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"Thus says the LORD: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it: Then you will find rest for your souls."  
—Jeremiah 6:16

❑ “The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ‘Stand in the gate of the LORD’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, ‘Hear the word of the LORD, all you of Judah who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD!’” Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Do not trust in these lying words, saying, ‘The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these.’”

“‘For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever.

“‘Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’”? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,’ says the LORD.”

—Jeremiah 7:1-11

❑ “Charity means love. It is called Agape in the New Testament to distinguish it from Eros (sexual love), Storge (family affection) and Philia (friendship). So there are 4 kinds of love, all good in their proper place, but Agape is the best because it is the kind God has for us and is good in all circumstances.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters of C.S. Lewis* (1954)

❑ “Agape is all giving, not getting. Read what St. Paul says about it in First Corinthians Chapter 13. Then look at a picture of Agape in action in St. Luke, Chapter 10, vv. 30-35. And then, better still, look at Matthew Chapter 25, vv. 31-46; from which you see that Christ counts all that you do for *this* baby exactly as if you had done it for Him when He was a baby in the manger at Bethlehem; you are in a sense sharing in the things His mother did for him. Giving money is only *one* way of showing charity; to give time and toil is far better and (for most of us) harder.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Letters of C.S. Lewis* (1954)

❑ “Love, in the Christian sense, does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of the feelings but of the will; that state of the will which we have naturally about ourselves, and must learn to have about other people.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

❑ “If inviting nonbelievers to worship matters, then so does preserving the freedom to worship. If ministering to the needs of the poor is a mandate, then changing the policies creating poverty is very much within that mandate. And if building shelter in developing countries is part and parcel of a Christian’s burden, so is the destruction of the power of tyrants who oppress peoples around the globe. Taking first steps on a path is not running an

entire race.”

—Hugh Hewitt, *In, But Not Of*, p. 20

❑ “University of Oxford researchers will spend nearly \$4 million to study why mankind embraces God.

“The grant to the Ian Ramsey Center for Science and Religion will bring anthropologists, theologians, philosophers and other academics together for three years to study whether belief in a divine being is a basic part of mankind’s makeup.

“‘There are a lot of issues. What is it that is innate in human nature to believe in God, whether it is gods or something super-human or supernatural?’ said Roger Trigg, acting director of the center.

“He said anthropological and philosophical research suggests faith in God is a universal human impulse found in most cultures around the world, even though it has been waning in Britain and Western Europe.

“‘One implication that comes from this is that religion is the default position, and atheism is perhaps more in need of explanation,’ he said.

“The study will be funded by the John Templeton Foundation, a U.S. based philanthropic organization that funds wide-ranging research into questions that deal with the laws of nature and issues of spirituality.”

—*The Washington Times*, February 20, 2008, p. A12

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

### ANNOUNCING SUMMIT’S NEW WEBSITE

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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, Teen Track, Orlando, FL, May 22-24



❑ “America’s family trends held steady in 2004, with most American children living with their married biological parents, a new federal report says.

“In the 1970s, U.S. family trends went through major changes, but since the 1990s, ‘for the most part, it’s pretty level,’ said Rose M. Kreider, author of the Census Bureau report, ‘Living Arrangements of Children: 2004,’ released yesterday.

“The health of the American family remains a hot topic in social science. But researchers generally agree that a cultural acceptance of premarital sex, birth control, no-fault divorce, women entering the work force, unwed co-habiting, unwed childbearing and single parenting, as well as welfare laws that discouraged poor families from having ‘a man in the house,’ all have been big influences.

“Yesterday’s report said that in 2004 almost 70 percent of the nation’s 73 million children lived with two parents, while about 27 percent lived with one parent. A small minority of children lived with someone other than their parents, most often grandparents or other relatives.

“The most popular family type remained the nuclear family: Nearly 43 million children, or 58 percent, lived with their married biological parents.

“The number of children in two-parent homes swelled even larger, to 51 million, when adoptive parents were added in.

“Another 19 million children lived in single-parent homes, nearly 17 million with their mothers.

“Of the 2.8 million children who lived without any parent, 1.5 million lived with grandparents and another 641,000 lived with other relatives.

“Last year, the federal government reported that 4.2 million children were born in 2006—the most since 1961—and the total fertility rate rose to the healthy population-replacement rate of 2.1 children per woman.”

—Cheryl Wetzstein, *The Washington Times*, February 21, 2008, p. A4

❑ “The British government has cleared the way for husbands with multiple wives to claim welfare benefits for all their partners, fueling growing controversy over the role of Islamic Shariah law in the nation’s cultural and legal framework.

“Bigamy is outlawed in Britain, but authorities have never prosecuted Muslim men who have legally married more than one woman abroad and continued to live with them after immigrating. Shariah permits men to have up to four wives at one time.

“Now, after a review that began in November 2006, a panel of four government departments has decided that all the wives of a Muslim man may collect state benefits, provided that the marriages took place in a country where multiple spouses are legal.

“Neither the review nor the decision was announced publicly, and their discovery by newspapers late last month triggered an uproar in the largely Christian nation—a fury exacerbated by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams’ remark last week that some aspects of Islamic law could be embraced within Britain’s legal system.

“Archbishop Williams, the spiritual head of the world’s 77 million Anglicans, refused to back down from the idea yesterday, but admitted at a meeting of the church’s General Synod, or parlia-

ment, that the remark had been ‘clumsy.’

“The furor contributed to a sense of unease about Islam after the September 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States and the suicide bombings by Muslims on London’s bus and rail system that killed 52 commuters three years ago.

“The proposed use of taxpayer money to support multiple wives of Muslim men—a figure that one estimate puts at up to \$20 million a year—has provoked widespread anger, particularly since bigamy is a crime in Britain, punishable by up to seven years in prison.

“Although exact figures are unavailable, government ministers have estimated that up to 1,000 polygamous marriages exist in Britain.

“A report in London’s *Daily Mail* newspaper estimated that a Muslim man with four wives could claim up to \$20,000 in income support and qualify for an even bigger cash payout if his expanded family needed a bigger house.

—Al Webb, *The Washington Times*, February 12, 2008, p. 1

❑ “The European Union has gradually fallen into the paralyzing embrace of appeasement. A year ago, the Brussels-based Eurocrats issued a classified handbook that banned ‘jihad,’ ‘Islamic,’ and ‘fundamentalist,’ when referring to terrorism. ‘Anti-Islamic’ is one of the substitutes on offer. ‘Jihadi fundamentalists’ is now a sinful expression. Instead try ‘Violent extremism.’ Hello.

“Where is all this going? Not far enough, according Rowan Williams, the archbishop of Canterbury, chief prelate of 77 million Anglicans. Pandering took on a new dimension when the archbishop played devil’s advocate on behalf of jihadi fundamentalists. His new canon: Applying portions of Islamic law (the Shariah) to Great Britain (home to 1.8 million Muslims out of the 61 million British population) ‘seems unavoidable’ because not all British Muslims relate to the existing legal system. So when Muslims can go to a Muslim civil court, the poor dears need not face ‘the stark alternatives of cultural loyalty or state loyalty.’

“Polygamous marriages are now recognized in the United Kingdom. New tax rules allowed multiple wives to inherit tax-free as long as the wedding vows were contracted where polygamy is legal.

“Mercifully, Archbishop Williams set off a caterwaul from John O’Groats to Lands End, and from right to left. The *Sun* editorialized, ‘it’s easy to dismiss [him] as a silly old goat. In fact, he’s a dangerous threat to our nation.’ The archbishop was told he was

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

With Summit's two-week summer sessions right around the corner, I have been pondering this question: Why would parents or grandparents consider giving an academic experience like Summit's to their children or grandchildren when there are so many other exciting things to do during the summer months?

The answer, of course, is preparation! Christian young people need to be prepared to defend their Christian faith against the inevitable and relentless attacks against it before they go off to just about any college or university in the country. Summit Ministries' two-week courses provide precisely the preparation they need.

Figuring out what is happening today on our college (and even high school) campuses is not difficult. In January I was in Australia for a Summit session conducted on the campus of Deakin University. In the campus bookstore hung a large poster of Richard Dawkins and a promo of his book *The God Delusion*. I asked if the bookstore also carried Alister McGrath's *The Dawkins Delusion* or John Lennox's *God's Undertaker*, but of course the answer was no. Only the works of atheists such as Dawkins are deemed important! This fact alone should alert all Christians to the necessity of being prepared to handle the atheistic ideas of Dawkins, Hitchens, Harris, and others of their ilk. (Hitchens, in fact, claims that we humans are mere quasi-chimpanzees. If our minds (including Hitchens') are no better than the minds of monkeys, why should we pay any attention to their atheistic ideas?)

Summit Ministries is more than ready to meet the challenge of preparing Christian students to understand the worldviews they will meet in America's colleges and universities. We contend that Christian students should be better prepared than their non-Christian contemporaries not only to understand but also to challenge the worldviews that compete for their allegiance. Christian students should be prepared to give reasons for their faith and to defend it without being ashamed of Christ and His gospel.

Summit Ministries has been in existence for 46 years to meet this exact need. We happen to agree with Hugh Hewitt who says in his timely little book *In, But Not Of*, "The reality for all Christians is the obligation to equip themselves for their greatest impact and to seek every opportunity to increase that impact."

Our goal is to assist Christian young people in making wise choices with their lives, including their educational choices. Why

throw away the Christian values instilled by Christian parents and possibly even a Christian day school when confronted with the idea in a psychology class that we have no soul? Or in a biology class that insists that life arrived spontaneously? Or in a philosophy class that insists that knowledge is culturally created and not discovered or that all ethics are relative?

A few years back Martin Rees wrote a book entitled *Just Six Numbers*. His point was that six numbers define and describe the whole physical universe. We at Summit contend that Christian students need to understand just six worldviews to have a fairly sophisticated idea of what makes the world go around. These worldviews are explained and dissected at each of Summit's eleven two-week conferences by a faculty that would make most other youth programs pale into insignificance.

Therefore, let me challenge you, our faithful readers and supporters, to encourage the Christian teens you know who are planning to attend college to come first to a Summit session this summer—to prepare themselves for college. This summer, we are running seven sessions in Colorado, two in Tennessee, one in Ohio, and one in Virginia. Now is the time to prepare! Check out the schedule for these four locations in this issue of *The Journal*.

One more thing: For churches seeking the perfect gift to give their graduating seniors, let me suggest a two-week Summit session—an experience they will never forget and will appreciate beyond measure in years to come.

Four Summit graduates who attended a semester at Oxford University are pictured below. Summit-Oxford begins in earnest this September and is open to Summit graduates who are college juniors, seniors or graduates.



Matthew Foote (Cedarville University), Courtney Edmonds (Cedarville University), Ryan Gleason (George Mason University), Tim Dean (University of Dallas) and your editor.

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in the wrong church.

“Yet he still found favorable echoes on the Continent. The Dutch justice minister said, ‘If two-thirds of the Dutch population should want to introduce the Shariah tomorrow, then the possibility should exist.’ Liberal German judges have invoked the Koran in divorce cases.

“Imposing Shariah law in Europe is a clearly stated objective by Islamist extremists settled in Europe with European ID and passports. European reactions are eerily reminiscent of a naïve appeaser with an umbrella who flew to Munich in 1938—a journey that led to 60 million deaths in World War II.

—Arnaud de Borchgrave, *The Washington Times*, February 16, 2008, p.A9

□ “Islam has a new convert. Some will be surprised, but I am not. The newest convert to the religion of the unshaven face is Archbishop Rowan Williams. Archbishop Williams has been the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church in the United Kingdom. However, after his Feb. 7 interview on the BBC, I think we can all agree he is not so much a spiritual leader as a spiritual capitulator.

“In his wonderfully woolly-headed interview, derived from a public lecture delivered by him at the Royal Courts of Justice, the archbishop called on his countrymen to arrive at ‘constructive accommodation’ with Islamic Shariah law. According to his calculations, inclusion of Shariah law into the British code of law is ‘unavoidable.’ Thus if you are visiting London in the future and you appear in a British court, do not be surprised if it is presided over by a smiling mullah.

“Actually, it is not clear what Archbishop Rowan knows about Shariah law, and in his BBC interview he admitted, ‘I’m no expert on this.’ Nonetheless, he is calling for the institutionalization of Islam into at least some areas of his country’s legal code. Doubtless soon the forward-looking archbishop will be seen lugging a prayer rug over to his local mosque at the appointed hours—his wife in tow, veiled and obedient. Shariah law can be pretty demanding.

“In some countries where this legal code—first formulated sometime in the seventh century—is followed, it enjoins, among other atrocities, the stoning of adulterers, the amputation of body parts, and a kind of female subjugation unimaginable to even the most ardent Western male chauvinist pig.

“By the way, Shariah law even takes into consideration pigs, as well as mortgages, couture and the care of household pets, which are discouraged. As for pigs, they are considered ‘unclean.’ In most countries where Shariah law rules, a ham on rye is malum prohibitum—pardon my Latin. As I say, Shariah law can be pretty demanding.

“This brings me to a matter that Islam’s most recent celebrity convert seems not to understand. Shariah law is socially, politically, and legally, all-embracing. It is not simply a religious faith, as are various forms of Christianity. It is a polity. As Peter G. Riddell, a theologian at the *Kairos Journal*, wrote in response to Archbishop Williams on the Web site of the *American Spectator*, Shariah law ‘is a system that insists on society’s compliance in every sector of human activity: legal, religious, economic, politi-

cal, and social. Although Muslims may disagree on how to implement Islam as the total package, they do not disagree that Islam is much more than just a private expression of religious belief.’ So Archbishop Williams, you have had your last ham sandwich and forget the pigs knuckles. They are completely off the menu.”

—R. Emmett Tyrell, Jr., *The Washington Times*, February 15, 2008, p. A17

□ “The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, moves from one controversy to another; from approval of same-sex marriage (a position from which he has since moved, after a split in the worldwide Anglican church), to a proposal that Islamic Shariah law should coexist with British common law. In a radio interview, Archbishop Williams said integration of parts of Muslim law in Britain is ‘unavoidable.’

“After an uproar, Lambeth Palace sought to clarify the archbishop’s remarks, saying he was not advocating, ‘parallel jurisdiction to the civil law.’

“But some other people are advocating just such a thing. *The Washington Times* reports that the British government has cleared the way for Muslim men with more than one wife to be able to claim welfare benefits for all their partners. The qualifier is that the multiple marriages must have taken place in countries where polygamy is legal. Having more than one wife is illegal under British law.

“According to the Council on Foreign Relations, under Shariah law, a Muslim husband ‘has the unilateral right to divorce his wife without cause. He can accomplish this by uttering the phrase “I divorce you” three times over the course of three months. Classical Shariah lays out very limited conditions under which a woman can divorce a man.’

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*, February 15, 2008, p. A17

□ “Open Doors USA has released its 2008 World Watch List documenting the level of Christian persecution around the world. North Korea, where somewhere between 200,000 and 500,000 Christians reside, remains the worst nation for Christian persecution. North Korea is now joined in the top 10 by China which, between its preparations for the Beijing Olympics in August and its treatment of Christian refugees from North Korea, has seen its human rights record deteriorate this past year. Jerry Dykstra, Media Relations Director for Open Doors USA, gives us a rundown of this year’s report including some good news of nations that are improving their treatment of Christians. He also provides more information on the prayer focus for the upcoming Olympics and North Korean Freedom Week which begins April 26.”

—*Concerned Women for America Alert*, February 21, 2008

□ “Foundry United Methodist Church in the District announced it will recognize same-sex unions in special ceremonies, becoming one of a handful of Methodist congregations in the country to do so.

“Foundry’s February newsletter says the nearly 200-year-old church will host services that honor same-sex unions that ‘include testimonials from their friends and loved ones.’ The new policy went into effect Feb. 1.



“‘It’s an attempt to be ecclesiastically obedient while at the same time offering pastoral care to our members,’ the Rev. Dean Snyder, senior pastor, said in the article. The newsletter described Foundry as having a ‘large gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender membership’ and as a ‘leader in making the United Methodist Church more inclusive.’”

“In an effort to skirt the denomination’s 1996 ban on homosexual unions, Mr. Snyder said a same-sex ‘marriage’ itself must be conducted off-site but that the sanctuary at 16th and P streets in Northwest could host a worship service to honor the event.”

—Julia Duin, *The Washington Times*, February 15, 2008, p. A3

❑ “The founder of a popular Kentucky Christian museum that rejects evolution says in a new book that Charles Darwin’s theory fuels racism and genocide.

“Ken Ham, who opened the Creation Museum last year, and co-author Charles Ware, president of Crossroads Bible College in Indianapolis, have written *Darwin’s Plantation: Evolution’s Racist Roots*, arguing that the theory inspired the Nazi belief in racial superiority and the murderous policies of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin.

“‘What Darwinian evolution did I would say is provide what people thought was a scientific justification for separation of races,’ Mr. Ham said.

“He is not the first to try to tie Darwin to racism. The argument has been made for years.

“It came up last month in arguments about the science curriculum at a South Carolina state school board meeting. In 2001, Louisiana’s legislature considered a bill that said Darwin supported racist ideologies.

“David L. Schultz, associate professor of biology at Nicholls State University in Louisiana, said Darwin was egalitarian and had a history of speaking out against slavery.

“‘Darwin was not a racist,’ he said.

“Mr. Ham runs the Christian group called Answers in Genesis and has already made an impact with his \$27 million high-tech museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, south of Cincinnati.

“The complex has attracted more than 300,000 visitors with exhibits that treat the Bible’s creation story as natural history and contend that evolution theory is wrong because it contradicts the Old Testament. The Creation Museum asserts that Earth is just a few thousand years old, dinosaurs coexisted with man and Adam and Eve were the first humans.

“In the new book, Mr. Ham said that Darwin’s theory that natural selection caused gradual biological changes over time, puts some races ‘higher on the evolutionary scale’ and others ‘closer to the apes.’

“‘Although racism did not begin with Darwinism, Darwin did more than any person to popularize it,’ he wrote.

“He further contended that the theory fanned the flames of ‘ethnic superiority.’

“‘Stalin, Hitler and Mao were responsible for the deaths of tens of millions—and it can be shown they did this because of the influence of Darwinian naturalism...,’ he wrote.”

—Dyland T. Lovan, *The Washington Times*, February 9, 2008, p.A8

❑ For Journal readers interested in this issue we recommend a careful reading of Richard Weikart’s *From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics, and Racism in Germany*. For a work that puts many pieces together including Darwin, Hitler, Galton, Margaret Sanger, Eugenics, evolution, etc., we suggest Edwin Black’s *War Against the Weak: Eugenics and America’s Campaign to Create A Master Race*.

❑ “In the 1850s, agnostic English philosopher Herbert Spencer published *Social Statics*, asserting that man and society, in truth, followed the laws of cold science, not the will of a caring, almighty God. Spencer popularized a powerful new term: ‘survival of the fittest.’ He declared that man and society were evolving according to their inherited nature. Through evolution, the ‘fittest’ would naturally continue to perfect society. And the ‘unfit’ would naturally become more impoverished, less educated and ultimately die off, as well they should. Indeed, Spencer saw the misery and starvation of the pauper classes as an inevitable decree of a ‘far-seeing benevolence,’ that is, the laws of nature. He unambiguously insisted, ‘The whole effort of nature is to get rid of such, and to make room for better.... If they are not sufficiently complete to live, they die, and it is best they should die.’ Spencer left no room for doubt, declaring, ‘all imperfection must disappear.’ As such, he completely denounced charity and instead extolled the purifying elimination of the ‘unfit.’ The unfit, he argued, were predestined by their nature to an existence of downwardly spiraling degradation.

“As social and economic gulfs created greater generation-to-generation disease and dreariness among the increasing poor, and as new philosophies suggested society would only improve when the unwashed classes faded away, a third voice entered the debate. That new voice was the voice of hereditary science.”

—Edwin Black, *War Against The Weak*, p. 12

❑ “In 1859, some years after Spencer began to use the term ‘survival of the fittest,’ the naturalist Charles Darwin summed up years of observation in a lengthy abstract entitled *The Origin of Species*. Darwin espoused ‘natural selection’ as the survival process governing most living things in a world of limited resources and changing environments. He confirmed that his theory ‘is the doctrine of Malthus applied with manifold force to the whole animal and vegetable kingdoms; for in this case, there can be no artificial increase of food, and no prudential restraint from marriage.’

“Darwin was writing about a ‘natural world’ distinct from man. But it wasn’t long before leading thinkers were distilling the ideas of Malthus, Spencer and Darwin into a new concept, bearing a name never used by Darwin himself: *social Darwinism*. Now social planners were rallying around the notion that in the struggle to survive in a harsh world, many humans were not only less worthy, many were actually destined to wither away as a rite of progress. To preserve the weak and the needy was, in essence, an unnatural act.”

—Edwin Black, *War Against The Weak*, p. 12, 13

❑ “More than a Malthusian, [Margaret Sanger] became an outspoken social Darwinist, even looking beyond the ideas of

Spencer. In her 1922 book, *Pivot of Civilization*, Sanger thoroughly condemned charitable action. She devoted a full chapter to a denigration of charity and a deprecation of the lower classes. Chapter 5, 'The Cruelty of Charity,' was prefaced by an epigraph from Spencer himself: 'Fostering the good-for-nothing at the expense of the good is an extreme cruelty. It is a deliberate storing up of miseries for future generations. There is no great curse to posterity than that of bequeathing them an increasing population of imbeciles.'

"Not as an isolated comment, but on page after page, Sanger castigated charities and people they hoped to assist. 'Organized charity itself,' she wrote, 'is the symptom of a malignant social disease. Those vast, complex, interrelated organizations aiming to control and to diminish the spread of misery and destitution and all the menacing evils that spring out of this sinisterly fertile soil, are the surest sign that our civilization has bred, is breeding and is perpetuating constantly increasing numbers of defectives, delinquents and dependents. My criticism, therefore, is not directed at the "failure" of philanthropy, but rather at its success.'

"She condemned philanthropists and repeatedly referred to those needing help as little more than 'human waste.' 'Such philanthropy...unwittingly promotes precisely the results most deprecated. It encourages the healthier and more normal sections of the world to shoulder the burden of unthinking and indiscriminate fecundity of others; which brings with it, as I think the reader must agree, a dead weight of human waste.'"

—Edwin Black, *War Against the Weak*, p. 129

❑ "Those who put a high value on words may recoil at the title of Jonah Goldberg's new book, *Liberal Fascism*. As a result, they may refuse to read it, which will be their loss—and a major loss. Those who value substance over words, however, will find in this book a wealth of challenging insights, backed up by thorough research and brilliant analysis.

"This is the sort of book that challenges the fundamental assumptions of its time—and which, for that reason, is likely to be shunned rather than criticized. Because the word 'fascist' is often thrown around loosely these days as a general term of abuse, it is good that *Liberal Fascism* begins by discussing the real fascism, introduced into Italy after the First World War by Benito Mussolini.

"The fascists were completely against individualism in general and especially against individualism in a free market economy. Their agenda included minimum wage laws, government restrictions on profit-making, progressive taxation of capital, and 'rigidly secular' schools.

"Unlike the communists, the fascists did not seek government ownership of the means of production. They just wanted the government to call the shots as to how businesses would be run. They were for 'industrial policy,' long before liberals coined that phrase in the United States. Indeed, the whole fascist economic agenda bears a remarkable resemblance to what liberals would later advocate.

"Moreover, during the 1920s 'progressives' in the United States and Britain recognized the kinship of their ideas with those of Mussolini, who was widely lionized by the left. Famed British novelist and prominent Fabian socialist H.G. Wells called

for 'Liberal Fascism,' saying 'the world is sick of parliamentary politics.'

"Another literary giant and Fabian socialist, George Bernard Shaw, also expressed his admiration for Mussolini—as well as for Hitler and Stalin, because they 'did things,' instead of just talk.

"In Germany, the Nazis followed in the wake of the Italian fascists, adding racism in general and anti-semitism in particular, neither of which was part of fascism in Italy or in Franco's Spain. Even the Nazi variant of fascism found favor on the left when it was only a movement seeking power in the 1920s.

"W.E.B. DuBois was so taken with the Nazi movement that he put swastikas on the cover of a magazine he edited, despite complaints from Jewish readers.

"Even after Hitler achieved dictatorial power in Germany in 1933, DuBois declared that the Nazi dictatorship was 'absolutely necessary in order to get the state in order.' As late as 1937 he said in a speech in Harlem that 'there is today, in some respects, more democracy in Germany than there has been in years past.'

"In short, during the 1920s and the early 1930s, fascism was not only looked on favorably by the left but recognized as having kindred ideas, agendas and assumptions. Only after Hitler and Mussolini disgraced themselves, mainly by their brutal military aggressions in the 1930s, did the left distance themselves from these international pariahs.

"Fascism, initially recognized as a kindred ideology of the left, has since come down to us defined as being on 'the right'—indeed, as representing the farthest right, supposedly further extensions of conservatism. If by conservatism you mean belief in free markets, limited government, and traditional morality, including religious influences, then these are all things that the fascists opposed just as much as the left does today.

"The left may say that they are not racists or anti-Semites, like Hitler, but neither was Mussolini or Franco. Hitler, incidentally, got some of his racist ideology from the writings of American 'progressives' in the eugenics movement.

"Jonah Goldberg's *Liberal Fascism* is too rich a book to be summarized in a newspaper column. Get a copy and start rethinking the received notions about who is on 'the left' and who is on 'the right.' It is a book for people who want to think, rather than repeat rhetoric."

—Thomas Sowell, *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, February 13, 2008, p. A16

❑ Your editor can not recommend *Liberal Fascism* too highly. For years Summit has taught its students that fascism and nazism are leftwing ideologies, not rightwing ideologies. Goldberg more than proves this point. In reality it was the Communists and Frankfurt School that cleverly painted conservatives as fascists and Nazis. Both Mussolini and Hitler were carved out of the leftwing of the political spectrum. *Liberal Fascism* more than verifies what an earlier work *The Great Deceit: Social Pseudoscience* set out to prove. *The Great Deceit* (A Veritas Foundation Staff study directed by Zygmund Dobbs) early on identified George Bernard Shaw and H.G. Wells as part of the Fabian Socialists movement. It was this movement that helped spawn the liberal, leftwing socialist movement in this country.



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