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"How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings." Psalm 36:7

## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no dread of God before his eyes, for in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to discover and hate his sin. The words of his mouth are malicious and deceptive; he has stopped acting wisely and doing good. Even on his bed he makes malicious plans. He sets himself on a path that is not good and does not reject evil.

“Lord, Your faithful love reaches to heaven, Your faithfulness to the skies.

“Your righteousness is like the highest mountain; Your judgments, like the deepest sea. Lord, you preserve man and beast. God, Your faithful love is so valuable that people take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They are filled from the abundance of Your house; You let them drink from Your refreshing stream, for with You is life’s fountain. In Your light we will see light.

“Spread Your faithful love over those who know You, and Your righteousness over the upright in heart. Do not let the foot of the arrogant come near me or the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers fall; they have been thrown down and cannot rise.”

—Psalm 36

❑ “As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.

“You alone are my strength, my shield; to You, alone, may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship Thee.”

—Martin Nystrom

❑ “Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King. You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

“Shout to the north and the south, sing to the east and the west, Jesus is Savior for all, Lord of heaven and earth.

“Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts. Who can know the healing pow’r of our awesome King of love.

“We’ve been through fire, we’ve been through rain. We’ve been refined by the pow’r of His name. We’ve fallen deeper in love with you. You’ve burned the truth on our lips.

“Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again of our God who reigns on high, by His grace again we’ll fly.”

—Martin Smith

❑ “Great King of nations, hear our prayer, while at your feet we fall, and humbly, with united cry, to you for mercy call.

“The guilt is ours, but grace is yours; O, turn us not away, but hear us from your lofty throne, and help us when we pray.

“Our fathers’ sins were manifold, and ours no less we own, yet wondrously from age to age your goodness has been shown.

“When dangers, like a stormy sea, beset our country round, to You we looked, to you we cried, and help in you was found.

“With one consent we meekly bow beneath your chast’ning hand, and, pouring forth confession meet, mourn with our mourn-

ing land.

“With pitying eye behold our need, as thus we lift our prayer; correct us with your judgments, Lord, then let your mercy spare.”

—John H. Gurney, 1838

❑ “Each of us by nature sees the whole world from one point of view with a perspective and a selectiveness peculiar to himself. And even when we build disinterested fantasies, they are saturated with, and limited by, our own psychology. To acquiesce in this particularity on the sensuous level—in other words, not to discount perspective—would be lunacy. We should then believe that the railway line really grew narrower as it receded into the distance. But we want to escape the illusions of perspective on higher levels too. We want to see with other eyes, to imagine with other imaginations, to feel with other hearts, as well as with our own. We are not content to be Leibnizian monads. We demand windows. Literature as Logos is a series of windows, even of doors. One of the things we feel after reading a great work is ‘I have got out.’ Or from another point of view, ‘I have got in’; pierced the shell of some other monad and discovered what it is like inside.

“Good reading, therefore, though it is not essentially an affectional or moral or intellectual activity, has something in common with all three. In love we escape from our self into one other. In the moral sphere, every act of justice or charity involves putting ourselves in the other person’s place and thus transcending our own competitive particularity. In coming to understand anything we are rejecting the facts as they are for us in favour of the facts as they are. The primary impulse of each is to maintain and aggrandize himself. The secondary impulse is to go out of the self, to correct its provincialism and heal its loneliness. In love, in virtue, in the pursuit of knowledge, and in the reception of the arts, we are doing this.

“Obviously this process can be described either as an enlargement or as a temporary annihilation of the self. But that is an old paradox; ‘he that loseth his life shall save it.’

—C.S. Lewis, *An Experiment in Criticism*

❑ “Sahara ants can figure out how far from home they are

### —UPCOMING EVENTS—

#### DR. NOEBEL’S SPEAKING SCHEDULE

Plan to attend a Worldview Weekend this fall. Dr. Noebel will be at the following conferences. For a complete listing and registration information, visit [www.worldviewweekend.com](http://www.worldviewweekend.com).

St. Paul, MN  
Rockford, IL

October 27-28  
November 17-18

Dr. Noebel will be speaking at Impact 360 in Callaway Gardens, GA on September 25-28. He will also be speaking at the Rocky Mountain Christian Educators Conference on October 5-6 and at the Chattanooga Resource Foundation Worldview Conference October 19-21.



using an internal odometer, German scientists reported Friday.

"The ants take a meandering route from their nest in search of food, but when it's time to come home they can calculate the most direct route back. Scientists knew the direction component of the ants' navigation system relied on the sun, but they did not know how the ants figured out how far to go.

"A team from the University of Ulm in Germany hypothesized the ants essentially counted their steps. The researchers altered the length of the ants' steps by giving them either stilts made from pig bristles or amputating the bottoms of their legs, leaving them with stumps.

"The theory was that with altered step sizes—but an internally set target number of steps—the ants with longer legs would go too far in looking for the nest, while the ants with shorter legs would not go far enough. The results, published in the journal *Science*, showed just that."

—*The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, July 2, 2006, p. A16

□ "Miami (AP) —The American Civil Liberties Union asked a federal judge to stop the Miami-Dade County school district from removing a series of children's books from its libraries, including a volume about Cuba that depicts smiling children in communist uniforms.

"The ACLU and the Miami-Dade County Student Government Association argued in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Miami yesterday that the school board should add materials with alternative viewpoints rather than remove books that could be offensive.

"Last week, the board voted 6-3 to remove *Vamos a Cuba* and its English-language version, *A Visit to Cuba*, from 33 schools, stating the books were inappropriate for young readers because of inaccuracies & omissions about life in the communist nation.

"The book, by Alta Schreier, targets students ages 5 to 7 and contains images of smiling children wearing uniforms of Cuba's communist youth group and a carnival celebrating the 1959 Cuban Revolution. The district owns 49 copies of the book in Spanish and English.

"The school board removed 24 other books in the series, including ones on Greece, Mexico and Vietnam, 'despite not having received a complaint about those books and without having reviewed the books in its administrative process,' the suit said.

"The ACLU noted the books have received favorable reviews in nationally recognized publications, including *Publishers Weekly* and the *School Library Journal*. The suit also cites staff recommendations to keep the books.

"The Miami-Dade School Board's decision to defy U.S. law prohibiting censorship and ignore the recommendation of their own superintendent and two committees is a slap in the face to our tradition of free speech and the school board's own standards of due process," said JoNel Newman, a lawyer working with the ACLU.

"School district spokesman Joseph Garcia said the district will go to court to defend the board's decision.

"The controversy began in April when a parent who said he had been a political prisoner in Cuba complained about the books' depiction of life under communist rule."

—*The Washington Times*, June 22, 2006, p. A3

□ "The new leader of the Episcopal Church in America, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, says she does not believe homosexuality is a sin and that homosexuals were created by God to love people of the same sex.

"As the Episcopal leadership continues to huff and puff to catch up with the world, it would help if it could tell its members what it regards as sinful behavior, or will the very concept of sin soon be up for negotiation to avoid giving offense to anyone?

"Truly what Paul, the Apostle, warned would happen in the 'end times' is coming true in our day: 'For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine, instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear: They will turn away from the truth and turn aside to myths' (2 Timothy 4:3-4 NIV).

"Meeting at the Episcopal General Convention in Columbus, Ohio, the denomination passed a resolution expressing 'regret' for consecrating a homosexual bishop three years ago, but it declined to repent of its action. On Tuesday, the convention voted to continue consecrating homosexual bishops and permit same-sex unions. But 24 hours later, attendees reversed themselves again and adopted a resolution to avoid consecrating *additional* gay bishops. Apparently, they are so wishy-washy they are even wishy-washy about their wishy-washiness.

"Bishop Schori, a former oceanographer for the National Marine Fisheries Service in Seattle, says, 'The Bible tells us about how to treat other human beings and that's certainly the great message of Jesus—to include the uninvited.' This is so outside orthodox Christianity that only biblical illiterates or those who deny the supreme authority of the only Book that gives foundation to the faith will accept it.

"Anglicanism has suffered from probably irreversible corruption since the days of the late C.S. Lewis and John Stott, who is still with us. These men combined intellectual heft with orthodox belief and had little regard for trends, fads or cultural diversions. They have been replaced by theological dim bulbs less concerned about proclaiming truth and conversion than in not offending anyone.

"Maybe the question for Bishop Schori and her fellow heretics should be: If homosexual practice is not sin, what is? And how do we know? Or is it a matter of 'thus saith the opinion polls' and lobbying groups, rather than 'thus saith the Lord'?

"With the bishop's 'doctrine' of inclusion, why exclude any-

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

We are already hearing from this summer's Summit students who have now headed off to their summer responsibilities. Here is a letter from Christina Kwong who is doing research in China this summer. She is studying micro-biology in college:

"This is Christina from the first session—I've been in China for almost four weeks now, and it's been quite an adventure.

"I've learned a few interesting things; for instance, Wikipedia is an off-limits website and nobody wears sunglasses. The girls wear pastel dresses, high heels, and carry pastel-colored umbrellas. I went shopping with two girls from my lab for five hours because one girl wanted to buy a white blouse, and I didn't see a single thing that I wanted to buy or even try on. Maybe I am just too picky.

"The people in my lab all think that I'm extremely interesting simply because I'm American and have bombarded me with questions. Mosquitoes love me, and I also had food poisoning for a week, but that's over now, and I've decided to avoid all food street-stands.

"Research is going well: I successfully constructed a DNA clone last week, and everything I've done has turned out the way it should, mostly because the people who teach me the techniques are good teachers. My Chinese is actually better than I thought it was, which has been extremely helpful because most of the students can speak only limited amounts of English.

"I'm not sure if I told you this before, but before I went to Summit, the research professor asked my dad on the phone if he was a Christian. Apparently, the news spread like wildfire, and everyone from my lab and all of the surrounding labs knew that I

was a Christian before I came. People have asked me questions about the differences between various religions, and they often ask me before mealtime if I usually pray. There are more Christians in my lab than I expected, and several others who are interested. I saw one girl reading Judges, and I recommended that she start by reading one of the gospels and was able to give her a brief overview of the Bible.

"Last Sunday, she went with me to the government-approved church that I've been going to, which I've actually liked so far and haven't heard anything heretical yet. She is also very interested in the facts that I have shared to her from Norman Geisler and Frank Turek's *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*, which I bought from Summit and brought to China. She borrowed the book from me yesterday. I'm not sure how much of it she will be able to understand since it is in English, but I have offered to explain the difficult portions to her in Chinese. I've also lent Dr. Noebel's *Battle for Truth* to the other American research student from my university.

Anyway, I'm praying that many exciting things will come out of this. I've also begun brainstorming some ideas for next semester. I am very impressed by Geisler and Turek's book, and am thinking about leading a study on it next semester, although I'm not completely sure yet.

"I hope that everything is going well with the Summit conferences. Thanks to both of you again for putting so much hard work into the conference—I think that it was one of the most worthwhile investments of my time that I have ever made!"

—Christina Kwong

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one? How about applying the religious equivalent of 'open borders' and let everyone into the church, including unrepentant prostitutes, murderers, liars, thieves and atheists? If the Episcopal Church denies what is clearly taught in Scripture about important matters like sexual behavior, why expect its leaders to have any convictions about anything, including directions to Heaven? How can anyone be sure, if the Guidebook is so full of errors?

"The leader of Anglicanism, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, has promoted this doctrinal wishy-washiness. Archbishop Williams, who has acknowledged ordaining a homosexual priest, says he opposes cohabitation by heterosexuals because it is harmful to family stability. But the same Book that speaks against what was once called 'fornication' before such words died along with the accompanying doctrines, also speaks against the 'sin' of homosexual practice. So how can anyone

be sure one is true and the other not true, or the reverse, or neither, or both? And who is to say if the church leaders don't know or are afraid to say because they might be criticized as 'exclusive.'

"The Episcopal Church isn't the only denomination having trouble deciding what it believes. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has voted to 'receive' a policy paper on sex-inclusive language for the Trinity. Instead of the traditional (and biblical) Father, Son and Holy Spirit, these liberal Presbyterians will consider using 'Mother, Child and Womb,' or 'Rock, Redeemer, Friend,' among others. Never mind what God calls Himself. These people want a name change without asking permission.

"No wonder liberal denominations lose members while the conservative ones grow. The liberal ones don't seem to care. Seeking only to be 'relevant' they face condemnation from the One they are supposed to represent, whose attitude about such

things is anything but 'inclusive.'

"Conservative Episcopalians are too few to stop the theological drift. If they intend to preserve their congregations without further theological seepage, they should 'come out from among them and be separate.'"

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, June 23, 2006, p.A19

□ "Spain could soon become the first country in the world to give chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans and other great apes some of the fundamental rights granted to human beings with a law being proposed by members of the ruling Socialist coalition.

"The law would eliminate the concept of 'ownership' for great apes, instead placing them under the 'moral guardianship' of the state, much as is the case for children in care, the severely handicapped and those in comas, said the lawmaker behind the project, Francisco Garrido.

"Great apes held in Spanish zoos would be moved to state-built sanctuaries, unless there was a risk that moving them would harm their emotional welfare, he said.

"The law would also make it a criminal offense to mistreat or kill a great ape, except in cases of self-defense or medical euthanasia. As a first step, Mr. Garrido, a Green member from Seville who sits with the Socialists, will propose a resolution on the rights of great apes before parliament's environment committee at the end of this month. He expects the committee to approve the resolution, which already has received the public support of ministers.

"Mr. Garrido said he was confident that either the government, or the ruling Socialist majority, would introduce a Great Apes Law after the summer recess.

"The Roman Catholic Church has expressed concerns about his resolution.

"The archbishop of Pamplona and Tudela, Fernando Sebastian, has said that only a 'ridiculous or distorted society' could propose such a law.

"We don't give rights to some people—such as unborn children, human embryos, and we are going to give them to apes,' the archbishop said.

"Amnesty International's Spanish branch has also expressed concerns, saying that humans have yet to see their rights fully guaranteed. A senior member of the Spanish opposition Partido Popular, Arturo Esteban, called the proposal an 'act of moral poverty.'

"The proposal has been front page news since parliament heard testimony from members of the Great Ape Project (GAP), a Seattle-based activist group that campaigns for the creation of a 'community of equals' in which humans, chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas and orangutans would all have three fundamental rights: the right to life, to freedom, and to protection from torture.

"Their 'declaration' calls for great apes to be kept locked up only when they are a threat to the community, and then only with a right of appeal to the courts, with representation by a lawyer.

"Mr. Garrido's parliamentary resolution would explicitly endorse the approach of the GAP, and would call on the state to use its voting membership of international forums and organizations

to protect great apes from 'mistreatment, slavery, death and extinction.'

"Pedro Pozas, the secretary-general of the Spanish branch of the GAP, said animals reared in captivity might remain in zoos, even after the law's passage, 'provided that they are kept in good conditions, with a habitat adapted to their conditions and needs.'

"Mr. Pozas criticized the trade and exchange of apes among zoos and breeding centers. 'To move a baby ape is to split up a family. They have feelings, they can feel sad, and they have the capacity for love. If a zoo has no room for new births, it would be better to sterilize the females.'

"In 1999, New Zealand passed an animal welfare act stating that research, testing or teaching involving the use of a great ape requires government approval, and a finding that 'any likely benefits are not out-weighed by harm to the great ape.' Britain has also banned medical experimentation on great apes."

—*The Washington Times*, June 10, 2006, p. A4

□ "A friend of mine told me of a recent conversation at his family's dinner table that keeps reverberating in my mind. His wife, a physician, also performs abortions. Their 9-year-old son—hearing the word and curious about its meaning—looked up from his plate and asked, 'What is an abortion?' His mother tried carefully to describe it in simple terms.

"But," said her son, 'that means killing the baby.' The mother then explained that there are certain months during which an abortion cannot be performed, with very few exceptions. The 9-year-old shook his head. 'But,' he said, 'it doesn't matter what month. It still means killing the babies.' Hearing the story, I wished it could be repeated to the justices of the Supreme Court, in the hope that at least five of them might act on this 9-year-old's clarity of thought and vision.

"The boy's spontaneous insistence on the primacy of life also reminded me of a powerful pro-life speaker and writer who, many years ago, helped me become a pro-lifer. He was a preacher, a black preacher. He said: 'There are those who argue that the right to privacy is of a higher order than the right to life.

"That,' he continued, 'was the premise of slavery. You could not protest the existence or treatment of slaves on the plantation because that was private and therefore out of your right to be concerned.' This passionate reverend used to warn: 'Don't let the pro-choicers convince you that a fetus isn't a human being. That's how the whites dehumanized us...The first step was to distort the image of us as human beings in order to justify what they wanted to do and not even feel they'd done anything wrong.'

"That preacher was the Rev. Jesse Jackson. Later, he decided to run for the presidency, and it was a credible campaign that many found inspiring in its focus on what still had to be done on civil rights. But Mr. Jackson had by now become 'pro-choice,' much to the appreciation of most of those in the liberal base.

"The last time I saw Mr. Jackson was years later, on a train from Washington to New York. I told him of a man nominated, but not yet confirmed, to a seat on a federal circuit court of appeals. This candidate was a strong supporter of capital pun-



ishment which both Mr. Jackson and I oppose, since it involves the irreversible taking of a human life by the state.

"I asked Mr. Jackson if he would hold a press conference in Washington, criticizing the nomination, and he said he would. The reverend was true to his word; the press conference took place; but that nominee was confirmed to the federal circuit court. However, I appreciated Mr. Jackson's effort.

"On that train, I also told Mr. Jackson that I'd been quoting in articles and in talks with various groups from his compelling pro-life statements. I asked him if he'd had any second thoughts on his reversal of those views.

"Usually quick to respond to any challenge that he is not consistent in his positions, Mr. Jackson paused, and seemed somewhat disquieted at my question. Then he said to me, 'I'll get back to you on that.' I still patiently await what he has to say.

"As time goes on, my deepening concern with the consequences of abortion is that its validation by the Supreme Court, as a constitutional practice, helps support the convictions of those who, in other controversies involving euthanasia, assisted suicide and the 'futility doctrine' by certain hospital ethics committees, believe that there are lives not worth continuing.

"Around the time of my conversation with Mr. Jackson on the train, I attended a conference on euthanasia at Clark College in Worcester, Mass. There, I met Derek Humphrey, the founder of the Hemlock Society, and already known internationally as a key proponent of the 'death with dignity' movement.

"He told me that for some years in this country, he had considerable difficulty getting his views about assisted suicide and, as he sees it, compassionate euthanasia, into the American press.

"'But then,' Mr. Humphrey told me, 'a wonderful thing happened. It opened all the doors for me.' 'What was that wonderful thing?' I asked.

"'Roe v. Wade,' he answered.

"The devaluing of human life as the 9-year-old at the dinner table put it more vividly did not end with making abortion legal, and therefore, to some people, moral. The word 'baby' does not appear in Roe v. Wade, let alone the word 'killing.' And so, the termination of 'lives not worth living' goes on."

—Nat Hentoff, *The Washington Times*, June 12, 2006, p.A19

□ "The very simplest life form...would be comprised of 239 protein molecules, each of these containing an average of 445 amino acids of at least 20 different types and all 445 precisely slotted into position. The probability that such a simple creature would come together by chance (and none so simple has been found yet to exist) would be:  $1 \times 10$  to the 137,915 power.

"Furthermore...each amino acid must first be activated by a specific enzyme, multiple special enzymes are required to bind messenger RNA to ribosomes before synthesis can begin or end, and with the exception of glycerine, only amino acids with left handed configurations can be used in protein synthesis. When you take all of these factors into account, the chance that a simple form of life could arise spontaneously by chance is:  $1 \times 10$  to the 15,000,000,000 power.

—Hugh Ross, *Genesis One: A Scientific Perspective*

□ "...as biochemists discover more and more about the awesome complexity of life, it is apparent that its chances of originating by accident are so minute that they can be completely ruled out. Life cannot have arisen by chance."

—Sir Fred Hoyle, *The Intelligent Universe*, p. 11, 12

□ "With *An Inconvenient Truth*, the companion book to former Vice President Al Gore's global-warming movie, currently number nine in Amazon sales rank, this is a good time to point out that the book, which is a largely pictorial representation of the movie's graphical presentation, exaggerates the evidence surrounding global warming. Ironically, the former Vice President leaves out many truths that are inconvenient for his argument. Here are just 25 of them.

"1. Carbon Dioxide's Effect on Temperature. The relationship between global temperature and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), on which the entire scare is founded, is not linear. Every molecule of CO<sub>2</sub> added to the atmosphere contributes less to warming than the previous one. The book's graph on p. 66-67 is seriously misleading. Moreover, even the historical levels of CO<sub>2</sub> shown on the graph are disputed. Evidence from plant fossil-remains suggest that there was as much CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere about 11,000 years ago as there is today.

"2. Kilimanjaro. The snows of Kilimanjaro are melting not because of global warming but because of a local climate shift that began 100 years ago. The authors of a report in the *International Journal of Climatology* 'develop a new concept for investigating the retreat of Kilimanjaro's glaciers, based on the physical understanding of glacier-climate interactions.' They note that, 'The concept considers the peculiarities of the mountain and implies that climatological processes other than air temperature control the ice recession in a direct manner. A drastic drop in atmospheric moisture at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the ensuing drier climatic conditions are likely forcing glacier retreat on Kilimanjaro.'

"3. Glaciers. Glaciers around the world have been receding at around the same pace for over 100 years. Research published by the National Academy of Sciences last week indicates that the Peruvian glacier on p. 53 probably disappeared a few thousand years ago.

"4. The Medieval Warm Period. Al Gore says that the 'hockey stick' graph that shows temperatures remarkably steady for the last 1,000 years has been validated, and ridicules the concept of a 'medieval warm period.' That's not the case. Last year, a team of leading paleo-climatologists said, 'When matching existing temperature reconstructions...the time series display a reasonably coherent picture of major climatic episodes: "Medieval Warm Period," "Little Ice Age" and "Recent Warming."' They go on to conclude, 'So what would it mean, if the reconstructions indicate a larger...or smaller...temperature amplitude? We suggest that the former situation, i.e. enhanced variability during pre-industrial times, would result in a redistribution of weight towards the role of natural factors in forcing temperature changes, thereby relatively devaluing the impact of anthropogenic emissions and affecting future temperature predictions.'

"5. The Hottest Year. Satellite temperature measurements

say that 2005 wasn't the hottest year on record—1998 was—and that temperatures have been stable since 2001 (p. 73).

“6. Heat Waves. The summer heat wave that struck Europe in 2003 was caused by an atmospheric pressure anomaly; it had nothing to do with global warming. As the United Nations Environment Program reported in September 2003, ‘This extreme whether [sic] was caused by an anti-cyclone firmly anchored over the western European land mass holding back the rain-bearing depressions that usually enter the continent from the Atlantic ocean. This situation was exceptional in the extended length of time (over 20 days) during which it conveyed very hot dry air up from south of the Mediterranean.’

“7. Record Temperatures. Record temperatures—hot and cold—are set every day around the world; that's the nature of records. Statistically, any given place will see four record high temperatures set every year. There is evidence that daytime high temperatures are staying about the same as for the last few decades, but nighttime lows are gradually rising. Global warming might be more properly called, ‘Global less cooling.’ (On this, see Patrick J. Michaels book, *Meltdown: The Predictable Distortion of Global Warming by Scientists, Politicians, and the Media.*)

“8. Hurricanes. There is no overall global trend of hurricane-force storms getting stronger that has anything to do with temperature. A recent study in *Geophysical Research Letters* found: ‘The data indicate a large increasing trend in tropical cyclone intensity and longevity for the North Atlantic basin and a considerable decreasing trend for the Northeast Pacific. All other basins showed small trends, and there has been no significant change in global net tropical cyclone activity. There has been a small increase in global Category 4-5 hurricanes from the period 1986-1995 to the period 1996-2005. Most of this increase is likely due to improved observational technology. These findings indicate that other important factors govern intensity and frequency of tropical cyclones besides SSTs [sea surface temperatures].’”

—Iain Murray, Competitive Enterprise Institute, *National Review Online*

Editor's Note: For all 25 corrections, see Iain Murray's article in *National Review Online*. Iain Murray is a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

(<http://article.nationalreview.com/?q=YmFiZDAyMWFhMGlxNTgwNGIyMjVkZjQ4OGFiZjFINjc=>)

❑ “ABC News was looking for stories from people whose lives have ‘been directly affected by global warming.’

“Here's one sent in by Jeff Beliveau:

“Tharg and me used to hunt mighty mammoth but he scared to cross ice bridge. It now too thin to take weight of even saber cat. Only mouse or rabbit can cross. Many of my people have left the caves in search of food.

“Sister's daughter's husband says it because of He-Who-Tamed-Fire. He say smoke from fire anger gods and they make it hot. Medicine Man say he full of mastodon droppings.

“Medicine man say Sun God told him Sun God get belly ache every 200 lives of man. Belly ache make Sun God hotter, like when Og ate red berries birds don't touch.

“Sun God say it good thing. He say now we can go south

past ice to land he call ‘Iowa.’

“He mumble ‘junk science’ and ‘media hype’ and ‘poorly educated reporters.’ We no understand these powerful magic words. We afraid to say words now that Moon God warn us. She say magic words make research grants dry up. We no understand.

“Must go, little Ky-Rock need help flaking obsidian.”

❑ “I hate to say ‘I told you so’...but quite a while ago I predicted these huge downpours that have been afflicting the northeastern U.S. and explained why they are becoming more or less commonplace.

“In the last few days much of the area has been hit by a foot or more of rainfall and as I write this, it's still going on. I hate to tell you this, but you'd better get used to it—it's not only going to continue, it's going to get worse. Much worse.

“Why?

“The answer is quite simple: Mother Earth is belching up red-hot magma through the ocean floor all across the globe. It may come as a surprise to you, but two-thirds of all volcanic activity takes place under the world's seas, and currently that activity is heating the oceans to the point where they are sending huge amounts of moisture up into the atmosphere, where it comes down as heavy rain in the spring, summer and fall, and snow in the winter.

“As Bob Felix points out on his incredibly informative iceagenow.com Web site, it's not global warming but ocean warming. The non-existent global warming isn't heating the oceans as poor demented Al Gore would have us believe, but ocean heating that's warming the globe.

“Writes Michael Mandeville in michaelmandeville.com, ‘Since there is such a strong, close reflection of the X Wave in this tectonic zone, how can one avoid wondering if there could be any correlation between El Nino and the motions of the Earth's crust?’ He cites charts that ‘demonstrate that the great rifts on the ocean bottom in the South Pacific are the birthing grounds of El Nino, and that collectively the spreading rifts and hot water plumes which rise from them in many places around the Earth must be the birthing grounds of the present regime of global warming.’

“Let's get back to all that moisture that's coming out of the volcanically heated oceans like steam coming out of the boiling water in a teapot and accept the fact that unless all that red-hot magma now heating the seas suddenly and inexplicably knocks it off and lets the oceans cool, this regimen of monstrous cloudbursts is going to continue—and get worse.

“Over and above the flooding the cloudbursts cause, just how else do they threaten us? Well, if you take into account that in the winter the oceans will continue to send moisture up into the atmosphere to come down as precipitation, it will come down as snowfall.

“Last fall, parts of New England were drowned by as much as 20 inches of rain in a matter of days. In the winter, 20 inches of rain amounts to 20 feet of snow. And that foot or more of rain that's fallen in the Northeast in the last few days would amount to 12 or even 13 feet of snow. That means that somebody 6 feet tall would have snow piled up 6 or 7 feet above his or her head.



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If you want to see what 13 feet of snow looks like, go to my Web site, Wednesday on the Web ([www.pvbr.com](http://www.pvbr.com)), and scroll down on the home page for a photo taken in Japan last January.”

—Philip V. Brennen, *Newsmax.com*, June 28, 2006

❑ “Carbon dioxide is not the dreaded greenhouse gas that the global warmers crack it up to be. It is in fact the most important airborne fertilizer in the world and without it there would be no green plants at all. In fact, a doubling of the levels of this gas in the atmosphere would bring about a marked rise in plant production—good news for everyone, especially those malnourished millions who can’t afford chemical fertilizers. Perhaps the time is ripe to really start worrying (again) about the fact that for the last 200 million years the concentration of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere has been falling. Indeed it dropped to dangerously low levels during recent ice ages. The Plant Kingdom responded to this potentially catastrophic (no carbon no food) situation by producing the so-called C4 plants that can survive low CO2 by using sunlight more efficiently.

“Please talk to your plants—and as you do, rest assured that they in effect will thank you, by recycling your waste carbon dioxide to make more plant material and return oxygen to the earth’s atmosphere.”

—David Bellamy, Jack Barrett, “Carbon Is the World’s Best Friend,” <http://www.sepp.org>

In a previous issue of *The Journal*, I told you about *Summit Four-One-Four*, a nine month worldview education program. We are excited to announce the pilot version of that program, *Summit Semester*. This 10-week course, running from early September through late November 2006, is designed to provide a select group of Christian students with the tools they need to excel at the university. This residential, academic program will be led by Dr. Michael Bauman, a long-time Summit faculty member and Professor of Theology and Culture at Hillsdale College, where he is also the Director of Christian Studies. Dr. Bauman will serve as our scholar in residence and will be supported by visiting faculty Dr. J.P. Moreland and Dr. Don Williams. Our goal is to prepare students for the challenges they will face in their classrooms and dorm rooms at the university.

*Summit Semester* will be located in the remote mountain wilderness of the San Juan National Forest, nestled in the hills eight miles outside Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Ours is an intentionally and carefully crafted biblical worldview community similar to Francis Schaeffer’s L’Abri. Its purpose is academic, but everyone on site will have daily responsibilities like meal preparation, cleaning, and routine facility maintenance.

The cost for this 10-week program is \$7,500. This covers all classes, books, food, and lodging, as well as a group study trip. However, thanks to a generous donation from a Summit supporter, the first 20 students accepted into the program will automatically receive a \$2,500 scholarship.

If you or someone you know is interested in this program, please contact Eric Smith ([eric@summit.org](mailto:eric@summit.org)) for the latest on *Summit Semester*.