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If you've ever wondered what Summit Ministries was like in its earliest days, Colonel Doner is the one to ask. He attended Summit four years in a row, beginning in 1962, the year Summit began, and was a leader and lecturer by the time he was 18.

In those days, Summit focused its teaching on the dangers of communism. As a budding young activist, Colonel was aware that a Manitou Springs store was selling handwoven baskets that had been made in a communist country. He recruited some of his Summit buddies to confront the owner about supporting communism by selling merchandise made by "slaves." Colonel was wearing his nametag at the time, and the store owner mistook him for a "Colonel in a Nazi youth militia." This incident landed Colonel in a negative article in the *Colorado Springs Gazette*.

But that was only the first of many examples of Colonel's bold, unapologetic willingness to confront evil and carry the torch for what is good and true. He credits Summit Ministries with providing the direction for many of his life's endeavors: "The Summit impacted my life by providing a strong foundation and worldview which guided and motivated my career over the next 40 years, including founding the Christian Voice, the nation's first Christian Right organization well known in the '80s for its report cards on how members of congress voted on moral issues, co-founding the American Coalition for Traditional Values with Tim LaHaye in 1984, and directing the Evangelical get-out-the-vote efforts for both of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns." In addition to helping elect Reagan, he led the effort to defeat 36 liberal senators and house members, and as a result, Republicans won control of the senate.

As Ronald Reagan retired from the political realm, Colonel started Children's Hunger Relief Fund, now one of America's 500 largest charities, which supplies over 4 million meals to hungry children around the world every year and provides medical care, clean water, education, vocational training, and jobs.

"To stay out of trouble," Colonel confesses, "I followed David Noebel's example by writing books in my spare time, the most popular of which have been *The Samaritan Strategy: A New Agenda for Christian Activism* and *The Late Great Evangelical Church*, both of which provided a constructive

critique of my fellow Evangelicals." (Both are available on Amazon.com).

Having served with Billy Graham, Carl Henry, and Charles Colson on Campus Crusade for Christ's New Life Evangelism Campaign in 1999, Colonel is also a Distinguished Senior Fellow of Philanthropy at the Center for Cultural Leadership and previously served as cochairman with Tim LaHaye of American Coalition for Traditional Values.

The former chairman of Reagan/Bush National Evangelical Mobilization Campaign, Colonel's work has been featured on *60 Minutes*, *20/20*, *Donahue*, and other major network news programs, as well as in the pages of *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Christianity Today*, the *Washington Times*, and hundreds of daily newspapers and radio talk shows. Colonel also heads The Samaritan Group, a coalition of a dozen major ministries on four continents committed to sharing resources to more effectively advance the Kingdom of God in their respective nations.

Colonel and his wife Miriam reside in Santa Rosa, California, with their son, C.J. For more information about Colonel and his charitable work, visit CHRF.org.



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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

a word from Dr. Noebel

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

"In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heavens and the earth." (Moses, Genesis 1:1)

"In the beginning was the Word [logos], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made that was made." (John 1:1-3)

"For by Him [Jesus Christ] all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers." (Paul, Colossians 1:16)

"God ... has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." (Paul, Hebrews 1:1, 2)

"A superintellect has monkeyed with physics as well as chemistry and biology, and there are no blind forces worth speaking about in nature." (Fred Hoyle, English astronomer, *The Intelligent Universe*)

"The more I examine the universe and study the details of its architecture, the more evidence I find that the universe in some sense must have known we were coming." (Freeman Dyson, English theoretical physicist, mathematician, and nuclear engineer, cited in Barrow and Tipler, *The Anthropic Cosmological Principle*)

"God created everything by number, weight, and measure." (Isaac Newton, English physicist, mathematician, astronomer, natural philosopher, theologian, *Principia Mathematica*, cited in Quotations by Isaac Newton, on Google)

"To those who do not know mathematics, it is difficult to get across a real feeling as to the beauty, the deepest beauty, of nature." (Richard Feynman, American physicist, 1965 Nobel Prize in Physics, *The Character of Physical Law*, cited in William D. Gairdner, *The Book of Absolutes: A Critique of Relativism and a Defense of Universals*)

"The British physicist and Nobel Prize winner Paul Dirac became famous for making accurate predictions about the nature of the physical world solely according to the beauty of his mathematical theories. In the 1930s he predicted with pure (and beautiful) mathematics alone that anti-electron particles had to exist. And lo and behold, they were shortly thereafter discovered by experiment." (William D. Gairdner, *The Book of Absolutes*)

"I now believe that the universe was brought into existence by an infinite Intelligence. I believe that this universe's intricate laws manifest what scientists have called the Mind of God. I believe that life and reproduction originate in a divine Source." (Antony Flew, English philosopher, *There Is*

a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind)

I don't need to say much about the quotations above except that these represent the kind of information Summit graduates can use as they go back to class this fall and winter and find it more necessary than ever before to stand against the atheism that permeates much of America's higher education. I especially want Summit graduates to be aware of two excellent books mentioned above—Anthony Flew's great work, *There Is a God*, and Bill Gairdner's extremely useful *The Book of Absolutes* (both available at Amazon.com). These two works taken together contain enough ammunition to keep every atheist in the classroom or the media at bay!

It is evident to me that modern physics is not anti-God or for that matter anti-Bible or even anti-Christ. For all doubters as well as Christians who need encouragement in the faith, I would direct them to Chapter 5 of *The Book of Absolutes*. And I would not hesitate to direct them (as well as all *Journal* readers) to Norm Geisler and Frank Turek's *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*.

Let me close with Summit's doctrinal statement, which is also known as The Apostles' Creed—"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic [universal] church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen."



I went to Summit last year as a student and loved it. Those two weeks of intense study both strengthened and empowered me as a Christian. Consequently, I am more confident in my faith and have been able to defend what I believe when I encounter opposition. I also made a wonderful friend who constantly encourages me to draw closer to the Lord and follow His leading. Summit was really a turning point for me onto a road of total surrender and complete pursuit of God's plan for my life. Thank you so much for all you do; I am very grateful. God bless you and your ministry.

—Elysia W., River Falls, WI

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CHRISTIANITY

† God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah


Come, behold the works of the LORD, who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

—Psalm 46

The demand for equality has two sources, one of them is among the noblest, the other is the basest of human emotions. The noble source is the desire for fair play. But the other source is the hatred of superiority.


—C.S. Lewis, *Present Concerns: Essays* (1944)

CULTURE


 Cultural relativism [all cultures are equal; none superior] has been central to modern thinking and political life for the past century. We can think of it as relativism applied to groups of people. It argues that *what is believed or practiced as true, or right, or wrong for any culture is whatever that culture believes or practices as true, or right, or wrong*. Clearly, this is a complete departure from the idea central to Western civilization until very recently that the discovery of permanent universal truths ought to be the aim of everyone. That the beliefs and practices of some people and cultures are primitive, cruel, bizarre, undeveloped, or even sick and therefore, by implication, in need of correction or healing or elimination—perhaps by contact with a superior culture—was simply taken for granted. But in the early decades of the twentieth century . . . anthropologists, almost as a group, suddenly did an about-face and abandoned the search for *universals* altogether. In its place they began preaching (that is the right word) about the vast range of *differences* between all peoples and cultures, moral systems, beliefs, and practices, taking the surprising view that *one culture is as good as another*, that there may be such things as good-better-best *within* a culture or civilization but not *between* them. This position would have delighted any number of despots from Caesar to Robespierre because it leads to inventing—and if you are so

inclined, to enforcing—your own moral standards as a form of justice.

—William D. Gairdner, *The Book of Absolutes*, p. 29


The second belief is that beauty plays a profound role in the elaboration and final expression of all correct theories. The British physicist and Nobel Prize winner Paul Dirac became famous for making accurate predictions about the nature of the physical world solely according to the beauty of his mathematical theories. In the 1930s he predicted with pure (and beautiful) mathematics alone that anti-electron particles had to exist. And lo and behold, they were shortly thereafter discovered by experiment. This discovery certainly bolstered his belief in the primacy of beauty in one's equations. He believed that if equations are always based on sound insight and beauty, then reality will eventually be found to fit the theory—so much so that he once scolded Werner Heisenberg and dismissed his basic equations because they lacked beauty. By “beauty,” physicists mean *harmony, simplicity, and symmetry*. Einstein echoed this belief in all his own work, and recently, physicist John Wheeler exalted that “the beauty in the laws of physics is the fantastic simplicity that they have. . . . What is the ultimate mathematical machinery behind it all? That's surely the most beautiful of all.” Early in the twentieth century Sir James Jeans, in the same vein, concluded that “the Great Architect seems to be a mathematician” and opined that the universe seems more like a great thought than a great machine. And 1965 Nobelist Richard Feynman in *The Character of Physical Law* wrote that “to those who do not know mathematics, it is difficult to get across a real feeling as to the beauty, the deepest beauty, of nature.” What all are seeking is the final, ultimate beauty from which physical reality unfolds in a lawful and flawless sequence.

—Ibid., p. 89


As for “relativity theory”? That phrase was first used by Max Planck in 1906 and took immediate hold in the public imagination, even though Einstein by then very much disliked the term. By 1908, Einstein's former teacher Hermann Minkowski, who had initially proposed many of the key features of the final theory to Einstein (who was astonished by the theory and initially dismissed most of it—including many of the ideas for which he later became famous—as “superfluous erudition”), also disliked the misleading term “relativity” and urged that the phrase “invariant postulates” would be more accurate. But still no luck. Another man concerned about the descriptive dishonesty of the term was the mathematician Felix Klein, who proposed that Ein-

stein's theory be called "The Theory of Absolutes." But by now it was far too late. If Klein's version had taken, we would today be discussing "Albert Einstein and his famous Theory of Absolutes," which would at least have been closer to the truth of the theory—and we must surely wonder what effect *that* would have had on the public mind! At any rate, Einstein himself, so wearied eventually by the public misconstrual of his life's highest achievement, had by 1911 given up on trying to defend his meaning of the term, but henceforth whenever he used it he always put it in quotation marks. The historical fact is that despite his egalitarian social political ideals, for the rest of his life Einstein scorned the ideal that his physics was connected with his politics, for as one observer put it, "any suggestion that his theory showed all 'viewpoints' equally good [ran] directly contrary to the entire ethos of his search for law-like rationality in an objective physical world."

—Ibid, p. 84



One of the reasons for the enthusiastic public and media promotion of these misunderstandings was that the Western world at the turn of the twentieth century was simply hungry for a philosophy justifying relativism—and moral relativism, in particular. In the arts, sciences, and philosophy, a long and superficially staid Victorian tradition had been generating various schools of relativism all along, and this trend was now coming to a head. . . .

As *Time* magazine, that final repository of so many public misconceptions, put it as recently as 1979 (in an advertisement meant to attract readers to the magazine): "EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE." *Time* declared that "in the cool beautiful language of mathematics, Einstein demonstrated that we live in a world of relative values." That is still all most people want to believe about the subject. They think that if Einstein, the smartest man alive, said so, it must be true! But of course, he didn't say it. He said quite the opposite.

—Ibid., p. 85

Editors Note: I cannot recommend *The Book of Absolutes: A Critique of Relativism and a Defense of Universals* too highly. Gairdner's chapter 5 entitled "The Constants of Nature" is worth the price of the book. The following comment from Aldous Huxley gives the background on why moral relativism (which Gairdner challenges) was so acceptable to the general public or at least the intellectual friends of Huxley.



"I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; and consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons

for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics. He is also concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do. For myself, as no doubt for most of my friends, the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation from a certain system of morality. We objected to the morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom. The supporters of this system claimed that it embodied the meaning—the Christian meaning, they insisted—of the world. There was one admirably simple method of confuting these people and justifying ourselves in our erotic revolt: we would deny that the world had any meaning whatever."

—Aldous Huxley, *Ends and Means* (1937)

POLITICS



President Obama is the most radical leader in U.S. history. Much of the public is focused on his ambitious plan to nationalize health care. The more they hear about it, the less they like it. Hence, Mr. Obama's poll numbers are dropping like a stone.

Yet his environmentalist agenda is just as dangerous. If passed, it will destroy America's free-market system. Like most liberal elitists, Mr. Obama is an incremental socialist. He does not believe in revolutionary change through blood and iron—as did Soviet dictator Josef Stalin or Cuban despot Fidel Castro. Rather, Mr. Obama champions evolutionary socialism: the state's gradual takeover of key sectors of private industry. He is anti-capitalist and pro-big-government.

His cap-and-trade initiative seeks to severely limit carbon-dioxide emissions. Every business involved in carbon emissions would be required to purchase permits from the government. Over time, emissions allowed would be curbed, making the permits increasingly valuable—and expensive. Companies would be allowed to trade or sell them on the open market.

Cap-and-trade would impose huge costs on the economy and undermine job creation. Moreover, it would transform America into an impoverished socialist superstate. It would create a new ruling class that would oversee economic development, forcing an eco-friendly lifestyle on every resident.

The House of Representatives already has passed the draconian legislation. It faces an uphill fight in the Senate. However, if Mr. Obama gets his way on health care reform, that may generate unstoppable momentum for his environmental package.

The carbon-trading scheme is built on the myth of man-made global warming. It is not based on sound science, but leftist ideology.

To compel Americans to accept a massive expansion of government power and tax increases, the left has resorted to a campaign of fear and hysteria: Global-warming theory

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claims carbon-dioxide emissions cause a “greenhouse” atmospheric effect, leading to rising Earth temperatures. The result, it says, will be a global catastrophe of biblical proportions—the melting of ice caps, rising sea levels, the flooding of entire islands and coastal cities, droughts, economic devastation, mass starvation, and death.

Yet leading scientists from around the world have debunked the theory of human-caused global warming. Environmentalists cannot answer a basic question: Why is it that for centuries the Earth’s temperature has ticked slightly up and down, constantly repeating the same cycle even before the emergence of the Industrial Revolution? Therefore, curtailing the use of fossil fuels—oil, coal, and natural gas—would not stop climate change.

It would, however, dramatically erode our standard of living. In a rare, candid moment during the 2008 election campaign, Mr. Obama admitted his goal was to scale back Americans’ consumption, including driving big cars, using air conditioning, and eating cheeseburgers: He wants to reduce our prosperity.

“We can’t drive our SUVs, and eat whatever we want, and keep our homes at 72 [degrees] all the time, whether we live in the desert or the tundra, and keep consuming 25 percent of the world’s resources with just 4 percent of the world’s population, and expect the rest of the world to say ‘You just go ahead. We’ll be fine.’ That’s not leadership. That’s not going to happen.”

By the administration’s own estimates, cap-and-trade would cost taxpayers at least \$645 billion. Other estimates say the burden would be threefold higher. This would cost every American \$2,100 to \$6,300.

Carbon-trading is a large indirect tax on businesses, forcing them to purchase expensive emissions permits. The policy would increase the price of gas, oil, and electricity to encourage consumers to use alternative energy sources. This would mean higher prices at the pump, soaring heating bills and rising food costs. Mr. Obama and liberal Democrats want Americans to consume less electricity (mostly produced by coal, oil, and natural gas). The result of this would be less use of computers, iPods, microwaves, cell phones, washers and dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners and refrigerators—the very conveniences of modern life.

For years, the left has railed against the military-industrial complex. Yet cap-and-trade is an integral part of what environmentalist skeptic Bjorn Lomborg calls the “green-industrial complex”—the unholy alliance of the powerful green lobby, special business interests, scientific research, and government policy. Billions of dollars are to be made in selling and trading carbon permits. And everyone—from Al Gore to George Soros to now-bankrupt Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.—wants a slice of the action.

Environmentalism has very little to do with protecting the environment. It is green socialism. Its objective is to achieve what red communism couldn’t: the conquest

of capitalism. Instead of central planning and a command economy, we would have a highly regulated, highly taxed bureaucratic corporatism that would stifle economic growth and individual initiative.

Beginning in the 19th century, much of the Western intelligentsia lost faith in God. The 20th century saw numerous attempts—Marxism, fascism, national socialism—to construct a society without God. They failed. Now the West’s liberal elites are seeking to infuse the radical secular project with new meaning and purpose—man’s salvation through the worship of Gaea, Mother Earth.

The green movement is a form of pantheism. It hopes to sacrifice prosperity, abundance, and wealth at the altar of a false god.

Mr. Obama is its prophet of doom. And America is its victim.

—Jeffrey T. Kuhner, *The Washington Times*, August 23, 2009, p. B1



Remember when the deficit was so bad that Democrats said we (or more accurately the Republicans) were placing a terrible burden on our grandchildren?

That was several trillion dollars ago. Democrats now appear perfectly fine with extending the growing deficit and national debt to their great-grandchildren. Perhaps politicians think they will never be held accountable three generations from now because they won’t be around to explain to those not yet born why they refused to stop our financial hemorrhaging.

The Obama administration forecast a 10-year budget deficit projection of more than \$7.1 trillion, but when confronted with figures from the pesky and bipartisan Congressional Budget Office, the administration was forced this week to raise that projection to approximately \$9 trillion. That’s \$9,000,000,000,000 dollars. For most of us who think a \$1,000 deposit in our checking accounts is a large amount and a \$1,000 credit card balance is too much, \$9 trillion is a figure that is almost beyond comprehension. It is certainly beyond defensible. To borrow a phrase used in another context by the House leadership, it is un-American.

The philosophy of government under both parties can be boiled down to two acronyms: ATM and ASM—always take more and always spend more.

Who is clamoring for more laws to be passed, more programs to be started and more money to be spent? Let’s find him and lock him up for our financial security.

One answer is to be found in a new book by investigative reporter, educator and columnist Martin Gross. Gross summarizes in an easy to read and understandable style how and why government has failed its citizens. The book, to be released Sept. 1, is called *National Suicide: How Wash-*

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ington is *Destroying the American Dream from A to Z*. In addition to listing some of the more outrageous pork projects that are now well-known to anyone who has been paying attention (\$107,000 to study the sex life of the Japanese quail; \$150,000 to study the Hatfield-McCoy feud are just two examples on a long list), Gross touches on even bigger and equally outrageous expenditures.

The Alternative Minimum Tax, which he says is “based on an accounting lie,” will cost taxpayers \$1 trillion over the next 10 years. America, he writes, spends \$700 billion a year on various welfare programs, amounting to \$65,000 for each poor family of four, yet we still have the poor with us. Both political parties, Mr. Gross charges, secretly encourage illegal immigration (the Democrats for votes, the Republicans for cheap labor) and then reward the immigrants’ children with automatic U.S. citizenship.

Mr. Gross has discovered 1,000 duplicate programs that waste billions. The Bush administration’s signature education issue, “No Child Left Behind,” has left behind a lot of misspent money: \$24 billion per year, according to Mr. Gross, even as primary and secondary education “continue

to spiral downward.”

Medicare and Medicaid waste \$150 billion a year dealing with doctor and hospital fraud; \$45 billion a year is wasted on “improper” payments and even more on “unnecessary agencies.” The Des Moines Federal Home Loan Bank funded research, Mr. Gross writes, that found 1,399 government programs handling disappearing rural areas.

If you haven’t vented enough this summer at your local town hall meeting, this book will keep your blood pressure up and your motivation to do something about overspending high into the next election. *Publisher’s Weekly* wrote in its review: “A fiery A-Z compendium of government greed, chicanery, and plain incompetence. Mr. Gross enjoys a good rant, but his criticisms are sound and well-supported.”

Mr. Gross does more than just list government’s sins. He offers a solution on “How to Better Govern America.” If ever there was a must-read for people who are sick of the way government operates, this is it.

—Cal Thomas, *The Washington Times*,
August 25, 2005, 2009, p.A19

I am writing today because I FOUND THE SUMMIT! I can’t believe you are still around doing what you’ve always done so well... only on a much larger scale now.

A few months ago, my sister heard Dr. Noebel on Bill Bennett’s radio show and I immediately found this website. I attended a summer session at the Summit in Manitou Springs in the mid-60s with my sister. We had the privilege of learning from Dr. Noebel as well as others.

Because of the political climate at that time, I know my father felt our future was in danger. Despite the fact that he was well-read, self-educated, and more informed than he would admit, my father understood we needed more than his insights alone. We had spent many Sunday dinners listening to heated discussions of politics and religion, so we were not strangers to the basic ideas around freedom and communism alike.

Once my father became acquainted with the Summit, he quickly became a firm believer in the education offered and was determined his young daughters would take advantage of an opportunity to learn from the best. And, even though I was probably too young to absorb it all, my father made the way for us to attend. That brief point in time planted many seeds and, though narrowly rooted on the craggy outcrop of youthful ignorance, the knowledge gained burrowed its way into my brain and has since inspired the pursuit of continuous, life-long learning.

It was at the Summit that I learned about the fault line forming on the surface of our democracy and the seismic reactions that could rock the constitutional core of our republic. It was there I learned of the SDS, the Weather Underground, the dark tentacles of the drug culture, the plan to sabotage the future through a failing educational system and the flawed theories of Marx, Lenin, Trotsky, and their offspring who remain nurtured today by the hydra known as the liberal left.

It was at the Summit that my kid brain began to mull the facts, form the questions, and over a lifetime find more answers. I have tried both successfully and unsuccessfully to share my understanding with those who care to know and those who don’t. And today I am inspired to know that you continue to teach not only the values of our history, our constitution, our faith, and our way of life, but also the values of those who would readily replace our freedom with an arrogant and withering oppression.

Over the years, the Summit has inspired many conversations between my sister and me. We loved those days, those times growing up in the 50s, and we love our lives now, but my goodness, times have changed. What once only seemed a possibility has become high probability. I just didn’t think I would live to see such a sad possibility become reality.

I have been rambling for too long, but let me be clear about one final thing... thank you from the very bottom of my heart for showing me, early on, a way to truth through knowledge. Thank you for shining the light on possibilities. Thank you for showing a way toward a real hope. Thank you for still being around. Just knowing that you’re still doing what you did so well back then puts a new peace in my soul.

Thank you!—Anna H., Bellevue, NE



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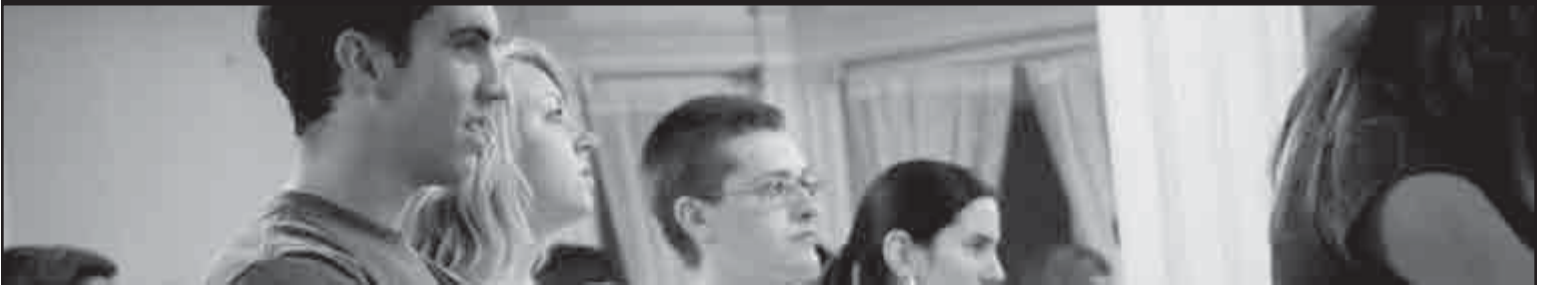
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