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From left to right: Ted Reese, David and Alice Noebel, Phil Kayser, Julie Hays, Jeff Myers, Mike Mandt, Tony Jeffrey, and Mark Brezina.

“Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth. ... A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; the simple pass on and are punished.” Proverbs 27:1, 12

## MONTH IN REVIEW

❑ “Six things the LORD hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

—Proverbs 6:16-19

❑ “No doubt most stories of miracles are unreliable, but then, as anyone can see by reading the papers, so are most stories of all events. Each story must be taken on its merits: what one must not do is to rule out the supernatural as the one impossible explanation.”

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*, p. 27

❑ “You have to choose between trusting to the natural stability of gold and the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the government. And, with due respect to these gentlemen, I advise you, as long as the capitalist system lasts, vote for gold.”

—George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

❑ “Destroyers seize gold and leave to its owner a counterfeit pile of paper. This kills all objective standards and delivers men into its arbitrary power of an arbitrary setter of values. Gold was an objective value, an equivalent of wealth produced. Paper is a mortgage on wealth that does not exist, backed by a gun aimed at those who are expected to produce it.”

—Ayn Rand

❑ “‘The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

—Haggai 2:8

❑ “By a continuous process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. The process engages all of the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction, and does it in a manner that not one man in a million can diagnose.”

—John Maynard Keynes

❑ “In a concluding essay [in the book *Lessons From the Poor* edited by Alvaro Llosa], Joshua C. Hall and Russell S. Sobel write, ‘Entrepreneurship is the catalyst for economic growth and progress.’ Note, *the* catalyst, not *a* catalyst. They continue, ‘A primary determinant of entrepreneurship is economic freedom.’ I hate to sound like a global-warming hard-liner, but the case is closed—or pretty much so. There is scarcely any need for extended debate. We know what works in defeating poverty: entrepreneurship, the rule of law, transparency in government, low taxation, light regulation, a disinterested judiciary—freedom.

“If that is so, why do socialists and kleptocrats do so well at ballot boxes, even when the elections are fair? Well, as Jeane Kirkpatrick once explained—to an exasperated and inquiring Bill Buckley on *Firing Line*—the rhetoric of socialism and collectivism can be stronger than the rhetoric of economic freedom. More

alluring. And it is certainly more easily mixed with demagoguery. In addition, people may shy from entrepreneurship, even from opportunity. Thomas Edison once said, ‘Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.’”

—*National Review*, June 30, 2008, p. 51

❑ “The *Wall Street Journal* is keeping an eye on the U.N. The General Assembly elected Miguel d’Escoto its president. And it made the government of Burma one of its vice presidents. Remember d’Escoto? Think back to Sandinista days: He was their foreign minister. In 1985, he won the Lenin Prize, and it was richly deserved. As for the Burmese government, it has been busy denying its stricken citizens humanitarian aid—because the aid comes from foreigners, such as Americans. It may be that the U.S. could not have blocked these actions. Still, we wonder: Is the U.S. being as vigilant as it was when John Bolton was our U.N. ambassador?”

—*National Review*, June 30, 2008, p. 8

❑ “AIDS has undoubtedly been the most politicized disease in history. A key feature of its politicization was the claim that without massive funding for prevention programs, the disease would escape into the general population from its bases among homosexual men and needle-using drug addicts. Heterosexuals were all under threat, we were told, along with their spouses and children. No one was safe! Yet as the years have passed, no heterosexual outbreak occurred except in sub-Saharan Africa, which has its own peculiar problems. Now the World Health Organization is conceding that there is unlikely to be a heterosexual epidemic outside of Africa in the future, either. Apologies should be sent to Michael Fumento, whose book *The Myth of Heterosexual AIDS* exposed the scam, to the outrage of AIDS activists, in 1990.”

—*National Review*, June 30, 2008, p. 10

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

### SUMMIT SPEAKERS IN YOUR AREA

#### Dr. David Noebel

Sept. 27, Code Blue Rally, Ft. Smith, AR

Sept. 28, Code Blue Rally, Oklahoma City, OK

Nov. 7-8, National Apologetics Conference, Charlotte, NC

Jan. 8-18, 2009, Summit Australia

March 1-6, 2009, Summit Adult/Educator’s Conference, Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, CO

#### John Stonestreet

Oct. 2-3, ACSI Bible CEU Course, Colorado Springs, CO

Oct. 16-17, ACSI Bible CEU Course, Minneapolis, MN

Nov. 6-7, ACSI Bible CEU Course, Phoenix, AZ

Nov. 8, Adult Worldview Seminar, Christ Community Church, Tucson, AZ

Nov. 17-21, YWAM Discipleship Training, Mazatlan, Mexico

### SPRING CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar for the spring conference in Colorado Springs, CO, March 1-6, 2009.

□ “Today’s subject concerns an idea that is absolutely *critical* to the success of Our godlessness: namely, how the believers’ capture of the moral high ground on certain issues—in particular, what they call the ‘life issues’—continues to deprive us atheists of the converts we deserve. I’ll start by discussing the particular leading ‘life’ issue where they’ve left us Brights in the p.r. dust: i.e., abortion.

“Now, let’s begin by noticing that there is such a thing as an atheist position on abortion—namely, that just about every Bright in history or currently in print is unanimously in favor of it. At first, I have to admit, I didn’t quite get why Everybody should be so North-Korean-election lopsided about this. After all, we atheists are supposed to be Freethinkers. We do disagree about some important things, like—well, like nothing I can think of offhand, but I’m sure there’s *something* We don’t all think alike about, somewhere. This issue isn’t one of them, though. You can scour almost all contemporary works on Our side, and find not a Molecule of difference on the question of the morality of abortion.

“It’s funny, isn’t it? Because even as recently as a few generations ago, at least a couple of people were apparently able to be atheists and anti-abortion at the same time. For example, two of the few influential Female atheists in history, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, were exactly that. Even Our spiritual anti-mother Margaret Sanger was apparently conflicted about the morality of abortion—or at least about abortion committed by white people. (Don’t worry! I would not *ordinarily* bring Margaret Sanger’s name into *anything*, at least not around the Dulls aware of Her work. We all know what a liability her flamboyant racism can be. See the excruciating *NRO* book excerpt by public enemy Jonah Goldberg this very week reminding Everybody of what we’d just as soon forget). For whatever reason, though, it appears that this kind of dissent in atheist thought just quit Evolving. By now, being anti-Loser is pretty much a proxy for being pro-abortion, and usually vice versa too.

—Mary Eberstadt, *The Loser Letter #7*

□ “Perhaps selling Big Macs and fries just wasn’t enough for McDonald’s. Now the largest fast-food chain in the world has added the gay agenda to its menu.

“In March, Richard Ellis, vice president of communications for McDonald’s USA, joined the board of directors for the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

“Following the election of Ellis to the group’s board, Heidi M. Barker said, ‘McDonald’s is indeed a corporate partner and organizational ally of NGLCC.’ Barker is senior director of media relations for McDonald’s.

“On its Web site, the NGLCC gave credit to sponsors such as McDonald’s for the financial support that helps in its work. ‘Through the commitment of our corporate partners, the NGLCC has been able to advance the ideas and causes of the LGBT business community,’ the group said. The amount of the financial support was undisclosed.

“‘Don’t let the name of the organization fool anybody,’ said Tim Wildmon, AFA president. ‘The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce may exist to help homosexuals in the business world, but it’s also a staunch supporter of the gay agenda.’

“The NGLCC lobbies members of Congress on issues such as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, hate crimes laws and measures seeking to elevate same-sex couples to the same status as married couples, according to its Web site.

“McDonald’s has long prided itself on its sense of corporate duty. At the company’s 2007 shareholder’s meeting, CEO Jim Skinner said, ‘Being a socially responsible organization is a fundamental part of who we are. We have an obligation to use our size and resources to make a difference in the world ... and we do.’”

—AFA Journal, May 2008, p. 1

□ “In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

“No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand. ’Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.”

—Stuart Townend

□ “There are three basic things that make people happy: *meaning* in their lives, *control* over their environment, and *success* in creating value in the world. And the way people get these things is not with money or power or fame—it is with their values. People who are serious about healthy values in their lives, families, and communities are much happier than others. The data say that these values come in eight categories: faith, family, personal liberty, private morality, non-materialism, opportunity, work, and service to others. Many journalists and academics dismiss these as just ‘cultural issues.’ But what happy Americans know is that *nothing* is more important than these things for building true happiness.”

—Arthur C. Brooks, *World* magazine, May 17/24, 2008, p. 22

□ “Faith is an incredible predictor—and cause—of happiness. Religious people of all faiths are much, much happier than secularists, on average. In 2004, 43 percent of those who attended a house of worship at least once a week said they were ‘very happy’ with their lives, versus 23 percent of those who attended seldom

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# From the President's Desk

Dr. David A. Noebel

It's August. It's the end of the summer, and we are preparing for two more Summit programs—Summit Semester and Summit Oxford. We've had wonderful 2-week Summit sessions in Colorado, Ohio, Virginia, and Tennessee. We now have a three-month program in the southern Colorado mountains near Pagosa Springs, and a three-month program for college students at Oxford University.

Indeed, Summit Ministries reaches students from 1st grade through graduate school. Please remember these students and staff in prayer. Our September *Journal* will highlight these various curriculums and programs, so it is not necessary to say anything further about them here.

I would be amiss, however, if I didn't once again publicly thank our faithful Summit supporters and friends of this work. I don't know what else I can say except thank you, thank you. You've made all this possible, and I am indeed thankful.

We've attempted by God's grace and mercy to structure this youth ministry into one that you can take pride (the good kind) in and recommend to all Christian teenagers for their education and spiritual experience.

Although I might not be saying this exactly right, let me close with a letter from a mother who does say it right.

“When my son was four years old, the spring of 1989, I heard

you interviewed on Focus on the Family radio program with Dr. James Dobson. Like Daniel in the Old Testament, I “purposed in my heart” to send my son to Summit Ministries before he started college. When we came to our son's Summit graduation ceremony in the summer of 2004, you told me that the first time you were interviewed on Focus on the Family was in 1989—the year I determined that my son would go to Summit Ministries. Initially, he was a little resentful that he didn't have a choice and that we were “making him go”. But, he loved the experience and benefited from the truth you presented. Wow. How can a mom tell you how much she appreciates your dedication and skill in this endeavor. How can she thank you for being an outside influence with great impact for the truth she so wanted to insure that her son would understand and live daily in this post-Christian culture.

Thank you for your wonderful work! The Summit Experience is life changing! A friend's son attended later in the 2004 summer and when he saw me in Wal-Mart, he thanked me profusely for telling his mom and providing such an amazing experience as he had at Summit. This young man said that he had no idea there was so much more to Christianity than he had ever known!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Sincerely and with blessings from the God who is there!”

—Dr. & Mrs. R.C., Big Spring, TX

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or never. The connection between faith and happiness holds regardless of one's particular religion. One major 2000 survey revealed that observant Christians and Jews, along with members of a great many other religious traditions were all far more likely than secularists to say they were happy.”

—*Ibid.*, p. 23

❑ “We hear from a lot of politicians these days that income inequality makes us unhappy. This is not correct. What makes people unhappy is the belief that they do not have opportunities to get ahead in life. What they often *complain* about, however, is income inequality. Studies show that when people feel economically mobile, they actually like income inequality even if they have less than others because it shows them what they can achieve. The irony is that when politicians fight income inequality they often lower economic mobility by wrecking the rewards to hard work. And this makes the real problem worse, not better.”

—*Ibid.*, p. 23

❑ “I can't stress enough that according to all the evidence, shoot-

ing for affluence or material comforts as a source of happiness is an error. As we see in the life and teachings of Christ and the prophets, happiness comes from an exercise of our good values, including a focus on service to others. Proper values are what bring a happy, well-ordered life. These things *also* bring prosperity. But to try to get personal happiness from material affluence is like trying to build a tall skyscraper by starting with the top floor.”

—*Ibid.*, p. 23

❑ “Religion poisons everything.”

—Christopher Hitchens, *god Is Not Great*

❑ “Just as food and gas inflation are adding more to the ranks of the poor, Catholic Charities opened the New Marian House soup kitchen in downtown Colorado Springs, expanding the number of homeless, hungry, destitute, and barely-getting-by people it can feed.

“The opening of New Marian House will be a blip in the news, and then it will go about its business mostly in silence, out of sight and mind for the vast majority of people fortunate enough to af-

ford restaurants and home-cooked meals. Every day, the charity will serve people in need simply because it's the right thing to do. Nobody will get rich; few will be thanked. It's just a gift, given in kindness, by the Catholic church.

"When you see people coming and going from the soup kitchen, keep in mind that private charities—most of them religious—form the foundation of our great country's social services network. They redistribute nothing by force. Rather, they ask for donations so others might eat and survive.

"Too often, the rare terrorist or the profiteering televangelist is used to characterize religion. The odd derelict preacher is far more noteworthy than the millions who live to pass on the wisdom of love, kindness, right, and wrong. The likes of Ted Haggard are outnumbered millions-to-one by humble, low-profile, poorly paid preachers, priests, rabbis, nuns, brothers, monks, imams, deacons, and anonymous religious volunteers and philanthropists.

"The New Marian House will quietly serve the poor, every day for years to come and will seldom make headlines. It will do the work government cannot and will not do. As it does so, thousands of similar religious organizations throughout the United States will do the same. The New Marian House should be a living reminder, in downtown Colorado Springs, how religious charities keep society livable, loving, and kind."

—*The Colorado Springs Gazette*, June 11, 2008, p. A16

□ "The real issue is simple—some people think that teenagers having sex is no big deal. That's where they're dead wrong.

"Literally 'dead' wrong, in some cases. The Centers for Disease Control recently announced a study showing that 40% of sexually active teenage girls already have one of four common sexually transmitted infections—and that list did not include HIV, syphilis or gonorrhea. Some of them already have the infection that will kill them, such as HIV or HPV, which causes cervical cancer. Teenagers who are sexually active are several times more likely to suffer from depression and to commit suicide than teenagers who are abstinent. Eighteen percent of American women will bear a child by the age of 18—and that's not including those who will abort their baby."

—Peter Sprigg, *The Washington Times*, May 13, 2008, p. A19

□ "Unlike much of the rest of the world, however, black people can and do succeed to the highest levels of success and freedom in American society because blacks and whites have fought and died for civil rights.

"It has been well over 100 years since anyone served as a state-sanctioned slave in the United States. Today, we're a country so successful that we have the luxury of peacefully debating issues like race-based affirmative action. We're so advanced that we have a multi-racial candidate leading the presidential campaign who's referred to as 'post racial'—whatever that means.

"Much of the world looks evil by comparison. In Africa, hundreds of thousands of black people live in slavery today, simply because they were born into the wrong tribes. In Mauritania, the United Nations estimates some 90,000 black Mauritians are enslaved by Arab Muslims. In Niger, which didn't outlaw slavery until 2003, 8 percent of the population remains enslaved.

Anti-Slavery International estimates some 27 million people live in slavery today, the largest number in history, mostly in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

"America isn't perfect and it's not entirely free. It's not always an easy place to be black. But it's arguably the best place in the world to be black, yellow, brown, white, or any other color for that matter. We are the greatest nation on earth because we are one people united by a desire for freedom. We're the land of the free and the home of the brave, as summed up in the only national anthem we need. We have a black national anthem. It's called 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

—*The Colorado Springs Gazette*, July 3, 2008, p. A14

□ "Speaking last month with Advocate.com—which describes itself as an 'LGBT' (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) news site—presidential candidate Barack Obama took a different approach to same-sex marriage than in 2004, when running for the U.S. Senate.

"'I'm a Christian,' Mr. Obama said then, 'and so although I try not to have my religious beliefs dominate or determine my political views on this issue, I do believe that tradition and my religious beliefs say that marriage is something sanctified between a man and a woman.' That statement, reported then by the Associated Press, came in a Sept. 24, 2004, interview with WBBM-AM radio in Chicago.

"In his interview with Advocate.com, published on April 10, Mr. Obama did not suggest Christian tradition was at the root of his own views on same-sex marriage, but he did suggest it was a root cause of 'homophobia'—as he criticized traditionalist African-American Christian clergy. 'There's plenty of homophobia to go around,' the interviewer said to Mr. Obama, 'but you have a unique perspective into the African-American community. Is there a...'"

"'I don't think it's worse than in the white community,' Mr. Obama responded. 'I think that the difference has to do with the fact that the African-American community is more churched, and most African-American churches are still fairly traditional in their interpretations of Scripture. And so from the pulpit or in sermons you still hear homophobic attitudes expressed. And since African-American ministers are often the most prominent figures in the African-American community, those attitudes get magnified or amplified a little bit more than in other communities.'

"When asked about his favoring 'civil unions' but not same-sex 'marriages,' Mr. Obama was quick to point out he understood why the 'LGBT' community wanted not only same-sex unions that were equal in law to marriage but also the word 'marriage.'

"'So, I strongly respect the right of same-sex couples to insist that even if we got complete equality in benefits, it still wouldn't be equal because there's a stigma associated with not having the same word, marriage, assigned to it,' he said.

"Despite his unwillingness to advocate the use of the word 'marriage' to describe the legalized same-sex unions he says he favors, Mr. Obama boasted he is in the top 1 percent of American politicians in advancing the 'LGBT' cause. 'And I think that it is absolutely fair to ask me for leadership,' he told Advocate.com, 'and my argument would be that I'm ahead of the curve on these issues compared to 99 percent of most elected officials around

the country on this issue.’

“Just how far ahead of the curve is he? In the *Advocate*, he noted that ‘I for a very long time have been interested in the repeal of DOMA,’ the Defense of Marriage Act. In a position paper, ‘On LGBT Rights,’ published by his campaign, it says Mr. Obama believes ‘we need to fully repeal the Defense of Marriage Act.’

“The practical effect of fully repealing DOMA would be to force all the other 48 states to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in Massachusetts and California, where the state supreme courts have now said same-sex marriage is a ‘right.’ That is because the main purpose of DOMA is to exempt states from having to recognize same-sex marriages contracted in other states as they would otherwise need to under the ‘Full Faith and Credit Clause’ of the Constitution.”

—Terence P. Jeffrey, *The Washington Times*, June 1, 2008, p. B4

❑ “For about 300 years Jupiter’s banded atmosphere has shown a remarkable feature to telescopic viewers, a large swirling storm system known as the Great Red Spot. In 2006, another red storm system appeared, actually seen to form as smaller whitish oval-shaped storms merged and then developed the curious reddish hue. Now, Jupiter has a third red spot, again produced from a smaller whitish storm. All three are seen in this image made from data recorded on May 9 and 10 with the Hubble Space Telescope’s Wide Field and Planetary Camera 2. The spots extend above the surrounding clouds and their red color may be due to deeper material dredged up by the storms and exposed to ultraviolet light, but the exact chemical process is still unknown. For scale, the Great Red Spot has almost twice the diameter of planet Earth, making both new spots less than one Earth-diameter across. The newest red spot is on the far left (west), along the same band of clouds as the Great Red Spot and is drifting toward it. If the motion continues, the new spot will encounter the much larger storm system in August. Jupiter’s recent outbreak of red spots is likely related to large scale climate change as the gas giant planet is getting warmer near the equator.”

—Astronomy Picture of the Day, May 23, 2008

❑ Editor’s Observation: As far as we know there is no human activity on Jupiter!

❑ “On May Day, Noah Keenlyside of Germany’s Leipzig Institute of Marine Science, published a paper in *Nature* forecasting no additional global warming ‘over the next decade.’

“Al Gore and his minions continue to chant that ‘the science is settled’ on global warming, but the only thing settled is that there has not been any since 1998. Critics of this view (rightfully) argue that 1998 was the warmest year in modern record, due to a huge El Nino event in the Pacific Ocean, and that it is unfair to start any analysis at a high (or a low) point in a longer history. But starting in 2001 or 1998 yields the same result: no warming.

“The Keenlyside team found that natural variability in the Earth’s oceans will ‘temporarily offset’ global warming from carbon dioxide. Seventy percent of the Earth’s surface is oceanic; hence, what happens there greatly influences global temperature. It is now known that both Atlantic and Pacific temperatures can

get ‘stuck,’ for a decade or longer, in relatively warm or cool patterns. The North Atlantic is now forecast to be in a cold stage for a decade, which will help put the damper on global warming. Another Pacific temperature pattern is forecast not to push warming, either.

“Science no longer provides justification for any rush to pass drastic global warming legislation.”

—Patrick J. Michaels, *The Washington Times*, May 16, 2008, p. A21

❑ Editors Note: For *Journal* readers who are interested in the subject of man-made global warming, let me recommend Roy W. Spencer’s, article “Global Warming and Nature’s Thermostat” at <http://www.weatherquestions.com/Roy-Spencer-on-global-warming.htm>. Spencer notes that Al Gore says humans puts 70 million tons of carbon dioxide (humans breathe!) into the atmosphere every day. What Gore doesn’t say is that mother nature puts 24,000 times that amount of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere everyday as well! It is called water vapor! While Dr. Spencer has been accused of being a shill for “Big Oil” he puts it like this: “ExxonSecrets.org notes that I have given talks on global warming at conservative think tanks like the Marshall Institute, implying that I have some sort of formal relation with them. In truth, I received no speaking fee for these talks, but I have been paid for giving talks for environmental organizations in several states. I wonder why ExxonSecrets.org doesn’t mention this comment to ‘Big Environmentalism’.” We all know the answer except perhaps a few misled Christians who wish to be politically correct and FOA (Friends of Al).

❑ “The Bad Astronomer doesn’t realize that science is undermining the basis for materialism:

“The energy budget of the Universe is the total amount of energy and matter in the whole cosmos added up. Together with some other observations, WMAP has been able to determine just how much of that budget is occupied by dark energy, dark matter, and normal matter. What they got was: the Universe is 72.1% dark energy, 23.3% dark matter, and 4.62% normal matter. You read that right: everything you can see, taste, hear, touch, just sense in any way ... is less than 5% of the whole Universe.

“In other words, even by its own lights, science and rational materialist philosophy is only relevant to five percent of what we currently consider to be all known Creation. Combined with its complete inapplicability to abstract concepts such as justice, equality, and freedom, this shows that even attempting to build a social order on a secular basis is not only doomed to failure, but is quite arguably insane.”

—Vox Day Website, Vox Popoli, March 8, 2008

❑ “Saturn’s moon Titan has hundreds of times more liquid hydrocarbons than all the known oil and natural gas reserves on Earth, according to a team of Johns Hopkins University scientists, adding to evidence that oil is not biological in origin.

“The scientists at the Laurel, Md., institution were reporting this week on data collected from NASA’s Cassini probe.

“Several hundred lakes or seas have been discovered, of which dozens are estimated to contain more hydrocarbon liquid

than the entire known oil and gas reserves on Earth,' wrote lead scientist Ralph Lorenz of the university's Applied Physics Laboratory in the Jan. 29 issue of the *Geophysical Research Letters*.

"Lorenz also reported dark dunes running along the equator cover 20 percent of Titan's surface, comprising a volume of hydrocarbon material several hundred times larger than Earth's coal reserves.

"Titan is just covered in carbon-bearing material—it's a giant factory of organic chemicals,' Lorenz wrote.

"Lorenz used the term 'organic chemicals' in the sense that hydrocarbons are traditionally included within the study of 'organic chemistry,' not to imply any of the hydrocarbons discovered on Titan are of biological origin.

"Commenting on the research findings, the European Space Agency said, 'Proven reserves of natural gas on Earth total 130 thousand million tons, enough to provide 300 times the amount of energy the entire United States uses annually for residential heating, cooling, and lighting.'

"WND previously reported NASA conclusions that the methane found on Titan is not of biological origin.

"We have determined that Titan's methane is not of biological origin, so it must be replenished by geological processes on Titan, perhaps venting from a supply in the interior that could have been trapped there as the moon formed,' Hasso Niemann of the Goddard Space Flight Center told reporters Nov. 30, 2005.

"Measurements were taken by the Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer, or GCMS, aboard the European Space Agency's Huygens Probe, which descended through Titan's thick atmosphere Jan. 14, 2005.

"Analysis of the GCMS findings determined that the methane on Titan was composed of Carbon-13, the isotope of carbon associated with abiotic origins, whereas living organisms have a preference for Carbon-12.

"NASA scientists examining the ratio of Carbon-13 to Carbon-12 in the methane on Titan did not observe the Carbon-12 enrichment in the methane of Titan that was associated with organic carbon on Earth, which is rich in Carbon-12.

"WND also reported scientists examining the liquid hydrocarbons exuding from vents in the Lost City hydrothermal field along the Mid-Atlantic Range at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean are abiotic in origin.

"The scientists examining the Lost City vents plan to return this summer to sample what they believe will be abiotic advanced hydrocarbon chains exuding from the vents, in addition to the simpler hydrocarbon chains, such as methane."

—Jerome R. Corsi, *Worldnetdaily*, February 15, 2008

□ Editor: Earth's gas and oil may well be of "geological processes" rather than "biological origin." If true, there will always be gas and oil available in spite of the scare that humans are depleting such resources.

□ "Georgetown University, the oldest Catholic University in the U. S., has hired lesbian Shiva Subbaraman to act as director for its new Homosexual Campus centre that is to be opened in the fall.

"Subbaraman was formerly the associate director of a homosexual equity office at the University of Maryland campus in

College Park. After the school threatened to cut funding for the office, Subbaraman started looking for a new job.

"The pro-homosexual newspaper, *The Washing Blade*, reports that Georgetown decided to start the LGBT Equity office after two 'anti-gay incidents' occurred on campus. In the first case a student was arrested and accused of assaulting a homosexual student and shouting anti-homosexual slurs at him. The case, however, was dropped due to lack of evidence. In the second incident campus police prevented a group of homosexuals from presenting a petition for the LGBT resource center to the university president. According to the *Blade*, the police said they were restricting access to the building due to the fact that there was a special event going on inside.

"Georgetown University, which is fully funding the new homosexual campus centre, including paying for two full time staff members, has been known to proclaim itself a Catholic institution while going out of its way to support things dramatically opposed to Catholic teaching, including abortion, homosexuality, and certain bioethical issues."

—*Life Site News*, June 5, 2008

□ "California officials have announced that the state will begin issuing same-sex 'marriage' licenses on June 17th. Unless the state Supreme Court agrees to stay its ruling until after the November election, when the people will have the opportunity to vote on a marriage protection amendment, marriage licenses in America's most populace state will no longer read 'Husband' and 'Wife,' but will instead list 'Party A' and 'Party B.' That's just the beginning.

"The words 'husband' and 'wife' will soon disappear from our lexicon altogether, having been banished as 'hate speech' as they are exclusionary and discriminatory. The words will be banned from textbooks because they might offend some parent whose child doesn't have a mother and a father, but instead two 'parties.'

"In response to an appeals court ruling brought by a homosexual couple 'married' in Canada, the governor of New York has just issued an executive order requiring the Empire State to recognize homosexual 'marriages' performed in other jurisdictions, such as California, Canada and Massachusetts. According to the *New York Times*, New York will be the only state that recognizes homosexual 'marriages' where homosexual 'marriage' is not legal. How can that be? In 2006, the state's highest court refused to recognize same-sex 'marriage' and rightly said the issue should be decided by the legislature.

"But the governor's action effectively circumvents the state's highest court, bows to foreign law, and violates the principle of separation of powers by superseding the legislature. Again, we are witnessing the advance of the homosexual agenda by the most undemocratic means possible. The governor of New York and the appeals court judges should be impeached.

"In response to earlier efforts to redefine the meaning of marriage, concerned citizens successfully passed marriage protection amendments in 27 states. All the amendments are subject to federal court review, which is probably coming sooner than we realize. To counter that threat, the pro-family movement has promoted a federal marriage amendment, but liberal Democrats in Congress have defeated it twice.



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“While I share the frustration of many conservatives over how weakly the amendment was supported by the president and Republican members of Congress, the sad fact is that even if every Republican senator had voted for the amendment, it still would have fallen ten votes short of the two-thirds super-majority required to pass because only two Democrats supported it. While the state marriage amendments have passed by an average vote of 69%, the meaning of marriage has regrettably become a partisan issue in Congress.”

—Gary L. Bauer, May 29, 2008

□ “In his new book, *The Really Inconvenient Truths: Seven Environmental Catastrophes Liberals Don't Want You to Know About Because They Helped Cause Them*, Iain Murray, senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, writes about the many ways liberals threaten the environment and endanger the species they claim to protect by depending on faulty or insufficient data.

“In the case of polar bears, the two bear populations that do appear to be in decline are in areas that have experienced global cooling between 1955 and 1995. Of the 13 polar bear populations in Canada, 11 are increasing, according to official Canadian sources.

“Furthermore, the much publicized case of the drowning polar bears, given such publicity by global guru and former Vice President Al Gore in *Earth in the Balance*, turns out to be one family of four bears stranded on a melting iceberg in the Barrow Sea. The family was photographed by an Australian student, who took the photo that has captured the passions of environmentalists around the world and caused Mr. Gore to argue that polar bears

are drowning in increasing numbers, according to ‘scientific studies.’

“According to the student, Amanda Byrd, who is by no means an environmental scientist, the bears ‘were on the ice when we found them and on the ice when we left. They were healthy, fat and seemed comfortable on their iceberg.’

“Like in many other such cases, the blame for the alleged predicament of the polar bears falls on global warming from rising greenhouse levels, which is supposed to cause the Arctic icecap to melt by 2040.

“These calculations of course do not take into account the fact that the temperature of the earth has not been rising for the past 10 years, nor that the portions of the polar ice cap that are melting (as some are, but not all of it) could be doing so for other reasons, such as changing currents.

“And so dubious science may cause vast policy changes that will certainly affect the American economy adversely. As for the polar bears—who knows what, if any, effects it will have on them?”

—Helle Dale, *The Washington Times*, May 14, 2008, p. A19

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