhance liberty.”

—Richard W. Rahn, *ToThePointnews.com*, February 10, 2006

□ “He must be a dull man who can examine the exquisite structure of a [honey] comb, so beautifully adapted to its end, without enthusiastic admiration. We hear from mathematicians that bees have practically solved a recondite [not easily understood] problem, and have made their cells of the proper shape to hold the greatest possible amount of honey, with the least possible consumption of precious wax in their construction.”

—Charles Darwin, *Origin of Species By Means of Natural Selection or The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*, Vol.1, p. 342.

□ “Thus, from the war of nature, from famine and death, the most exalted object which we are capable of conceiving, namely, the production of the higher animals, directly follows. There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that, whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being evolved.”

—Charles Darwin, *Ibid.*, Vol. 2, p. 305, 6

□ “The more I study science the more I am impressed with the thought that this world and universe have a definite design—and a design suggests a designer. It may be possible to have design without a designer, a picture without an artist, but my mind is unable to conceive of such a situation. Evidences of design are everywhere about us... The greatest aspect of design visible to us is in the ordered movement of the stars and planets in this solar system... a design almost incomprehensibly large.”

—Paul Amos Moody, *Introduction to Evolution*, p. 497, 498

□ “According to Richard Milton, who wrote *Shattering The Myths of Darwinism*, the chances of forming protein and self-replicating DNA randomly are as likely as ‘winning the state lottery by finding the winning ticket in the street, and then continuing to win the lottery every week for a thousand years by finding the winning ticket in the street each time’ (in other terms, one chance in 10 to the 65th power). The human body develops from an ovum the size of a dot, yet this speck of biological material contains vast encyclopedias of information—huge dictionaries defining every molecule and convoluted recipes to make every chemical moiety,

or component. Conception sets in motion domino-like changes in this speck so that it becomes a human being—a multitricillion cell organism with 200 different kinds of cells that make five million different proteins.”

—Geoffrey Simmons, *What Darwin Didn't Know: A Doctor Dissects the Theory of Evolution*, p. 307

□ “The greatest defender of the doctrine of Creation in church history has gone to be with the Lord. No single man in the last two thousand years has contributed more to the defense of the book of Genesis or been more effective in rallying the people of God to embrace the historical, grammatical, literal, normative interpretation of its text than a humble, mild-mannered hydrologist named Dr. Henry Morris.

“A faithful teacher who served on the faculties of three major universities and went on to found the Institute for Creation Research, a graduate school, a research organization, and the Christian Heritage College (currently San Diego Christian College), Dr. Morris spent his life engaged in the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:4, 5).

“Late Saturday night, February 25, 2006, at the age of eighty-seven, Dr. Morris was ushered into the presence of the Lord Jesus.”

—Doug Phillips' Blog, February 27, 2006

□ Summit Ministries, (board, administration, staff, and students) wishes to express its profound sympathy to the family and friends of Dr. Henry Morris. He will be greatly missed, but he has many faithful students to carry on the creation message. His books have been a steady stream at Summit Ministries including: *The Defenders Study Bible*, *The Long War Against God*, *The Genesis Record*, *The Biblical Basis for Modern Science*, and others. Rest In Peace.

□ “Abdul Rahman is a man of faith. ‘I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in Christ. And I am a Christian,’ he declared last week.

“Unfortunately for Rahman, he was born a Muslim in Afghanistan—and he has been forced to defend his religious conversion in his home country’s court, where he now faces the death penalty for turning to Jesus. Despite the defeat of the totalitarian Taliban and the existence of a U.S.-backed ‘moderate’ democratic gov-

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Because we spent quality time in this issue, trying to figure out how 86 “renowned evangelicals” plan to stop global warming, it is only fair to present how the atheists plan to do so! Because this material was presented in March 2006 it is undoubtedly the latest approach to squelching global warming and saving the planet from utter destruction. Read, however, at your own risk—the article by Forrest M. Mims III is being published by the Society for Amateur Scientists, Shawn Carlson, Ph.D., director.

“There is always something special about science meetings. The 109th meeting of the Texas Academy of Science at Lamar University in Beaumont on 3-5 March 2006 was especially exciting for me, because a student and his professor presented the results of a DNA study I suggested to them last year.

“But there was a gravely disturbing side to that otherwise scientifically significant meeting, for I watched in amazement as a few hundred members of the Texas Academy of Science rose to their feet and gave a standing ovation to a speech that enthusiastically advocated the elimination of 90 percent of Earth’s population by airborne Ebola. The speech was given by Dr. Eric R. Pianka, the University of Texas evolutionary ecologist and lizard expert who the Academy named the 2006 Distinguished Texas Scientist.

“Something curious occurred a minute before Pianka began speaking. An official of the Academy approached a video camera operator at the front of the auditorium and engaged him in animated conversation. The camera operator did not look pleased as he pointed the lens of the big camera to the ceiling and slowly walked away.

“This curious incident came to mind a few minutes later when Professor Pianka began his speech by explaining that the general public is not yet ready to hear what he was about to tell us. Because of many years of experience as a writer and editor, Pianka’s strange introduction and the TV camera incident raised a red flag in my mind. Suddenly I forgot that I was a member of the Texas Academy of Science and chairman of its Environmental Science Section. Instead, I grabbed a notepad so I could take on the role of science reporter.

“One of Pianka’s earliest points was a condemnation of anthropocentrism, or the idea that humankind occupies a privileged position in the Universe. He told a story about how a neighbor asked him what good the lizards are that he studies. He answered, ‘What good are you?’

“Pianka hammered his point home by exclaiming, ‘We’re no better than bacteria!’

“Pianka then began laying out his concerns about how human overpopulation is ruining the Earth. He presented a doomsday scenario in which he claimed that the sharp increase in human population since the beginning of the industrial age is devastating

the planet. He warned that quick steps must be taken to restore the planet before it’s too late.

“Professor Pianka said the Earth as we know it will not survive without drastic measures. Then, and without presenting any data to justify this number, he asserted that the only feasible solution to saving the Earth is to reduce the population to 10 percent of the present number.

“He then showed solutions for reducing the world’s population in the form of a slide depicting the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. War and famine would not do, he explained. Instead, disease offered the most efficient and fastest way to kill the billions that must soon die if the population crisis is to be solved.

“Pianka then displayed a slide showing rows of human skulls, one of which had red lights flashing from its eye sockets.

“AIDS is not an efficient killer, he explained, because it is too slow. His favorite candidate for eliminating 90 percent of the world’s population is airborne Ebola (*Ebola Reston*), because it is both highly lethal and it kills in days, instead of years. However, Professor Pianka did not mention that Ebola victims die a slow and torturous death as the virus initiates a cascade of biological calamities inside the victim that eventually liquefy the internal organs.

“After praising the Ebola virus for its efficiency at killing, Pianka paused, leaned over the lectern, looked at us and carefully said, ‘We’ve got airborne 90 percent mortality in humans. Killing humans. Think about that.’

“With his slide of human skulls towering on the screen behind him, Professor Pianka was deadly serious. The audience that had been applauding some of his statements now sat silent.

“After a dramatic pause, Pianka returned to politics and environmentalism. But he revisited his call for mass death when he reflected on the oil situation.

“‘And the fossil fuels are running out,’ he said, ‘so I think we may have to cut back to two billion, which would be about one-third as many people.’ So the oil crisis alone may require eliminating two-third’s of the world’s population.

“How soon must the mass dying begin if Earth is to be saved? Apparently fairly soon, for Pianka suggested he might be around when the killer disease goes to work. He was born in 1939, and his lengthy obituary appears on his web site <http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/%7Evaranus/obit.html>.

“When Pianka finished his remarks, the audience applauded. It wasn’t merely a smattering of polite clapping that audiences diplomatically reserve for poor or boring speakers. It was a loud, vigorous and enthusiastic applause.

“Then came the question and answer session, in which Professor Pianka stated that other diseases are also efficient killers.

“The audience laughed when he said, ‘You know, the bird flu’s good, too.’ They laughed again when he proposed, with a discernable note of glee in his voice that, ‘We need to sterilize everybody on the Earth.’

“After noting that the audience did not represent the general population, a questioner asked, ‘What kind of reception have you received as you have presented these ideas to other audiences that are not representative of us?’

“Pianka replied, ‘I speak to the converted!’

“Pianka responded to more questions by condemning politicians in general and Al Gore by name, because they do not address the population problem and ‘...because they deceive the public in every way they can to stay in power.’

“He spoke glowingly of the police state in China that enforces their one-child policy. He said, ‘Smarter people have fewer kids.’ He said those who don’t have a conscience about the Earth will

inherit the Earth, ‘...because those who care make fewer babies and those that didn’t care made more babies.’ He said we will evolve as uncaring people, and ‘I think IQs are falling for the same reason, too.’

“With this, the questioning was over. Immediately almost every scientist, professor and college student present stood to their feet and vigorously applauded the man who had enthusiastically endorsed the elimination of 90 percent of the human population. Some even cheered. Dozens then mobbed the professor at the lectern to extend greetings and ask questions. It was necessary to wait a while before I could get close enough to take some photographs.”



DR. RONALD NASH

1936-2006

It is with a sad heart that we at Summit Ministries announce that our good friend Dr. Ronald Nash died Thursday, March 10, 2006. Ron had been a valuable asset to Summit Ministries and the Christian community over the years. During the past several summers, Ron spent much of his time bringing his profound insight of Christian philosophy to the Summit by speaking to and encouraging our students to think Christianly about all matters of life. He had a love for young people and a passion to see them become dedicated ambassadors for Christ.

Ron is the author of over 35 books on philosophy, theology, and apologetics. He received his B.A from Barrington College, his M.A from Brown University and his Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Prior to coming to Reformed Theological Seminary he was the Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion; and the Director of Graduate Studies in Humanities at Western Kentucky University for more than 20 years. Dr. Nash has also been a visiting professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Dr. Nash’s family, especially his wife and children. We at Summit will miss Ron’s humor, wit, smile, passion, and most of all dedication and love of Christ. We are pleased to know that he is now in the company of our Lord.

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ernment, it is a capital crime for Afghanis to openly embrace any religion other than Islam. Sharia law, embedded in the Afghan constitution, overrides its human rights provisions.

“Rahman’s family has denounced him as mentally ill. Afghan officials are thirsting for his blood. ‘We will cut him into little pieces,’ jail employee Hosnia Wafayosofi told the *Chicago Tribune*, as she ‘made a cutting motion with her hands.’

“The *Tribune* reported that prosecutor Abdul Wasi demanded Rahman’s repentance and called him a traitor: ‘He is known as a microbe in society, and he should be cut off and removed from the rest of Muslim society and should be killed.’ The country’s attorney general says Rahman should be hanged. The judge handling the case, who has been photographed wielding Rahman’s Bible as evidence against him, threatens: ‘If he doesn’t regret his conversion, the punishment will be enforced on him. And the punishment is death.’

“This is a watershed moment in the post-September 11 world. The Taliban are out of power. And yet today, an innocent man sits in the jail of a ‘moderate’ Muslim nation praying for his life because he owned a Bible and refuses to renounce his Christian faith. Rahman, who converted many years ago while working for a Christian aid agency in Germany, ‘is standing by his words,’ fellow jail inmate Sayad Miakel told Canada’s *Globe and Mail*. Another cellmate, Khalyullah Safi, reported: ‘He keeps looking up to the sky, to God.’

“The White House was slow to address the explosive case. During his extensive White House press conference on the War on Terror and the defense of freedom over-seas, Bush spent plenty of time describing what life was like for Afghanis before Operation Enduring Freedom:

“‘There was no such thing as religious freedom. There was no such thing as being able to express yourself in the public square. There was no such thing as press conferences like this. They were totalitarian in their view. And that would be—I’m referring to the Taliban, of course. And that’s how they would like to run government. They rule by intimidation and fear, by death and destruction. And the United States of America must take this threat seriously and must not—must never forget the natural rights that formed our country.’

“But who will defend Abdul Rahman’s natural rights from be-

ing usurped and terminated by Afghanistan's Islamic executioners? Embarrassingly, the governments of Italy, Germany, Denmark, Australia, and Canada all stepped forward to make direct appeals to Karzai to save Rahman's life before Bush finally stated that he was 'deeply disturbed' by the case. Conservative Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper called Karzai personally on the phone. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice followed in his footsteps.

"Tony Perkins at the Family Research Council raises the unpleasant question Bush evaded and no one in the White House press corps bothered to ask:

"How can we congratulate ourselves for liberating Afghanistan from the rule of jihadists only to be ruled by Islamists who kill Christians? ... President Bush should immediately send Vice President Cheney or Secretary Rice to Kabul to read [Afghan President] Hamid Karzai's government the riot act. Americans will not give their blood and treasure to prop up new Islamic fundamentalist regimes. Democracy is more than purple thumbs.'

"Afghan President Hamid Karzai has ducked the issue so far. Our feckless State Department is 'monitoring' the situation.

"If we sit on the sidelines and watch this man 'cut into little pieces' for his love of Christ, we do not deserve the legacy of liberty our Founding Fathers left us. How about offering Rahman asylum in the United States? Perhaps Yale University, proud sponsor of former Taliban official Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi, can offer Rahman a scholarship. Where's the Catholic Church, so quick to offer sanctuary to every last illegal alien streaming across the borders? And how about Hollywood, so quick to take up the cause of every last Death Row inmate?

"Hello, anyone, hello?"

—Michelle Malkin, *Human Events*, March 27, 2006, p. 1

□ "Preachers used Friday prayer services to call for the execution of an Afghan Muslim who converted to Christianity, despite growing protests in the West. The conversion of the man, Abdul Rahman, 15 years ago was brought to the attention of authorities as part of a child custody dispute.

"The Bush administration and European governments have strongly protested the case as a violation of religious freedom. But Rahman has drawn a strong reaction in Afghanistan, too, and for many hard-line clerics, there is no greater offense than apostasy.

"An Afghan judge held firm Friday in the face of international demands.

"But pressure against the case has been building, and the Afghan government may be rethinking the charges against Abdul Rahman. A government official speaking on condition of anonymity said Friday that Rahman may be freed within days.

"Senior clerics in the capital have voiced strong support for prosecuting Rahman and again warned Friday they would incite people to kill him unless he reverted to Islam.

"One speaker, Maulavi Habibullah, told more than a thousand clerics and young people who had gathered in Kabul: 'Afghanistan does not have any obligation under international laws. The prophet says, when somebody changes religion, he must be killed.'

"The dispute has exposed the contradictions within Afghanistan's constitution, which promises freedom of religion on the

one hand, and on the other declares Islam supreme."

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, March 25, 2006, p. A13

□ "Unless a man found hiding a Bible under his bed in Afghanistan renounces his Christian faith, Islamic law calls for his death. It's difficult for citizens of the Western world to believe that such a barbaric act could be sanctioned in the name of religion.

"According to the news stories, 41-year-old Abdul Rahman was jailed after he was turned in to Afghan authorities after the discovery of his Bible, which was prima facie evidence that he had committed the death-penalty offense of converting to Christianity.

"As it turns out, Rahman's accusers were correct. He is a Christian. When questioned, Rahman readily admitted his commitment to the teachings of Christ. That admission was either brave or foolish since death is one of the punishments stipulated by Sharia, or Islamic law, for apostasy.

"Muslims around the world rose up in outrage over the insensitivity shown to their religion when a Danish newspaper published cartoons associating Islam's primary prophet, Mohammed, with violence, or for even depicting him in any manner. It would be nice to see some degree of that sensitivity applied by those same Muslims to other religions. It would seem to many Christians, and no doubt many non-Christians as well, that putting a man to death in the name of Islamic law for his refusal to renounce his religion also is an outrage."

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, March 26, 2006, p. M11

□ "There continues to be an ongoing debate in the West about whether the Islamofascists are a perversion of Islam or the natural outgrowth of the Koran's teachings. Dr. Wafa Sultan, who was raised as a Muslim in Syria, has, at risk to her life, expressed her view on the question on Al Jazeera television. She recounted how, as a college student in 1979, she witnessed members of the Muslim brotherhood kill one of her teachers and said, 'This was the turning point of my life.' Dr. Sultan said at that point she began to read the Koran carefully and came to this conclusion:

"There are too many verses in the Koran which say you must kill those who are non-Muslim; you must kill those who don't believe in Allah and his messenger. I started to ask: is this right? Is this human? All our problems in the Islamic world, I strongly believe, are the natural outcome of these teachings. Go open any book in any class in any school in any Islamic country and read it. You will see what kind of teachings we have: Islam tells its followers that every non-Muslim is your enemy.'

"Hopefully moderate Muslims who want to bring their faith into the modern world and make it compatible with human freedom and dignity will follow Dr. Sultan's courageous example."

—*Campaign for Working Families*, Arlington, VA 22206

□ "Prominent Evangelicals are taking positions on opposite sides of the global warming debate, leveraging theological and pastoral authority in a fierce tug-of-war for the minds of the undecided. At one end are religious figures Rick Warren and Ted Haggard, who contend that imminent human suffering from dramatic climate

change demands urgent preventative measures. At the other end are James Dobson and Chuck Colson, who argue that such projections are far from certain.

“In deference to those diverging opinions, the 30-million-member National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) last month refrained from establishing an official statement on climate change—deviating from prior suggestions that it might formally support environmentalist policies.

“In the absence of NAE backing, advocates for ‘creation care’ procured 86 renowned evangelical signatories earlier this month for a statement on the dangers of global warming. The Evangelical Climate Initiative (ECI) puts forth ‘a moral argument’ for immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. ‘Millions of people could die in this century because of climate change, most of them our poorest global neighbors,’ warns the report, which includes endorsements from megachurch pastor Jack Hayford and Salvation Army Commissioner W. Todd Bassett, as well as Mr. Warren and Mr. Haggard.

“Hidden in the shadows of this tug-of-war is the hotly contested science of global warming itself. The ECI admits that ‘everything hinges on the scientific data, but shows little concern for such data in its half-million-dollar marketing campaign. An upcoming ECI television spot features Florida pastor Joel Hunter delivering an injunction ‘to love our neighbors.’ An ad in *Christianity Today* declares ‘we’re called to be stewards of God’s creation.’ Critics of the initiative say they affirm the biblical mandates for neighborly love and earthly stewardship but disagree over the dangers of global warming. ‘Global warming that can be reasonably projected from the data we have will not be catastrophic or on balance more harmful than beneficial,’ said E. Calvin Beisner, a professor at Knox Theological Seminary and longtime student of climatology. Mr. Beisner cites well-credentialed scientists who postulate that moderate global warming could lengthen farming seasons and help alleviate world hunger.

“A downward trend in projections from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) confirms the likelihood of such moderate warming. Roy Spencer, a research scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, believes the earth’s natural greenhouse effect may serve to maintain long-term global temperature balance despite short-term variations. He questions the extent to which human activity can impact that balance. Global air temperatures have increased roughly 1 degree Fahrenheit over the past century, the bulk of the change taking place prior to 1940 when industrial emissions were minimal to nonexistent.

“But Jim Ball, executive director of the Evangelical Environmental Network and organizer of ECI, believes the current science is sufficient not only to warrant immediate action but also to convince undecided Christians. Polling data confirms the latter, as 70 percent of evangelical or born-again respondents in a recent Ellison study said climate change will pose serious threat to future generations. Roughly half of those surveyed said steps must be taken to reduce global warming even if they result in high economic costs to the United States. ‘In a year or so, we will have most of the (evangelical) leadership either sitting on the sideline or with us,’ Mr. Ball predicted. ‘We will, in effect, have a consensus.’

“For now many evangelical leaders remain convinced by the

White House position: Significant reductions in greenhouse-gas emissions would so cripple the U.S. economy as to generate greater calamity than global warming ever would. Emissions reductions called for in the Kyoto Protocol would trigger global costs of roughly \$1 trillion per year, says the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

“What—or, rather, who—are fair-minded evangelicals to believe?

“Mr. Beisner encourages the undecided to test all things: ‘We need to be debating evidence and its interpretation rather than simply appealing to authority, because there are bona fide, credentialed authorities on all sides of this issue.’”

—Mark Bergin, *World* magazine, February 25, 2006, p. 29

□ For a complete listing of the 86 “renowned evangelicals” who signed on to the “Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action” see www.christiansandclimate.org/signatures. It should be noted that Rev. Ted Haggard did not sign the statement while Rev. Ron Sider, President of the Evangelical’s For Social Action did! Before any more “renowned evangelicals” sign up to fight climate change please check out the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine website and see why 17,000 scientists say man-made “global warming” is a hoax!! A belch from the sun or an eruption of one volcano and all human effort pales into insignificance. Besides, what can 86 mere mortals do to stem global warming anyway? According to the next article that appeared in the *Maui* (Hawaii) *News*, these climate changes occur every 130,000 years (more or less)—more if one is “old earth” and less if one is “young earth.” Hint: 130,000 years ago there was no nasty “capitalism” to cause “global warming.”

Will the socialists amongst the 86 at least concede this point? For a brief but frightening look at the crowd the 86 are running with please read carefully chapter 8 “Earth First! And the Misanthropy of Radical Egalitarianism” in Richard J. Ellis’ *The Dark Side of the Left: Illiberal Egalitarian in America* (published by the University Press of Kansas, 1998).

□ “The Earth is already shaking beneath melting ice as rising temperatures threaten to shrink polar glaciers and raise sea levels around the world.

“By the end of this century, Arctic readings could rise to levels not seen in 130,000 years—when the oceans were several feet higher than now, according to new research appearing in today’s issue of the journal *Science*.

“Even now, giant glaciers lubricated by melting water have begun causing earthquakes in Greenland as they lurch toward the ocean, other scientists report in the same journal.

“In principal findings:

* “At the current warming rate, Earth’s temperature by 2100 will probably be at least 4 degrees warmer than now, with the Arctic at least as warm as it was 130,000 years ago, reports a research group led by Johnathan T. Overpeck of the University of Arizona.

* “Computer models indicate that warming could raise the average temperature in parts of Greenland above freezing for multiple months and could have a substantial impact on melting of the polar ice sheets, says a second paper by researchers led by Bette Otto-Bliesner of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.



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Melting could raise sea level 1 to 3 feet over the next 100 to 150 years, she said.

* “And a team led by Goeran Ekstroem of Harvard University reported an increase in ‘glacial earthquakes,’ which occur when giant rivers of ice—some as big as Manhattan—move suddenly as meltwater eases their path. That sudden movement causes the ground to tremble.

“Otto-Bliesner and Overpeck wrote separate papers and also worked together, studying ancient climate and whether modern computer climate models correctly reflect those earlier times. That allowed them to use the models to look at possible future conditions. The researchers studied ancient coral reefs, ice cores and other natural climate records.

“‘Although the focus of our work is polar, the implications are global,’ Otto-Bliesner said. ‘These ice sheets have melted before and sea levels rose. The warmth needed isn’t that much above present conditions.’

“According to the studies, increases in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere over the next century could raise Arctic temperatures as much as 5 to 8 degrees.

“The warming could raise global sea levels by up to 3 feet this century through a combination of thermal expansion of water and melting of polar ice, Overpeck and Otto-Bliesner said.

“Michael Oppenheimer of Princeton university, who was not part of the research teams, said, ‘One point stands out above all the others and that is that a modest global warming may put Earth in the danger zone for a major sea-level rise due to deglaciation

of one or both ice sheets.’

“Ekstroem and colleagues reported that glacial earthquakes in Greenland occur most often in July and August and have more than doubled since 2002.

“‘People often think of glaciers as inert and slow-moving, but in fact they can also move rather quickly,’ Ekstroem said. ‘Some of Greenland’s glaciers, as large as Manhattan and as tall as the Empire State Building, can move 10 meters in less than a minute, a jolt that is sufficient to generate moderate seismic waves.’

—Randolph E. Schmid, The Associated Press, *The Maui News*
March 24, 2006, p. B12

❑ Would a few of our Journal readers please contact some of the 86 and ask them how they plan to stop the sun from causing global warming or how they plan to stop volcanoes from exploding and causing global warming! Summit Journal will certainly print any good suggestions that we receive. In the meantime it is our humble opinion that “86 renowned evangelists” got taken in by some clever propaganda with a hidden agenda. And if Ron Sider is a major mover and shaker one can nearly guess the hidden agenda. My burning question is why Jim Wallace didn’t sign the document!