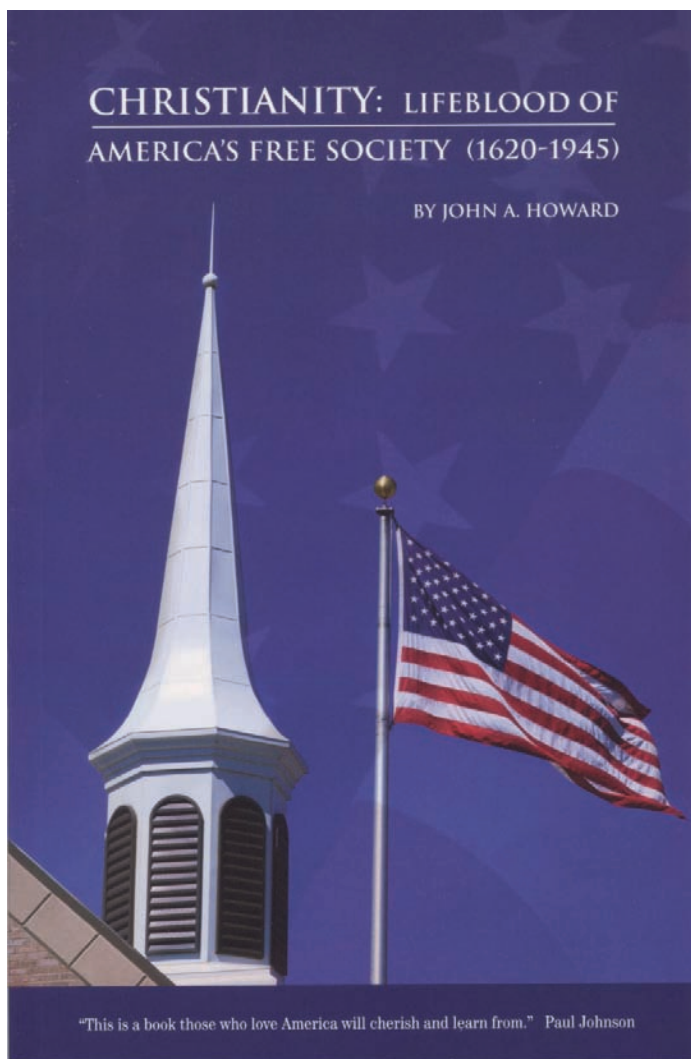


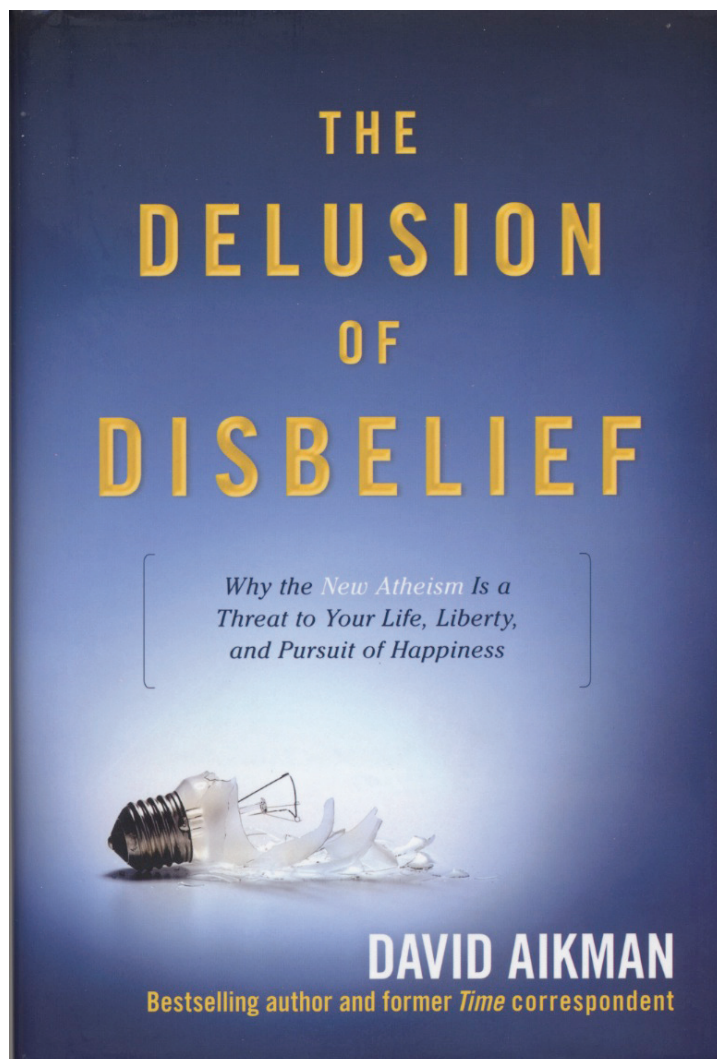


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"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"

—John 14:6

MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

“Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?’

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

“If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.”

“Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’

“Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.”

—John 14:1-11

❑ “There is an activity of God displayed throughout creation, a wholesale activity let us say which men refuse to recognize. The miracles done by God incarnate, living as a man in Palestine, perform the very same things as this wholesale activity, but at a different speed and on a smaller scale. One of their chief purposes is that men, having seen a thing done by personal power on the small scale, may recognize, when they see the same thing done on the large scale, that the power behind it is also personal—is indeed the very same person who lived among us two thousand years ago. The miracles in fact are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see. Of that larger script part is already visible, part is still unsolved. In other words, some of the miracles do locally what God has already done universally: others do locally what He has not yet done, but will do. In that sense, and from our human point of view, some are reminders and others prophecies.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, p. 29

❑ “Hope...means...a continual looking forward to the eternal world.... It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next.... It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 118

❑ “It is often asserted that Christian morality is no different than other ethical systems that are based on the Golden Rule. And it is

true that one can find pre-Christian examples of the same concept in the *Analecets of Confucius*, in the Mahabharata, the Dhammapada, the Udanavarga, and even the histories of Herodotus. Still, there are two errors in this argument because Christian morality is not based on the Golden Rule, and because the Golden Rule, which states that a man should not do to others what he would not have them do to him, cannot provide a basis for a functional moral system.

“Jesus Christ’s version of the Golden Rule, given in Matthew 7:12, is merely summary advice, not the basis of Christian morality. ‘So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.’ This is practical advice given in the context of a general admonishment and it cannot possibly be the essence of Christian morality, for in the very same chapter, Jesus informs his listeners that ‘only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven’ will enter that kingdom. He did not say, ‘only he who does to others what he would have them do to him.’ This mention of the Heavenly Father’s will, which also appears in the Lord’s Prayer, foreshadows the true foundation of Christian morality, which was articulated when Jesus answered an expert in Jewish law in Matthew 22:37:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’

“Obviously, a moral system based on loving the Lord your God and obediently submitting your will to His is a very different moral system and a far more objective one than the Golden Rule,

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which is not only entirely subjective, but incapable of accounting for either rational calculation or human psychopathy. It provides no moral basis to criticize a man for crawling into Adriana Lima's bed unannounced so long as he harbors no desire to bar Miss Lima from doing the same to him, and sanctions a thief to steal on the grounds of a belief that he wouldn't miss that which was stolen were the thief himself the prospective victim. The Golden Rule is also too easily transformed into the idea of doing unto others as you believe they wish to do unto you, which was the basis for the Holocaust as well as Sam Harris's proposed ethic of mass murder in preemptive self-defense."

—Vox Day, *The Irrational Atheist*, p. 259, 260

❑ Editor's Note: For Summit *Journal* readers looking for a point by point refutation of the unholy trinity of atheists Dawkins, Harris and Hitchens, I highly recommend Vox Day's *The Irrational Atheist*. My only major disagreement is his embracing of Open Theism. Notice how he handles the atheists' charge that religion causes war!

❑ "Religion makes enemies instead of friends. That one word, 'religion,' covers all the horizon of memory with visions of war, of outrage, of persecution, of tyranny, and death.... Although they have been preaching universal love, the Christian nations are the warlike nations of the world."

—Robert Green Ingersoll, qtd. in *The Irrational Atheist*, p. 97

❑ "A glance at history, or at the pages of any newspaper, reveals that ideas which divide one group of human beings from another, only to unite them in slaughter, generally have their roots in religion. It seems that if our species ever eradicates itself through war, it will not be because it was written in the stars but because it was written in our books...."

—Sam Harris, qtd. in *The Irrational Atheist*, p. 98

❑ "I [Vox Day] had barely begun separating the teetering stacks of books dedicated to ancient and medieval warfare when Charles Phillips and Alan Axelrod fortuitously happened to publish their three-volume *Encyclopedia of Wars*, a massive 1,502-page compendium compiled by nine reputable professors of history, including the director of the Centre of Military History and the former head of the Centre for Defence Studies, of what amounts to a significant percentage of all the wars that have taken place throughout recorded human history.

"At the risk of providing significantly more ammunition to those who argue that religion causes war and invariably cite 1) The Crusades, 2) The Wars of Religion, and 3) The Thirty Years' War, here is a list of all the wars that the authors of the *Encyclopedia of Wars* saw fit to categorize as religious wars for one reason or another....

"That is 123 wars in all, which sounds as if it would support the case of the New Atheists, until one recalls that these 123 wars represent only 6.98 percent of all the wars recorded in the encyclopedia.

"The encyclopedia chronicles 1,763 wars in all recorded human history.... Religious faith very seldom causes war, either implicitly or explicitly. God is not the problem."

—Vox Day, *The Irrational Atheist*, p. 97[f]

❑ Editor's Note: For a full-length book on the subject of war and religion I highly recommend Meic Pearse's *The Gods of War: Is Religion The Primary Cause of Violent Conflict?* published by InterVarsity Press in 2007.

❑ "The godless and supposedly scientific creeds have proven to be far bloodier than their religious antecedents, precisely because they have no basis for any doctrine of the preciousness of each person. As Leon Trotsky, one of the Russian revolutionary leaders, put it, 'We must put an end once and for all to the papist-Quaker babble about the sanctity of human life.' Trotsky, himself of Jewish background, had chosen his 'papist-Quaker' epithet well. 'Papist' was shorthand for Western, over against which Russians, who were overwhelmingly Orthodox, had long identified themselves; 'Quaker' stood for foreign sectarian. But, despite the careful nationalist positioning of his chosen terminology, Trotsky's real target was the Judeo-Christian tradition itself. Later in the century, the same point was made by the Latin American Communist guerrilla leader Che Guevara (1928-1967), whose romantic image has been ceaselessly used as adolescent affectation of chic violence. In 1956, he wrote to his mother from a Mexican jail, 'I am no Christ, nor a philanthropist. I am the very opposite of Christ.... I will fight with all the arms within reach.' The teaching of Jesus was inseparable from the philanthropy (the love of human beings for their own sake) to which he referred, and this was an insuperable obstacle to crushing one's enemies."

—Meic Pearse, *The God of War*, p. 30, 31

❑ "It's not hard to demonstrate that Richard Dawkins has been almost as successful in remaining as ignorant of world history as he has of warfare. He betrays an astonishing lack of knowledge about the Spanish Civil War or the atrocious acts of the previous century's most notorious atheists when he declares with great confidence:

"I do not believe there is an atheist in the world who would bulldoze Mecca—or Chartres, York Minster or Notre Dame, the Shwe Dagon, the temples of Kyoto or, of course, the Buddhas of Bamiyan."

"Mr. Mikhail Mashin, the director of the ZIL, has built a thriving business on the refutation of this particular [Dawkinsian] myth. Under Soviet rule, ZIL made cars, but the competition ZIL faced from Western automotive manufacturers after the fall of the Soviet Union forced the company to creatively explore other markets. ZIL

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From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

By the time you receive this issue of *The Journal*, we will be well into our first two-week summer session of 2008 in Colorado. This is my 46th year of heading this fantastic ministry, and while there have been bumps and bruises along the way, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed these 46 years and would do it all over again if given the opportunity. I believe my wife, Alice, surely concurs. Working with Christian young people has been a wonderful challenge as well as a great encouragement for the future of the Christian gospel and its many ramifications.

I encourage each *Journal* reader at this moment in history to make arrangements for a high school junior or senior (or a college student) to attend a Summit session this summer. Due to this year's economic situation, we are about 100 students behind last year's enrollment, and we need to make up this number. You can help! We're looking for serious students who aren't afraid of reading a book or listening to mind-stretching lectures. They might be in your family, your church, your school, or your neighborhood. If each of you who is reading this charge would be responsible for just one student, not only would we have 11 full sessions, we'd also create a pool of talent for future Summit programs such as Summit Semester and Summit Oxford.

To convince you that a Summit experience is the right choice for the young people you know, let me share a letter from one of our 2007 graduates, K. Van D.: "I had the privilege of joining you during session four 2007. Coming as a skeptic I did not have very high expectations, but after a few days I was hooked! I could not believe it was possible to jam pack our days with such a healthy balance of learning, fellowship, and recreation. Not to mention the food! Summit has given me a life-changing education that has already affected my decisions for the future, drastically.

"The teaching was amazing but it was not the only aspect of Summit that God used to strengthen my walk. Meeting like-minded Christians my own age who sincerely desired to love and serve the Lord completely was very refreshing to say the least. I never thought the environment of honesty and spiritual growth I encountered at Summit would have been possible within a group of my peers. As you can see I cannot say enough good things about the ministry God has given you!

"You probably cannot remember my name, but it if helps I was in Jessie and Carissa's small group and also sang with the student-led worship team. I do not know what the requirements are to be a camp counselor for Summit but I am interested in providing you with some free labor! I would be very appreciative if you could let me know of any available opportunities. Thank you for allowing God to do great things through you! With love," --K. Van D

Christendom, as you know, is locked in a cultural struggle for the hearts and minds of youth. But it's more than a cultural conflict—it's a spiritual battle for their very souls. Therefore, I challenge you to join us in finding and encouraging the right students to attend our two-week summer programs, our three-month fall Summit Semester (up to 30 students), and Summit Oxford beginning this fall.

Here is an observation to consider: Jewish people make up 1.8 percent of the American population, but 40 to 60 percent of the professions in this country. Evangelical Christians make up well over 30 percent of the American population. What are evangelical Christian teenagers doing? Watching Saturday morning cartoons and weekday afternoon soap operas? Playing video games and getting hooked on reality TV? Getting high or low on drugs? Bed-hopping (as Josh McDowell puts it)? How are our finest Christian young people spending their time?

We need to get serious and Christian young people need to get serious as we face the great challenges of the twenty-first century. Summit Ministries is here for young people—to prepare them intellectually and spiritually to understand the important issues of our day and to make right choices. Help us recruit the right students. Make it your priority to help them attend a Summit summer session.

Looking ahead, we also need to recruit 30 topnotch recent high school graduates to spend three months with Dr. Michael Bauman and other scholars at our Pagosa Springs campus for Summit Semester this fall from September to early December. The purpose of Summit Semester is to prepare students for college or university life.

This coming September is also the official beginning for Summit Oxford where college juniors, seniors, or graduates travel to Oxford University for a semester of study. Kevin Bywater, a longtime Summit professor, will supervise these students.

Although not mentioned here, Summit Ministries offers Christian worldview programs and curricula for nearly every age group—from elementary school to junior high to senior high—in addition to our two-week summer programs, Summit Semester, and Summit Oxford. Please help the young people you know take advantage of these great educational challenges. Summit Ministries stands with Hugh Hewitt who says, "The reality for all Christians is the obligation to equip themselves for their greatest impact and to seek every opportunity to increase that impact."

now manufactures church bells because there is a booming business in church construction due to the fact that from 1917 to 1969, the atheist Soviets destroyed 41,000 of Russia's 48,000 churches, including Christ the Savior Cathedral, a Moscow landmark that was built to commemorate the defeat of Napoleon's invasion. This massive destruction of religious art and architecture was neither ideological nor political in nature, it was *The God Delusion* in action, a material atheist argument for the nonexistence of God.

"During early Soviet times, thousands of churches, monasteries and convents across the country were destroyed by the Bolsheviks in their drive to cleanse the Soviet Union of religion.... Across the country, bells were pushed from their belfries and destroyed. Russian author Inna Simonova calls it the 'aggressive atheism' that was practiced by the Bolsheviks to sway Russians. 'They said, 'Look, you believe in God, and yet we've thrown these bells off the roof and nothing has happened,'" said Mrs. Simonova....

"The empirical evidence simply blows away another of Richard Dawkins's ontological arguments. Dawkins isn't just wrong, he is spectacularly incorrect. In place of the 41,000 Soviet churches destroyed between 1917 and 1969 I could have as easily cited any of the many thousands of historical examples of similar behavior in atheist-run Spain, Poland, Romania, or East Germany to prove that not only are there many atheists in the world who have done exactly what Dawkins believes to be inconceivable, but that architectural devastation is far more likely to be committed by atheists than by the believers of all the various religions in the world combined. Dawkins's mention of the 'temples of Kyoto' is especially ironic, considering the way in which atheists have been responsible for destroying 7,000 temples and monasteries in Tibet, 440 of the 500 Buddhist temples in North Korea, and 240 of the 700 Buddhist temples in Vietnam. The only reason that Mecca, York Minster, and Notre Dame survive today is that they are located in nations where atheists have not possessed control of the government for an extended period of time.

—Vox Day, *The Irrational Atheist*, p. 143, 144

❑ "The Cuban government sent a soccer team to Florida. Seven members of that team promptly sought asylum. Cubans tend to do this, when they get a chance. They can't vote in free elections at home, so they vote with their feet. They vote when they head out into shark-infested waters, risking death. How do the many apologists for Cuban Communism account for this? They don't really. They just bluster and accuse. The totalitarian nature of Cuban society is shamefully undernoticed. By the way, years ago, a Cuban ballet troupe came to New York. And, as someone remarked, they all defected, 'including the swan.'"

—*National Review*, April 7, 2008, p. 10

❑ "Lord Acton was convinced that there were 'some twenty or thirty predominate currents of thought or attitudes of mind' that provided the structure of modern history and held the key to explaining it. The majority of these ideas, he thought, were 'either religions or substitutes for religion.'"

—Robert Schuettinger, *Lord Acton: Historian of Liberty*, p. 174

❑ "When Barack Obama won the 'Chesapeake primary,' he held a victory rally at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. 'And where better to affirm our ideals than here in Wisconsin, where a century ago the progressive movement was born?' Obama proclaimed. He may not have realized how fitting his rhetorical question was. The progressives, too, believed they were poised to transcend. They too spoke of politics in religious terms and of religion in political terms. Richard Ely, the most influential progressive intellectual, long ensconced at the University of Wisconsin, believed that redemption was no longer an individual enterprise but a collective endeavor dependent upon the actions of the State. 'In Ely's eyes,' writes historian Jean B. Quandt, 'government was the God-given instrument through which we had to work.... He thought of government as God's main instrument of redemption; and he defined the needed "religious revival" in the cities as a deepening sense of ethical obligation on the part of the citizenry.' Ely's post-millennial 'Christian sociology' allowed him to cherry-pick both the Bible and Darwin to forge a kind of Marxist messianism in which both science and Scripture endorsed his 'new nationalism.'

"Ely claimed to have come to his vision of religion via his study of economics."

—Jonah Goldberg, *National Review*, April 7, 2008, p. 34

❑ "Moreover, when God is no longer the measure of man, man—or mankind—becomes the object of worship. (It shouldn't surprise us that Herbert Croly, the indispensable intellectual of modern liberalism, was literally baptized into Auguste Comte's 'Religion of Humanity,' in which great scientists and statesmen were designated 'saints.')

When there is no power other than 'people power,' worship of people power becomes the new faith. Members of the movement worship themselves. Or, in Voegelin's words, they 'build the *corpus mysticum* of the collectivity and bind the members to form the oneness of the body.' Or again, in Barack Obama's words, we quite become the ones we've been waiting for. There is where progressivism meets populism. Populism, after all, is ultimately a form of narcissism in which an individual's self-regard and self-pity are multiplied by the population of the mob. My grievances become *our* grievances, and the satisfaction of grievance is the only true measure of what is right. As Willie Stark says to the masses in *All the King's Men*, 'Your will is my strength, and your need is my justice.' In a rightly ordered society, such sentiments are better directed toward God than toward a throng of angry supplicants.

"Obamania is doomed to fail for the same reason all such movements are doomed to failure: You can't create a heaven on earth. You can't immanentize the eschaton. The perfect life, if it exists at all, must be found in the next life. But even though utopian dreams are forever out of reach, there's no reason for us to assume that people won't always strive for them. Such is both the audacity, and the folly, of hope."

—*Ibid.*, p. 36

❑ Editor's Note: For a full treatment of both Ely and Croly and their role in the "progressive liberal" movement, see Jonah Goldberg's excellent work *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning*. For insight into the role Richard Ely played at the University of Wisconsin (my alma mater) see *The Great Deceit: Social Pseudo-Sciences* by Zygmund Dobbs.

❑ “No nation influenced American thinking more profoundly than Germany. W. E. B. DuBois, Charles Beard, Walter Weyl, Richard Ely, Nicholas Murray Butler, and countless other founders of modern American liberalism were among the nine thousand Americans who studied in German universities during the nineteenth century. When the American Economic Association was formed, five of the six first officers had studied in Germany. At least twenty of its first twenty-six presidents had as well. In 1906 a professor at Yale polled the top 116 economists and social scientists in America; more than half had studied in Germany for at least a year. By their own testimony, these intellectuals felt ‘liberated’ by the experience of studying in an intellectual environment predicated on the assumption that experts could mold society like clay.

“No European statesman loomed larger in the minds and hearts of American progressives than Otto von Bismarck. As inconvenient as it may be for those who have been taught ‘the continuity between Bismarck and Hitler,’ writes Eric Goldman, Bismarck’s Germany was ‘a catalytic of American progressive thought.’

“Indeed, few figures represent the foreign, particularly German influence on Progressivism better than [Woodrow] Wilson himself. Wilson’s faith that society could be bent to the will of social planners was formed at Johns Hopkins, the first American university to be founded on the German model. Virtually all of Wilson’s professors had studied in Germany—as had almost every one of the school’s fifty-three faculty members. But his most prominent and influential teacher was Richard Ely, the ‘dean of American economics,’ who in his day was more vital to Progressivism than Milton Friedman or Friedrich Hayek have been in modern conservatism. Despite his open hostility to private property, and his fondness for what would today be called McCarthyite politics, Ely was not a top-down socialist like Bismarck. Rather, he taught his students to imagine a socialism of spirit that would replace laissez-faire from within men’s hearts. Ely eventually moved to the University of Wisconsin, where he helped found the ‘Wisconsin model’—a system still admired by leftist intellectuals whereby college faculties help run the state.”

—Jonah Goldberg, *Liberal Fascism*, p. 94, 95

❑ “American socialists or sociologists were faced with a special legal tradition derived from the English Common Law, reinforced by American constitutional principles. (This tradition was first crystallized in the Magna Carta in 1215.) The aim was to decentralize the powers vested in the central government, and to safeguard individuals and communities from harassment by the Head of State and his agents. Also, ‘...it protected every individual of the nation in the free enjoyment of his life, his liberty, and his property, unless declared to be forfeited by the judgment of his peers or the law of the land.’

“The American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, and the United States Constitution carried on the principles of Magna Carta and the English Common Law. The original impetus of the movement for independence in the American colonies came from the desire of the early Americans to enjoy the same rights as those accorded to Englishmen in the mother country. They then extended these individual rights to a degree unmatched at any time anywhere else in the world.

“In order to deal properly with the relationship of socialism to law, we must restate the problem as it appeared to the socialists.

All left-wingers, whether socialists, communists, fascists or nazis are confronted with an established superstructure of law—courts, decisions and legislation. Our civilization in the course of many centuries of bloodshed and sacrifice had evolved a tradition and process of law calculated to protect the rights of the individual against the incursions of government. People often forget that individual rights were wrested only by slow degrees from medieval tyranny. Socialists would have us believe that a return to bureaucracy stands for something new and progressive. Actually it is the oldest form of oppression known to man. The only thing new about contemporary socialists and communists is that they now have at their disposal modern tools of oppression and armament, plus scientific technology, which enable them to torture and brainwash their victims more effectively.

“This socialistic coterie [Ward, Small, Ross, etc.] then proceeded to penetrate the textbook publishing outlets. At the turn of the century Ely [University of Wisconsin] became the editor of the Macmillan Citizens Library of Economics, Politics and Sociology, as well as the Macmillan Social Sciences Textbook Series. He was thus able to filter socialistic ideas into almost every college and university in the United States. Among the socialistic personalities who wrote textbooks in this series were British Fabian socialist John A. Hobson, American Fabian socialist Charles Zueblin, Fabian socialist Jane Addams, and Edward Allsworth Ross, the socialist manipulator of jurisprudence who became pro-communist before his death.

“The socialist professors and teachers within the universities not only reflected German socialistic doctrines, but began to be used by British Fabian socialists who saw in America potential raw material for Fabian manipulations.”

—Zygmund Dobbs, *The Great Deceit*, p. 285[f]

❑ “Nearly the entire liberal elite, including much of FDR’s Brain Trust, had made the pilgrimage to Moscow to take admiring notes on the Soviet experiment. Their language was both religiously prophetic and arrogantly scientific. Stuart Chase reported after visiting Russia in 1927 that unlike in America, where ‘hungry stockholders’ were making the economic decisions, in the Soviet Union the all-caring state was in the saddle, ‘informed by battalions of statistics’ and heroically aided by Communist Party officials who need ‘no further incentive than the burning zeal to create a new heaven and a new earth which flames in the breast of every good Communist.’”

—Jonah Goldberg, *Liberal Fascism*, p. 102

❑ “That same year two of America’s leading New Deal economists, Rexford Guy Tugwell and Paul Douglas, pronounced themselves awed by the Soviet ‘experiment.’ ‘There is a new life beginning there,’ Tugwell wrote in his report. Lillian Wald visited Russia’s ‘experimental schools’ and reported that John Dewey’s ideas were being implemented ‘not less than 150 per cent.’ Indeed, the whole country was, for liberals, a giant ‘Laboratory School.’ Dewey himself visited the Soviet Union and was much impressed. Jane Addams declared the Bolshevik endeavor ‘the greatest social experiment in history.’ Sidney Hillman, John L. Lewis, and most of the other leaders of the American labor movement were effusive in their praise of ‘Soviet pragmatism,’ Stalin’s ‘experiment,’ and the ‘heroism’ of the Bolsheviks.

“W.E.B. DuBois was thunderstruck. ‘I am writing this in Russia,’ he wrote back to his readers in the *Crisis*. ‘I am sitting

in Revolution Square... I stand in astonishment and wonder at the revelation of Russia that has come to me. I may be partially deceived and half-informed. But if what I have seen with my eyes and heard with my ears in Russia is Bolshevism, I am a Bolshevik.'

"DuBois offers a good illustration of how fascism and communism appealed to the same progressive impulses and aspirations. Like many progressives, he'd studied in Germany in the 1890s and retained a fondness for the Prussian model. An anti-Semite early in his career—in 1924 his magazines started carrying a swastika on the cover, despite complaints from Jewish progressives—DuBois applied for a grant in 1935 from an organization with known ties to the Nazis that was run by a well-known Jew hater who'd dined with Joseph Goebbels. He truly believed the Nazis had a lot of great ideas and that America had much to learn from Germany's experiment in National Socialism (though later, DuBois denounced Nazi anti-Semitism)."

—*Ibid.*, p. 102, 103

❑ "In a major shift, a group of Southern Baptist leaders said their denomination has been 'too timid' on environmental issues and has a biblical duty to stop global warming.

"The declaration, signed by the president of the Southern Baptist Convention among others and released today, shows a growing urgency about climate change even within groups that once dismissed claims of an overheating planet as a liberal ruse. The conservative denomination has 16.3 million members and is the largest Protestant group in the United States.

"The signers of 'A Southern Baptist Declaration on the Environment and Climate Change' acknowledge that not all Christians accept the science behind global warming. They said that they do not expect fellow believers to back any proposed solutions that would violate Scripture, such as advocating population control through abortion.

"However, the leaders said that current evidence of global warming is 'substantial,' and the threat is too grave to wait for perfect knowledge about whether, or how much, people contribute to the trend.

"We believe our current denominational resolutions and engagement with these issues have often been too timid,' according to the statement. 'Our cautious response to these issues in the face of mounting evidence may be seen by the world as uncaring, reckless and ill-informed. We can do better.'

"No one speaks on behalf of all Southern Baptists, who leave decision-making to local churches. Yet, the signatories represent some of the top figures in the convention.

"Among them are the denomination's president, the Rev. Frank Page of South Carolina; two former presidents, the Rev. James Merritt of Georgia and the Rev. Jack Graham of Texas; and the Rev. Ronnie Floyd of Arkansas, who helped conservatives solidify control of the denomination in the 1970s and 1980s.

"Also backing the effort are presidents of three prominent Baptist-affiliated schools: David Dockery of Union University in Tennessee; Timothy George of Samford University's Beeson Divinity School in Alabama; and Danny Akin of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in North Carolina. More than 35 people signed the statement.

"Supporters plan to collect more signatures for the declaration through baptistcreationcare.org and encourage congregations to advocate for environmental protection.

"Even before yesterday's statement, religious activism on climate change had broadened beyond just liberal-leaning churches. But many of the most conservative Christians, including some Southern Baptist leaders, remained skeptical, and vigorously challenged evangelical environmentalists.

"The last Southern Baptist statement on global warming was issued at the denomination's 2007 annual meeting, which approved a statement questioning the belief that humans are largely to blame for climate change and warning that increased regulation of greenhouse gases will hurt the poor."

—*The Washington Times*, March 10, 2008, p. A6

❑ Editor's Note: Before any more Southern Baptists are deceived by 'global warming' and before any more sign any petition, each needs to check out the "Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine—Global Warming Petition Project" on Google and discover that over 20,000 scientists say man-caused global warming is essentially a hoax.

❑ Editor's Note: What is so difficult to see and comprehend is that the international socialist greens are pushing global warming as an excuse for stronger government control and ultimately world government. Check out every left wing, socialist communist website and discover (oh-la) that all are preaching the global warming hoax. Go to Google and type in "Communist Party USA" and read all about how "greedy capitalistic pigs" are responsible for the destruction of the planet. Incidentally, it wasn't too long ago when we discovered it was the socialists in Eastern Europe who were in fact the true destroyers of the environment. No one mentions this today. Read Paul Kurtz and the 2000 Humanist Manifesto: "Global warming is probably on the increase, in part as a consequence of atmospheric carbon-dioxide emissions," etc. Note the word 'probably'! Let's look at it again.

❑ "Contrary to media hysteria about polar bears facing extinction, polar bear expert Dr. Mitch Taylor notes: 'Of the 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number.' Indeed the current polar-bear population of 20,000-25,000 is four to five times the population of 50 years ago."

—*The New American*, March 31, 2008, p. 17

❑ "We're in a cooling trend. The sun has gone quiet. Those guys in Canada and Russia are talking about an ice age; they've probably gone over the edge, but they have a point. The sun is in a very quiet phase. A cooling trend is under way.

"South America has had the worst winter in 50 years. China has had the worst winter in 50 years. The United States is having a real old-fashioned winter. Alaska just finished one of the worst cold spells in a couple of decades—I didn't see any press on it at all, but it was 40 below for seven days straight in Fairbanks. Another Alaskan community had 72 below, some of the coldest weather they've ever seen in modern times in Alaska. The Arctic ice cap that we heard all about melting last summer is frozen up."

—John Coleman, Founder, Weather Channel, *The New American*, March 31, 2008, p. 20



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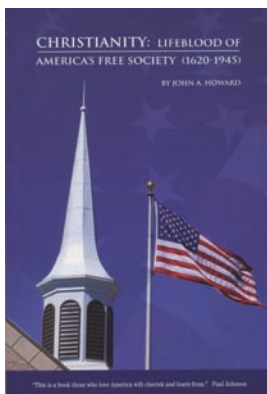
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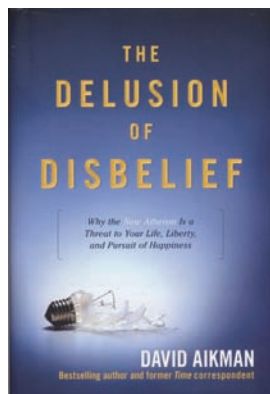
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