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“Therefore, having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to repent, because He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by the Man He has appointed. He has provided proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.” —Acts 17:30, 31



## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “After He had suffered, He also presented Himself alive to them [disciples] by many infallible proofs, appearing to them during 40 days and speaking about the Kingdom of God.”

—Acts 1:3

❑ “For we do not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead we were eye witnesses of His majesty.”

—2 Peter 1:16

❑ “The world might stop in ten minutes; meanwhile, we are to go on doing our duty. The great thing is to be found at one’s post as a child of God, living each day as though it were our last, but planning as though our world might last a hundred years.

“We have, of course, the assurance of the New Testament regarding events to come. I find it difficult to keep from laughing when I find people worrying about future destruction of some kind or other. Didn’t they know they were going to die anyway? Apparently not. My wife once asked a young woman friend whether she had ever thought of death, and she replied, ‘By the time I reach that age science will have done something about it!’”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics*, p. 266

❑ “A decade ago, Thomson was the first to isolate human embryonic stem cells. Last week, he (and Japan’s Shinya Yamanaka) announced one of the great scientific breakthroughs since the discovery of DNA: an embryo-free way to produce genetically matched stem cells.

“Even a scientist who cares not a whit about the morality of embryo destruction will adopt this technique because it is so simple and powerful. The embryonic stem cell debate is over.

“Which allows a bit of reflection on the storm that has raged ever since the August 2001 announcement of President Bush’s stem cell policy. The verdict is clear: Rarely has a president—so vilified for a moral stance—been so thoroughly vindicated.

“Why? Precisely because he took a moral stance. Precisely because, to borrow Thomson’s phrase, Bush was made “a little bit uncomfortable” by the implications of embryonic experimentation. Precisely because he therefore decided that some moral line had to be drawn.

“In doing so, he invited unrelenting demagoguery by an unholy trinity of Democratic politicians, research scientists and patient advocates who insisted that anyone who would put any restriction on the destruction of human embryos could be acting only for reasons of cynical politics rooted in dogmatic religiosity—a ‘moral ayatollah,’ as Sen. Tom Harkin so scornfully put it.

“Bush got it right. Not because he necessarily drew the line in the right place. I have long argued that a better line might have been drawn—between using doomed and discarded fertility-clinic embryos created originally for reproduction (permitted) and using embryos created solely to be disassembled for their parts, as in research cloning (prohibited). But what Bush got right was to insist, in the face of enormous popular and scientific opposition,

on drawing a line at all, on requiring that scientific imperative be balanced by moral considerations.

“History will look at Bush’s 2001 speech and be surprised how balanced and measured it was, how much respect it gave to the other side. Here was a presidential policy pronouncement that so finely and fairly drew out the case for both sides that until the final few minutes of his speech, you had no idea where the policy would end up.

“Bush finally ended up doing nothing to hamper private research into embryonic stem cells and pledging federal monies to support the study of existing stem cell lines—but refusing federal monies for research on stem cell lines produced by newly destroyed embryos.”

—Charles Krauthammer, *Washington Post*, November 30, 2007, p. A23

❑ “Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court unilaterally struck down state laws restricting abortion, the cost of that decision continues to increase our moral deficit, which will have far greater (and eternal) consequences than the impact from economic challenges during a possible recession.

“Depending on how one counts the number of abortions per year since 1973, more than 50 million people who might have been are not. These were people who, regardless of the circumstances

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## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

### DR. NOEBEL’S TRAVEL INCLUDES

CHEC Homeschool Day at the Capitol, Denver, CO, April 11

### MORE SUMMIT SPEAKERS

#### John Stonestreet

Impact 360, Atlanta, 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

Florida Parent Educators Association, Teen Track, Orlando, FL, May 22-24

#### Todd Cothran

Florida Parent Educators Association, Orlando, FL, May 22-24

### Lightbearer’s Update

Watch for the update of Lightbearer’s Worldview Curriculum for Middle School students—both home educated and day school. You don’t want to miss this for your child. Coming this summer.

of the women who carried them, had the potential to contribute to the country and to the world. But now they cannot, because they are not. Would we be fighting the battle over immigration had we not rid ourselves of a generation of humans who likely would have done the work for which we are now importing illegal aliens? Actions have consequences.

“Roe and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*, took the question of endowment of life by ‘our Creator’ and placed it in the hands of individuals. History has shown what happens when humanity seizes such power for itself: political dictatorships, eugenics and scientific experiments unrestrained by any moorings to a moral code. Each becomes her and his own god; each becomes a taker of life, rather than a giver, inverting the creation model into one of destruction and transforming the pregnant woman from life-giver to life-taker.

“The social restructuring unleashed by the judicial fiat that was Roe created a cultural fissure that remains today. We moved quickly from acknowledgement of a right to live, to assertions of a right to die. In her essay ‘The Women of *Roe v. Wade*,’ Harvard Professor Mary Ann Glendon calls to mind the novelist Walker Percy who prophesied two years before Roe that ‘Qualitarian Centers’ would spring up, ‘where, as one of Percy’s characters explained, doctors would respect “the right of an unwanted child not to have to endure a life of suffering.”’ State governments, Percy suggested, might eventually recognize a right to die. Arrangements would be made for the sick and elderly to push a button that would transport them to a ‘happy death’ in Michigan, a ‘joyful exitus’ in New York, or a ‘luanalu-hai’ in Hawaii. Percy’s fiction increasingly resembles fact.

“Abortion on demand cannot be seen in isolation from social breakdown. In 1973, near the end of the Vietnam War and the approaching resignation of President Nixon two years later, the focus on self, pleasure and convenience by Baby Boomers was at its height. Marriages easily dissolved as ‘no fault’ divorce laws were passed; cohabitation and out-of-wedlock births were on the rise; ‘unwanted babies’ (who were labeled ‘products of conception’ to make it easier to deny the obvious) became an impediment to the pursuit of pleasure and material gain.

“Abortion was not a cause, but a reflection of our decadence and deviancy. One does not begin to kill babies until other dominos have fallen. And once they have fallen, it becomes difficult to set them aright because to do so would require an admission of something so horrible that those responsible for this fetal holocaust would have to acknowledge their sin and repent of it. Such a thing is not a character trait of this most pampered generation.

“In recent years there have been signs that things may be—if not turning around—then moderating. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, abortion numbers have declined steadily since 1990, from a high of 1.2 million annually to fewer than 900,000. This is due, I believe, to the unrelenting commitment of the pro-life movement through pregnancy help centers, information by Internet, marches and what appears to be a growing pro-life consensus among many women who reject the cavalier attitudes about life displayed by their mothers’ feminist generation.

“Hollywood has infused a pro-life subplot into films such as ‘Juno’ and ‘Knocked Up.’ Might the ‘old-fashioned’ become the

new fashion?

“Politicians and judges could help bury Roe by requiring that pregnant women receive complete information about the nature of the life within them, including being required to view sonograms before electing abortion. This would follow truth-in-labeling and truth-in-lending laws by fully informing and empowering women. Such an approach would satisfy the liberal demand to keep abortion ‘safe and legal’ and the pro-life desire to make them rare.

“After 35 years of slaughtering our young, isn’t it time to stop? That child born in 1973 could be a parent now. There are children who could have been born today. Thirty-five years of killing has diminished and corrupted us all. Let’s summon the moral courage to stop it for our sake...and for theirs.”

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, January 23, 2008, p. A17

□ “Thank you for your ministry. Years ago our son Kirk attended Summit in Colorado. The next year he returned and brought 3 other students. One of them became our daughter-in-law! Their story is amazing and perhaps they’ll share it on a visit, since God has moved them to a job in Denver and they live in Castle Rock. They’ve been blessed with 2 beautiful children.

“All this to say you are a blessing to our family and we are thankful to support Summit. Hopefully we’ll be sending our grandchildren in a few years! Blessings to all who serve with you—we appreciate you all.”

—Jim & Judy Van G., California

□ “Society is an open-ended partnership between generations. The dead and the unborn are as much members of society as the living. To dishonor the dead is to reject the relation on which society is built—a relation of obligation between generations. Those who have lost respect for the dead have ceased to be trustees of their inheritance. Inevitably, therefore, they lose the sense of obligation to future generations. The web of obligations shrinks to the present tense.”

—Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

□ “Last week, the secretary-general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, issued a new warning on global warming that began with this sentence: ‘We all agree. Climate change is real, and we humans are its chief cause . . . we are on the verge of a catastrophe if we do not act.’”

—Maggie Gallagher, *The Washington Times*, Nov. 24, 2007, p. A11

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

Summit Ministries has worldview curriculum for Christian school and home-school students from first grade through high school. We have eleven two-week programs for 16 to 25 year-olds. We have two adult/educators conferences. We have a three month program for high school students preparing to attend college. We have a semester program for college students at Oxford University.

In other words, we now have something for nearly all our Summit families to enjoy, enrich, and educate the present and future generations in the universal truths of Christ, the Bible, and Christianity.

I would like to introduce you to the first three Summit students who are attending Oxford. I am told they are doing very well.

The Summit Oxford program is open to all Summit graduates with at least 2 years of college (3.4 GPA), college graduates, M.A. or PhD candidates, and post-graduates.

At present we are raising scholarship funds for qualified students, and any inquiry from our readership is appreciated.



**Ryan Gleason** is from northern Virginia. Twice he was a student at Summit and has been on summer staff six different summers. He says Summit helped him build a strong foundation for his faith. He holds a degree in economics from George Mason University and interned in Washington, D.C. last autumn. At Oxford he'll study law and economics. He's looking forward to living in England and expects it will

help him develop an understanding of international relations. In the future he hopes to earn a Juris Doctor and engage the interface between public policy and free market economics.

**Brian Genda** is also from northern Virginia and will soon



graduate from Shepherd University. He was a student at Summit Ministries in 2004 and on staff in 2007. He says that Summit taught him to see all of life, including academics, from a Christian worldview. As our first Summit Oxford student, he believes the experience will motivate him for life. "It was a great honor," he remarked, "to have been tutored by Oxford professors. I

will long cherish the cultural experience of living in Oxford." Next he'll attend Focus on the Family Institute. Following that he plans to pursue further education in philosophy of religion or political philosophy.



**Timothy Dean** has lived in six states and now calls Iowa home. A National Merit Scholar, he is enrolled at the University of Dallas and is studying classical philology. He is an alumnus of Summit's summer program and Summit's *Understanding the Times* curriculum. He says that Summit greatly helped him at just the time when

he was beginning to face challenges to (and from) his Christian faith. He'll study Greek and patristics at Oxford. He expects his time in Oxford will prepare him for graduate studies.

❑ "All the fuss about global warming is grossly exaggerated. Here I am opposing the holy brotherhood of climate model experts and the crowd of deluded citizens who believe the numbers predicted by the computer models. I have studied the climate models and I know what they can do. They do a very poor job of describing the clouds, the dust, the chemistry, and the biology of fields and farms and forests. They do not begin to describe the real world that we live in."

—Freeman Dyson, Physicist, *American Thinker*, November 2, 2007

❑ "Freeman John Dyson (born December 15, 1923) is an English-born American theoretical physicist and mathematician, famous for his work in quantum mechanics, solid-state physics, nuclear engineering, and for his serious theorizing in futurism."

—Wikipedia

❑ "Al Gore says there is a 'scientific consensus' that anthropogenic (man-caused) global warming is a fact and poses an imminent threat. Only an insignificant few scientists disagree, says

Al, and they are akin to 'flat Earth society members.' UN IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri would have us believe that there are only 'about a dozen' scientists left in the world who challenge the new orthodoxy. These scientists are not just 'out of touch' dinosaurs but dangerous *enemies of the planet*. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the environmentalist author and president of Waterkeeper Alliance, says of global-warming opponents: 'This is treason. And we need to start treating them as traitors.' Columnist Ellen Goodman wrote: 'Let's just say that global warming deniers are now on a par with Holocaust deniers.'

"Defying the media demonizers and threats of losing their positions and funding, *thousands* of scientists are bravely standing up to voice their opposition to the false claims of climate-change 'consensus.' On December 20, Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) released an important Senate report announcing: 'Over 400 prominent scientists from more than two dozen countries recently voiced significant objections to major aspects of the so-called "consensus" on man-made global warming.... The distinguished scientists featured in this new report are experts in diverse fields, including: climatology; geology; biology; glaciology; biogeography; meteorology; oceanography; economics; chemistry; mathematics; envi-



ronmental sciences; engineering; physics and paleoclimatology. Some of those profiled have won Nobel Prizes for their outstanding contribution to their field of expertise and many shared a portion of the UN IPCC Nobel Peace Prize with Vice President Gore.'

"You really must go to the Senate web page and download the whole report to read not only the names of these scientists, but their devastating critiques. (<http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Minority.SenateReport#report>)

"Are 400 scientists not enough? How about 19,000 scientists? That's how many have signed the Petition Project, rejecting the global-warming hysteria, the UN Kyoto agreement, and like-minded proposals. This effort is spearheaded by Dr. Frederick Seitz, past president of the National Academy of Sciences, and Dr. Arthur B. Robinson, founder and president of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine. (For more information on the Petition Project, visit [www.oism.org/pproject](http://www.oism.org/pproject)).

"In November, meteorologist John Coleman, founder of the cable TV Weather Channel, called the UN global-warming scenario 'the greatest scam in history.' That scam is being exposed. The phony consensus is crashing, and you can help speed it along. 2008 could be the 'Year of Truth.' And *that* would be inconvenient indeed for Mr. Gore and his compatriots."

—William F. Jasper, *The New American*, January 21, 2008, p. 44

❑ "You wouldn't know it from the dramatic, tearful pronouncements of doom that emanated from the UN's recently concluded climate summit in Bali. Nor would Al Gore be likely to let on. But the really, really inconvenient truth is that for six years now there has been no global warming.

"According to former long-time BBC science correspondent and editor David Whitehouse, global warming, in contradiction to current theories predicting ever increasing temperatures, has stopped. 'The fact is that the global temperature of 2007 is statistically the same as 2006 as well as every year since 2001,' Whitehouse noted in an article in *New Statesman*. 'Global warming has, temporarily or permanently, ceased. Temperatures across the world are not increasing as they should according to the fundamental theory behind global warming—the greenhouse effect.' In Whitehouse's estimation, 'Something else is happening.'

"Maybe it's global cooling. According to the *Washington Times*, 2007 was noteworthy for the number of 'record low temperatures...being set all over the world.' In Buenos Aires, the *Times* recounts, 'snow fell for the first time since the year 1918. In Peru, 200 people died from the cold' and 'the Peruvian government declared a state of emergency' amid a rash of cold-related crop failures and respiratory ailments. Similar problems afflicted the northern hemisphere with cold snaps in the spring, destroying 95 percent of South Carolina's peach crop and 90 percent of North Carolina's apple harvest.

"According to the *Times*, the cold trend is continuing. 'On December 4, in Seoul, Korea, the temperature was a record minus 5 degrees Celsius. November 24, in Meacham, Ore., the minimum temperature was 12 degrees Fahrenheit colder than the previous record low set in 1952. The Canadian government warns that this winter is likely to be the coldest in 15 years.'"

—*The American*, January 21, 2008, p. 9

❑ "Umshini wam, mshini wam / Khawuleth'umshini wam .... The lyrics of the song are in the Zulu language. They translate as: 'My machine, my machine, please bring my machine,' where the device referred to is understood to be a machine gun (though we are told there is a salacious subtext). This is the theme song of the South African politician, Jacob Zuma, who has just been elected president of the African National Congress, his country's dominant political party. Zuma's election was humiliating for Thabo Mbeki, who, though still president of the country, is now no longer the leader of his party. The word 'colorful' does not quite do justice to Zuma. With four wives and at least 18 children, he describes himself as a Zulu traditionalist. Once a deputy president of South Africa, he was dismissed following corruption charges in 2005. The following year, he was tried for, but acquitted of, rape. He is currently under investigation on new corruption charges. If he survives those charges, he will be well placed to be the next president of South Africa in 2009. All together now: *Umshini wam, mshini wam...*"

—*National Review*, January 28, 2008, p. 9, 10

❑ "Kenya, long seen as one of the more stable and promising African nations, now seems intent on traveling a dismal road. The December 27 elections, in which incumbent president Mwai Kibaki was elected to a second five-year term, are widely regarded as having been rigged. The principal losing candidate, Raila Odinga, brought his supporters out on the streets in protest, and matters quickly got out of control. As we go to press 13 days later, 600 Kenyans are believed dead, and some 200,000 are 'homeless': which is to say, victims of ethnic cleansing. In one ghastly incident, up to 50 people died when the church in which they had taken sanctuary was burned by a mob. Tribalism underlies the horrors. Kibaki belongs to the Kikuyu, Kenya's 'market-dominant minority': the biggest and most successful of the country's 40-odd tribes. Odinga is a Luo (as, incidentally, was Barack Obama's father) but draws support from other groups resentful of Kikuyu arrogance and success. In Africa, goes the old quip, politics begins with a soapbox, proceeds to a ballot box, and ends with a cartridge box—and we now have one more demonstration of this sad truth."

—*National Review*, January 28, 2008, p. 10

❑ "Kisumu, Kenya. The young man hefting a machete at the burning roadblock was frustrated. He'd been looking for five days, but could not find a member of the Kikuyu tribe to kill.

"Members of Kenya's biggest tribe have disappeared by the thousands from Kisumu, making it the first—but perhaps not the last—city to be ethnically cleansed.

"'If we find any Kikuyus, we're going to slaughter them or burn them alive,' 19-year-old Daniel Odongo said Wednesday. He wielded the machete as hundreds of young men with rusty axes and other weapons roared their approval.

"When incumbent President Mwai Kibaki was announced as winner of December 27 elections by a narrow margin after days of unexplained delays, many in Kisumu took to the streets of the city of 504,000 on the shores of Lake Victoria, looting and setting shops ablaze.

"The residents, mainly from the Luo tribe of opposition leader Raila Odinga, soon turned their rage on Kibaki's Kikuyu people—a minority in the western city resented for their domination of politics

and the economy.

"They set Kikuyu homes on fire and ordered them to leave or face death.

"At the local police station, records show that officers escorted out of the city an average of 21 buses a day packed with panicking Kikuyus in the first two weeks of January.

"That means about 20,000 people fled Kenya's third-largest city, leaving about 484,000 people behind them. It is not known how many Kikuyus may have fled on their own, but it is not thought to be much higher than 20,000.

"Now only about 150 Kikuyus remain, camping opposite the police station for protection. The government says the number of people forced from their homes has risen to 300,000, showing ethnic cleansing has not diminished, and this threatens to redraw Kenya's once cosmopolitan ethnic map in areas such as the Rift Valley.

"On Wednesday, the top U.S. envoy for Africa, Jendayi Frazer, said Kenya is experiencing 'clear ethnic cleansing' in the Rift Valley region."

—*The Associated Press*, January 31, 2008

❑ What interests your editor is how the Postmodern Christian churches (sometimes called Emergent or Emerging churches) will react to this slaughter in Kenya. Postmodern Christians (e.g., Nancy Murphy, Stanley Grenz, John Franke, Brad Kallenberg, Stanley Hauerwas, Brian McLaren, Tony Jones) deny "objective truth," "objective morality," and "objective reality." As Tony Jones sees it, "propositional truth is out and mysticism is in." (See R. Scott Smith, *Truth and the New Kind of Christian*, p. 69.)

It is always, everywhere, morally evil for a member of the Luo tribe to slaughter a member of the Kikuyu tribe. Jones and his fellow Emergent Church leaders, however, cannot recognize this universal, objective, moral truth because to them it is propositional. They would insist that this proposition is merely my subjective opinion since I have been bathed in my own culture and cannot escape its influence, language, morality, etc. In their way of thinking, it is impossible for anybody to know objective, universal reality. Therefore, it would be impossible for any Emergent church leader to condemn the Luo tribe for wiping out (ethnic cleansing) the Kikuyu tribe.

However, I will insist that when a member of the Kikuyu tribe gets hit in the head by a machete, he knows conclusively that he was hit by something more than a mystical, subjective weapon! He also knows it is morally wrong—not only in Kenya, but in California, Chicago, and every other location on planet earth. Why? Because there are universal moral truths, which, according to Paul in Romans 1 and 2, are written into the human heart by God Himself!

The whole Emergent movement needs to bid adios to Rorty, Foucault, and Derrida (all atheists) and get its head and heart back into the Bible—the foundational book of Western Civilization—and a book full of universal, propositional truths.

❑ "My name is Abigail and I was a student this past summer in Manitou July 22-August 3! I had a wonderful time and have been using some of the things I learned. I am 19 yrs old and this is my first semester at Austin Community College. I am currently tak-

ing a speech class and am in the midst of preparing my 8 minute persuasive speech.

"I have determined to take on the topic of Evolution using some of the insight I gained from Duane Gish. Obviously, this is a huge topic and so I will be focusing on the fossil record along with the 'missing links' for man and the amazing complexity of animals such as the giraffe. I might even tackle probability but I may not have time. As part of my persuasive speech I am to call the audience to a certain action. Since this is an intellectual topic I will be asking them to be open minded to 'the other view' and challenge them to continue seeking out the truth. I would like to have a handout of perhaps websites or sources in order to study further the (un)truth of Evolution. Do you know of good sources I could put together in a hand out or better yet do you already have a handout or pamphlet that has info about the controversy of the evolution vs. creation theories? In addition to this any info you can give me as I research on these sub topics would be wonderful.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a whole lot of time left as I will be giving the speech on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup>.

"I am excited about this opportunity to proclaim truth in my college classroom. Any info you can give me as I prepare my speech and for the further reading handout would be greatly appreciated! Thank you so very much for all you do in the lives of young people like me."

❑ "On a warm July day in 1932, H. G. Wells visited Oxford University's summer school to deliver a major address to the Young Liberals, a group of progressive activists. Wells is remembered today primarily as a science-fiction writer, but this hardly does justice to the man. He was arguably the most influential English-speaking public intellectual during the first half of the 20th century. His writings were foundational to the linked progressive and social-gospel movements. He was a prominent member of the Fabian Society. His articles on religion and politics were read from the pulpit with electric excitement by American pastors. He was a frequent guest of Franklin Roosevelt in the Oval Office, and his meetings with the president were front-page news.

"On that summer day at Oxford, Wells sought to summarize the unifying political idea of his life's work. That idea expressed itself in different forms over the years. He championed a "world brain" that would unify mankind under the auspices of a collective intelligence overseen by special men—variously identified as scientists, priests, warriors, even airmen and 'samurai.' But always they would lead and rule from above, making the hard decisions about everything from war and peace to eugenics and economics. The 'will and the ideas of public-minded, masterful people' working through 'a militant organization' were necessary to forge a 'modernized state' that would 'release the human community from the entanglements of the past.' This idea, this urge, defined Wells's political vision. 'I have never been able to escape altogether from its relentless logic,' he declared. But until that day at Oxford he lacked a name for it. The name he came up with?

'Liberal fascism.'

"Wells's term was provocative, but not nearly as controversial as you might think. For it wasn't until the early 1930s that men of the Left were increasingly required to dissociate themselves

from fascism (W. E. B. Du Bois lasted longer than most, praising Nazism as late as 1937). The Kremlin had declared at the Sixth Congress of the Third International that fascism was the last gasp of capitalism long prophesied by Marxist theology. While many useful idiots believed this, Stalin's intent was more strategic than ideological. National Socialism was proving to be a seductive alternative to his failing brand of *international* socialism. The workers of the world, it seemed, did not want to unite—but the workers of Germany, Italy, and other nations did. So Stalin issued his theory of 'social fascism,' which declared any socialist movement or organization that dissented from international socialism to be 'objectively fascist.' (Trotsky was anathematized as the leader of a 'fascist coup.')

"But before this hoax worked its way through the Western mind, fascism was still 'progressive.' Indeed, at the climax of the Progressive era, the Western world was in the throes of what I call a 'fascist moment.'"

—Jonah Goldberg, *National Review*, January 28, 2008, p. 36, 37

□ "Two great 'experiments' ignited their imaginations: Soviet Russia and Fascist Italy. The muckraker Lincoln Steffens returned from Russia to declare: 'I have been to the future—and it works!' Just a year earlier, Steffens had proclaimed that God 'formed Mussolini out of the rib of Italy.' Ida Tarbell, the muckraker who 'exposed' Standard Oil, took a similar view. She and other progressives referred to the 'Russian-Italian' method, recognizing the kindred spirit that animated both Fascism and Bolshevism. Charles Beard, the left-wing economic historian, wrote in *The New Republic* that Mussolini's Italy was, 'beyond question, an amazing experiment.' Herbert Croly, *The New Republic's* first editor, often defended Mussolini's crackdowns as necessary. Italian Fascism, he wrote, had 'substituted movement for stagnation, purposive behavior for drifting, and visions of great future for collective pettiness and discouragement.'"

—Jonah Goldberg, *Ibid.*, p. 37

□ "The New Deal did not try to copy Fascist Italy, Nazi Germany, or Soviet Russia, as many on the old anti-Communist left and old right charged. Rather, it followed America's domestic fascist tradition, hoping to pick up where Wilson had left off. But the Brain Trusters did look at European Fascism and Bolshevism as proof that they were moving in the right direction. FDR tapped Hugh Johnson—the Army's representative to Wilson's War Industries Board—to run his National Recovery Administration, the cornerstone of the New Deal. There was no contradiction in the fact that Johnson openly admired Mussolini, hanging a portrait of the dictator on his office wall and handing out copies of the Italian Fascist text *The Corporate State* to members of the administration. Roosevelt himself privately acknowledged that 'what we were doing in this country were some of the things that were being done in Russia and even some of things that were being done under Hitler in Germany. But we are doing them in an orderly way.'

"Ah yes, the great defense against the charge of fascism: *We're more orderly!*"

—Jonah Goldberg, *Ibid.*

□ "Not since the April 8, 1966, famous 'Is God Dead?' cover of *Time* magazine has atheism been the topic du jour.

"'Atheism has come into vogue in cycles pretty reliably for the past 300 years,' said Nick Gillespie, editor of *Reason*, a libertarian magazine.

"'These days, at least you won't get burned at the stake, and you might get a *New York Times*' best-seller.'

"A flood of post-September 11 books on the topic have done quite well. Among them are *Breaking the Spell* by Daniel Dennett, Michael Shermer's *Why Darwin Matters*, Michel Onfray's *Atheist Manifesto*, Sam Harris' *The End of Faith*, Ibn Warraq's *Leaving Islam*, biologist Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion*, and journalist and critic Christopher Hitchens' *God is Not Great*.

"Reasons for the surge range from a backlash against radical Islam to a general unhappiness with the Bush administration.

"'The rise of militant Islam revived questions as to where does faith lead people?' Mr. Gillespie said. 'It all proceeds from September 11, which in many profound ways was a religious act.'

"Plus, he added, the current administration has given religion-friendly policies a bad name.

"'To the extent that this administration has been seen as a complete failure,' he said, 'on the right, you'll see a reach for a new kind of conservatism. It will have more in common with atheism that says religion should not be part of politics.'

"According to the American Religious Identification Survey, conducted by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, the share of American adults who do not subscribe to any religion increased from 8 percent in 1990 to more than 14 percent—about 30 million people—in 2001.

"'Forty-three percent of Americans don't attend church,' said Paul Kurtz, founder and chairman of the Amherst, N.Y.-based Center for Inquiry. 'A lot of people realize they don't believe in religion, and they don't want the state to meddle in private belief. They're looking to literature, ethics or philosophy to get guidance.'

"His group has established 11 'inquiry centers'—the skeptic's answer to a church building—including one on Pennsylvania Avenue. Nine more for what he called 'the unchurched, the untempled, the unmosqued' are planned in the next two years. The circulation of *Free Inquiry*, the group's magazine, has grown 30 percent in the past two years to reach 35,000.

"'We're peeling back the burqa on unbelief,' said Nathan Bupp, *Inquiry* spokesman.

"Other cultural indicators include a March revelation by Rep. Pete Stark, an 18-term California Democrat, that he is an atheist. He is the first known congressman to do so.

"Earlier this month, a movie for the unbelieving set premiered, albeit to mixed reviews. 'The Golden Compass,' a sanitized version of the book by Philip Pullman, glorifies the virtues of atheism and the evils of Christianity.

"And the Altadena, California-based Skeptics Society will observe tomorrow as Newtonmass, the 365<sup>th</sup> birthday of Isaac Newton.

"Fred Edwards, a spokesman for the American Humanist Association, says nonbelievers are pouring out of the closet.

"'Conferences and events put on by various humanist and





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free-thought organizations have been bursting at the seams with attendance,' he said. 'We had 1,000 people at a gathering put on earlier this year by our Harvard chapter. Usually we get a few hundred.'

"The Harvard gathering, which featured novelist Salman Rushdie, ironically ended up in the campus chapel.

"It was the biggest hall we could get,' Mr. Edwards explained.

"He cites the Bush administration for the atheist surge.

"You see their favoritism toward conservative religion,' he said, 'and the influence religion has had on foreign policy, and I think a lot of atheists said, "We're fed up.'"

—Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*, December 24, 2007, p.1

□ This article on atheism is another reason for the significance of Summit Ministries! We are not afraid to expose the atheists and their religious dogma to our students as we prepare them to attend America's atheistically oriented government (public) schools. Your editor just returned from our Australian Summit held in Melbourne at the Deakin University campus. The bookstore on campus displayed Richard Dawkins' work *The God Delusion*, but never a hint that Alister McGrath has a book *The Dawkins Delusion* or that John C. Lennox has a book *God's Undertaker*, both more than answering Dawkins' atheism. We are living in pre-French and pre-Bolshevik times. We better get prepared!