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“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

—I Corinthians 1:19 (NKJV)

# SUMMIT ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

*a word about Summit Alumnus John Hull*

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Dr. John Hull is President and CEO of EQUIP, a nonprofit Christian leadership development organization established in 1996. Since then Equip has trained over 2 million leaders in 110 nations (<http://www.iequip.org/>). The ministry has been recognized as a “Best Christian Workplace” award winner.

John was first introduced to the concept of a Christian worldview when he attended Summit’s student leadership conference between his junior and senior years of high school. He was raised in a Christian home, but he had never thought about how his faith applied to important interests such as entertainment and politics. At Summit, he learned that his beliefs about God interfaced with his beliefs about all other aspects of life. He says, “It’s amazing what I learned in two weeks that stayed with me forever. I probably paid attention to half of what was said, but what I heard stuck with me and has impacted my life.” Besides meeting other young people like himself, John met Dr. Noebel, whom he describes as “one of the smartest people he has ever met.”

John recalls that what he learned at Summit was particularly useful when he attended the University of Georgia. He felt prepared to face professors who presented alternate and conflicting worldviews, especially when it came to the debate surrounding creation and evolution.

During his senior year of college, John felt God calling him into fulltime Christian ministry. After graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in journalism and telecommunications, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

He has served as a pastor for twenty years in the United States and Canada. He was most recently Senior Pastor at the renowned Peoples Church in Toronto. He has also served as a featured speaker at numerous conferences, churches, and global outreach events and has participated in leadership training venues on every continent.

During his years as a pastor, John met and became friends with Dr. John C. Maxwell, the founder of EQUIP. Dr. Maxwell invited John to join EQUIP in its early years. When John joined EQUIP it was three years old and ministered in seven countries. Since then, it has seen significant growth and now serves in 137 coun-

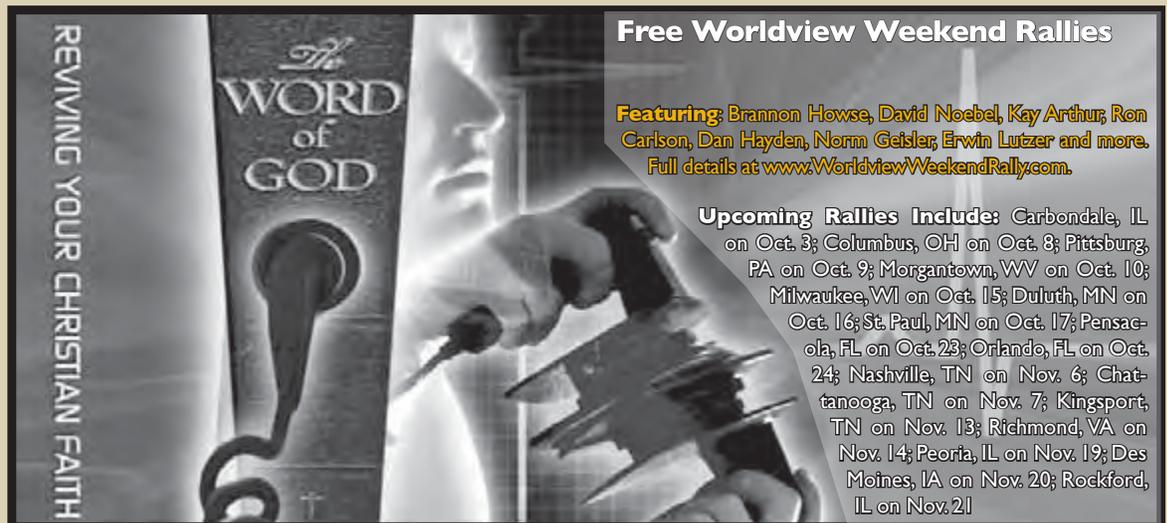
tries. Its leadership curriculum is available in 65 languages.

Dr. Maxwell describes John this way: “John Hull is a remarkably gifted man who is making a difference in countless lives worldwide. I appreciate John’s heart—his heart for Christ and his heart for people. I rely on his counsel and value his friendship. I’ve always been proud to have him represent me, so much so that if you want a picture of how I would personally lead, I’d tell you to look at him.”

John Hull hosts *Leadership Moment*, a radio ministry of EQUIP that is now broadcast daily on over 1,100 outlets throughout the United States. *Leadership Moment* was awarded “Radio Program of the Year—Short Form” by the National Religious Broadcasters Association. John also hosts quarterly *The Global Stage*, which features interviews with Christian leaders from around the world. In addition to his media ministry, John has authored numerous articles and co-authored *Pivotal Praying—Connecting with God in Times of Great Need*, an acclaimed book written with Dr. Tim Elmore.

John believes Summit is more important now than ever before. He says, “With the onslaught of media and secular culture, people seem to be brain dead. Students need to know what it means to be orthodox and conservative and how their faith applies to the world around them.”

Dr. Hull resides in Atlanta with his wife, Sharon. They have two adult children, Andy and Mary Alice.



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This issue of the *Summit Journal* will be the first one going out to our 2010 Summit graduates, most of whom are already on their high school and college campuses. Hence, this is an excellent time to highlight some of the concepts they learned during their time with us this summer.

Every Summit student now knows a great deal about the six evangelistic worldviews that are actively vying for their hearts and minds—Christianity, Islam, Secular Humanism, New Age, Post-modernism, and Marxism (both the Lenin and Gramsci varieties). We call these worldviews evangelistic because they are actively seeking followers and disciples.

Our students also learned that these six worldviews are active in the Obama administration, although sadly Marxism, Secular Humanism, and Islam are the most active! Victor Davis Hanson rightly claims that Obama is America's first postmodern president, and Sean Hannity rightly claims he is the nation's first Marxist president. Fifty-five percent of the American people have rightly concluded that our president is a Socialist and a product of the Rev. Jeremiah Wright's black liberation theology (a pro-Communist movement).

James Cone, black liberation theology's chief architect and guru, insists that Marxism is necessary for applying the gospel in the black community because it protects black churches from "white theology and white oppression" (see Anthony B. Bradley, *Liberating Black Theology*, p. 100).

The progressive-socialist-Marxist movement in America can rightly claim responsibility for ushering Obama into the Oval Office (see Robert Chandler, *Shadow World: Resurgent Russia, the Global New Left, and Radical Islam*, Regnery Publishing, 2008).

In this issue, I want to remind our readers, and especially our most recent Summit graduates, of the perilous situation Christian college students face today. David Horowitz describes it this way in his book *Radical Son*: "The situation in the universities was appalling. The Marxists and socialists who had been refuted by historical events were now the tenured establishment of the academic world. Marxism had produced the bloodiest and most oppressive regimes in human history—but after the fall [of the Soviet empire], as one witness commented, more Marxists could be found on the faculties of American colleges than in the entire former Communist bloc."

Chandler (*Shadow World*, p. 232) summarizes the current infiltration of academia in this way: "Hiding behind academic masks, these progressive-socialist-Marxist professors—modern 'organic' intellectuals—have poisoned the minds of millions of students with America-hating, Gramscian Marxist advocacy. [Gramsci believed the best way to destroy the

West and Christianity with it was to infiltrate the West's institutions and destroy them from within rather than take Lenin's approach, which was to slaughter the bourgeoisie.] Out of some 617,000 college and university professors in the United States in 2006, David Horowitz estimated, some 25,000 to 30,000 of them were radical Leftists. When one tallies the number of university students passing through the classrooms of these 'teachers of destruction' each year and the number influenced by their radical writings, Horowitz found that on the order of three million potential brainwashes could have been influenced annually." I highly recommend *Shadow World* to every Christian college or university student.



Chandler also writes about David Horowitz's testimony before the Kansas House of Representatives regarding "academic freedom," where he said that "entire academic departments and fields

are no longer devoted to scholarly pursuits, but have become ideological training and recruitment centers for radical causes." The departments most suspect are economics, health, history, English, political science, sociology, psychology, and anthropology. Add to these departments women's studies, queer studies, black liberation studies, Islamic studies, third world studies, global warming studies, and so on—you get the picture.

These facts will not surprise those in the field of education since the largest teacher's union (the NEA) recently announced its plans to celebrate the founding of Communist China. The fact that Mao Tse-tung is responsible for the deaths of 75 million Chinese doesn't seem to faze the NEA either since its 30,000 "teachers of destruction" have for decades portrayed human beings as mere evolving animals (or insects) fit for ultimate elimination because they have a disease called capitalism. (Read more on this subject elsewhere in this issue!)

However, what is becoming more and more obvious is that many courses in the hard sciences (with the exception of those brazenly teaching the evolving animal gospel) are not necessarily anti-Christian. Physics departments, for example, are becoming rather receptive to the idea of a Mind behind the finely tuned constants of nature. Even Martin Rees in *Just Six Numbers* says that "God believers" are not irrational for believing that God created the universe for the specific intention of placing human beings on the earth! This is a beginning.

The Christian position is that God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is responsible for the creation of heaven and earth and for the creation of a fully formed Adam and Eve

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to take care of a very special portion of His creation. This is what Moses tells us in Genesis 1–3 and what the apostle John tells us in John 1:1–3.

Richard Dawkins, on the other hand, tells us he became an atheist at the age of 15 after reading Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life* (certainly a racist work in that Darwin did not consider the Zulus as one of the "favored races"). We need to remind ourselves that Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin were admirers of Darwin and that Karl Marx wanted to dedicate one of his works to him. Mrs. Darwin protested that honor, but we can logically speculate that the NEA would have accepted it in a nanosecond!

We can also logically speculate that Richard Dawkins at 15 knew little about the human cell and that Darwin knew even less in 1859! We can only wonder what each of them would say about the magnificent structure of the cell as spelled out in *Signature in the Cell* by Stephen C. Meyer.

Richard Dawkins does know that Darwin tells us nothing about the origin of any species since natural selection works only on species already in existence. We all know how difficult it is for atheistic evolutionists to explain the origins of life itself. Generating life from nonlife is an arduous task, and no one has ever done it. The only Person who has done it is the eternal living God. Spontaneous generation is not science! Science fiction perhaps, but not science.

We at the Summit—our Board of Directors, administrative staff, conference faculty and staff, and supporters alike—pray that our recent graduates have a successful academic year. If we can help in any way, we are only an e-mail or telephone call away. We also have reliable resources that address all of today's "controversial" issues (although we don't see the slaughter of 75 million people as controversial!).

P.S. Just remember that if any of your professors challenges your human rights, insist on your animal rights since animals seem to be gaining more of them these days than humans. One such professor at the University of Texas Austin wants to eliminate 90 percent of the world's human population in order to save the planet. We can assume he plans to be in the 10 percent left behind—of course I could be wrong about this assumption.

## BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

✝ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent."

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world

through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

—1 Corinthians 1:18–25 (NKJV)



"And what is this valley called?"

"We call it now simply Wisdom's Valley: but the oldest maps mark it as the valley of Humiliation.

—C.S. Lewis, *The Pilgrim's Regress*

## GLOBAL WARMING

☀ There is a popular misconception that science is an impersonal, dispassionate, and thoroughly objective enterprise. Whereas most other human activities are dominated by fashions, fads, and personalities, science is supposed to be constrained by agreed rules of procedure and rigorous tests. It is the results that count, not the people who produce them. This is, of course, manifest nonsense. Science is a people-driven activity like all human endeavor, and just as subject to fashion and whim. In this case fashion is set not so much by choice of subject matter, but the way scientists think about the world.

—Paul Davies, in Richard P. Feynman, *Six Easy Pieces: Essentials of Physics*, Intro.



The primary goal of climate research is no longer the advancement of knowledge; it is instead the protection and dissemination of the IPCC [United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] party line. The peer review process for getting research proposals funded and scientific papers published is no longer objective, but is instead short-circuited by zealots adhering to their faith that humans now control the fate of Earth's climate. Scientific papers that claim all kinds of supposedly dire consequences of anthropogenic climate change are uncritically accepted and rushed to publication, while any papers that cast doubt on the premise of a human-controlled climate system are rejected.

—Roy W. Spencer, *The Great Global Warming Blunder*, p. XVI.



As the United States careens toward governmental controls on energy use, citizens of the United Kingdom and the Eu-

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ropean Union have already been down this road. The British were initially very supportive of restrictions on CO<sub>2</sub> production. But with prices for energy and other goods soaring, and little or no progress made toward the goal of reducing greenhouse gases, they are now revolting against the political establishment. Global warming is now viewed as one more excuse for the government to get its hands on the people's money.

Meanwhile, Russia's growing control over Europe's natural gas supply is a security disaster just waiting to happen. As green concerns have pushed some EU countries toward more reliance on natural gas, their political future is increasingly in the hands of Gazprom and Vladimir Putin, who has been trying to buy up natural gas companies around the world—including in the United States.

—Ibid., p. XVIII, XIX



One of the fundamental tenets of the current "scientific consensus" on global warming is that humans now control the future course of the global climate system.

—Ibid., p. 1



The hubris of the claim that mankind now controls the climate system is astounding.

—Ibid., p. 158



The IPCC was formed over twenty years ago largely for political reasons: to build the scientific case that mankind causes global warming, and thus the policy case for regulating carbon dioxide emissions. Because almost all options for tackling global warming involve more governmental control over society, a political bias ends up coloring the IPCC leadership's message in a way that minimizes scientific uncertainties and maximizes public alarm.

—Ibid., p. 67



It would take natural variations of little more than 1 percent in global average cloud cover to explain most of the climate change seen in the last 2,000 years, yet our ability to measure such small changes has existed for only the last ten years. Without any evidence available to prove them wrong, the IPCC can simply assert that this does not happen. How convenient. Given the basic nature of scientific inquiry, I find the IPCC's resistance to the idea of natural climate change very peculiar. Science always seeks alternative explanations for observed phenomena—except, appar-

ently, when it comes to global warming. But then, as I have mentioned before, the IPCC was formed for largely political reasons, not scientific.

—Ibid., p. 107

## ORIGIN SCIENCE

 A growing number of scientists are concluding, many of them reluctantly, that the universe gives too many indications of having been fine-tuned specifically for the human race to deny that fact any longer. As a recent BBC science documentary pointed out, "Even those who do not accept The Anthropic Principle admit to the 'fine-tuning' and conclude that the universe is 'too contrived' to be a chance event." The documentary quoted a number of distinguished cosmologists, among them Dr. Dennis Scania, head of Cambridge University Observatories, who says, "If you change a little bit the laws of nature, or you change a little bit the constants of nature ... it is very likely that intelligent life would not have been able to develop."

—Dave Hunt *Cosmos, Creator and Human Destiny*, p. 208



The BBC documentary went on to say, "The scientific establishment's most prestigious journals, and its most famous physicists and cosmologists, have all gone on the record as recognizing the objective truth of the fine-tuning." Nobel Laureate high-energy physicist (a field of science dealing with the very early universe) Professor Steven Weinberg, an agnostic, reflects on "how surprising it is that the laws of nature and the initial conditions of the universe should allow for the existence of beings who could observe it. Life as we know it would be impossible if any one of several physical quantities had slightly different values."

—Ibid., p. 209



Roger Penrose, the Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford, and renowned for his work in mathematical physics, in particular his contributions to general relativity and cosmology, with honors, degrees, books, and published scientific papers too numerous to list, calculates that the likelihood of the universe having stable energy at the creation is one chance in one followed by a million billion zeros. Even if we were to write a zero on each separate proton and on each separate neutron in the universe ... and on every other particle as well ... we should fall far short of writing down the figure needed.

—Ibid., p. 210



Writing of the origin of the universe, Stephen Hawking declared: “The remarkable fact is that the values of these numbers (i.e., the constants of physics) seem to have been very finely adjusted to make possible the development of life. . . . It would be very difficult to explain why the universe should have begun in just this way, except as the act of a God who intended to create beings like us.”

—Ibid., p. 210



“A century ago, England was the major center of Christianity in the West. For many years, it had been sending out thousands of missionaries carrying the message of Christ to the world. Darwin and Freud changed all that. Richard Dawkins explains, “Any creationist lawyer who got me on the stand could instantly win over the jury simply by asking me: ‘Has your knowledge of evolution influenced you in the direction of becoming an atheist?’ I would have to answer yes.” Dawkins confesses that Darwinism turned him from a fine “Christian” English youth into an atheist. He even says that he might still be a theist had it not been for Darwin: “[I] lost my faith for good at about the age of 15 or 16. That was because I discovered Darwinism. I recognized that there was no good reason to believe in any kind of supernatural creator. And my final vestige of religious faith disappeared when I finally understood the Darwinian explanation for life.”

He was badly mistaken. In fact, neither Darwinism nor any branch of science can explain life, its origin, or its meaning, and Darwinism doesn’t even make a serious attempt to do so, but the teenage Dawkins thought it had. We can excuse him for such naïveté then. For making such erroneous statements today, however, we must charge him with deliberate misrepresentation because now he knows better. Dawkins knowingly credits and praises Darwin for what he did not and could not accomplish. This is deceitful and misleads those who ignorantly accept such misrepresentations as scientifically valid.

As every perceptive reader had known from the time of its publication, Darwin’s first book, *On The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or The Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life*, far from living up to the promise in its name, did not offer an explanation of the origin of even one species! It did, however, provide “scientific” justification for racism while convincing young Dawkins of evolution and natural selection.

—Ibid., p. 51–52

**Editor’s note:** Darwin, and therefore the young Dawkins, knew nothing about the intelligence manifested within the cell! All atheists should read *The Signature of the Cell* by Stephen C. Meyer.



Having been converted to atheism through Darwinism, Richard Dawkins attempts to promote and defend this theory at every turn. He is not one from whom we would solicit an unbiased scientific opinion about whether evolution is true and has been proved as a fact. Rare would be any evolutionist who would admit to the gaping holes in this theory or to its glaring defects. For example, here is a typical response one would receive from Googling “evolution as fact:”

“Evolution is a fact, not a theory. Scientists generally agree that Darwin’s Theory of Evolution is the correct explanation of how life on earth evolved. . . .”

Even if that were a true statement, it tells us nothing about the origin of life, what life is, or its meaning. Hundreds of scientists disagree with evolution and are signing up on an internet site, in a list that daily grows, to express their opposition to this unscientific theory. It is dishonest for Dawkins and other atheists to continue to give the impression that no credible scientists oppose evolution. Moreover, isn’t it a gross misrepresentation to claim to explain “how life on earth evolved,” when science admits it can’t tell us what life is or how it first appeared on earth?

—Ibid., p. 52–53

## SOCIOLOGY



The ruling class is keener to reform the American people’s family and spiritual lives than their economic and civic ones. In no other areas is the ruling class’s self-definition so definite, its contempt for opposition so patent, its *Kulturkampf* so open. It believes that the Christian family (and the Orthodox Jewish ones too) is rooted in and perpetuates the ignorance commonly called religion, divisive social prejudices, and repressive gender roles, that it is the greatest barrier to human progress because it looks to its very particular interest—often defined as mere coherence against outsiders who most often know better. Thus the family prevents its members from playing their proper roles in social reform. Worst of all, it reproduces itself.

Since marriage is the family’s fertile seed, government at all levels, along with “mainstream” academics and media, have waged war on it. They legislate, regulate, and exhort in support not of “the family”—meaning married parents raising children—but rather of “families,” meaning mostly households based on something other than marriage. The institution of no-fault divorce diminished the distinction between cohabitation and marriage—except that husbands are held financially responsible for the children they father, while out-of-wedlock fathers are not. The tax code penalizes marriage and forces those married couples who raise their own children to subsidize “child care” for those who do not. Top Republicans and Democrats have also led society away from the very notion of marital fidelity by precept as well

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as by parading their affairs. For example, in 1997 the Democratic administration's secretary of defense and the Republican Senate's majority leader (joined by the *New York Times* et al.) condemned the military's practice of punishing officers who had extramarital affairs. While the military had assumed that honoring marital vows is as fundamental to the integrity of its units as it is to that of society, consensus at the top declared that insistence on fidelity is "contrary to societal norms." Not surprisingly, rates of marriage in America have decreased as out-of-wedlock births have increased. The biggest demographic consequence has been that about one in five of all households are women alone or with children, in which case they have about a four in 10 chance of living in poverty. Since unmarried mothers often are or expect to be clients of government services, it is not surprising that they are among the Democratic Party's most faithful voters.

—Angelo M. Codevilla, *The American Spectator*, July/August 2010, p. 29

## ETHICS

⚖️ Son Jong Nam was a good, loyal North Korean: For ten years, he served in the "presidential security service." But then something happened: His wife was accused of remarking on the famine that had spread throughout the land. Eight months pregnant, she was seized by the police. They kicked her in the stomach until the baby died. Son fled with his family to China. His wife died. He found Christianity, and began to evangelize among his fellow North Korean defectors. The Chinese caught him doing this and sent him back to North Korea: where he was tortured almost to death. Released, he sneaked back across the Chinese border, to see his daughter, who had been left in the care of a missionary. He decided to return to North Korea, seeing it as his duty to spread the Word there. He was caught with Bibles: and charged with spying for the United States and South Korea. He was sentenced to public execution by firing squad. But his brother in South Korea, launched an international campaign to save him. According to a news report, the campaign apparently led the North Koreans "to switch to a less public method: torture." The brother observed, "there are many ways to kill people in North Korea." Son Jong Nam was at last tortured to death at age 50. A great man. An evil regime.

—*National Review*, August 2, 2010, p. 12

In Iran, Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani, an impoverished widow, the mother of two, 43 years old, was sentenced to death after an accusation of adultery. She had already been given 99

lashes. She made a confession under "duress," which is to say torture, that she later retracted. The decreed method of execution was fairly specific: She was to be buried up to her neck and pelted with small rocks—not big ones, small ones—until she died. Bowing to an outcry, Iran has called off the execution "for the moment"; not every Iranian woman is so lucky. Earlier this year, the Iranian state was elected to the women's-rights commission at the United Nations. The U.S. government uttered not a word in objection.

—*National Review*, August 2, 2010, p. 12

## LEADERSHIP

🏠 The Boy Scouts of America is celebrating its centenary. We celebrate with it. In these hundred years, scouting has brought healthy and harmless fun to untold millions of American boys, while imparting solid practical and moral instruction. From the lofty heights of early-21st-century enlightenment, some of the moral instruction looks uncharitable. The more dogmatic of our moralists have even declared the BSA a hate group on account of its refusal to countenance openly homosexual scoutmasters. Robert Baden-Powell, who founded scouting (in Britain, a couple of years before W.D. Boyce brought it to the U.S.), has himself been much mocked for his snobbery and imperialism, his political naïveté, his enthusiasm for pastimes like pig-sticking and skirt-dancing, and his distressingly un-modern attitudes to sexuality. Well, let the mocker mock. Scouting has accomplished wonders in the most difficult of all social endeavors: the civilizing of young males. Baden-Powell was several times nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The last nomination, in 1939, lapsed because of WWII. (Baden-Powell died in 1941.) It's a pity it can't be revived. Looking through the list of subsequent recipients of that award, we see precious few who did as much good in the world as Robert Baden-Powell.

—*National Review*, August 2, 2010, p. 13

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## EDUCATION

The National Education Association is suggesting its teachers and NEA-connected schools celebrate China on the anniversary of the repressive communist regime's violent founding.

The NEA's website has a page called Diversity Events and lists Oct. 1 as the day to celebrate Chairman Mao's successful revolution.

University of North Carolina–Wilmington criminal-justice professor Mike Adams says the NEA's position is borne out of intellectual arrogance.

"Well, the next thing you know they'll be celebrating the birth of Nazi Germany, but certainly that would be anticlimactic, because communist China has killed more people than Nazi Germany," Adams said.

"I think the only one way to describe the arrogant hubris of these pseudo-intellectuals is that they're 'holier than thou,'" Adams said.

The author of *Welcome to the Ivory Tower of Babel* says the Oct. 1 entry on the NEA's website calendar reveals the NEA isn't really interested in true diversity.

"I think this really shows they're not dedicated to the principle of diversity. You know the diversity scheme has always been an example of cultural Marxism," Adams observed.

Worldview Weekend President Brannon Howse says the NEA is also advocating multiculturalism.

"Today we call it political correctness, but the real term is cultural Marxism. It's also multiculturalism, which is a denigration of the foundational Western worldview," Howse explained.

Adams believes the NEA's willing advocacy of cultural Marxism means it is anti-Western.

"It just shows they're contrarians and they'll celebrate anything that is contrary to our Judeo-Christian principles and our capitalistic society. It's just another example of identity politics," Adams stated.

Howse agreed with Adams on the basic point. He says he's not surprised that the NEA would celebrate communism.

"I'm appalled but not shocked because of the National Education Association's long love affair with communism," Howse said.

"Most Americans are going to be shocked but this helps us understand who the National Education Association really is. The NEA is a group of radicals who are opposed to parental authority, opposed to accountability, and they're not for traditional education," Howse added.

"They're not reading, writing and arithmetic. They are for a progressive, liberal, anti-American worldview and most of the teachers who pay dues to the NEA do not agree with the liberal stances of the National Education Association," Howse explained.

Howse adds that one of the NEA's heroes is John Dewey.

"John Dewey traveled to the former Soviet Union in 1928 and studied the communist education system in the former Soviet Union, and he came back talking about how great it was. He talked about the marvelous development of the progressive education ideas and practices," Howse observed.

"Here is John Dewey praising communism, the Soviet Union's system, which is very much like China's system, saying we need to teach the progressive ideas and to counteract the ideas of the home and the church," Howse added.

Howse also believes that the celebration of communism is consistent with the NEA's philosophy of rejecting the traditional family.

"They support feminism, which is anti-family, anti-father. They openly write about the need to destroy the father, the male, the leader of the home, the defender, and the provider," Howse explained. "Break down the family and it will grow the government and the welfare state."

Howse believes one of the tools the NEA is using to accomplish its objectives is to revise America's history.

"They're at work, and their friends are at work, to try to show that social justice, or communism, or progressive ideology is good. The antithesis, Christianity, is evil," Howse stated.

"Bill Ayers (the former Weather Underground member), you would think is so radical that he would be rejected. Instead he's been elected as vice president of a leading organization that writes curriculum. So Bill Ayers is writing social-justice curriculum for America's schools," Howse continued.

"So this is how the National Education Association and people like Bill Ayers will work to praise the Soviet Union, to praise China," Howse added. "Their job has been to rewrite history to make America look bad and communism look good."

The NEA's diversity calendar also lists Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and traditional Jewish holidays such as Passover and Yom Kippur.

However, the calendar also includes the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan and the festival of Eid al-Fitr, the day to celebrate Ramadan's end.

Howse adds that the connection between the two ideologies is purely pragmatic.

"The communists and the Muslims are united in their desire to destroy America. Muslims see America as the great Satan. Communists hate traditional America," Howse said.

However, Howse says that the arrangement pits the two most aggressive ideologies. At some point, those ideologies will clash.

"They're working together now, but they'll fight it out later."

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According to Adams, the calendar is an expression of the valueless education establishment, which encourages the celebration of days significant to two of the world's more aggressive belief systems.

He says that in the end, when those two ideologies collide, one ideology will win out.

"There's no question that Islam will win out in the end," Adams said.

An NEA official told WND no one from the organization was available for comment.

WND reported when the NEA made a glowing assessment of radical socialist community organizer Saul Alinsky, enthusiastically recommending American public school teachers read two of his books, including one dedicated to Satan.

On its website, the NEA dubs Alinsky "an inspiration to anyone contemplating action in their community! And to every organizer!"

It recommends Alinsky's *Reveille for Radicals*, a 1946 book about the principles and tactics of "community organizing," and *Rules for Radicals*, a 1971 text that articulated a socialist strategy for gaining political power to redistribute wealth from the "haves" to the "have-nots."

The NEA, the largest labor union in the U.S., represents public school teachers, college and university faculty, retired education employees, and college students preparing to become teachers.

The NEA explained, "Alinsky's goal seems to be to encourage positive social change by equipping activists with a realistic view of the world, a kind of preemptive disillusionment. If a person already knows what evil the world is capable of, then perhaps the surprise factor can be eliminated, making the person a more effective activist. Alinsky further seems to be encouraging the budding activist not to worry to [sic] much about getting his or her hands dirty. It's all a part of the job, he seems to say."

—Worldnetdaily, July 28, 2010

Doubtless many factors have contributed to shaping the Obama outlook. But if there is one thing above any others that explains it, it is that he is a product of the academy—in his case Columbia University, Harvard Law School, and the University of Chicago.

It is hardly a secret that the ethos of modern university is hostile toward America and in favor of redistributing wealth and centralizing power. The academy is inhabited by people of considerable, if insecure, arrogance. They are often closed to alternative points of view. The predominant view among academics is that we should transcend country, nationality, and religion. They tend to be contemptuous of mainstream American values and of the general public.

By academic standards, Barack Obama is mild in his views. He is no Ward Churchill or William Ayers. No successful national politician could be. Still, Obama's years on elite campuses left a deep imprint on him. They helped shape his attitudes, his mindset, and his presuppositions. And so it is not surprising that Obama is drawn to a negative narrative of America's history and its role in the world; that he has an instinctive antipathy toward business and the free market; and that he is emotionally distant from, and in his unguarded moments somewhat contemptuous of, small-town Americans—the kind of folk who cling to their guns and their Bibles in times of distress.

The warning signs were all there.

—Peter Wehner, *The Weekly Standard*, August 2, 2010, p. 13

Q: Then on to Harvard Law School: What was that like? Understanding Harvard Law School is very important to understanding our president, Barack Obama. He is very much a creature of Harvard Law. To understand what that means you have to understand that there were more self-declared communists on the Harvard faculty than there were Republicans. Every single idea this president has proposed in the nine months he's been in office has been orthodox wisdom in the Harvard faculty lounge.

Q: Why are they so far to the left? The communists on the Harvard faculty are generally not malevolent; they generally were raised in privilege, have never worked very hard in their lives, don't understand where jobs and opportunity come from. If you asked the Harvard faculty to vote on whether this nation should become a socialist nation, 80 percent of the faculty would vote yes and 10 percent would think that was too conservative.

—Marvin Olasky's Interview of Ted Cruz  
*World Magazine*, November 7, 2009, p. 25

## COMMUNISM

Hugo Chavez is a hero of "progressives" who support Obama and staff his administration. For example, Mark Lloyd, the Associate General Counsel and Chief Diversity Officer at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), has publicly praised Hugo Chavez and the Marxist revolution in Venezuela.

Other supporters of the regime include Mark Weisbrot of the George Soros-supported Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) in Washington, D.C., and Tariq Ali, a British Pakistani associated with the Institute for Policy Studies, also based in Washington, D.C.

Weisbrot and Ali wrote the screenplay for the Oliver

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Stone film about Chavez.

In a previous report, I had identified Weisbrot as a leading member of a Chavista Terror Support Network in the U.S. that operates with funding and direction from the Chavez regime.

Robert McChesney, the Marxist co-founder of the Free Press, another George Soros funded group that has supplied personnel to the Obama Administration, praised the film, saying, "I enjoyed it a great deal." McChesney's Free Press has argued for transforming the media in the U.S. in much the same way that Chavez has done so in Venezuela.

Unfortunately for acolytes of Chavez, the Stone film has proven to be too slanted even for the *New York Times* to accept as a "documentary." Larry Rohter's *Times* article, "Oliver Stone's Latin America," points out several factual inaccuracies and other "discrepancies" in the film, as well as Stone's inability to correctly pronounce Chavez's last name.

One of Stone's sources, the article points out, is the husband of a Chavez government employee who misrepresents the facts about a coup attempt against Chavez in 2002 and helps run an "information" service paid for by the Chavez government.

—Cliff Kincaid, America's Survival, Inc., June 28, 2010



Oliver Stone's new documentary, *South of the Border*, is a shameful piece of propaganda extolling the virtues of Hugo Chavez and other Latin American left-wing populists. That much was sadly predictable. But we were a bit surprised to see it brutally dissected in the *New York Times*. Larry Rohter, who served as South American bureau chief for the *Times* from 1999 to 2007, noted that the film is riddled with "mistakes, misstatements, and missing details." Perhaps most embarrassingly, Stone "consistently mispronounces Mr. Chavez's name as Sha-VEZ instead of CHA-vez." The conspiracy-minded director told Rohter, "People who are often demonized, like Nixon and Bush and Chavez and Castro, fascinate me." Yet Stone's fascination with the Venezuelan ruler is apparently quite shallow. The man he praises as a well-intentioned "underdog" has effectively created a military dictatorship, sponsored narcoterrorists (the Colombian FARC), allied his country with a brutal, anti-Semitic theocracy (Iran), and inflicted economic devastation on his people. The true story of "Bolivarian socialism" could be turned into a fine film—but Oliver Stone stopped making those a long time ago.

—*National Review*, July 19, 2010, p. 12

## ETHICS

Home-grown American radicalism had its high tide in the early 1970s, when the rage of the radicals had been inflamed by the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, by police suppression of riots at the 1968 Democratic Convention, and by the May 1970 shootings of student demonstrators at Kent State. This was the heyday of domestic terrorists like Kathy Boudin, Bernadine Dohrn, and Bill Ayers (with whom Barack Obama has *never been acquainted in any way whatsoever*). Bombs were set off at the Capitol, the Pentagon, and other targets. One of the biggest bombs destroyed Sterling Hall, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, in August 1970, killing a young physics researcher, Robert Fassnacht. The building housed a military-funded research unit. Two brothers from Madison, Karl and Dwight Armstrong, were the moving spirits behind the bombing. Dwight was arrested at last in 1977. He served three years, then settled down to a career of petty crime and cab driving. He died the other day, aged 58. Karl, who served seven years for the bombing, is still with us. Neither is on record with anything but highly qualified remorse for the bombing.

—*National Review*, July 19, 2010, p. 14