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—2 Peter 3:9

## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.’ For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

“But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

—2 Peter 3:1-13

❑ “If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or, being lied about, don’t deal in lies,  
Or, being hated, don’t give way to hating,  
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise;  
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet up with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave up your life to broken,  
And stoop and build ’em up with worn out tools;  
If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the will which says to them, ‘Hold on’;

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch;  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run—  
Yours is the earth and everything that’s in it,  
And—which is more—you’ll be a man, my son!”

—Rudyard Kipling

❑ “I was at this time living, like so many Atheists or Antitheists, in a whirl of contradictions. I maintained that God did not exist. I was also very angry with God for not existing. I was equally angry with Him for creating a world.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Surprised by Joy*

❑ “We don’t know one millionth of one percent of anything.”  
—Thomas Edison, Scientist/Inventor

❑ “‘The Earth is wicked again. I’m going to flood it and start over,’ God told Noah. ‘Build another ark and save two of every living thing.’

“Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard—but no boat.

“‘Where’s the ark?’ he roared. ‘I’m about to start the rain.’

“‘Yeah, things have changed,’ Noah said. ‘First, I needed a building permit. Then some group said it was inhumane to put the animals in such a close space. Then the EPA halted construction to conduct an environmental impact study on the flood.’

“Suddenly the clouds cleared and a rainbow stretched across the sky.

“‘You mean you’re not going to destroy the world?’ Noah asked.

“‘What’s the point?’ God said. ‘Looks like someone beat me to it.’

—*Reader’s Digest*, May 2007, p. 211

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

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❑ “*The God Delusion* [by Richard Dawkins] makes me embarrassed to be an atheist.”

—Michael Ruse, Florida State University

❑ “Underlying the agenda of *The God Delusion* [by Richard Dawkins] is a pervasive belief that science has disproved God. Those who continue to believe in God are simply obscurantist, superstitious reactionaries, who are in complete denial about the victorious advance of the sciences, which have eliminated God from even the most miniscule gaps in our understanding of the universe. Atheism is the only option for the serious, progressive, thinking person.”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *The Dawkins Delusion: Atheist Fundamentalism and the Denial of the Divine*, p. 13

❑ “Yet most importantly, there are many questions that, by their very nature, must be recognized to lie beyond the legitimate scope of the scientific method, as this is normally understood. For example: Is there purpose within nature?”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *Ibid.*, p. 17

❑ “This point was made repeatedly by Sir Peter Medawar, an Oxford immunologist who won the Nobel Prize for medicine for the discovery of acquired immunological tolerance. In a significant publication entitled *The Limits of Science*, Medawar explored the question of how science was limited by the nature of reality. Emphasizing that ‘science is incomparably the most successful enterprise human beings have ever engaged upon,’ he distinguishes between what he calls ‘transcendent’ questions, which are better left to religion and metaphysics, and questions about the organization and structure of the material universe.”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *Ibid.*, p. 17

❑ “Though a self-confessed rationalist, Medawar is clear on this matter: ‘That there is indeed a limit upon science is made very likely by the existence of questions that science cannot answer, and that no conceivable advance of science would empower it to answer...I have in mind such questions as:

How did everything begin?

What are we all here for?

What is the point of living?

“Doctrinaire positivism—now something of a period piece—dismissed all such questions as nonquestions or pseudoquestions such as only simpletons ask and only charlatans profess to be able to answer.

“Perhaps *The God Delusion* might have taken Sir Peter by surprise, on account of its late flowering of precisely that ‘doctrinaire positivism’ which he had, happily yet apparently prematurely, believed to be dead.”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *Ibid.*, p. 17, 18

❑ “Science has, in Dawkins’ view, wrecked faith in God, relegating God to the margins of culture, where he is embraced by deluded fanatics. There’s an obvious problem, of course—namely, that rather a lot of scientists do believe in God. *The God Delusion* was published in 2006. In that same year, three other books were published by leading research scientists. Owen Gingerich,

a noted Harvard astronomer, produced *God’s Universe*, declaring that ‘the universe has been created with intention and purpose, and that this belief does not interfere with the scientific enterprise.’ Francis Collins published his *Language of God*, which argued that the wonder and ordering of nature pointed to a creator God, very much along the lines of the traditional Christian conception. In this book, Collins describes his own conversion from atheism to Christian faith. This hardly fits Dawkins’ rigid insistence that real scientists are atheists.

“A few months later, the cosmologist Paul Davies published his *Goldilocks Enigma*, arguing for the existence of ‘fine-tuning’ in the universe. For Davies, the bio-friendliness of the universe points to an overarching principle that somehow pushes the universe towards the development of life and mind. The idea that there is any evidence of purpose or design in the universe is, of course, dismissed out of hand by Dawkins. Davies has other ideas. While not subscribing to a traditional Christian notion of God, there’s something divine out there. Or maybe in there.”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *Ibid.*, p. 19, 20

❑ “Oxford philosopher Richard Swinburne is one of many writers to argue that the capacity of science to explain itself requires explanation—and that the most economical and reliable account of this explanatory capacity lies in the notion of a creator God.

“Swinburne’s argument asserts that the intelligibility of the universe itself needs explanation. It is therefore not the *gaps* in our understanding of the world which point to God, but rather the very *comprehensibility* of scientific and other forms of understanding that requires an explanation. In brief, the argument is that *explainability itself requires explanation*. The more scientific advance is achieved, the greater will be our understanding of the universe—and hence the greater our need to explain this very success. It is an approach which commends and encourages scientific investigation, not seeks to inhibit it.”

—Alister McGrath, Joanna McGrath, *Ibid.*, p. 12

❑ “Even [Fred] Hoyle, normally agnostic, was staggered by these apparent touches of design, writing, ‘A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a super-intellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry and biology, and that there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature.’ In his allusion to the biology, he in effect agreed that

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

By the time you read this, we will be well into our two-week sessions for 2007. We ask for your prayers for our students, our staff, and our faculty. This will be my 45th year with Summit Ministries, and it has been a tremendously satisfying journey. A few weeks ago the press listed over 150 careers, and the number one job for satisfaction went to the clergy. When you read the following note from a former student you'll understand why I still enjoy working with America's future Christian leaders.

Before presenting R.S.'s letter, however, let me again thank every Summit supporter and friend for your continued help with the ministry. Thank you for sending your sons and daughters to us. Thank you for keeping this ministry financially sound. I can hardly find the adequate words to express how I feel. Here is R.S.'s letter.

"Dear Dr. Noebel, I know that a very busy public figure like yourself more than likely does not answer his own email. However, if your assistant could pass on this note, and if you had the time, then I would love for my quick word of thanks to reach your ears. After all, everyone needs a thank you now and again.

"I am R. S., and I attended Summit Session 7 in 1998. I'm sure that you very often hear this, but that session at Summit was a time that truly changed my life. The worldview training and the zeal for Christ that Summit gave me remain with me this day almost ten years later.

"I attended college at the University of West Florida with degrees in Theatre and English, and I can honestly say that Summit saved my faith. One would think that a small public college in the 'Bible Belt' wouldn't be a haven for radical liberal thinking,

but not surprisingly, it was. My professors, particularly in my English degree, bombarded me with their own Secular Humanist worldviews so much so that I honestly had a crisis in faith. For a full year of my life in college, I wrestled with my faith and my place in 'educated' society. However, through constant meditation on God's word and with the knowledge and tools I gained at Summit (even at times reviewing old Summit lecture notes), I survived with my faith intact and my love for Jesus even stronger. I was even able to make it through graduate work at Yale and the University of Central Florida (all liberal breeding grounds) as a strong Christian and a defender of my faith—giving my professors a run for their intellectual money.

"After finishing school and to this day, I've been pursuing an acting career. God has blessed me with hard-to-get employment at regional theatres and operas all over the country, and now I'm blessed with a First National Broadway Tour. I know that God has blessed me so that I may be salt and light to this dark field, and I strive daily to live up to that call. Even this very day, the training that I received at Summit helps me to keep my faith strong in a place of employment where I must be IN the world but not OF it.

"I simply wanted to thank you for how much you've blessed my life. And if I didn't thank you then, I'd like to thank you for the time you sat with me at lunch and answered all my questions. You were very patient to an inquisitive kid. Thank you again for everything. May God bless you and all the life-changing work you do. In Him," —R.S.

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the formation of, say, DNA is so improbable as to require a designing principle."

—Owen Gingerich, *God's Universe*, p. 60

❑ While Owen Gingerich insists that the universe is God's universe, his capitulation to Darwin's Theory of evolution is total. Not only total, but highly dishonest. Gingerich quotes Darwin's famous statement, "There is a grandeur in the [evolutionary] view of life, with its several powers," etc., but fails to quote Darwin's statements just a few sentences before which mention "Struggle for Life," the "Extinction of less-improved forms," and "the war of nature." These sentiments make up the essence of natural selection and were the sentiments that drove Hitler, Stalin, and Mussolini to send millions to their graves. Gingerich avoids acknowledging the relationships between Darwin, eugenics, and Hitler. Gingerich likewise avoids using the full title of Darwin's work: *The Origin*

*of Species by Means of Natural Selection or The Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life.*

❑ "It may be safe to say that everyone today has learned to live with the established public debt amount of \$8.6 trillion.

"This number comes from adding up the current deficits piling up year after year from the current budget line items...

"...\$650 billion to Health and Human Services...\$550 billion to the Defense Department...\$385 billion to pay the interest on the public's debt...almost \$100 billion to the Department of Agriculture...and on and on and on it goes.

"It's obviously out of control.

"But it's also shockingly understated.

"See, to fund our bloated government, Washington collects taxes and then borrows \$450 billion every year to make up the difference. That means on top of our tax dollars that our government

burns through, it also puts another \$1.2 million on the national credit card...every single day.

"That's the damage just if you accept the current numbers, issued by the bureaucrats doing all that spending. But the real numbers are much worse than Washington is willing to reveal. How much worse?

"Try \$76.62 trillion.

"I know, \$8.6 trillion is already a tough number to wrap your head around. Are there even that many grains of sand on every beach in America? I don't know. But if you started tossing a dollar per second on a bonfire right now, you wouldn't hit \$8.6 trillion for another 272,523 years.

"How about \$76.62 trillion? It would take you 2.42 million years. Yet Washington managed to pull it off in less than 150 years, roughly how long it's been since our government first dipped into the red. It hasn't looked back since."

—Addison Wiggin, Publisher, *Strategic Investment*, Baltimore MD 21202

❑ "The non-partisan Tax Foundation has just released its annual report that reveals how many days Americans must work to pay their federal, state and local taxes for the year. The day when Americans will have finally earned enough to pay all their taxes is called 'Tax Freedom Day.'

"Tax Freedom Day 2007 will arrive on April 30, the 120th day of the year—two days after it occurred in 2006, four days later than 2005 and 11 days later than 2004.

"According to the Tax Foundation, 'Tax Freedom Day has arrived later each year for four years running.' The Bush Administration's biggest tax cuts were enacted in 2003, and that year Tax Freedom Day arrived April 18. Since then, no major federal tax relief has been passed, but the nation's economy has been growing rapidly. The tax burden has risen largely because successful taxpayers have been pushed into higher income tax brackets.

"Tax Freedom Day is calculated by dividing the nation's total tax payments by the nation's income. That yields the total effective rate, which for 2007 is 32.7%. On April 30, 32.7% of the year will have been consumed, meaning that politicians will seize the equivalent of every penny every American earns up to that day just to pay for government.

"Each state has a different total tax burden, so each state has a different Tax Freedom Day. We will work longer to pay taxes this year (120 days) than to buy food, clothing and housing combined (105 days). In fact, we will work longer to pay federal taxes (79 days) than we will to pay housing (62 days.)"

—*Human Events*, April 23, 2007, p. 3

❑ "Police investigating the Virginia Tech killings are looking at whether Cho Seung-Hui was copying parts of a violent film when he murdered 32 people.

"Officers believe he repeatedly watched *Oldboy* as part of his preparation for the killing spree.

"The film, which won the Grand Prix award at the 2004 Cannes film festival, has been described as 'an ultra-violent movie of obsession and revenge.'

"It contains stylized scenes of killings and an attempted sui-

cide, and is filled with what one critic called 'punishing emotional violence.'

"Similar themes seem to have occurred in Cho's own writings.

"The video, which Cho posted to an American TV network while carrying out his murderous rampage, appears to include photographs of Cho re-enacting scenes from the film.

"He is shown holding a gun to his head and wielding a hammer, images that appear in the movie.

"The fact that he seems to have been influenced by the film will reignite the debate over whether violence in movies and video games can lead to people becoming more violent themselves.

"Cho's video diary, along with his collection of movies, writings and the fact that he bought a gun last month reveal that, rather than the killing spree being a spontaneous event, he had planned the massacre in advance."

—*Sky News*, April 19, 2007

❑ "In British schools, young children are learning that the prince doesn't always fall in love with a princess, and not every family includes a Mama Bear and Papa Bear.

"A new pilot project is using picture books, the arts, drama and other techniques to introduce homosexual themes to schoolchildren ages 4 to 11.

"In one picture book, '*King & King*,' a prince fails to fall in love with three different princesses before finally falling in love with a man.

"In another, '*And Tango Makes Three*,' a zookeeper realizes that two male penguins are in love. He gives them an egg; the hatchling, Tango, grows up with two fathers.

"The project, called No Outsiders, is needed to combat the 'absolutely massive' problem of bias against homosexuals among British schoolchildren, said Elizabeth Atkinson, the director.

"There are more homophobic incidents in our schools than racist incidents,' she said.

"This bias ranges, she said, from the casual and common use of the word 'gay' as an insult to serious bullying of children with two parents of the same sex. Such bullying can do children serious harm, she said, prompting them to withdraw and causing their academic performance to decline.

"But the project has had the effect of uniting conservative Christians and Muslims in opposition.

"Islam doesn't approve of that sort of behavior,' said Tahir Alam, the education spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain. 'It's morally unacceptable.'

"Simon Calvert, a spokesman for the Christian Institute, did not return phone calls seeking comment. But he told the *Sunday Observer* newspaper that the No Outsiders project amounted to 'the active promotion of homosexuality in schools.'

"Let's arrange a series of meetings around the country where parents of primary school children can look at these books,' he said. 'The majority would be aghast.'"

—*The Washington Times*, March 18, 2007, p. 1

❑ "Everywhere one looks in Europe there are signs that free people are prepared to surrender without a fight to those who would place them in bondage.



"In England, a new government-backed study has found that British schools are dropping the Holocaust from history lessons. Teachers are afraid to teach about the Nazi atrocity because Muslim students might take offense.

"The study also discovered resistance by teachers to cover the 11th-century Crusades, when Christians fought Muslims for control of Jerusalem, because the lessons contradict what Muslim students are taught in mosques. The sacrifice of truth in favor of propaganda for fear of violence is the first step on the road to enslavement.

"It gets worse. A new survey by the respected YouGov organization has found most Britons want to scale down their country's involvement in world affairs at a time of great international challenge. Fifty-five percent of respondents said they oppose Britain 'punching above its weight,' trying to have more influence in the world than its military and economic strength would seem able to support.

"In Belgium, a newspaper has published a copy of the Quran in French and offered free coupons for a Flemish language translation of Islam's holy book. The paper also published a book called *Islam Now*, which presents a history of the religion up to the modern era. I haven't seen it, but would be willing to bet it contains little, if anything, about the terrorism carried out in the name of Islam by fanatics.

"All of this—with surely more on the way—comes from the flawed Western point of view that others will be nice to us if we are nice to them. Were this true, the prisons would be empty and there would be no need for burglar alarms and firearms to protect us from criminals. Evil exists and must be defeated, or evil will triumph.

"The world is on fire, but Britain and much of the rest of Europe are not paying attention. Its enemies are noticing. And while Europe's enemies arm themselves for war, they regard the European attitude toward them as unilateral surrender. Winston Churchill would have called it the gathering storm. As it has done before with severe consequences, modern Europe prefers to ignore the clouds."

—Cal Thomas, *World Magazine*, April 14, 2007, p. 5

❑ "The Discovery Channel is hyping to the heavens its new documentary on 'The Lost Tomb of Jesus.' James Cameron, the Oscar-winning director of 'Titanic,' has joined filmmaker Simcha Jacobovici in publicizing claims that a 2,000-year-old tomb containing 10 boxes of bones belonged to the family of Jesus of Nazareth. It also echoes the dopey 'DaVinci Code' novel by asserting Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene, that the couple had a son. They claim the son was named Judah and that all three were buried together.

"So much for the Resurrection. So much for the Bible. So much for the divinity of Christ. So much for Christianity. It's all a fraud — if one is to believe the nonfiction of the Discovery Channel.

"Other than a syrupy boost—an embarrassingly syrupy boost—from an 'exclusive' appearance on NBC's 'Today' show, the national media for once aren't buying into this cheap publicity stunt and have found a load of skeptics to denounce the film,

maybe because the list of experts, both scientific and religious, is endless.

"Perhaps the most important debunker is professor Amos Kloner, who oversaw the original archaeological dig of this tomb in 1980. 'It makes a great story for a TV film,' Mr. Kloner told the *Jerusalem Post*. 'But it's completely impossible. It's nonsense.'

"Joe Zias, the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem's 1972-97 curator for anthropology and archeology who personally numbered the ossuaries at the center of the film, was even harsher: 'Simcha has no credibility whatsoever. ...He's pimping off the Bible. ...Projects like these make a mockery of the archeological profession.'

"Hebrew University archeologist and epigraphist Leah DiSegni said the names found in the tomb—Mary, Joseph and Jesus—were among the most common of the day. It would be like finding a tomb with the name George on it in the future and asserting it must have been the tomb of President George Bush, Mr. DiSegni told the Cybercast News Service. In addition, biblical scholar Stephen Pfann has questioned even the actual inscription on the tomb, claiming it's 'scratchy' and hard to read. For all we know, it's Johnny, Mabel and Jerry.

"How do the producers defend themselves against the avalanche of criticism? It's so, so typical. On the 'Today' show, Messrs. Jacobovici and Cameron—the 'Titanic' director—finally were pressed to respond to critics like Mr. Zias. They quickly fell back on the laughable concept that they weren't—*surprise*—experts. Both said they weren't archaeologists. One insisted he was a filmmaker, the other a journalist. Mr. Cameron found it 'compelling' as a layman. In other words, neither has credibility—and neither does the nonfiction Discovery Channel.

"When it comes to ancient Christian sites, the Discovery Channel already had a huge credibility problem on its hands. Discovery aired a 2002 special on the alleged 'Ossuary of James,' declared a forgery in 2003 by the Israel Antiquities Authority. Its promoter, Oded Golan, is on trial for forging part of the inscription. Mr. Jacobovici produced that badly flawed documentary, too.

"The Discovery Channel, like most of the national TV elite, displays a dramatic bias in target selection when it comes to religion. There are no controversies over the historical claims of Islam, Judaism or any other religious faith. But Christianity is another story. It is routinely the subject of sensationalistic TV exposes, complete with breathless claims about how Jesus 'might be' the son of a Roman soldier, or he might have survived the Crucifixion. And now he's a dad, with kids.

"What's worse is that these shoddy alleged exposes always air in the most sacred Christian seasons, like Lent. Last year during Lent, on April 2, 2006 'Dateline NBC' offered part of its show to alleged Jesus-debunker Michael Baigent, even as reporter Sara James declared: 'Baigent acknowledges there's no proof of his theory, but points out that it was possible to survive crucifixion.'

"If the Discovery Channel fails to cancel this slanderous 'documentary,' it will have to explain why it intentionally misleads the public. This network should be embarrassed by this plunge into sensational speculation masquerading as 'science.' To slander

Christianity at the start of the Lenten season is unconscionable. This isn't news. It's sensationalism on a stick. Or in this case, on a cross."

—L. Brent Bozell, III, *The Washington Times*, March 4, 2007 p. B4

❑ "The financially troubled National Council of Churches (NCC) is selling its biblical roots for money from secular foundations bent on using it to forward a liberal agenda, according to a report by The Institute on Religion and Democracy (IRD).

"John Lomperis and Alan Wisdom, the report's authors, said for decades the NCC was supported by member denominations—but not anymore.

"What was founded as a body comprised of churches seeking to come together in Christian unity," Wisdom said, "has become a political-action committee that's not a creature of the churches anymore."

"The NCC was founded in 1950 and claims more than 50 'faith groups' are members, including the Episcopal Church USA, The United Methodist Church, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church USA.

"The report 'Strange Yokefellows: The National Council of Churches and Its Growing Non-Church Constituency' details how NCC support from those denominations declined in the last decade.

"What's happened now," Wisdom said, "is that those churches—and particularly the liberal elites in those churches—have become so weakened that they can no longer bear the financial load of the NCC."

"Then Bob Edgar came on board in 2000 as the NCC's general secretary.

"In 2003, he proclaimed that his salvage work had been successful and that the NCC was on a firm financial footing," Wisdom said. "Gradually, we were able to get our hands on some documents that were distributed at NCC meetings that showed how the council was being saved."

"The *Washington Post* reported that Edgar shook the hands of the report's authors at the announcement.

"I was brought in to do three things: raise money, raise money, and raise money," he said. "Thank you for highlighting that secular as well as religious organizations now recognize the importance of the National Council of Churches."

"The trail led to millions of dollars in grants from Left-leaning organizations such as the Sierra Club, the Tides Foundation, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund—organizations bent on promoting abortion, same-sex marriage, and other liberal issues.

"Dr. Janice Crouse, senior fellow at Concerned Women for America's Beverly LaHaye Institute, offered a strong warning.

"When you cloak all of those cultural concerns and Left-wing agenda items with the cloak of religion and with the mainstream churches, then you are giving them a stamp of approval that they should not have," she said. "Most of the religious Left is arguing for positions that are not based in the Scripture."

"Crouse said while the NCC purports to speak for mainstream American denominations, it obviously does not.

"Their funding comes from far-Left foundations and these foundations are only interested in the political positions of the groups that they sponsor," she said. "So it's very clear that, rather than representing Christian causes, they are now representing cultural causes and are far more interested in the kinds of things that happen in the culture and in the secular world than they are within the church."

"Follow the money' may be an old cliché, she said, but it holds true.

"When you start following the money," Crouse said, "you discover that the foundations that are supporting the National Council of Churches are more interested in a secular agenda than they are in Christian faith."

—Wendy Cloyd, *Focus on the Family Citizen Magazine*, March 2007, p. 8

❑ "Hurricane forecaster William Gray said Friday that global ocean currents, not human-produced carbon dioxide, are responsible for global warming, and that the Earth may begin to cool on its own in five to 10 years.

"Gray, a Colorado State University researcher best known for his annual forecasts of hurricanes along the U.S. Atlantic coast, also said increasing atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide won't produce more or stronger hurricanes.

"He said that over the past 40 years the number of major hurricanes making landfall on the U.S. Atlantic coast has declined, even though carbon dioxide levels have risen.

"Gray, speaking to a group of Republican state lawmakers, had harsh words for researchers and politicians who say man-made greenhouse gases are responsible for global warming.

"They're blaming it all on humans, which is crazy," he said. "We're not the cause of it."

"Many researchers think warming is causing hurricanes to get stronger; others aren't sure.

"A study published last week suggested warming might make it more difficult for hurricanes to form because it produces more wind vertical wind shear, which can weaken hurricanes.

"But the researchers, Gabriel A. Vecchi of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Brian J. Soden of the University of Miami, said it was unclear whether the dampening effects of wind shear would cancel out the boost that warmer water gives hurricanes.

"Gray complained that politics and research into global warming have created 'almost an industry' that has unfairly frightened the public and overwhelmed dissenting voices.

"He said research arguing that humans are causing global warming is 'mush' based on unreliable computer models that cannot possibly take into account the hundreds of factors that influence the weather.

"Gray said little-understood ocean currents are behind a decades-long warming cycle and disputed assertions that greenhouse gases could raise global temperatures as much as some scientists predict."

—The Associated Press, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, April 28, 2007, p. A9



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## SUMMIT SEMESTER

Last fall, Summit launched a unique gap-year training program called Summit Semester. At Summit Semester, thirty students live and learn together along with faculty and staff mentors in a community environment. We immerse students in a broad and demanding range of studies, including History of Christian Theology, English Literature, Christian Political Thought, Arts and Culture, and Philosophy, all within the context of a well-informed Christian worldview.

Spiritual life and character formation play an integral part in the Summit Semester. Our devotional periods are theologically rooted in traditional Christian belief and practice.

Snow Wolf Lodge, our Summit Semester home, is a beautiful facility located in the majestic Rocky Mountains of southwestern Colorado. In that unforgettable and inspiring setting, students work, play, study, explore, pray, read, and sometimes simply relax. They also make friendships designed to last a lifetime.

Summit Semester is for high school graduates who show strong academic potential. We also highly recommend that the applicant attend one of our two-week summer conferences before attending Summit Semester.

Spaces are still available for this fall. For more information, visit [www.summit.org](http://www.summit.org) or call 719-685-9103.

## MORE THAN A SEMESTER

Summit Semester alumni have the opportunity to attend a three-week course off study at Oxford University in England. This course covers the lives of the famous literary group, the Inklings. Primarily focusing on C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, students on this trip will live on campus and study in the library at Oxford and will integrate and extend our Summit Semester courses in Theology and English Literature. For more information, call Eric Smith (719-685-9103).

