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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."
Genesis 1:1, 26

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was made that was made.”

—John 1:1-3

❑ “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”

—Colossians 1:15, 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*

❑ “The world was modeled on an idea existing in God’s mind, that God invented matter, that He ‘thought of’ matter as Dickens ‘thought of’ Mr. Pickwick. From that point of view it could be said that God ‘contained’ matter as Shakespeare ‘contained’ Hamlet.”

—C.S. Lewis, *A Preface to Paradise Lost*

❑ “Because God created the natural—invented it out of His love and artistry—it demands our reverence.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*

❑ “I suppose that nobody will deny that it is a great misfortune if an entire branch of science becomes addicted to a false theory. But that is what has happened in Biology.... I believe that one day the Darwinian myth will be ranked the greatest deceit in the history of science.”

—Soven Lovtrup, *Darwinism: The Refutation of a Myth*, p. 422

❑ “The impression that microevolution is limited in its scope is confirmed by the comments of Wesson and others to the effect that ‘the fossil record gives no good examples of macroevolution.’ This will sound surprising to many people since it is a widespread public impression that one of the most powerful evidences for evolution comes from the fossil record. And yet this impression does not correspond to all that is to be found in the scientific literature. Indeed, at the outset, some of Darwin’s strongest objectors were paleontologists. He himself gives us the reason for this; it concerns the absence of the transitional forms in the fossil record, which his theory led him to expect. He wrote in *The Origin of Species*: ‘The number of intermediate varieties, which have formerly existed on the earth, [should] be truly enormous. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory.’ Zoologist Mark Ridley comments on the situation: ‘The fossil record of evolutionary change within single evolutionary lineages is very

poor. If evolution is true, species originate through changes of ancestral species: one might expect to be able to see this in the fossil record. In fact it can rarely be seen. In 1859 Darwin could not cite a single example.’

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— UPCOMING EVENTS —

SPRING ADULT CONFERENCE

Time is running out if you are planning to attend the Summit’s one-week worldview crash course at Glen Eyrie Conference Center. This conference, to be held February 17-22, 2008, is one you won’t want to miss. For more information, visit www.gleneyrie.com/summit.

DR. NOEBEL’S TRAVEL INCLUDES

Youth Transition Network, Phoenix, AZ, February 7-8
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Iowa Prayer Breakfast, Clive, IA, March 19-20
Worldview Weekend, Peoria, IL, April 6
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MORE SUMMIT SPEAKERS

John Stonestreet

Worldview and Life Senior Seminar Retreat, Bryan College, TN, Feb. 1-3
Chattanooga Matters, Chattanooga, TN, Feb. 3
Cedarville University Chapel, Feb. 27
Coastal Florida Homeschool Curriculum Fair, Vero Beach, FL, Feb. 29-March 1
LeTourneau University Chapel Series, Longview, TX, March 24-25
Worldview Conference, Hope Community Church, Sheridan, WY, March 28-30
Impact 360, Georgia, April 7-9
Kansas City Christian School, April 12
Indiana Association of Home Educators Convention, Indianapolis, IN, April 17-19
Rocky Mountain Renewal, Rancho Mira Sol, Durango, CO, May 5-7
Florida Parent Educators Association, Orlando, FL, May 22-24
Berean Homeschool Graduation, Knoxville, TN, May 24

Chuck Edwards

ACSI, Administrator and Board Conference, Lancaster, PA, January 24-25
Asheville Christian Academy, Spiritual Emphasis Week, Asheville, NC, February 4-5
Florida Parent Educators Association, Teen Track, Orlando, FL, May 22-24

Todd Cothran

ACSI, Birmingham, AL, January 23-25
Berean Baptist Church, Livonia, MI, February 24-26
Florida Parent Educators Association, Orlando, FL May 22-24

“What, then, is the result of nearly a century and a half of intensive activity, since Darwin’s time? Paleontologist David Raup of the Field Museum of Natural History, which houses one of the largest fossil collections in the world, said: ‘We are now about 120 years after Darwin and the knowledge of the fossil record has been greatly expanded. We now have a quarter of a million fossil species, but the situation hasn’t changed much. The record of evolution is still surprisingly jerky and, ironically, we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin’s time.’

“Stephen Jay Gould said, ‘The extreme rarity of transitional forms in the fossil record persists as the trade secret of paleontology.’ His fellow paleontologist, Niles Eldredge of the American Museum of Natural History, adds: ‘When we do see the introduction of the evolutionary novelty, it usually shows up with a bang, and often with no firm evidence that the fossils did not evolve elsewhere. Evolution cannot forever be going on somewhere else. Yet, that’s how the fossil record has struck many a forlorn paleontologist looking to learn something about evolution.’”

—John C. Lennox, *God’s Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* p. 110, 111

□ “For life to exist on earth an abundant supply of carbon is needed. Carbon is formed either by combining three helium nuclei, or by combining nuclei of helium and beryllium. Eminent mathematician and astronomer, Sir Fred Hoyle, found that for this to happen, the nuclear ground state energy levels have to be fine-tuned with respect to each other. This phenomenon is called ‘resonance’. If the variation were more than 1 per cent either way, the universe could not sustain life. Hoyle later confessed that nothing had shaken his atheism as much as this discovery. Even this degree of fine-tuning was enough to persuade him that it looked as if ‘a superintellect has monkeyed with physics as well as with chemistry and biology’, and that ‘there are no blind forces in nature worth talking about.’”

—John C Lennox, *Ibid.*, p. 69

□ “Science has shown, by the almost unbelievable complexity of the arrangements that are needed to produce life, that intelligence must have been involved. I have been persuaded that it is simply out of the question that the first living matter evolved out of dead matter and then developed into an extraordinarily complicated creature. My whole life has been guided by the principle of Plato’s Socrates: follow the evidence wherever it leads. The conclusion is—there must have been some intelligence.”

—Antony Flew, cited by Gene Veith, *World* magazine, Dec. 26, 2004

□ “A growing number of respectable scientists are defecting from the evolutionist camp...Moreover, for the most part these ‘experts’ have abandoned Darwinism, not on the basis of religious faith or biblical persuasions, but on strictly scientific grounds, and in some instances regretfully.”

—Wolfgang Smith, cited in Joe White, *Darwin’s Demise*, p. 47

□ “Mutations appear to be overwhelmingly deleterious, and even when one may be classified as beneficial in some specific sense, it is still usually part of an over-all breakdown and erosion of infor-

mation...Mutations are the basis for the aging of individuals, and right now they are leading to our death—both yours and mine.”

—John Sanford, *Genetic Entropy*, p. 27

□ “We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life. Careful examination of the evidence for Darwinism should be encouraged.”

—www.discovery.org, *500 Scientists Speak Out*

□ “‘Can you tell me anything you know about evolution, any one thing that is true?’ I tried that question on the geology staff at the Field Museum of Natural History and the only answer I got was silence. I tried it on the members of the Evolutionary Morphology seminar in the University of Chicago, a very prestigious body of evolutionists, and all I got there was silence for a long time. Eventually one person said, ‘I do know one thing: it ought not to be taught in high school.’”

—Colin Patterson, British Museum of Natural History. cited in Phillip E. Johnson, *Darwin on Trial*, p. 10

□ “Joseph J. Ellis, in his book *American Sphinx—The Character of Thomas Jefferson* (Vintage, 1998), wrote of an incident when Jefferson was ambassador to France, 1784-1789:

“Several muslim countries along the North African coast had established the tradition of plundering the ships of European and American merchants in the western Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic, capturing the crews and then demanding ransom from the respective governments for their release.

“In a joint message to their superiors in Congress, Adams and Jefferson described the audacity of these terrorist attacks, pirates leaping onto defenseless ships with daggers clenched in their teeth. They had asked the ambassador from Tripoli, Adams and Jefferson explained, on what grounds these outrageous acts of unbridled savagery could be justified:

“‘The Ambassador answered us that it was founded on the laws of the prophet, that it was written

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Every time you think it can't get any worse, it gets worse! The shadow of Sodom and Gomorrah is falling over the State of California like a blanket designed and stitched in hell. The humanistic, liberal Republican governor and Democrat politicians have now ensured that every California government school becomes a homosexual/bisexual/transsexual indoctrination center.

According to recent news reports (*WorldNetDaily*, October 13, 2007), the post-Christian secular progressives of California have now determined that words such as "mom" and "dad" as well as "husband" and "wife" are no longer permitted in California's public school classrooms because they offend the homosexual/bisexual 3 percent of the Hollywood-type population.

The cave-in is complete. We are no longer slouching toward Gomorrah—we are on Main Street, Gomorrah, CA. Sodom has won the cultural war in California! The implications of treating human beings as uppity animals are complete. We have, as C. S. Lewis predicted, brought about "the abolition of man." We have defined man as "a worm," a "fruit fly," and a "chimpanzee." We have defined the human by the subhuman; the rational by the irrational; and the moral by the immoral! Indeed, Morris Goodman of Wayne State University has come to the conclusion that "chimpanzees are more closely related to people than to gorillas." Atheist Christopher Hitchens defines human beings as "quasi-chimpanzees."

Incidentally, I wonder how "survival of the fittest" works in the homosexual lifestyle! By any definition of Darwinian evolution and its natural selection engine, there should be no homosexuality since homosexuals do not reproduce, which is the sine qua non (an essential element) of the materialist Darwinian theory.

What I don't have to wonder about is this: irrational and immoral California proves the need for Summit Ministries and its ability to provide Christian students with the very best in teaching, resources, motivation, knowledge, and wisdom in the face of a frontal attack not seen since the French and Bolshevik revolutions.

Not only are atheists (i.e., Dawkins, Harris, Hitchens, etc.) on the march to destroy Christianity, but so, too, are the homosexual storm troopers who are literally marching in the streets and in the halls of academia.

These may be times that try men's souls, but Summit students are taught how to use their heads and not allow themselves to be tossed about by every ridiculous idea boiler-plated on our campuses and the halls of hell.

With Christianity increasingly on the defensive, all of us must understand the times in which we live (a clash of worldviews) and know what to do to prepare our young people spiritually and academically for the struggle of their lives. None of us can afford to see our sons or daughters go down in the tempest to such hellish forces.

And this is exactly where Summit Ministries comes in—we want to provide the very best education and Christian motivation in these post-Christian times to live for Christ. Summit's biblical worldview curriculum for first graders through twelfth graders; Summit's two-week summer academic programs (7 in Colorado, 2 in Tennessee, 1 in Ohio, and 1 in Virginia); Summit's three-month program for high school graduates at our Pagosa Springs campus; and a semester or two at Summit Oxford (UK) for Summit grads with two years of college experience—these will prepare the sons and daughters in our Summit family to win the battle being waged for their hearts and minds.

We are asking our Journal readers for assistance in the following areas:

(a) Help us locate the right Christian students for all these academically challenging worldview programs. We desperately need to ground our own young people in the Christian worldview and expose them properly to other worldviews vying for their attention. Our two-week summer programs are geared for students ages 16–25; our three-month Summit Semester or three-month program is geared for 30 high school graduates preparing to attend college; Summit Oxford is open to 20 Summit graduates with at least two years of college in their academic quiver.

(b) Help us fund scholarships for the Summit Semester and Summit Oxford students.

(c) Help us contact other concerned Christian families with children and teens that we might challenge them to do their homework and discover the worldview ideas and issues that their sons and daughters are confronting in the classroom.

If you're thinking Summit Ministries cannot shoulder such a burden, here are some testimonials to ponder.

"Words cannot express how grateful I am to you and The Summit. My two-weeks in Colorado were some of the best days in my life. God taught me so much through each speaker. I came back home refreshed and recharged. Thank you for the time that you and each staff member spent in making The Summit such a life-changing experience. May God continue to bless you as you impact lives across this nation and the world."

—B. McK., Covington, LA

"I have to say that Summit has been one of the most influential experiences in my entire life. As a student at the University of Kansas, I get a lot of secular thinking here. Before coming to Summit, I was fairly good at recognizing the philosophies such as Secular and Cosmic Humanism. However, it wasn't until I attended Summit that I realized all of the Postmodern ideas with which I was being inundated and was unknowingly coming to believe. I

am ecstatic about the Summit Oxford program. I am currently a sophomore this year with a major in Communication Studies, and I am determined to study abroad as part of my education.”

—I. McP., Lawrence, KS

“I just want to let you know how much you and your ministry have meant to me. It was in 1999 that I heard you on the radio during an interview. I was only ‘seeking’ at the time having read Michael Behe’s book a couple of years earlier. I knew there was

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in their Qur’an, that all nations who should not have acknowledged their [islams] authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners.”

—William J. Federer, *What Every American Needs to Know About the Qur’an*, p. 155, 56.

□ “The victorious may be appeased by a false and delusive promise of peace and the faithful followers of the prophet may submit to the imperious necessities of defeat, but the command to propagate the Moslem creed by the sword is always obligatory when it can be made effective...

“The commands of the prophet may be performed alike, by fraud or by force. Of Mahometan good faith, we have had memorable examples ourselves.

“When our gallant [Stephen] Decatur had chastised the pirate of Algiers, till he was ready to renounce his claim of tribute from the United States, he signed a treaty to that effect: but the treaty was drawn up in the Arabic language, as well as in our own; and our negotiators, unacquainted with the language of the Koran, signed the copies of the treaty, in both languages, not imagining that there was any difference between them.

“Within a year the Dey demands, under penalty of the renewal of the war, an indemnity in money for the frigate taken by Decatur; our Consul demands the foundation of this pretension; and the Arabic copy of the treaty, signed by himself is produced, with an article stipulating the indemnity, foisted into it, in direct opposition to the treaty as it had been concluded.

“The arrival of Chauncey, with a squadron before Algiers, silenced the fraudulent claim of the Dey, and he signed a new treaty in which it was abandoned; but he disdained to conceal his intentions; my power, said he, has been wrested from my hands; draw ye the treaty at your pleasure, and I will sign it; but beware of the moment, when I shall recover my power, for with that moment, your treaty shall be waste paper.

“He avowed what they always practiced, and would without scruple have practiced himself.

“Such is the spirit, which governs the hearts of men, to whom treachery and violence are taught as principles of religion.”

—John Quincy Adams, *Essays on Turks*, p. 274, 5, cited in Federer, *Ibid.*, p. 158, 9.

□ “As Christians we are tempted to make unnecessary concessions to those outside the Faith. We give in to much.... We must

a God, but did not know who He was. Reading *Understanding The Times* and the Bible brought me to the point of knowing and accepting Christ in early 2000. I attended your adult/educators seminar at Glen Eyrie in April 2000 and brought my daughter to the Summit in the summer of 2001. She was a notional Christian coming in and came out a born-again believer on fire for the Lord. She hasn’t strayed since then. Thank you.”

—R.W.H., AZ

show our Christian colours, if we are to be true to Jesus Christ. We cannot remain silent and concede everything away.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, p. 262

□ “More than three-quarters of Americans believe the Bible is literally the word of God or inspired by the word of God, according to a trio of Gallup surveys, with 19 percent saying the Good Book is a compendium of myth and legend.

“The three surveys found that an average 31 percent of the respondents said that ‘the Bible is absolutely accurate and should be taken literally word for word,’ according to Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup Poll.

“Forty-seven percent said the Bible was ‘the inspired word of God,’ and 19 percent said it was a book of ancient fables, history and ‘moral precepts’ recorded by man.

“The breakdown of beliefs has not changed much recently: The average number of people who take the Bible literally, in fact, has remained steady since 1991.

“A literal-belief structure, Mr. Newport said, has influenced a number of public issues, including teaching evolution in public schools, same-sex relationships, the role of a husband and a wife in marriage, observance of a day of rest, the idea of men-only clergy and even ‘seemingly unrelated topics’ such as immigration.

“Beliefs vary among religious groups. Among non-Catholic Christians, 45 percent take the Bible literally, while 46 percent say it’s inspired by God. The figure is 40 percent and 48 percent, respectively, among Protestants, and 21 percent and 61 percent among Catholics.

“‘It is interesting to note, however, that 10 percent of those with no religious identification still believe the Bible is literally the word of God, and another 26 percent say it is inspired,’ Mr. Newport said.

“The highest percentage of literal believers—54 percent—was found among those who attend church weekly, followed by high school graduates (42 percent) and Southerners (41 percent). The three polls of 3,010 adults were conducted in May 2005, 2006 and 2007, and have a margin of error of two percentage points.

“Other researchers have plumbed the nation’s biblical beliefs.

“Seventy-eight percent of Republicans and 69 percent of Democrats say the Bible is ‘totally accurate in all of its teachings,’ according to a survey of 1,006 adults conducted in January by the Barna Group, a marketing firm.

“A Pew Research Center survey of 1,010 adults last year found that 67 percent of Americans say the United States is a ‘Christian

nation,' compared with 60 percent a decade ago. A majority—52 percent—said President Bush publicly mentions his faith 'the right amount.' Fewer than half (47 percent) said the Republican Party was 'friendly' to religion; a quarter said the same of Democrats.

"The Bible continues to be the best-selling book ever. Americans alone buy 25 million Bibles a year, according to Publisher's Weekly. Bible sales are now reaching \$609 million a year, with specialty Bibles available for myriad 'niche' audiences, from motorcycle riders to campers, brides and archaeologists. 'Immerse,' a water-resistant Bible for troops overseas, is now available from publisher Bardin & Marsee."

—Jennifer Harper, *The Washington Times*, May 30, 2007, p. A5

❑ "Al Gore states in [An Inconvenient Truth] that his preferred explanation of global warming is in two cartoon depictions. The first shows a little girl named Susie crying because her ice cream cone has melted. A man then explains to her that the cause is global warming. The second depicts black demons in the sky killing sunbeams—whose 'rotting corpses' then cause the Earth to warm. These cartoons are now mandatory viewing in many tax-financed elementary schools throughout the United States.

"The 0.5° C per century warming of the United States is not causing ice cream cones to melt. The evil demons are water molecules and a few carbon dioxide molecules—from which both Susie and her ice cream cone are made and which do not kill sunbeams.

"We have posted these and other excerpts of the Gore film at oism.org/pproject along with critiques of the claims, so that readers can see them without the ordeal of watching the entire movie.

"Al Gore shows the rising atmospheric carbon dioxide by means of an unlabeled graph with an offset axis designed to imply that atmospheric CO₂ comes entirely from human activities.

"In fact, atmospheric levels of CO₂ have risen mildly because human-produced CO₂ passes through the atmosphere on its way to the ocean and other natural reservoirs. These reservoirs are so large that human production will ultimately have essentially no effect.

"Al Gore shows examples of glacier melting between 1980 and 2007. He conceals the fact that this melting—at essentially the same rate observed between 1980 and 2007—has proceeded for the past 200 years, long before human hydrocarbon use was significant.

"Al Gore shows the 650,000-year ice core record in which CO₂ and temperature have risen and fallen together, and he claims that CO₂ caused the temperature rises. He conceals the fact that the CO₂ changes lagged the temperature changes and that even his claimed guru, Roger Revelle, predicted an increase in vapor pressure of atmospheric CO₂ as a *result* of world temperature increase.

"Professor Revelle is, conveniently for Al Gore, dead. Until the end of his life, Revelle rejected the claims Al Gore is making. Revelle's successor as director of UCSD's Scripps Institute of Oceanography, William Nierenburg, signed our GWPP petition against Gore's claims. Revelle died before it was circulated.

"Gore shows a graph that he claims depicts the 'computer' predictions global warming climate modelers made 'long ago' of the expected Earth temperature—with and without human use of

hydrocarbons. He then shows an observed curve, which conforms to their 'predictions.' Interestingly, these 'predicted' curves contain short-term fluctuations of as little as 0.01° C—an accuracy entirely impossible in this sort of work.

"In truth there were no such predictions. The climate models fit the curve because they were created afterwards and have 6 to 7 adjustable constants, which allow creation of virtually any curve shape.

"Most remarkably, these 'long ago' computer-predicted temperatures shown by Al Gore on his graph commence in 1938. Apparently, Al Gore invented the computer before he was born and provided it only to climate modelers until after World War II."

—*Access To Energy*, June 2007, p. 3

❑ For those interested in the issue of global warming (all leftwing parties are—Communist Party USA, Socialist Party USA, Internationalists, Moveon.org, People's Science, Democratic Socialists of America, etc.) and whether or not it is man-made, please consult the web page for Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine and check out "Global Warming Petition Project." Over 19,000 scientists have signed this petition in answer to the 600 the U.N. was able to persuade to join its ranks. Three of the signatories have written a very telling article for the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*, Vol. 12, Number 3, Fall 2007 entitled "Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide." It is your humble editor's opinion that man-made global warming is a hoax and a propaganda play to fund the U.N. (carbon tax, etc.) and ultimately to use the issue for a global government.

❑ "The fair state of Washington seems to be a center of academic 'diversity' busyness. Washington State University in Pullman employs a Chief Diversity Officer with a staff of 55 and a budget of \$3 million. Over on the other side of the Evergreen State, the University of Washington in Seattle boasts a 'Q center' whose mission is 'to create an inclusive and celebratory environment for people of all sexual orientations.' The center has just been blessed with a gift of \$1 million from former professional football player David Kopay, who is gay. The gift, gushed Jennifer Self, director of the center, is 'a clear directive to the UW regarding the health and well-being of its glbttsqqi students, faculty, and staff.' Its *what* students, faculty, and staff? UW's Office of News and Information explained helpfully that the abbreviation (whose lower case we have faithfully reproduced) stands for 'gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer, questioning and intersex.' Very interesting; but will it survive a challenge in Scrabble?"

—*National Review*, October 8, 2007, p. 14

❑ "My mind is not closed...my mind is open to the most wonderful range of future possibilities, which I cannot even dream about, nor can you, nor can anybody else. What I am skeptical about is the idea that whatever wonderful revelation does come in the science of the future, it will turn out to be one of the particular historical religions that people happen to have dreamed up. When we start out and we were talking about the origins of the universe and the physical constants, I provided what I thought were cogent arguments against a supernatural intelligent designer. But it does seem to me to be a worthy idea. Refutable—but nevertheless grand and

big enough to be worthy of respect. I don't see the Olympian gods or Jesus coming down and dying on the Cross as worthy of that grandeur. They strike me as parochial. If there is a God, it's going to be a whole lot bigger and a whole lot more incomprehensible than anything that any theologian of any religion has ever proposed."

—Richard Dawkins, *Time* magazine (Canadian edition), November 13, 2006, p. 39

❑ "Like malaria, HIV is a microbe that occurs in astronomical numbers. What's more, its mutation rate is 10,000 times greater than that of most other organisms. So in just the past few decades HIV has actually undergone more of certain kinds of mutations than all cells have endured since the beginning of the world. Yet all those mutations, while medically important, have changed the functioning virus very little. It still has the same number of genes that work in the same way. There is no new molecular machinery. If we see that Darwin's mechanism can only do so little even when given its best opportunities, we can decisively conclude that random mutation did not build the machinery of life."

—Michael Behe, *World* magazine, July 21, 2007, p. 16

❑ "Darwin's most radical claim was that evolution is utterly blind—unlike an intelligent agent, it can't 'see' whether a mutation will be helpful in the long run. Random mutation and natural selection can only select whatever changes confer an immediate advantage, regardless of whether the changes are constructive or destructive. We see that starkly in human genetic responses to malaria, where many genes have been broken, diminished, or warped (like sickle cell). Yet in order to build complex coherent molecular machinery, evolution must avoid destructive changes and select ones that will be helpful in future. A blind process can't do that."

—Michael Behe, *Ibid.*

❑ "Democrats like to define themselves as the party of poor and middle-income Americans, but a new study says they now represent the majority of the nation's wealthiest congressional districts.

"In a state-by-state, district-by-district comparison of wealth concentrations based on Internal Revenue Service income data, Michael Franc, vice president of government relations at the Heritage Foundation, found that the majority of the nation's wealthiest congressional jurisdictions were represented by Democrats.

"He also found that more than half of the wealthiest households were concentrated in the 18 states where Democrats hold both Senate seats.

"If you take the wealthiest one-third of the 435 congressional districts, we found that the Democrats represented about 58 percent of those jurisdictions," Mr. Franc said.

"A key measure of each district's wealth was the number of single-filer taxpayers earning more than \$100,000 a year and married couples filing jointly who earn more than \$200,000 annually, he said.

"But in a broader measurement, the study also showed that of the 167 House districts where the median annual income was higher than the national median of \$48,201, a slight majority, 84 districts, were represented by Democrats. Median means that half of all income earners make more than that level and half make less.

"Mr. Franc's study also showed that contrary to the Democrats'

tendency to define Republicans as the party of the rich, 'the vast majority of unabashed conservative House members hail from profoundly middle-class districts.'

"I just found the pattern across the board to be very interesting. That pattern shows the likelihood of electing a Democrat to the House is very closely correlated with how many wealthy households are in that district," Mr. Franc said in an interview with the *Washington Times*."

—Donald Lambro, *The Washington Times*, November 23, 2007

❑ "I, as a natural selector, will eliminate all who I see unfit, disgraces of human race and failures of natural selection."

—Pekka-Eric Auvinen, *World* magazine, November 17, 2007, p. 20

❑ Pekka-Eric Auvinen was the 18-year-old Finish student who murdered seven of his fellow students and one teacher. He shot himself in the head and later died. Auvinen declared himself to be a 'social Darwinist' who would eliminate all who "I see unfit." It is no accident that the two who murdered 13 and injured 24 at Columbine High School (Colorado) on April 20, 1999 emblazoned "Natural Selection" on their t-shirts. Auvinen, Harris and Klebold all thought that Christians were unfit to survive!

❑ "There is nothing so obvious [e.g., water wets, fire burns] that it has not been denied in the books of the philosophers."

—Cicero

❑ "World: What did President [John F.] Kennedy stand for?"

"Piereson: Kennedy said he was a 'liberal without illusions,' meaning that he did not accept the sentimental view of politics and human nature associated with extreme liberals or leftists. Kennedy certainly believed that the Cold War was a struggle between human freedom and tyranny. The United States, he said in his inaugural address, would 'pay any price and bear any burden' to ensure the success of liberty. He said that strong and consistent economic growth was the key to social progress. He came slowly to support civil rights, only proposing a civil rights bill in June of 1963. He most definitely was not the liberal idealist that Kennedy loyalists made him out to be following his assassination.

"World: And what about the depiction of Lee Harvey Oswald as a confused loner in search of meaning—accurate?"

"Piereson: No, most definitely not—if by this we mean a man who committed a violent act because he was confused about his identity or unstable. If anything, Oswald was cold and logical to a fault. Oswald was a dedicated communist who shot President Kennedy in order to interrupt Kennedy's efforts to assassinate Fidel Castro and to overthrow his communist regime in Cuba. Oswald saw Third World revolutionaries like Castro as the wave of the future. He was a dedicated communist revolutionary—and in this sense, President Kennedy was a casualty of the Cold War."

—Marvin Olasky, *World* magazine, November 24, 2007, p. 32



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