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“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.”

—Romans 1:28 (NKJV)

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CHRISTIANITY

✝ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

—Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in a man-made creed;
I trust the ever living One,
That He for me will plead.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fears and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He will not cast me out.

My soul is resting on the Word,
The living Word of God:

Salvation in my Savior's name,
Salvation through His blood.

The great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

Chorus
I need no other evidence,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died
And rose again for me.

—Lidie H. Edmunds

It costs God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things:
but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

COMMUNISM

✠ American filmmaker Oliver Stone said Friday he deeply admires [communist] Hugo Chavez but suggested the Venezuelan president might consider talking a bit less on television.

Promoting his new documentary “South of the Border” in Caracas, Stone heaped praise on Chavez, saying he is leading a movement for “social transformation” in Latin America. The film features informal interviews by Stone with Chavez and six allied leftist presidents, from Bolivia’s Evo Morales to Cuba’s Raul Castro.

“I admire Hugo. I like him very much as a person. I can say one thing.... He shouldn’t be on television all the time,” Stone said at a news conference. “As a director I say you don’t want to be overpowering. And I think he is sometimes that way.”

Chavez makes near-daily speeches that run for hours, often reminiscing, lecturing about history, announcing news, and breaking into song. His Sunday program can last six hours or more.

“He’s a soldier and he speaks from his heart,” Stone said. “His vision is huge.... And he will go down in history.”

The Oscar-winning director hopes his documentary will help people better understand a leader who Stone said is wrongly ridiculed “as a strongman, as a buffoon, as a clown.”

“This is a positive portrayal of a man who Americans do not have access to,” Stone said. “He is demonized in the American and European press as a monster.”

Chavez, who joined Stone for the premiere of the film at last year’s Venice Film Festival, hosted a screening Friday night at a Caracas theater and called the director a good friend.

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a word from Dr. Noebel

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By the time you read this we will be well into Summit's two-week summer worldview conferences. In fact, I am writing this the day after we graduated 111 students from our first session. Believe me when I say graduation is not easy for the simple reason that I hate to say good-bye to students after living with and teaching them for two weeks. Two of this session's students had just returned from Iraq as soldiers in the U.S. Army, and their presence (along with two other military-oriented students) gave this class a distinct touch of reality.

To say that I love these future leaders of our nation, churches, families, schools, businesses, media, etc., would be an understatement. I also know that you, our *Journal* readers, wish them the best for their lives in whatever station they find themselves.

This month I would like to emphasize a specific part of our vision for the Summit so there is no mistake about why we exist. I would also like to alert you about an upcoming book that is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Our graduates understand our core teaching that there are six "evangelistic" worldviews vying for the attention and allegiance of Western civilization in particular, but also the whole world in general. They are Christianity, Islam, Secular Humanism, Marxism, New Age, and Postmodernism. These six define the collision of worldviews in the West, and as Western Christians we are certainly aware that we are fast approaching a post-Christian era.

Understanding this, however, makes it no easier for Christian young people to cope with the anti-Christian curricula they encounter from kindergarten through graduate school. Our concern is whether they are prepared to live through it or fall under it and lose their faith in the process.

The fact that the President of the United States would hire a flaming homosexual like Kevin Jennings to take a position that involves innocent, naïve public school boys and girls is proof that the "child molestation" mentality goes all the way to the top. It was Jennings who wrote the introduction to the book *Queering Elementary Education: Advancing the Dialogue about Sexualities and Schooling*. There is no shame in this socialistic, pro-sodomite administration. It's hard to remember that at one time the Democratic Party (my father's party) was anti-socialistic and anti-homosexual! How the times have changed.

Let me reiterate: At the Summit our primary goal is to make sure Christian young people understand their own worldview, are able to defend it lovingly but courageously, and hence are prepared to witness for Christ amongst a deceived generation—one that believes truth is relative, morals are more so, and the universe somehow just happened by chance while their ancestors were conceived out of foamy, blue-green algae pond scum. This is the atmosphere Christian students encounter every semester, but it is our mission to help them not only survive, but triumph through it all.

Now to the announcement I mentioned earlier. While

some *Journal* readers may not be convinced that Communism, socialism, collectivism, statism, or progressivism (it goes by many names) is again emerging as a major threat, it is my responsibility to inform you that it is! Marxism has a grip

on our national government, our public education system, and Hollywood entertainment that few are willing to admit. Thankfully, Glenn Beck, Sean Hannity, Aaron Klein, and Brenda Elliott know it and are not afraid to address the problem.

If you are not convinced that this is true, I hope our latest book (coming soon) will convince you. Its title is *You Can Still Trust the Communists (to Be Communists)*. It's nearly 400 pages summarize the Communist worldview from not only my viewpoint today but also from the viewpoint of the late Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, who penned the original *You Can Trust the Communists (to Be Communists)* back in 1960.

I have maintained Dr. Schwarz's original chapters and added four new chapters developed from his papers. I added suggestions for further study at the ends of his chapters. The rest of the work is mine, so you'll know exactly with whom to agree or not.

You'll also notice rather quickly that I have used a quotation from Whittaker Chambers' great work *Witness* to launch this study. *You Can Still Trust the Communists* is a study in the true sense of the word. It contains worldview material, history, philosophy, economics, theology, and enough information to convince most unbiased citizens that Communism (with a small "c" or a large "C") is a major problem confronting the evangelical Christian church not only today but also into the foreseeable future. Dr. Tim LaHaye, Dr. Norman Geisler, and Phyllis Schlafly have graciously agreed to endorse this work.

It will be available through the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade at P. O. Box 129, Manitou Springs, CO 80829 and through the Summit Ministries web store at Summit.org. Dr. Fred Schwarz's son, Dr. John Schwarz, is president of the Australian AIDS Foundation, which is working in Africa to take care of those left destitute due to the AIDS epidemic. Therefore, a portion of the \$17.95 cost of each book will go that ministry.

Anyone interested in helping with the distribution of *You Can Still Trust the Communists (to Be Communists)* may contact us at the above address or email us at Noebel@summit.org. Suggestions as to how to distribute the book, place it in the book trade, or effectively advertise it are also welcomed.



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"They demonize us in North America, in Europe, in a good part of the world. And Oliver Stone is, so to speak, seeking the truth," Chavez said. He called the movie "a splinter in the eagle's talon"—a reference to the United States.

Stone said President Barack Obama's administration, in spite of initially inspiring hope, hasn't done anything to improve U.S. relations with Chavez or his Latin American allies.

The director defended his decision not to interview Chavez's opponents, saying that people already hear those complaints and that the movie is not intended as a detailed examination of Chavez's record.

"It's an introduction to an entire movement in South America that the Americans do not know anything about," he said.

Stone is starting a Latin American tour to promote the film, with screenings planned in Ecuador, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina. The documentary is being released in some cities in the United States and Europe this summer.

—Ian James, *Associated Press*, May 30, 2010



Actor Sean Penn loves Venezuela's communist dictator Hugo Chavez so much he wants journalists who dare to call Chavez a dictator put in prison.... Penn also previously called the Chavez-crafted constitution of Venezuela, which gives the president the power to rule by decree, "a very beautiful document."

—*New Real Blog* (March 9, 2010)



The New American: To what extent has the leftist movement gained power in Latin America? What factors led to this resurgence and how was it possible?

Carvalho: Communist and pro-communist parties rule about a dozen Latin American countries today. This fact, by itself, is enough to prove that the "end of communism," proclaimed by the Right soon after the fall of the Soviet Union, is a myth. World communism was never only an appendix of the USSR. It actually created the USSR, not the other way around. It existed a century before the Russian Revolution and continued to exist after the nominal extinction of Soviet power. What made the resurgence of communism easier—not only in Latin America, but around the world—was the cowardly timidity of Western right-wingers who, instead of taking the opportunity of the fall of the USSR to punish the communists for their crimes, chose instead a policy of "extending them a hand," as if asking for their pardon for having defeated them, and offering them all sorts of aid, enabling them to reappear with a new or attenuated identity, even protecting them from being called "communists" (the fashionable euphemism

is now "populism"). I believe that this absurd surrender of the winners was also stimulated by powerful globalist circles, whose interest in establishing worldwide bureaucratic controls converges with the objectives of the communists. The number of billionaire companies which came to openly contribute to leftist parties is enormous. I call "meta-capitalists" the individuals and groups which grew so wealthy with the market economy that they can't stand anymore being at the mercy of the free market and seek, instead, to control everything, supporting bureaucracy instead of capitalism. Meta-capitalists are natural allies of the communists.

An event that clearly symbolizes this union of apparent adversaries was the tributes paid to Lula, the Brazilian President, who in the same week was honored by the World Economic Forum in Davos, for his conversion to capitalism, and by the São Paulo Forum, for his allegiance to communism. The contradiction is only apparent. At the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, which for public opinion embodies the opposite of the Davos Forum, the main demand was for a greater control over the world economy by big international organizations. Nobody there asked for shutting down the IMF or the World Bank, what they wanted was the integration of "civil society"—i.e., the World Social Forum—into those organizations. Many European NGOs [non-governmental organizations] which participate in the World Social Forum have a seat at the meetings of the World Bank and other international organizations. The "ideological" contrast serves only as propaganda. What we have is a gigantic symbiosis of all globalist and statist forces around the world.

—Alex Newman, *The New American* (March 29, 2010), p. 27



At the Parthenon last week, the Greek Communist Party, which got 8 percent of the vote in the last national election, draped banners emblazoned with the hammer and sickle: "Peoples of Europe Rise Up." Of course. "Arise ye prisoners of starvation" exhorts "The Internationale," the left's ancient anthem. But who is to arise against whom?

Time was, the European left said it spoke for horny-handed sons of toil oppressed in dark Satanic mills. But Athens' so-called "anti-government mobs" have been composed mostly of government employees going berserk about threats to their entitlements. The government cannot fire many of them because Article 103, Paragraph 4 of the Greek constitution says: "Civil servants holding posts provided by law shall be permanent so long as these posts exist."

America's projected \$9.7 trillion in budget deficits in this decade will drive the nation's debt to 90 percent of GDP (Greece's is 124 percent).

So some people say that to avoid a Greek-style crisis, America should adopt a value-added tax. But Europe's most troubled nations—the PIIGS: Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece,

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and Spain—have VATs of 20 percent, 21 percent, 20 percent, 21 percent, and 16 percent, respectively.

Germans are furious about being the biggest bailers in this bailout of a nation where tax evasion is pandemic. They have not been assuaged by being told by their chancellor that the stakes are stupendous: Their money will save “Europe.” Hearing that, Greeks bearing banners proclaiming “Out with the IMF” might think:

Why accept “austerity” (as that is understood in Greece—no more annual bonuses of two months’ salary, no more retirement at 53)? Suppose, after pocketing some of the bailout, we just threaten to collapse and make a mess of “Europe”?

Greece now knows the terrific strength of weakness. Beware of Greeks—or any other people—receiving gifts.

—George Will, *Colorado Springs Gazette*
(May 15, 2010), p.A19

ECONOMICS

§ *Human Events* had the opportunity to interview forecaster extraordinaire Gerald Celente, President of Trends Research Institute, several days ago—and the future he predicts looks bleak indeed. In fact, as Mr. Celente sees it, the Great Depression will seem like a mild recession to what waits for us as 2011 hits with the force of a Katrina financial hurricane.

In case you’re wondering who Mr. Celente is (if this is still possible), he’s appeared—along with his predictions—on Oprah, CNBC, Reuters, NBC, PBS, BBC, the Glenn Beck Show—the list goes on and on. His Trends Report has been successfully predicting the major future trends impacting our lives for 3 decades, including calling the dot com crash back in the 1990s.

Mr. Celente’s forecast on our impending future is based on his study of history. He says we are bent on destroying our currency, bankrupting our government, and unleashing a violent citizen-against-citizen eruption as the economy collapses into chaos and martial law fascism.

Quite a claim. And God help us if he is right—again.

“We’re sounding the alarm about the ongoing downward economic cycle.” Gerald told *Human Events*. “In 2002, we predicted that the collapse of the American empire would fall like the World Trade Center in a thunderous crash—in slow motion before our eyes. And now it’s happening.”

Mr. Celente follows over 300 trends: family, crime, war, education, consumer & business patterns which TRI [Trends Research Institute] synthesizes to predict the future.

“The US is becoming a shadow of what it used to be. Take education for example. The OECD group of developed countries ranks quality of life, education, and health care of its member nations. The US is now falling down the table as one piece of data after another shows America is in decline. We’re no longer Win, Place, or Show in quality of life, educa-

tion, longevity...all the essentials where we used to be #1. And our economic underpinnings are failing.”

Mr. Celente puts part of the blame squarely on the federal government, and especially FED Chairman Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Geithner, and warns us not to believe a word they say, “They’re the same people who didn’t see it coming—and now telling us the worst is over, that ‘green shoots are spouting upwards.’ But they were wrong before. They’re wrong on this too.”

“When you pump out tons of money manure into this system based on nothing—printing press paper, it’s like giving a patient with a chronic disease a pain killer—it won’t cure the patient.”

“But let’s go beyond the economics. Our whole Constitution has been abrogated. The president simply writes an Executive Order to do whatever he wants. Nationalize the banks, take over the insurance industry, automobile industry, health care industry....None of it is constitutional.”

—Terry Easton, *Stark Raving Mad*, p. 121–22

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One of the many shallow statements that sound good—if you don’t stop and think about it—is that “at some point, you have made enough money.”

The key word in this statement, made by President Barack Obama recently, is “you.” There is nothing wrong with my deciding how much money is enough for me or your deciding how much money is enough for you, but when politicians think that they should be deciding how much money is enough for other people, that is starting down a very slippery slope.

Politicians with the power to determine each citizen’s income are no longer public servants. They are public masters.

Are we really so eaten up with envy, or so mesmerized by rhetoric, that we are willing to sacrifice our own freedom by giving politicians the power to decide how much money anybody can make or keep? Of course, that will start only with “the rich,” but surely it will not end there.

The French Revolution began arbitrary executions among the hereditary aristocracy but ended up arbitrarily executing all sorts of other people, including eventually even leaders of the Revolution itself, such as Robespierre.

Very similar patterns appeared in the Bolshevik Revolution, in the rise of the Nazis, and in numerous other times and places. Once you buy the argument that some segment of the citizenry should lose their rights, just because they are envied or resented, you are putting your own rights in jeopardy—quite aside from undermining any moral basis for respecting anybody’s rights. You are opening the floodgates to arbitrary power. And once you open the floodgates, you can’t tell the water where to go.

—Thomas Sowell, *Colorado Springs Gazette*

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(May 20, 2010), p.A13



Nothing speaks more highly of Colorado Springs and its conservative fiscal policies than the now-routine attacks by the mostly left-leaning mainstream press.

The latest round began with an inane column by the *Denver Post's* Susan Greene, who can't stomach driving into the Springs on Ronald Reagan Highway. She is mostly upset because a majority on the City Council refused to sign a letter supporting an expensive federal pork scam that promises jobs for cities. Greene conflated the lack of pork support to the plight of a local man living on the streets. Then she quoted Mayor Lionel Rivera, without the benefit of adequate context, saying: "Some people want a homeless life. Some people, they really do." This moved MSNBC's Keith Olbermann to choose Rivera as runner-up for his "Worst Person in the World" award.

Neither Greene nor Olbermann mentioned the fact Rivera supports using city cash to house the homeless in motel rooms, living at higher standards than a majority of the world's population. Given the lavish treatment of the homeless here, life on the streets is a choice.

"It's a small percentage who choose to be homeless, but what the mayor said is absolutely true," said Robert Holmes, executive director of Homeward Pikes Peak, an umbrella organization for agencies that serve the homeless.

Lorraine Moreland was homeless for eight years, living at the doorway of a liquor store at the hostile corner of Third and Alvarado streets in Los Angeles. A nun took her in, and today she works full time at L.A.'s Good Shepherd Center For Homeless. *The Gazette* asked her about Rivera's statement.

"That's absolutely true," said Moreland, a black woman who has experienced poverty, despair, and bad breaks. "There are a lot of people who are homeless by choice. It frees them from a job that won't cover the rent and bills and the tax people who take a good chunk of what they earn. Being homeless frees a lot of people from that kind of a life, and a lot of people choose that freedom."

Ted Hayes, a homeless activist in L.A., chose to be homeless 25 years ago and won't have it any other way.

"No, your mayor is not wrong about that," Hayes told *The Gazette*. "The homeless, those who are most intelligent, refuse to entangle themselves in the madness of middle-class America. The middle-class tax slaves are so overburdened and overtaxed, paying for the rich and the poor, that they wonder what they're working for. That's why we have a tea party. A lot of the homeless realize they are free of all that. After they acclimate to living homeless, they realize that it's a state of tranquility. At that point, there isn't enough you can offer them to return to the middle-class madness."

In Colorado Springs, the free homeless folks live in full-service motels thanks in large part to Rivera. Yet a liberal TV clown thinks he's horrible. Take it as a compliment, Mayor Rivera.

—*Colorado Springs Gazette*, (May 20, 2010), p. A13

SOCIALISM

You do not understand the class structure of American society....In the United States the working classes are Democrats. The middle classes are Republicans. The upper classes are Communists.

—Whittaker Chambers, *Witness*, p. 616



To understand the pertinence to America of events in Greece, notice General Motors' most recent misbehavior. A television commercial featuring CEO Ed Whitacre demonstrates the constitutional murkiness and intellectual dishonesty that results when the line between public and private sectors disappears.

In the commercial, Whitacre says GM has "repaid our government loan in full." Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) noted that GM used government funds to pay back the government: It "simply transferred \$6.7 billion from one taxpayer-funded TARP account to another." The government still owns 60.8 percent of GM's common equity, and the Congressional Budget Office projects that the government will lose about \$34 billion of the \$82 billion of TARP funds disbursed to the automotive industry.

When Ryan and two colleagues asked the Treasury Department for clarification, they got this careful reply: "Treasury has never suggested that the loan repayment represented a full return of all government assistance." A Treasury news release did say "GM Repays Treasury Loan in Full." The loan is, however, a small part of taxpayer exposure.

—George Will, *Colorado Springs Gazette* (May 15, 2010), p. A19

HOMOSEXUALITY

Using "safe schools" as a code phrase for promoting homosexuality to kids is no fly-by-night maneuver. It's a well-planned strategy crafted in large part by "Safe Schools" czar Kevin Jennings, the founder of GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network).

In GLSEN's early years, Jennings explained his plan: "We immediately seized upon the opponents' calling card—safety—and turned it to our favor by illustrating how homophobia is a threat to students' safety...After all, who can be against 'valuing and respecting' everyone?...Who can oppose 'healthy school climate'?"

In fact, Jennings has a 17-year track record of using the word "safety" to push homosexual activism in schools.

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What's scary about this is that the Obama administration has not only made Jennings a powerful "Safe Schools czar," but it has also allocated some \$410 million for programs over-seen by Jennings in its proposed 2011 budget. Jennings has already stated that he wants to use some \$70 million for "school climate projects."

To learn more about Jennings and his controversial policies, visit CitizenLink.org/Jennings.

—*Citizen* (June/July 2010), p. 13



Illinois mom Tammy Schulz recently discovered that when her school district uses the words "safe" and "welcome," she feels neither.

It all started in January when she received an invitation to a "Welcoming Schools" presentation at the local Beye elementary school. Billed as a way to address bullying, the program was introduced by the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance and its executive director, Shannon Sullivan.

"Safe schools" and "welcoming" sounded nice. But when Schulz did a little research on the Internet, she didn't like what she saw. It turned out that the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance had strong ties to GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network)—a national homosexual-activist group dedicated to promoting homosexuality to public school kids all the way down to the kindergarten level.

Not only had the national GLSEN office recently honored the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance as its "partner organization," but a former GLSEN affiliate had helped start the alliance in the first place.

Targeting schools has always been a high priority of homosexual-activist groups. It's not even something they've tried to hide—"we recognize that schools are 'ground zero' in our efforts," proclaims the Web site for PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

From the beginning, GLSEN—the brainchild of President Obama's controversial "Safe Schools czar" Kevin Jennings—has supported schools that take a "whole-school approach, incorporating gay issues into their curricula, their extracurricular activities, their assemblies, their faculty and parent education programs, and other areas from kindergarten through twelfth grade."

After all, gay activists realize that if they can capture the hearts and minds of the next generation, they will, for all practical purposes, have won the culture war. Problem is, they still find their agenda being blocked by a formidable force—parents and people of faith who don't want their taxpayer-funded schools transformed into indoctrination centers.

So they have latched onto a more subtle tactic—infiltrating classrooms under the cover of "anti-bullying" or "safe schools" initiatives.

—Candi Cushman, *Citizen* (June/July 2010), p. 9

Editor's Note: The appointment of homosexual Kevin Jennings to such a position proves to me that President Barack Obama is, as Sean Hannity points out in his book *Conservative Victory*, "a Manchurian candidate." Says Hannity, "This stuff is just too bizarre for most Americans to process: an actual Marxist in the White House." My upcoming book will more than verify his comment as well!

Honored Active Duty Summit Alumni



CPT Stephen Johnston is a 1999 Summit alum who has served in Iraq and Afghanistan in the 48th Brigade, GA Army National Guard.



Rebecca Steiger is a Colorado Summit alum from 2007 and 2008 who is currently finishing AIT training and awaiting deployment.

Please keep these soldiers and their families in your prayers. More active duty Summit alumni will be honored in months to come.



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EDUCATION

The Texas State Board of Education adopted a social studies and history curriculum Friday that amends or waters down the teaching of the civil rights movement, slavery, America's relationship with the U.N. and hundreds of other items.

The debate over the guidelines, which drew intense scrutiny beyond TX, stems from the fact that they will be used to teach some 4.8 million Texas students for the next 10 years.

The standards also will be used by textbook publishers who often develop materials for other states based on those approved in Texas, although teachers in the Lone Star state have latitude in deciding which material to teach.

The board took separate votes on standards for high schools and kindergarten through eighth grades. The final vote was 9-5 on each set of standards.

The debate has brought national attention, including testimony from educators, civil rights leaders, and a former U.S. education secretary.

The ideological dispute contributed to the defeat of one of the board's most outspoken conservatives, Chairman Don McLeroy, in the March state Republican primary.

In final edits leading up to the vote, conservatives rejected language to modernize the classification of historic periods to B.C.E. and C.E. from the traditional B.C. and A.D.

They also required that public school students in Texas evaluate efforts by global organizations to undermine U.S. sovereignty.

During the months-long process of creating the guidelines, conservatives successfully strengthened the requirements on teaching the Judeo-Christian influences of the nation's Founding Fathers and attempted to water down rationale for the separation of church and state.

The standards will refer to the U.S. government as a "constitutional republic," rather than "democratic," and students will be required to study the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, including the abandonment of the gold standard.

Conservatives say the Texas history curriculum has been unfairly skewed to the left after years of Democratic control of the board.

—*Colorado Springs Gazette* (May 22, 2010), p.A12

SCIENCE

The Icelandic eruption that has caused misery for air travellers could be part of a surge in volcanic activity that will affect the whole of Europe for decades, scientists have warned.

They have reconstructed a timeline of 205 eruptions in Iceland, spanning the past 1,100 years, and found that they occur in regular cycles—with the relatively quiet phase that dominated the past five decades now coming to an end.

At least three other big Icelandic volcanoes are build-

ing towards an eruption, according to Thor Thordarson, a volcanologist at Edinburgh University.

"The frequency of Icelandic eruptions seems to rise and fall in a cycle lasting around 140 years," he said. "In the latter part of the 20th century we were in a low period, but now there is evidence that we could be approaching a peak."

His findings coincide with new warnings that the eruption of Eyjafjallajökull, which has disrupted air traffic across Europe for several weeks, could carry on for many months—and possibly years.

Some geologists have also warned of a serious threat from a fourth volcano, Katla, which lies 15 miles to the east of Eyjafjallajökull. Two of its past three eruptions seemed to be triggered by those of its smaller neighbour and a report issued just before Eyjafjallajökull blew suggested Katla was "close to failure [eruption]".

The three other volcanoes cited by Thordarson as being potentially close to a large eruption are Grimsvotn, Hekla and Askja—all of which are bigger than Eyjafjallajökull.

In the past, they have proved devastating. Hekla alone has erupted about 20 times since AD 874, pouring out a total of two cubic miles of lava from a line of fissures that stretches 3½ miles across the mountain.

There was a minor eruption in 2000 and geologists have reported that snow is once again melting on Hekla's summit, suggesting that magma is rising.

Grimsvotn, another highly active volcano, lies under the huge Vatnajökull glacier in Iceland's southeast. An eruption in 1996 saw much of this glacial ice melt, causing a flood that washed away the country's main ring road.

It is linked to the massive Laki fissure volcano whose 1783 eruption ejected so much ash into the atmosphere that it cooled the entire northern hemisphere for nearly three years. The resulting low temperatures caused crop failures and famines that killed 2 million people and helped trigger the French Revolution.

—*Sunday Times* U.K. (May 16, 2010)

Science is organized skepticism and the consensus must shift in light of the evidence.

—Lord Martin Rees, Pres. Royal Society, May 28, 2010

With publication of *On the Origin of Species* in 1859, the hunt was on for the "missing link." Fame and fortune awaited the scientist who found the link proving Darwin right: that man evolved from a monkey.

In 1912, success! In a gravel pit near Piltdown in East Sussex, there was found the cranium of a man with the jaw

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of an ape.

“Darwin Theory Proved True,” ran the banner headline. Evolution skeptics were pilloried, and three English scientists were knighted for validating Piltdown Man.

It wasn’t until 1953, after generations of biology students had been taught about Piltdown Man, that closer inspection discovered that the cranium belonged to a medieval Englishman, the bones had been dyed to look older and the jaw belonged to an orangutan whose teeth had been filed down to look human.

The scientific discovery of the century became the hoax of the century. But Piltdown Man was not alone. There was Nebraska Man. In 1922, Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History, identified a tooth fossil found in Nebraska to be that of an “anthropoid ape.” He used his discovery to mock William Jennings Bryan, newly elected to Congress, as “the most distinguished primate which the State of Nebraska has yet produced.”

Invited to testify at the Scopes trial, however, Osborn begged off. For, by 1925, Nebraska Man’s tooth had been traced to a wild pig, and Creationist Duane Gish, a biochemist, had remarked of Osborn’s Nebraska Man, “I believe this is a case in which a scientist made a man out of a pig, and the pig made a monkey out of the scientist.”

These stories are wonderfully told in Eugene Windchyl’s 2009 *The End of Darwinism*. But if Piltdown Man and his American cousin Nebraska Man were the hoaxes of the 20th century, global warming is the great hoax of the 21st. In a matter of months, what have we learned:

- In its 2007 report claiming that the Himalayan glaciers are melting, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change relied on a 1999 news story in a popular science journal, based on one interview with a little-known Indian scientist who said this was pure “speculation,” not supported by any research. The IPCC also misreported the supposed date of the glaciers’ meltdown as 2035. The Indian had suggested 2350.
- The IPCC report that global warming is going to kill 40 percent of the Amazon rainforest and cut African crop yields 50 percent has been found to be alarmist propaganda.
- The IPCC 2007 report declared 55 percent of Holland to be below sea level, an exaggeration of over 100 percent.
- While endless keening is heard over the Arctic ice cap, we hear almost nothing of the 2009 report of the British Antarctica Survey that the sea ice cap of Antarctica has been expanding by 100,000 square kilometers a decade for 30 years. That translates into 3,800 square miles of new Antarctic ice every year.
- Though America endured one of the worst winters ever, while the 2009 hurricane season was among

the mildest, the warmers say this proves nothing. But when our winters were mild and the 2005 hurricane season brought four major storms to the U.S. coast, Katrina among them, the warmers said this validated their theory.

- The Climatic Research Unit at East Anglia University, which provides the scientific backup for the IPCC, apparently threw out the basic data on which it based claims of a rise in global temperatures for the century. And a hacker into its e-mail files found CRU “scientists” had squelched the publication of dissenting views.

What we learned in a year’s time: Polar bears are not vanishing. Sea levels are not rising at anything like the 20-foot surge this century was to bring. Cities are not sinking. Beaches are not disappearing. Temperatures have not been rising since the late 1990s. And, in historic terms, our global warming is not at all unprecedented. How horrible was it?

“The Vikings discovered and settled Greenland around A.D. 950. Greenland was then so warm that thousands of colonists supported themselves by pasturing cattle on what is now frozen tundra. During this great global warming, Europe built the looming castles and soaring cathedrals that even today stun tourists with their size, beauty, and engineering excellence. These colossal buildings required the investment of millions of man-hours—which could be spared from farming because of higher crop yields.”

Today’s global warming hysteria is the hoax of the 21st century. H.L. Mencken had it right: “The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed—and hence clamorous to be led to safety—by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.”

—Patrick J. Buchanan, *Human Events*
(March 8, 2010), p. 15

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As the leader of House Democrats, Nancy Pelosi frequently speaks out in support of a leftwing agenda that includes abortion-on-demand and same-sex marriage. Whenever a pastor or rabbi objects to abortion-on-demand or men “marrying” other men, liberal politicians like Nancy Pelosi lecture them on the “separation of church and state.” But Nancy Pelosi recently found an issue on which she demanded church leaders speak out—“amnesty” for millions of illegal immigrants.

Recently, Pelosi addressed a conference at Trinity Washington University. On the subject of amnesty, Pelosi said the following: “The cardinals, the archbishops, the bishops that come to me...say, ‘We want you to pass immigration reform,’ and I said, ‘I want you to speak about it from the pulpit.’ Some (who) oppose immigration reform are sitting in those pews, and you have to tell them that this is a mani-

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festation of our living the Gospels.”

Ms. Pelosi must be reading the Democrat Party platform because she surely is not reading the Gospels. There is nothing Christian about rewarding lawlessness while penalizing millions of people waiting to enter our country legally. It is not biblical to use the power of government to take the hard-earned money of millions of American families and redistribute it by force of law to others.

I suspect that many men and women of faith would strongly object to Nancy Pelosi’s view that tolerating criminal behavior—ILLEGAL immigration—is a “manifestation of our living the Gospels.” But Pelosi’s statement is also evidence of the Left’s hypocrisy. It has no problem mixing religion and politics, as long as it promotes its leftwing political agenda. But if conservative pastors, priests, or rabbis dare to speak up, “tolerant” liberals like Pelosi accuse them of intruding into areas that religion should not enter.

—Gary L. Bauer, *End of the Day Report* (May 17, 2010)



“It would be nice—or at least honest,” writes Sean Hannity, “if Barack Obama would just come out and admit his socialism.”

That sentence appears in the chapter titled “Obama the Socialist” in Hannity’s new book, *Conservative Victory—Defeating Obama’s Radical Agenda*. In a recent interview about the book, Hannity told me he believes Obama “meets the dictionary definition” of a socialist.

This is the plain truth. Obama is a Socialist. Merriam-Webster defines socialism as “any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or government ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods.” A Socialist is “one who advocates or practices socialism.”

Obama, for example, practiced socialism with General Motors.

Last year, he directed the government to take 60 percent ownership of GM. Congress had not enacted legislation authorizing him to do this. He simply took money out of the Troubled Asset Relief Program, which had been appropriated to buy assets from financial institutions (not manufacturers), and bought the federal government an auto company.

Obama’s greatest Socialist act so far, however, is the national health care system he signed into law last month.

“As a leftist to his core, Barack Obama has been salivating over socialized medicine for years,” writes Hannity. “It’s the perfect policy vehicle for Socialists who want to ensure that government’s tentacles will spread into all aspects of our society. They have been trying for decades to impose it on this liberty-loving nation. It is the Socialists’ dream, a solution that has all the attributes of Trojan-horse liber-

alism: It appears perfectly compassionate on the drawing board, while operating as a freedom vacuum once put into practice.”

This, again, is the plain truth. Under Obamacare, the government will start out subsidizing the health insurance of Americans making up to 400 percent of the poverty level. In return for this redistribution of wealth, those who go on the health care dole will give up a significant measure of freedom.

Obamacare gives government the power to control which health insurance plans they can buy and what benefits those plans will—or will not—provide. In its role as primary paymaster and regulator of the health care system, the government will have decisive leverage over some of the most morally consequential decisions individuals ever make.

And that is before the system evolves into a single-payer system, which it inevitably will, as insurance companies discover they cannot deliver the benefits the government demands at the price the government will pay, and as individuals who make too much to qualify for a government subsidy discover they earn too little to buy the plan the government insists they must.

“What we need is less government and a vigorous re-introduction of market forces into the medical industry,” writes Hannity.

Conservative Victory is a gutsy book that pulls no punches in defining the threat that Barack Obama’s agenda poses to American freedom. But it also makes a powerful case for the counter-agenda needed to take our country back. That agenda is old-fashioned, unapologetic Ronald Reagan conservatism—a conservatism that stands for free enterprise, traditional morality, and peace through strength.

“Our free-market system is the reason that American prosperity has outshined that of every other free nation in history,” writes Hannity. “The time is ripe for conservatives to make their case—not just a rejection of Obama socialism, but a reinvigoration of free-market capitalism.”

“Conservatives, being God-fearing at their core, are committed to protect the sanctity of human life,” he writes. “We support the concept of traditional marriage, between one man and one woman, as one of the essential institutions of a stable, ordered society.”

“It was Ronald Reagan’s steadfast insistence on SDI at Reykjavik, against the hysterical hand-wringing of nuclear-freeze liberals, that eventually forced Mikhail Gorbachev to capitulate in the Cold War,” he writes. “We won not by surrendering but by protecting our interests and our principles from a position of strength.”

“The true key to conservative victory,” writes Hannity, “is to stay true to conservative principles; to convey the message clearly and powerfully; and to refuse to let liberals distort what we stand for and what is in our hearts.”

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Exactly.

—Terence P. Jeffrey, *Human Events* (April 12, 2010), p. 7

The work will more than verify Newt Gingrich's comments.



On *Fox News Sunday* May 16, 2010, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich slammed the Obama Administration and the Democrat Congress as “a secular socialist machine.” Consider this exchange between Gingrich and host Chris Wallace:

Wallace: You say President Obama and the Democrats are trying to impose a secular socialist machine on this country. What is that?

Gingrich: Well, first of all, it's clearly a machine. If you can get \$757 billion out of the Congress and no elected official has even read the [stimulus bill], that's the behavior of a Chicago-style machine. If you have the entire country rejecting health care, you lose Teddy Kennedy's seat over health care, and your attitude is, ‘Who cares, we're going to run over you...’ So today for the first time, I think, in my lifetime you have a bill which passed which 58 percent of the country wants to repeal. That's the behavior of a machine.

Wallace: All right. Now the secular socialist part.

Gingrich: Well...working backwards for a second, when you have a pay czar in the White House who thinks that they have enough power and knowledge to set the salaries for hundreds of people in dozens of companies, in an industry they've never been in—I mean, if that's not socialist—if the government is the largest owner of General Motors and Chrysler, the largest funder of AIG—they just nationalized student loans so they're now all 100 percent government program.

Wallace: All right. Now the secular part?

Gingrich: Well, the secular part...look at his appointments, if you look at an equal employment opportunity commission appointee who says basically religious liberty has to be subordinated to identity politics, meaning the gay agenda, you look at a Democratic candidate for the Senate in Massachusetts who says, ‘You know, if you're a practicing Catholic maybe you shouldn't work in emergency rooms,’ I mean, there's a continuous, relentless anti-religious bias.

The recent judge's decision that a day of prayer is unconstitutional—which if it weren't so serious it would be laughable...as a threat to our way of life, the degree to which the secular-socialist left represents a fundamental replacement of America, a very different world view, a very different outcome, I think is a very serious threat to our way of life.

—Gary L. Bauer, *End of the Day Report* (May 17, 2010)

Editor's Note: Shortly you will hear of my latest work entitled *You Can Still Trust the Communists (to be Communists)*.