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MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

—Genesis 1:1

❑ "When I observe Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You set in place, what is man that You remember him?"

—Psalm 8:3

❑ "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands."

—Psalm 15:1

❑ "He [Jehovah] made the earth by His power, established the world by His wisdom, and spread out the heavens by His understanding."

—Jeremiah 10:12

❑ "Where were you when I established the earth?"

—Job 38:4

❑ "By Him [Jesus Christ] everything was created, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

—Colossians 1:16

❑ "No philosophical theory which I have yet come across is a radical improvement on the words of *Genesis*, that 'in the beginning God made Heaven and Earth.'"

—C. S. Lewis, *Miracles*

❑ "'Creation' as applied to human authorship seems to me to be an entirely misleading term. We rearrange elements He has provided. There is not a vestige of real creativity *de novo* in us. Try to imagine a new primary colour, a third sex, a fourth dimension, or even a monster which does not consist of bits of existing animals stuck together. Nothing happens. And that surely is why our works (as you said) never mean to others quite what we intended: because we are recombining elements made by Him and already containing *His* meanings."

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters of C.S. Lewis*, February 20, 1943

❑ "After all, carbon dioxide is plant flood."

—S. Fred Singer, http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/warming/debate/singer.html

❑ "And the only thing we are concerned about is carbon dioxide levels becoming too low, because if carbon dioxide levels were to fall below, let's say, one-half of the present level, as they almost did during the last ice age…if they were to fall below one-half of the present level, then plants would be in real trouble. After all, carbon dioxide is plant food. Without carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, plants would disappear. And so would animals. And so would human beings. In other words, we do have a stake, a vested interest in making sure that carbon dioxide in the atmosphere does not fall to low levels. High levels of carbon dioxide should not concern us. They will make plants grow faster. They will make agriculture become more productive. They will encourage more diversity of animals, and they'll make for a better life for human beings. Obviously, lower costs for food, more food, is a better situation than higher costs and less food."

—S. Fred Singer, ibid

❑ "Take the UN Science Advisory Group, the IPCC. In their report—which is a very good report, by the way...which is close to 600 pages without an index, so no one really reads it except dedicated people like me—there's a five-page summary of the report that everyone reads, including politicians and the media. And if you look through the summary, you will find no mention of the fact that the weather satellite observations of the last twenty years show no global warming. In fact, a slight cooling. In fact, you will not even find satellites mentioned in the summary.

"Now, why is that? These are the only global observations we have. These are the best observations we have. They cover the whole globe. The surface observations don't cover the whole globe. They leave out large chunks of the globe. They don't cover the oceans very well, which is 70 percent of the globe. So you see, the summary uses data selectively, or at least it suppresses data that are inconvenient, that disagree with the paradigm, with what they're trying to prove. This happens often, unfortunately."

—S. Fred Singer, ibid

❑ Dr. Singer is an atmospheric physicist at George Mason University and founder of the Science and Environmental Policy Project, a think tank on climate and environmental issues. His think tank

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exposed the U.N. falsehood that 2,500 IPCC scientists agree that global warming is coming, etc. "If you count the number of climate scientists," says Singer, "it's about 100." And the myth proceeds!

❑ "As Al Gore testifies before two congressional committees today on 'global warming,' Czech President Vaclav Klaus is warning 'the anti-greenhouse religion' espoused by the former vice president is the modern equivalent of communism.

"Gore spoke this morning to the House Energy and Commerce Committee and will appear before the Senate Environmental and Public Works panel this afternoon.

"In a letter issued Monday to the energy panel, Klaus wrote, 'It becomes evident that while discussing climate we are not witnessing a clash of views about the environment, but a clash of views about human freedom.'

"Responding to questions by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, and former House Speaker Denny Hastert, R-Ill., the Czech leader said: 'As someone who lived under communism for most of my life I feel obliged to say that the biggest threat to freedom, democracy, the market economy, and prosperity at the beginning of the 21st century is not communism or its various softer variants. Communism was replaced by the threat of ambitious environmentalism.'

"He added, 'The so-called climate change and especially man-made climate change has become one of the most dangerous arguments aimed at distorting human efforts and public policies in the whole world.'

—*WorldNetDaily.com*, March 21, 2007

❑ "Just days before former Vice President Al Gore's scheduled visit to testify about global warming before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental & Public Works, a high profile climate debate between prominent scientists Wednesday evening ended with global warming skeptics being voted the clear winner by a tough New York City before an audience of hundreds of people.

"Before the start of the nearly two hour debate the audience polled 57.3% to 29.9% in favor of believing that Global Warming was a 'crisis', but following the debate the numbers completely flipped to 46.2% to 42.2% in favor of the skeptical point of view.

"After the stunning victory, one of the scientists on the side promoting the belief in a climate 'crisis' appeared to concede defeat by noting his debate team was 'pretty dull' and at 'a sharp disadvantage' against the skeptics. ScientificAmerica.com's blog agreed, saying the believers in a man-made climate catastrophe 'seemed underarmed for the debate and, not surprising, it swung against them.'

"'What we see in this is an enormous danger for politicians in terms of their hypocrisy. I'm not going to say anything about Al Gore and his house. But it is a very serious point,' quipped University of London emeritus professor Philip Stott to laughter from the audience.

"The audience also applauded a call by novelist Michael Crichton to stop the hypocrisy of environmentalists and Hollywood liberals by enacting a ban on private jet travel.

"'Let's have the NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council), the Sierra Club, and Greenpeace make it a rule that all their members, cannot fly on private jets. They must get their houses off the [power] grid. They must live in the way that they're telling everyone else to live. And if they won't do that, why should we? And why should we take them seriously?' Crichton said to applause audience.

"The debate was sponsored by the Oxford-style debating group Intelligence Squared and featured such prominent man-made global warming skeptics as MIT scientist Richard Lindzen, the University of London emeritus professor of biogeography Philip Stott, and Physician turned Novelist/filmmaker Michael Crichton on one side.

"The scientists arguing for a climate 'crisis' were NASA scientist Gavin Schmidt, meteorologist Richard C.J. Somerville of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Brenda Ekwurzel of the Union of Concerned Scientists. The event, which was moderated by New York Public Radio's Brian Lehrer, debated the proposition: 'Global warming is not a crisis.'

"'…I'm afraid the actual audience (who by temperament I'd say were split roughly half/half on the question) were apparently more convinced by the entertaining narratives from [Novelist Michael] Crichton and [UK's Philip] Stott (not so sure about Lindzen) than they were by our drier fare. Entertainment-wise it's hard to blame them. Crichton is extremely polished and Stott has a touch of the revivalist preacher about him. Comparatively, we were pretty dull,' Schmidt wrote.

"The ScientificAmerican.com's blog also declared the global warming skeptics the clear winner of the debate in a March 15 post titled: 'Debate Skills? Advantage: Climate Contrarians.'

"'The proponents [of a climate crisis] seemed underarmed for the debate and, not surprisingly, it swung against them, particularly when Schmidt made the fatal debating error of dismissing the ability of the audience to judge the scientific nuances,' ScientificAmerican.com's David Biello wrote.

"The advocates of climate alarmism 'were faced with the folksy anecdotets of Chrichton and the oratorical fire of Stott,' Biello wrote at ScientificAmerican.com.

"'Biello concluded, '…the audience responded to Crichton's satirical call for a ban on private jets more than Ekwurzel's vague we need to throw 'everything we can at the climate crisis.' By the final vote, 46 percent of the audience had been convinced that global warming was indeed not a crisis, while just 42 percent persisted in their opinion that it was.'"

—Marc Morano, Marc_Morano@EPW.Senate.gov

❑ "Everyday 30,000 people on this planet die of the diseases of poverty. A third of the planet doesn't have electricity. We have a billion people with no clean water. We have half a billion people

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Summit Ministries will be opening its doors this month for its 45th year! Our two-week academic program will begin on May 20 and continue until the end of August in Colorado; our Tennessee program occurs during July and our Ohio program is scheduled for the last two weeks of June. The schedule for all three locations is listed in this issue of the *Journal*.

While I believe every Christian teenager planning to attend college (Christian or Secular Humanist) should attend one of our two week programs, some skeptic is sure to challenge my opinion. Therefore, I will share two responses from people who attended Summit programs and let you decide if I'm way off target.

Before sharing, however, let me just make a few comments regarding this ministry. First, our supporters continue to amaze me as they continue to give and keep this work financially sound. For all our friends and supporters—thank you. Second, our curriculum for senior high school students (Christian day school and home school) is ready for distribution, and we are praying for at least 1,000 schools this fall. Our elementary grade 4 is now completed, which means grades 1-4 are ready for distribution. We will have a promo video detailing this curriculum shortly and those interested can call (719) 685-9103 for details. Last, our *Understanding the Times* textbook has been flying off our bookshelves, and for that we are grateful. The book prepares Christian teens to handle Islam, Secular Humanism, Marxism, New Age, and Postmodernism from a Christian worldview.

If you are thinking of sending someone to the Summit this summer, please read the following two endorsements carefully:

"Dear Dr. Noebel, We are forever thankful that we attended the 2000 adult Summit training program. It was a totally awesome week of stimulating lectures we came away from forever changed. It was as if our eyes were opened, our ears unstopped, and we began to really see how our culture was changing and why. Summit gave us hope that we could affect our culture! My husband came away with tools to help him be a better spiritual leader and I learned a bit about fallacy detection. Our children have benefited the most from our training especially when news items generate meaningful discussions about worldviews. For some time now, our entire family has noticed that our own church seems sadly ignorant on the subject of worldviews. Sunday school classes are failing to teach young people and adults how to defend their faith and we can't seem to convince key leaders, especially youth workers, of the importance of worldview training. It is not a surprise to us that as of late, many churches fail to grow or to make a radical difference in their community. We always encourage prospective college Christian students to receive worldview training like Summit Ministries offers.

"Our oldest son (now 24 and married) attended in May of 2000 right after we were there. He was able to use the Summit credits to bypass a liberal freshman religion class, thank the Lord! In an Honors philosophy class his sophomore year, he made use of Summit material as well. This son prefers lighthearted discussions over weighty ones about worldviews, yet Summit firmed up his faith and gave him the impetus to search the Scriptures for everything in life.

"Our daughter is presently in the same liberal college as her brother attended and actually went through the liberal freshman religion class. As a result of our many table discussions on worldviews, she was able to defend her faith in this class where students got emotional and frustrated. She was able to ask meaningful questions which gained her the respect of the professor, a liberal Lutheran minister. This college daughter and our adopted daughter are excited to attend Summit this summer, Lord willing. Our college daughter is looking forward to attending lectures that will teach her material that will benefit her and inspire her in her walk with God. Of our 5 children, only our adopted daughter will graduate from public school (2008)—the rest have been home schooled. We are praying that our adopted daughter will understand how humanistic teaching has affected her. We hope she sees the importance of reading and applying God's word to all areas of life.

"Thank you so much for being God's instrument and for teaching our children how to defend their faith and become beacons of God's Truth and Light in a world gone dark with confusion.

"A grateful mom" —M. G., Klemme, IA

"To all the staff at Summit Ministries,

"I am writing to thank you for providing a wonderful experience for my son last summer at the end of July.

"He came back a changed man (not a boy anymore). He was much more comfortable with his faith and with himself.

"I have enclosed what he wrote for our friends and family for our annual Christmas newsletter and I hope you enjoy it.

"Sincerely, J.H., Hong Kong

" 'My experience at Summit was very interesting because it provided me with reasons that were not necessarily Biblical for believing in Christianity. This is exactly what I needed at that time, because it is illogical to believe something that says it is true without any references (for example, the Bible). However, the Summit staff and teachers were able to convince me, very effectively, that my faith was not misguided. I was taught about different worldviews, about how these people try to justify their beliefs and how to argue against them. I also learned about how the Bible must be true, not just because it says it is, but because there are very strong tangible reasons to believe it.

" 'I really recommend this organization to anyone who feels

that their faith is too weak. It is a good place to make friends and to spend time with the Lord.

" 'I liked it so much that I think all high school graduates should attend and I hope to return for another session this year.'"

—Tom H., Hong Kong

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going to bed hungry every night. Do we care about this? It seems that we don't. It seems that we would rather look a hundred years into the future than pay attention to what's going on now. I think that's unacceptable. I think that's really a disgrace."

—Michael Crichton, Marc Morono, ibid

❑ "'In the early 20th century, 95% of scientists believed in eugenics. Science does not progress by consensus, it progesses by falsification and by what we call paradigm shifts."

"'The first Earth Day in America claimed the following, that because of global cooling, the population of America would have collapsed to 22 million by the year 2000. And the average calorie intake of the average American would be, wait for this, 2,400 calories. It's nonsense and very dangerous. And what we have fundamentally forgotten is simple primary school science. Climate always changes."

—Philip Stott, Marc Morano, ibid

❑ "The British Broadcasting Corporation has produced a devastating documentary titled 'The Great Global Warming Swindle.' It has apparently not been broadcast by any of the networks in the United States. But, fortunately, it is available on the Internet.

"Distinguished scientists specializing in climate and climate-related fields talk in plain English and present readily understood graphs showing what a crock the current global warming hysteria is. These include scientists from MIT and top-tier universities in a number of countries. Some of these are scientists whose names were paraded on some of the global warming publications that are being promoted in the media—but who state plainly that they neither wrote those publications nor approved them.

"One scientist threatened to sue unless his name was removed.

"While the public has been led to believe that 'all' the leading scientists buy the global warming hysteria and the political agenda that goes with it, in fact the official reports from the United Nations or the National Academy of Sciences are written by bureaucrats—and then garnished with the names of leading scientists who were 'consulted,' but whose contrary conclusions have been ignored.

"There is no question that the globe is warming but it has warmed and cooled before, and is not as warm today as it was some centuries ago, before there were any automobiles and before there was as much burning of fossil fuels as today.

"None of the dire things predicted today happened then.

"The BBC documentary goes into some of the many factors that have caused the earth to warm and cool for centuries, including changes in activities on the sun.

"According to these climate scientists, human activities have very little effect on the climate, compared to many other factors, from volcanoes to clouds.

"These climate scientists likewise debunk the mathematical models that have been used to hype global warming hysteria, even though hard evidence stretching back over centuries contradicts these models.

"What is even scarier than seeing how easily the public, the media, and the politicians have been manipulated and stampeded, is discovering how much effort has been put into silencing scientists who dare to say that the emperor has no clothes.

"Academics who jump on the global warming bandwagon are far more likely to get big research grants than those who express doubts—and research is the lifeblood of an academic career at leading universities.

"Environmental movements around the world are committed to global warming hysteria and nowhere more so than on college and university campuses, where they can harass those who say otherwise. One of the scientists interviewed on the BBC documentary reported getting death threats.

"In politics, even conservative Republicans seem to have taken the view that, if you can't lick 'em, join 'em. So have big corporations, which have joined the stampede.

"This only enables the green crusaders to declare at every opportunity that 'everybody' believes the global warming scenario, except for a scattered few 'deniers' who are likened to Holocaust deniers.

"The difference is that we have the hardest and most painful evidence that there was a Holocaust. But, for the global warming scenario that is causing such hysteria, we have only a movie made by a politician and mathematical models whose results change drastically when you change a few of the arbitrarily selected variables.

"No one denies that temperatures are about a degree warmer than they were a century ago.

"What the climate scientists in the BBC documentary deny is that you can mindlessly extrapolate that, or that we are headed for a climate catastrophe if we don't take drastic steps that could cause an economic catastrophe.

"'Global warming' is just the latest in a long line of hysterical crusades to which we seem to be increasingly susceptible."

—Thomas Sowell, *The [Colorado Springs] Gazette*, March 17, 2007, p. M8

❑ "Amid all the media hysteria over the price of gasoline and the profits of 'Big Oil,' one simple fact has been repeatedly overlooked. The oil companies' earnings are just under 10 percent of the price of a gallon of gas, while taxes take 17 percent. Yet, whoever accuses the government of 'greed'?

—Thomas Sowell, *NationalReviewOnline.com*, March 20, 2007

❑ "And while I have my own religious thoughts, I will not disdain any man's search for the transcendent. But a religion should be understood by both its adherents and others for what it is—a religion. The trouble with global warming believers is that probably most of them delude themselves into thinking they are practicing science—not religion.

"And yet, the signs of religiousness are readily to be seen. Al Gore and his Hollywood coterie have almost comically manifested

one aspect of their new religion in the last few weeks—the sense of sin and the search for remission of such sin.

"At the Academy Awards last month, their spokesman proudly announced that this year's show was 'the first green Oscars.' These vast consumers of energy in their 30,000-square-foot houses, their Gulfstream jets and even in their high-energy consumption film-production process—claimed green remission of sin by virtue of driving the last hundred yards to the Kodak Theatre in Priuses, and by buying carbon credits.

"Likewise, when Al Gore was revealed to be using high quantities of energy to heat and cool his large home, he claimed it was OK because he had purchased carbon offset credits. Substantively, these offsets are of dubious environmental value (see *Daily Telegraph* article: 'Is Carbon Offsetting a Con'; BBC's 'UK to Tackle Bogus Carbon Schemes' and *Wall Street Journal's* 'The Political and Business Self-interest Behind Carbon Limits').

"But as what the Catholic Church calls 'indulgentia a culpa et a poena' (release from guilt and from punishment), paying carbon offset fees makes perfect religious sense.

"The Christian sinner pays the church for 'a remission of the temporal punishment due, in God's justice, to sin that has been forgiven, which remission is granted by the Church in the exercise of the powers of the keys, through the application of the superabundant merits of Christ and of the saints, and for some just and reasonable motive' (Catholic Encyclopedia).

"In the animistic church any using or changing of the physical world (such as burning carbon) is a sin against the sacred, holistic, living world (the Gaia hypothesis). But as everyone uses energy (just as every Christian sins), the neo-animist church, too, must provide for a remission of sin (and also, a handy source of profit for the carbon-offset company owners—such as Al Gore who, according to news reports, pays his indulgences to Generation Investment Management, of which he is the chairman.)

"In the neo-animist church of global warming, as in all religions, the truth is acquired by faith—not science. And as in all religions, the faithful should be on guard for charlatans."

—Tony Blankley, *The Washington Times*, March 7, 2007, p. A19

❑ "'The argument is over,' announced former Vice President Al Gore. The subject was global warming. The television interviewer then asked, 'You mean there is no argument about global warming?' Gore solemnly nodded and said again, very much like a judge pronouncing the final verdict, 'The argument is over.' When and where, one might well ask, did the argument take place? Who was invited to take part in the argument? There are many very reputable scientists expressing skepticism or disbelief with respect to global warming. Never mind, they're too late; the argument is over. As the presumed moderator of public discourse, Mr. Gore declares that the argument is over and that his side won. Writing in the *Boston Globe*, Ellen Goodman goes further, comparing global warming skeptics with Holocaust deniers. They are not only ignorant, they are culpably ignorant. In fact, they are evil. One detects a growing pattern of refusing to engage in argument by declaring that the argument is over. It is not only global warming. Raise a question about the adequacy of Darwinian theory, whether scientifically or philosophically, and be prepared to be informed that the argument is over. Offer the evidence that many who once coped with same-sex desires have turned out, not without difficulty, to be happily married to persons of the opposite sex and you will be told politely—or, more likely, impolitely—that the argument is over."

—*First Things*, April 2007, p. 60

❑ "It is understandable that liberal Democratic presidents, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, loaded the Supreme Court with liberal, Democratic justices.

"It is far harder to understand how a whole succession of conservative Republican presidents—Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush (41)—managed to appoint so many liberals to the Supreme Court.

"All these presidents ran on the idea that what courts in general, and the Supreme Court in particular, needed were judges who followed the law instead of making up their own new laws.

"Voters who put these Republican presidents in the White House repeatedly were disappointed with many, if not most, of their nominations of Supreme Court justices.

"President Nixon appointed Harry Blackmun, who created a 'constitutional right' to an abortion out of thin air, just as previous liberal justices had created all sorts of constitutional rights out of thin air for criminals, vagrants, and others.

President Ford appointed John Paul Stevens, whose long history of liberal votes was climaxed by his 2005 decision that politicians can seize private homes and turn them over to other private individuals, who want to replace these homes with amusement parks or shopping malls—which bring in more tax revenues.

"Even Ronald Reagan, so eloquent against group preferences and quotas, announced he was going to appoint 'a woman' to the Supreme Court during the 1980 election campaign—and later looked for a woman to appoint.

"That is how a midlevel state court judge with no experience in the federal judiciary became Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Yet no one said she was 'unqualified' as they would later say of Clarence Thomas, whose credentials greatly outweighed hers. Now, a quarter-century later, Sandra Day O'Connor's legacy of incoherent Supreme Court opinions on such issues as affirmative action and abortion have made a mockery of the very concept of law.

"Given the momentous impact of Supreme Court decisions on 300 million Americans today and on generations yet unborn, it is staggering that either presidents or justices themselves cannot keep their eye on the ball and understand the high stakes.

"Sandra Day O'Connor was quota-minded before she was appointed and after she retired. Even before she was in the running, she urged President Nixon to appoint 'a woman' to the Supreme Court and, decades later, lamented that President George W. Bush did not appoint 'a woman' to succeed her.

"The stakes for the country and the pressures on Supreme Court justices demand that the best people possible be put on the high court. If that turns out to be nine Asian American men or nine Hispanic women, that is just a footnote to history. But to start out looking for 'diversity,' as if you were decorating a Christmas tree with different colored baubles, is to abdicate one of the most solemn responsibilities of president.

"The endlessly repeated mantra of 'diversity' is a triumph of the art of propaganda, for not a speck of hard evidence to support

it has been asked for or given, yet President Bush cited 'diversity' when he decided to make the aborted nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court.

"Whatever the shortcomings of Democrats, they know what they are for—and are willing to go all out to fight for it. Republicans often seem ambiguous about what they are for and seem to regard fighting as ungentlemanly.

"Senate Democrats went all out to stop the nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court and to try to stop the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas. These Democrats did not let either truth or decency cramp their style.

"But Republicans voted overwhelmingly to confirm liberal-left nominees Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer when Bill Clinton nominated them. The Senate vote was 87 to 9 for Justice Breyer and 96 to 3 for Justice Ginsburg.

"No need to savage either nominee, but they should have been voted against—and the reasons for those votes explained to the public. Otherwise Democrats define what is a 'mainstream' judge.

"Republicans need to rethink their views on judges—or perhaps to really think for the first time."

—Thomas Sowell, *The Washington Times*, March 1, 2007, p. A17

❑ "The latest flavor of feminism is exhibitionism. 'You've come a long way, baby, but you're dancing backward.' Betty Friedan is spinning.

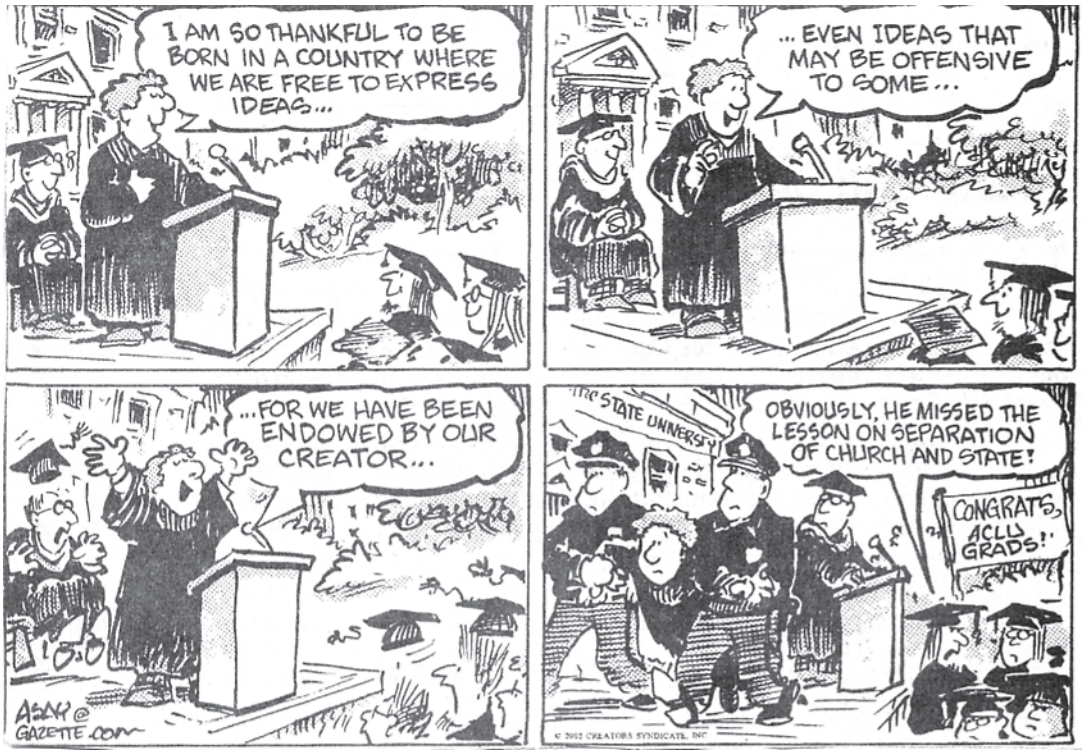
"Puritan ladies who blazed earlier trails, declaring that all men were rapists and accusing poor innocent *Playboy* magazine of exploiting women, are morphing into sexual sirens looking to liberate their libidos in pornographic photographs that could put a blush on the deeply wrinkled cheeks of Hugh Hefner. (Well, on second thought, probably not.) But issues of date rape, sexual harassment and campus rallies to 'take back the night' have been replaced with a rush of salacious sensitivity, identifying something called 'vaginal personalities' and erotic effervescence.

"Co-eds learn less about dead white males such as Milton and Shakespeare than about live young men and women, barely beyond adolescence, in titillating exposures in college sex magazines. Parents might be surprised to learn that this is the latest bang for their buck.

"Alarmed by the sexual saturation of images influencing young girls, the American Psychological Association identifies the influence of these images in different developmental stages: 'We have ample evidence to conclude that sexualization has negative effects in a variety of domains, including cognitive functioning, physical and mental health, and healthy sexual development.' That's Ph.D talk for 'this trash is bad for young girls in nearly every way.' The report links the omnipresent sexual images with the three most common mental health problems confronting girls and women: eating disorders, low self-esteem, and depression.

"The Sunday *New York Times Magazine* featured a full-page portrait of Ming Vandenberg, the editor of *H-Bomb* magazine at Harvard, with her leg draped suggestively over her desk as she sits behind a biology book and a computer. The magazine, which received $2,000 from the university for start-up costs, no longer shows the full frontal nudity found in other campus sex magazines, but in one issue the magazine engaged undergraduates in various poses of undress to illustrate their tales of how they lost their virginity. In one photograph, a young man stands in the shadows, under a bare light bulb, proudly showing off his not very much.

"This is modest compared to other campus adventures in the skin trade, but *H-Bomb* carries the imprimatur of Harvard, with a faculty adviser. *Boink*, by comparison, is 'user-friendly porn' by several students at Boston University, whose dean of students denounced it just before it published its maiden issue. *Boink* exposes selectively salacious naked body parts, sells for $7.95 a pop, and sponsors parties with girls walking around topless. *Boink, the Book*, an anthology, will be published by Warner Books, a mainstream house.



"Students revel in their notoriety. 'I would prefer that all nude photos were anonymous,' says Ms. Vandenberg, primly, 'But people want everyone else to know. People want to stand out.'

"She's right about that. Fame and celebrity in the image generation run deep in the shallows. It matters not how you get attention as long as you get it. The title of one new cable-TV reality show tells you all you wish you didn't need to know: 'Pussycat Dolls Present: The Search for the Next Doll.' The six singers aren't pussycats of the purring kind, but are meant to evoke the image of larger cats representing the metaphorical feline as reflective of human female 'empowerment.' Hear us roar.

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"Dolls aren't the playthings they used to be. The sexualized Bratz dolls, in thigh-high boots, fishnet stockings and feather boas, would give Barbie's boyfriend Ken unwholesome ideas. The Bratz are aggressive seducers in trendy styles for the Britney Spears wannabes, marketed for girls between 8 and 12 for whom lingerie designers now produce thong panties emblazoned with slogans such as 'eye candy' and 'wink wink.' Thong images for adolescents include characters from Dr. Seuss books and the Muppets. This is sexuality 'rejuveniled.'

"Abercrombie and Fitch, which once purveyed outdoor gear to conservative preppies, now targets moppets with tight T-shirts emblazoned with explicit sexual mottos: 'Who needs brains when you have these?' Mainstream advertisements blur distinctions between childhood and adulthood, with a sexy grown-up woman in pigtails seductively licking a lollipop.

"Even therapy emphasizes social and political agendas suggesting sexual experimentation, not healthy goals toward integrated work and family life. Dr. Miriam Grossman, a psychiatrist at UCLA and author of a book, *Unprotected: A Campus Psychiatrist Reveals How Political Correctness in Her Profession Endangers Every Student*, cites a 'health education program' at Columbia University where students learn how to initiate 'phone sex' and study the 'politics' of 'group sex.'

"Lewd and lascivious trumps love and marriage. Emotional vulnerability is sacrificed to sexual conformity and exhibitionism. Shakespeare, the deadest white male long since exiled to the periphery of the campus, nevertheless got it right. What fools these mortals be."

—Suzanne Fields, *The Washington Times*, March 8, 2007, p. A21

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