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**“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep.” —Acts 13:36**

# LISTENING IN:

quotes from today's leading Christian thinkers

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Understanding the outline of the history of the West is vital because it will allow you to make sense of the debates of today and tomorrow. It is an admission ticket to the debate.

Almost every serious person I have met in the twenty-five years that I have been at work in the world has had this outline down. He knew the stories of the Jews, the Greeks, the Romans, the Brits, and our own history. Not that there was a quiz. There never is a quiz. The quiz is always under way, and the inspection is ongoing.

The reality for all Christians is the obligation to equip themselves for their greatest impact and to seek every opportunity to increase that impact.

—Hugh Hewitt, *In, But Not Of*, pg. 6

The people who run businesses, governments, organizations—the world, in fact—are continually on the lookout for talent. Some talent can be specific, computer programming, for example, or Spanish translation. But leadership is always looking for the next generation of leadership, and that is not a specific talent. It is a package of skills and disciplines, one of which is intellectual curiosity. This curiosity is the first ingredient of leadership.

How do leaders recognize this curiosity in the next generation? If job seekers haven't been curious enough to figure out how we came to be here and why we have become the people we are, it is hardly likely that their curiosity is other than a personal sort. Harsh, but true. Next candidate please.

—Hugh Hewitt, *In, But Not Of*, pg. 4



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# A WORD FROM YOU:

*thoughts from Summit graduates and parents*

What a blessing to be reconnected after so many years! I have fond memories of my formative visits to The Summit in 1966–67. Since then I went to medical school (University of Washington, Seattle) followed by training in Family Medicine and General Surgery. After many short term trips to Haiti, I married a wonderful woman I met there (a Canadian missionary who served in Haiti for 8 years before our marriage). Early in our marriage, we served in Rwanda for 6 years, as well as together in Haiti for two years. We were not able to return to Rwanda after the genocide and due to some health issues spent 7 years in the States. The Lord quite dramatically called us to Ethiopia in 2000, where we have been working for the past 8 years. We serve with SIM (Serving in Mission, formerly Sudan Interior Mission), my wife as a librarian/educator at a MK School for 250 children, and I work in HIV/AIDS Prevention & Care with Protestant and Ethiopian Orthodox pastors/priests and educators. It is amazing to see how the Lord has opened doors to work with the Church, teaching a biblical message of sexuality and marriage in the midst of the AIDS Epidemic ravaging that country.

We have two adult children, Jonathan (23), who graduated last year from Spring Arbor University in Southern Michigan and a daughter Rebekah (21), who is a senior at SAU this year.

May God continue to bless and strengthen you for the important work you do. I'm grateful that my parents encouraged me to attend the Summit during the formative years of high school. The only "downside" of that experience was that it helped me learn to think and I've experienced much frustration over the past 40 years interacting with people who seem to lack that ability. In His Service,

—Dr. Tim T.,  
*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

David, after 40 years...it was a great honor to come back to the Christian think tank that helped me in 1966 and 1967 think about a Christian Worldview (before that it was a notion)...your focus and consistent message is rare to find these days. Gail and I have three children (all of whom graduated from Santa Fe Christian Schools and used your "Understanding the Times" text their senior year)...Dr. Krista works in Colorado Springs with the US Olympic Committee, Stephanie is finishing her CPA licensing in California and will soon be an RN and Sarah is finishing her senior year at Cal State...majoring in Sociology. Gail and I and perhaps Sarah hope to come to the March Summit meeting for Adults... and will continue to promote the Summit here in San Diego. Thanks,"

—Steve & Gail  
*Solana Beach, CA*

Doc, A friend sent their son, Chris S., to Summit, Colorado last month. He came home so excited that he is planning to return next year with his brother who is in Iraq.

Thanks for all you do there at The Summit. I can't think of a better place to invest for the future.

—Steve & Cindy B.  
*New Palestine, IN*



## Introducing Summit Ministries Alumni Association

Summit Ministries is establishing a Summit Alumni Association to network the over 25,000 like-minded graduates of our worldview training. The relational and professional opportunities among our alumni are vast. Establishing this association will allow alumni to:

- network with others across different fields of interest and expertise
- job hunt and/or locate quality employees who share a biblical worldview
- find and/or offer internship opportunities
- recommend clients to fellow trust alums
- find fellowship with others who share the biblical understanding of the world
- continue to assist Summit Ministries in fulfilling its mission and purpose

A secure website will facilitate this network. Keep an eye out for the grand launch early next year. In the meantime, please help us start this process by filling out the attached form with your updated information. If you are a parent of any alumni, please send us your child's or children's current contact information. If you have kept in touch with some of the Summit students from your session and have their contact information, please send that as well.

Summit was established in 1962 and has alumni scattered across the world in key positions of influence. Please help us create a powerful network of like-minded believers by filling out the attached form.



# from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

a word from Dr. Noebel

The September issue of *The Journal* presented the, projects and people making the Summit Ministries' vision a reality.

Since then, much has happened in our nation—all of which reminds me that Summit is on the right track. This includes the current economic crisis. See our Worldview comparison chart at [www.summit.org](http://www.summit.org), especially the economics section, for proof of this!

Americans finally realize debt has its limits, and lying and cooking the books is not good policy. However, plenty of guidance was given a few thousand years ago about how to avoid the type of financial Armageddon happening before our very eyes!

Listen carefully to straightforward recommendations and warnings of the Old Philosopher who had no idea what hedge funds consist of or how they spread terror around the world:

"Wealth obtained by fraud will dwindle, but whoever earns it through labor will multiply it." Prov. 13:11

"Truth stands the test of time, lies are soon exposed." Prov. 12:19

"Ill-gotten gains do not profit anyone, but right-doing rescues from death." Prov. 10:2

"A greedy man is in a hurry for wealth, he doesn't know that poverty will come to him." Prov. 28:22

"The person who runs to get rich quick will only get into trouble." Prov. 28:20

"Better a poor man who lives with integrity than a rich man who distorts right and wrong." Prov. 28:6

"Dishonest scales are detestable to the LORD." Prov. 11:1

"Honest balances and scales are the Lord's; all weights in the bag are His concern." Prov. 16:11

The wisdom of the ages cries out to our contemporary predicament, but will we admit it? My hope and prayer is that this national crisis—fast turning into a world crisis—will turn each of us back to first principles, including the concept of truth itself. According to the Old Philosopher, "Truth stands the test of time" (Proverbs 12:19)—and this includes financial and economic truth.

Can we all now admit truth is not relative? Can we agree morals—doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong—really matter?

Many foresaw our present financial meltdown (Martin Weiss, Richard Maybury, Don McAlvany, and others). However, I am reminded of a book written by Summit alum Steven G. Austin: *Life After Enron: Not Business as Usual—Rise of the New Ethics Class*.

Austin's concern in 2004 was with Enron, WorldCom, and HealthSouth, but his book also tells the truth about our present condition with the likes of Bear Stern, Washington Mutual, and Lehman Brothers. Austin and co-author Mary Steelman contrast the wisdom of Proverbs with the foolish practices of the financial community. Their obvious conclusion is the United States is headed for destruction if we don't change our ways.

Austin proposes a game plan on how to emerge from this crisis. It includes the basic Christian principals of honesty, integrity, ethics, and of course, proper auditing procedures.

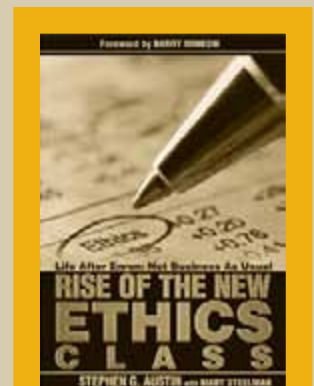
I never thought I'd be reading a book about the importance of "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles," but I read it carefully and agree the best principles come straight from the Bible. (For example, see Exodus 38:21–23.) Information on ordering Austin's book from Summit Ministries is below.

We maintain economics—the so-called boring subject—is an important component in a biblical Christian worldview. It warrants more attention from Christians in the classroom and from the pulpit.

In light of the importance of the truth, told thousands of years ago by the wise Old Philosopher, and mentioned above, economics, like every area of life, can and should glorify God.

Finally, despite the discouraging economic news, many Summit supporters have made generous and sacrificial gifts over the last few weeks to help Summit continue changing the hearts and minds of our youth. Many thanks to those who make our work possible through their prayers and financial support in the midst of these difficult times!

You are among those who do not acquiesce to moral laxity, but follow the Old Philosopher and the solid Wisdom of the ages!



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# A LOOK AT OUR WORLD

highlights from this month's world news

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## GLOBAL WARMING

Those who make human behavior their business aim to make living "green" your business.

Armed with new research into what makes some people environmentally conscious and others less so, the 148,000-member American Psychological Association is stepping up efforts to foster a broader sense of eco-sensitivity that the group believes will translate into more public action to protect the planet.

"We know how to change behavior and attitudes. That is what we do," says Yale University psychologist Alan Kazdin, association president. "We know what messages will work and what will not."

During a four-day meeting that begins today in Boston, an expected 16,000 attendees will hear presentations, including studies that explore how people experience the environment, their attitudes about climate change and what social barriers prevent conservation of resources.

—Sharon Jayson, USA Today, August 13, 2008

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London, August 4 (ANI): New evidence uncovered by UK's Met Office has revealed that the world went through a period of global warming in the 1730s that could not have been man-made, as indicated by logs from the ships of Captain Cook and Lord Nelson.

According to a report in The Sun, the Met office scoured more than 6,000 Royal Navy logs dating from the 1600s. 'Ships' officers recorded air pressure, wind strength, air and sea temperatures and other weather conditions. From these records, scientists can build a detailed picture of past weather and climate,' said Maritime historian Dr. Sam Willis.

The findings are startling.

They show we went through a similar period of global warming in the 1730s that could not have been man-made. Freak storms like the ones experienced recently also occurred in the 1680s and 1690s. They were the coldest decades in what is known as the Little Ice Age—so could not have been caused by global warming.

Cook mapped much of the Pacific before he was killed in Hawaii in a clash with the natives in 1779. Nelson, who maintained his ships' logs himself, covered the Arctic, West Indies, south east Asia and Mediterranean before his death

at the Battle Of Trafalgar off the coast of Spain in 1805. Other valuable records include those of the East India Company, which controlled much of the trade between Britain and Asia with its ships.

According to Geographer Dr. Dennis Wheeler, of Sunderland University, 'British archives contain more than 100,000 Royal Navy logbooks from around 1670 to 1850 alone. They are a stunning resource.'

Global warming is a reality, but our data show climate science is complex. It is wrong to take particular events and link them to carbon dioxide emissions. These records will give us a much clearer picture of what is really happening,' he added. (ANI)

—Newstrackindia.com, August 4, 2008



## SUMMIT SPEAKERS IN YOUR AREA

### DR. DAVID NOEBEL

**Nov. 7–8, 2008:** 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. 26, 2008:** Hillcrest Academy and Bethel Lutheran Church, Fergus Fall, MN

**Nov. 6–7, 2008:** ACSI Bible CEU Course, Phoenix, AZ

**Nov. 8, 2008:** Adult Worldview Seminar, Christ Community Church, Tucson, AZ

**Nov. 17–21, 2008:** YWAM Discipleship Training, Mazatlan, Mexico

### SPRING ADULT CONFERENCE

Mark your calendar for the Spring Adult Conference in Colorado Springs, CO, March 1–6, 2009.





## THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

WASHINGTON (*Reuters*)—at least 56,000 people become infected with the AIDS virus every year in the United States—40 percent more than previous estimates, according to a report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC stressed that actual infection rates have not risen but said better methods of measuring newly diagnosed infections and extrapolating these to the general population led to the higher estimates.

“CDC’s first estimates from this system reveal that the HIV epidemic is—and has been—worse than previously known. Results indicate that approximately 56,300 new HIV infections occurred in the United States in 2006,” the CDC said in a statement.

This figure is roughly 40 percent higher than CDC’s former estimate of 40,000 infections per year, which was based on limited data and less precise methods. Globally, 33 million people are infected with the human Immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS and 2 million die of it each year. The CDC estimates roughly 1 million Americans are infected with the virus. Dr. Kevin Fenton, who heads CDC’s AIDS branch, said 15,000 to 18,000 Americans die every year of AIDS.

“The data really confirms that there is a severe impact of this epidemic among gay and bisexual men in the United States... as well as black men and women,” Fenton said in a telephone interview. More than 28,000 of the new infections are among men who have sex with men, the new estimates show. Close to 17,000 are among heterosexuals—and 15,000 of these are women.

“These data are confirming what we had known before,” Fenton said. “It also mirrors what we see about sexually transmitted diseases and changes in risk behavior among men who have sex with men.”

—Maggie Fox, *Reuters*, August 2, 2008

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“We understand that casual sex is dear to you, but staying alive is dear to us.”

The *Washington Post* provided a rare service on Monday, shining light on an unfolding scandal of deadly political correctness in Uganda. The quote above is from “Let My People Go, AIDS Profiteers,” an op-ed column in the *Post* by the Rev. Sam L. Ruteikara, co-chair of Uganda’s National AIDS-Prevention Committee.

Ruteikara details how Uganda’s successful ABC campaign (Abstinence, Be Faithful, Condoms as a last resort) record-

ed huge advances in reducing infections from 1991 through 2002, but was subverted by an AIDS establishment that dislikes Uganda’s emphasis on marriage and faithfulness. HIV rates plunged from 21 percent in 1991 to 6 percent in 2002 in Uganda during the stricken nation’s campaign to restore traditional morality. Meanwhile, as Western nations dropped more than 2 billion condoms on Africa, other nations suffered an unabated epidemic. Uganda stuck out as the grand exception. While the media largely ignored this singular success story, AIDS bureaucrats, furious at this living rebuke to their condom-based campaigns, worked to bring Uganda into the “safe-sex” fold.

In March 2007, *Washington Post* writer Craig Timberg in “Uganda’s Early Gains Against HIV Eroding” described how the initial, “fear”-based approach, which yielded impressive results in the early ’90s, gave way to the more typical condom-based approach in Uganda. He quotes Sam Okware, “a top Ugandan health official who designed early, frightening anti-AIDS campaigns. ‘It has adapted too much to international guidelines instead of sticking to our own methods, which were very controversial at first but which worked.’”

In his June 30 column, Ruteikara relates, “I have seen the process sabotaged. Repeatedly, our 25-member prevention committee put faithfulness and abstinence into the National Strategic Plan that guides how PEPFAR [President’s Emergency Plan for HIV-AIDS Relief] money for our country will be spent. Repeatedly, foreign advisers erased our recommendations. When the document draft was published, fidelity and abstinence were missing.”

It gets worse: “And somehow, a suspicious statistic attacking marriage appeared. The plan states that the HIV infection rate among married couples is 42 percent, twice as high as the rate among prostitutes. ...in fact, the 2004-05 Ugandan HIV/AIDS Sero-Behaviorial Survey found that HIV prevalence among married couples is only 6.3 percent.... As fidelity and abstinence have been subverted, Uganda’s HIV rates have begun to tick back up.”

Now, shouldn’t this be a major news story? Billions of dollars, not to mention millions of lives, are at stake, and someone is committing outright fraud?

But you’ll search in vain for a media story about this. In fact, directly opposite the column, over on the editorial page, a *Post* editorial peddles the same old “safe-sex” medicine to young, homosexual men in America.

—Robert Knight, *Culture & Media Institute*, July 2, 2008

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## EDUCATION

The nation's largest teachers union, the National Education Association, attracted 9,000 delegates to its annual convention in Washington, D.C., over the 4th of July weekend. Delegates sported buttons with provocative slogans such as "Gay marriage causes Global Warming only because we are so hot!", "Hate is not a family value," "The 'Christian Right' is neither," and "Gay Rights are civil rights."

The delegates passed dozens of hard-hitting resolutions that now become the NEA's official policy. The resolutions authorize NEA members and employees to lobby for those goals in the halls of Congress and state capitols. NEA resolutions cover the waterfront of all sorts of political issues that have nothing to do with improving education for school-children, such as supporting statehood for the District of Columbia, a 'single-payer health care plan' (i.e., government-run), gun control, ratification of the International Criminal Court Treaty, and taking steps "to change activities that contribute to global climate change." The NEA fiercely opposes any competition for public schools, such as vouchers, tuition tax credits, parental option plans, or public support of any kind to non-public schools. The NEA strongly opposes designating English as our official language even though such a designation is supported by more than 80% of Americans. The NEA opposes home schooling unless children are taught by state-licensed teachers using a state-approved curriculum. The NEA wants to bar home-schooled students from participating in any extracurricular activities in public schools even though their parents pay school taxes, too. The NEA wants many additional (job-creating) services and programs to be provided by public schools such as early childhood education (i.e., baby-sitting for preschoolers). NEA resolutions call for 'programs in the public schools for children from birth through age 8, and for mandatory kindergarten attendance.'

NEA resolutions include all the major feminist goals such as "the right to reproductive freedom" (i.e., abortion on demand); "comparable worth" (i.e., government control of wages according to feminist ideology rather than the free market); full funding for the feminist boondoggle called the Women's Educational Equity Act; and "the use of nonsexist language," i.e., censoring out all masculine words such as husband and father. The NEA even urges its affiliates to work for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. The ERA was declared dead by the U.S. Supreme Court 26 years ago.

The influence of the gay lobby is pervasive in dozens of NEA resolutions adopted by 2008 convention delegates. Diversity is the code word used for pro-gay indoctrination in the classroom.

The NEA's diversity resolution makes clear that this means teaching about "sexual orientation" and "gender identification," words that are repeated in dozens of resolutions. The NEA demands that "diversity-based curricula" even be imposed on preschoolers. The NEA wants all sex-education courses, textbooks, curricula, instructional materials and activities to include indoctrination about sexual orientation and gender identification plus warnings about homophobia.

Of course, the NEA supports "global education" to teach "interdependency in sharing the world's resources." It's also no surprise that the NEA adamantly opposes any requirement that schools "schedule a moment of silence."

Will parents be silent about the radical goals of their children's teachers?

—Phyllis Schlafly, *Human Events*, July 28, 2008, pg. 10



## GAY RIGHTS

It's spelled NLGJA, but they pronounce it "Negligee."

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalist Association (NLGJA) just held its annual convention here in Washington D.C., attracting hundreds of journalists—and ringing endorsements—from virtually every major publication and broadcaster in the news media. In a full-page ad in the convention program, NBC Universal declared it is "proud to support NLGJA," under the bold headline: "YOUR VICTORIES ARE OUR VICTORIES."

After listening to speaker after speaker express hatred and contempt for political and religious conservatives while plotting how to advance the homosexual activist agenda through journalism, I'm left wondering whether Americans know the extent of the media's bias on homosexual issues. Do they know that the news media have thrown themselves fully behind the gay rights movement? Every major news organization sponsored the convention, bought space in the program or had recruiting booths.

—Culture & Media Institute, August 19, 2008



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# UPCOMING CONFERENCES

*Summit's 2009 conference schedule*

## ADULT/EDUCATOR CONFERENCES:

**Spring Conference:** March 01–06, 2009  
Glen Eyrie, Colorado Springs, CO

**Summer Conference:** July 05–10, 2009  
Bryan College, Dayton, TN

## COLORADO STUDENT CONFERENCES:

**Session 1:** May 17– May 29

**Session 2:** May 31– June 12

**Session 3:** June 14– June 26

**Session 4:** June 28– July 10

**Session 5:** July 19– July 31

**Session 6:** August 02– August 14

**Session 7:** August 16– August 28

## VIRGINIA STUDENT CONFERENCE:

June 21– July 3

## TENNESSEE STUDENT CONFERENCES:

**Session 1:** July 5– July 17

**Session 2:** July 19– July 31

