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“Beware lest any man [educator, politician, rock star, news anchor] take you captive through vain and deceitful philosophy [naturalism, post modernism, Marxism, Pragmatism], after the traditions of men [Marx, Darwin, Nietzsche, Wellhausen, Freud, Dewey, Foucault], after the rudiments of the world [socialism, Darwinism, Higher Criticism, Humanism, relativism, existentialism], and not after Christ.”—Colossians 2:8

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

a word from Dr. Noebel

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My wife and I wish our Summit *Journal* family a Christ-centered Christmas season and a blessed New Year!

Last year the editor of the Colorado Spring's *Gazette* newspaper wrote an interesting article entitled "How Jesus Might Spend His Birthday." I can't think of a more telling way for our Summit friends to read the editorial (after reading a portion of Luke 2) to the whole family. And since Summit Ministries has been the recipient of your gifts throughout the year I can more than verify what the *Gazette* editor has discovered. Americans in general and Christians in particular are very generous . . . a consequence of their Christian faith and Christian responsibilities.

Residents of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region should go into Christmas with the great satisfaction of knowing that around here, Christmas is more about giving than receiving. Christians and others have given so much this year *The Gazette* can't keep up with telling their stories. Jesus must be pleased.

During the toughest economic year since the Great Depression, individuals throughout the region continue to give—even when they have little to give. The outpouring of support for the homeless, living in tents and shanties throughout the city, has been nothing less than astounding. People continue bringing blankets, firewood, and cheery dispositions to homeless encampments. Soldiers have given their time and energy to deliver supplies. Walls of separation, fear, intolerance, and judgement have collapsed as recession-weary survivors look to the poorest of the poor and say "there, but for the grace of God, go I."

In some cities, the homeless are treated as blight. Here, they're seen as human beings worthy of friendship. Some treat them as Jesus treated tax collectors and prostitutes. Jesus was a middle class worker, who reached out to those in the lower class. The Pharisees called him "a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors, and sinners." He associated with sinners and drunkards, along with the most upstanding poor, at dinner parties. He asked none of them to change. He did what people do here, in this great

city. All week, charitable community events have provided or will provide Christmas gifts, food, and clothing for those in need—even the sinners, drunkards, and prostitutes who are found among the rich and poor alike.

More than 10,000 people Monday received bicycles, toys, and food at the annual Bob Telmossé Christmas Giveaway. The "Best Christmas Ever" event provided play time, winter clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and food Wednesday at Mr. Biggs. Today, from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. is "Christmas for All" at City Auditorium, 221 E. Kiowa Street, with free shuttles from the New Hope Shelter, Marian House Soup Kitchen, Express Inn, and Rodeway Inn.

Christmas day features the Salvation Army's community holiday dinners, from 10:30 a.m. through 3 p.m., at various locations throughout the city (for more information call 494-9912, or see www.thestreetchurch.com).

The poor and homeless are invited Christmas to the fifth annual "Miracle on Tejon Street," from 10:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. at Old Chicago on 118 North Tejon St. The restaurant, Pikes Peak Community Action Agency, and individual volunteers will provide some 500 free, warm Christmas meals on white linen table cloths.

And then there's the Empty Stocking Fund, which collects donations through Jan. 15 and this year set an ambitious goal of \$1 million, despite high unemployment and a workforce that has suffered through a year of wage reductions and furloughs. Anyone would understand if the Empty Stocking Fund had fallen short of its goal, even by half. But that didn't happen, because of local compassion.

By Monday, just less than a month from running its course, the Empty Stocking Fund had exceeded its goal. The money will go to various agencies that give emergency aid to people in crisis, and work to get them back on the road to enjoy self-sufficiency and freedom.

Space does not allow for an exhaustive list of the selfless giving taking place this holiday season throughout the region. The only possible downside of this giving spree might be a belief that nothing more needs to be done the rest of the year.

That is not the case. Jesus befriended and gave to the poor all year long. Humans cannot give too much, and they can't possibly out-give God. Nobody goes broke giving to others. The truest poverty is fear and reluctance to give.

This year, everyone in and around Colorado Springs has the opportunity to celebrate and enjoy Christmas. Those who've given the most will enjoy Christmas the most.

As we head into a new year, let us—as individuals and as a community—determine to give even more throughout 2010.

Thanks Colorado Springs, for honoring Jesus with abundant giving and compassion. Merry Christmas to all.
—Wayne Laugesen, Colorado Springs *Gazette*, Dec. 2009



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BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY

† For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

—Colossians 2:1–10 (NKJV)



Do not attempt to water Christianity down. There must be no pretence that you can have it with the Supernatural left out. So far as I can see Christianity is precisely the one religion from which the miraculous cannot be separated. You must frankly argue for supernaturalism from the very outset.

—C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock*



And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid,

for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

—Luke 2:1–14 (NKJV)

SCIENCE

⚡ “I want an electrical grid that you can plug your car into. And I would start looking at nuclear power again. We smashed the atom first. What happened? We turned nuclear energy over to the lawyers. The rest of the world turned it over to the engineers.”—Lee Iacocca, 2009

This quotation by the former chairman of Chrysler as printed in *News from CTR Technical Services*, 950 Sugarloaf Road, Manitou Springs, CO 80829, summarizes a significant part of the economic and technological disaster that is devastating the United States—a disaster largely brought upon us by the lawyers who dominate our political institutions and who prey upon our industries in government-sponsored courtrooms.

When the nuclear power industry was fighting its losing battle to provide Americans with unlimited inexpensive electrical energy, they lost that battle to—lawyers. When the Northwestern lumber industry was destroyed, the destroyers were—lawyers. When wild fires in Oregon burned 800 square miles of timber, those who wanted to salvage that timber rather than let it rot on the hillsides were stopped by—lawyers.

When vast swaths of devastation were cut across American industries by the charge that they had used asbestos, the wealth stolen from these dying companies was pocketed by those who destroyed them—by lawyers. Anti-asbestos lawyers so frightened the builders of the World Trade Center that they omitted the asbestos insulation specified to shield the support columns of the building from fire. So, the buildings did not just burn on the attacked floors—they fell.

Medical costs in the United States have risen very rapidly from several government-sponsored causes—one of which is tort lawyer claims that have sharply raised insurance costs and distorted the practice of medicine as doctors try to avoid lawsuits. Yet lawyers have given lavish sums to Democrat politicians, so nowhere in the so-called “health reform” legislation do curbs on litigation appear.

The American landscape has changed markedly during the past 50 years. Our traditional heavy industries have disappeared. Few new industries have grown to take their place. The most marked change has been in the skylines of our cities where forests of glass and steel skyscrapers

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have grown—skyscrapers so expensive that they are seldom used by productive Americans. They are largely used as offices for—lawyers.

When as a young scientist I obtained research results that were potentially embarrassing to my 77-year-old colleague, Linus Pauling—a man of great ego but also great scientific ability—Linus took some initial actions that he should not have taken, but which could have easily been corrected in the normal course of human affairs.

A self-interested “friend,” however, helped Linus hire the largest law firm in San Francisco. These people advised him that, if he paid their fees, he could do anything he wished, without limit. These lawyers were ever so clever—so much so that they often visibly snickered as they observed that principled people were left aghast at their lies and unethical actions.

The result—Linus spent several millions of dollars (2009 dollars) in legal fees to pay these lawyers. Laurelee and I ultimately fired our own lawyers (who had traded our case to our opponents), represented ourselves, and won.

We then won a subsequent set of lawsuits involving our erstwhile lawyers—by proving that they had filed perjured affidavits in the court. Of course, everyone really lost—lost the potential health benefits of our destroyed health research. That five-year legal battle was played out—where else?—high in a glass-and-steel skyscraper in San Francisco.

When television cameras pan across the faces of Democrat legislators—mostly lawyers—as they listen to speeches by principled Congressmen who oppose them, watch their faces. The sneers of these people remind me of similar sneers on the faces of those San Francisco lawyers as they “ran the meter” on Linus and destroyed the research institute and health research program that we had built.

In an action unprecedented in American science, almost all of the research records of our Institute—published and unpublished—were destroyed. All paper copies and computer records were entirely lost, even though those were the primary objects of the litigation.

The last time I saw those records, they had all been gathered together in one room—a room in the skyscraper offices of Pauling’s San Francisco lawyers. I was allowed to inventory—but not copy the records. As I orally made the inventory during the two hours I was allotted, a court reporter recorded everything I said. The court reporter’s transcription was then destroyed by—lawyers.

Yet, lawyers are essential to our legal system—and there are many highly ethical, hard-working attorneys. Their profession is, however, corrupt. The good lawyers have failed to prevent the encroachment and proliferation of the bad.

Let me make a suggestion.

A new law should be considered specifying that lawyers cannot serve in the Executive and Legislative branches of our government. They should be barred for conflict of

interest.


Each lawyer calls himself and is formally designated an “officer of the court.” Each is a part of the judiciary. Our government is based upon checks and balances between three branches—the executive, legislative, and judiciary. No one should, therefore, serve in more than one branch. Lawyers—everyone with a government license to practice law—should be restricted to the judicial branch.

Without such a law, we continuously endure the spectacle of lawyers who pass bad laws that they and their colleagues will enforce in the courts—with very substantial personal gain.

I am sure that good lawyers wince when they are painted with the same brush as their unethical colleagues. My own profession—“scientist”—had become deserving of this same treatment. Both professions need to discipline themselves, so that they will again deserve the respect that should be accorded to them.

—Access to Energy, Arthur Robinson, Feb. 2010

ORIGINS

 Richard Dawkins is the world’s best-known champion of both atheism and its intellectual underpinning, particles-to-people evolution. His latest book, *The Greatest Show on Earth: the Evidence for Evolution* is touted as an unanswerable challenge to those who believe in divine creation. In the past, he says, he has assumed evolution; this time he has set out to present in one major book the evidence for evolution (and its corollary, vast geological ages).

Now scientist, chessmaster, and logician Jonathan Sarfati Ph.D., FM goes head to head with Dawkins in this full-on rebuttal, *The Greatest Hoax on Earth? Refuting Dawkins on Evolution*. Sarfati is no lightweight opponent; his *Refuting Evolution* (over 500,000 in print) is the biggest-selling creationist book ever (apart from the Bible, of course). In his crisp, readable style trademarked by sheer competence, Sarfati calmly but relentlessly erodes each of Dawkins’ claims. In the process, he repeatedly exposes logical fallacies—even dubious tactics—employed in Dawkins’ ideologically driven crusade.

However, rather than pretending that the science of origins is some ideology-free zone, Sarfati openly declares his own axioms as a committed Bible-believing Christian. He fearlessly grasps the nettle in areas such as geology and dating methods—often downplayed by anti-evolutionists, but recognized by Dawkins as crucial components of this debate.

Those familiar with Dawkins’ previous (and, it must be said, elegantly written) works know of his uncompromising commitment to his materialistic/reductionist axioms. One suspects that, while wincing at the body-blows his arguments receive in these pages, he will at least secretly admire Sarfati’s similarly consistent commitment—a commitment free of the slippery inconsistency of many who seek to eat their cake and still have it, by claiming that God really used

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the godless process of evolution, and pretending that the Bible allows this.

It's precisely those who feel smug in the belief that all the intellectual firepower is on the side of evolution who most need to read Sarfati's book—if only to understand better why it is that there are thousands of scientists and intellectuals today who are convinced that in a fair science showdown, stripped bare of rhetoric and ideological 'noise' by comparing each position within its own axioms, biblical creation outguns evolution.

At the very least, fair-minded readers of this book will need to concede that they have been largely fed caricatures of the creationist position, exemplified in spades in *Greatest Show*. If reason, science, and rationality were all that were at stake, Sarfati's exposé of what should be the best that evolution has to offer should make it increasingly difficult to exclude creation from a full seat at the table of rational debate. One would hope that his efforts will inspire a whole new generation of qualified believers to put in the hard work and apply their own intellectual horsepower to further loosen the stranglehold of mega-evolutionary thinking on our culture in general.

—David Catchpoole, Foreword to Jonathan Sarfati's *The Greatest Hoax on Earth? Refuting Dawkins on Evolution*.

Editor's Note: Jonathan Sarfati's work is a must read for all students needing scientific ammunition to handle Richard Dawkins' defense of Darwin's theory of evolution. Dr. Robert Carter (University of Miami) says, "An excellent rebuttal to the best evolution has to offer. The reader should walk away with the understanding that evolutionary theory is a house of cards and its chief spokesman is promoting

poor, illogical, and false arguments against the only viable alternative: biblical creation."



The Bible teaches creation of different kinds, which are broader than modern "species." There is much useful research on the created kinds, including hybridization studies. Biblical creationists have long taught variation and even speciation from these kinds. From the Ark account, they have long deduced that comparatively few Ark vertebrate kinds gave rise to a wide diversity of species.

However, by Darwin's day, the church had compromised with the long-age "fixity of species" ideas of Lyell and others, which made an easy target. Modern science has shown how species have arisen at a surprisingly fast rate, much to the surprise of evolutionists. The various mechanisms of speciation are compatible with a properly understood biblical creation model, although they are often touted as 'evolutionary' mechanisms. But such mechanisms would not turn bacteria into biologists, as evolution requires.

Creationists, starting from the Bible, believe that God created different kinds of organisms, each of which reproduced "after their kind" (10 times in Gen. 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25), where "kind" is the translation of the Hebrew word "min." Each of these kinds was created with a vast amount of genetic information. There was enough variety in the information in the original creatures so their descendants could adapt to a wide variety of environments.

—Jonathan Sarfati, *The Greatest Hoax on Earth? Refuting Dawkins on Evolution*, p. 29

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Dawkins claims that just as land creatures began in the sea, some later land creatures returned (pp. 170-171), including whales and dugongs. For a long time Darwin and his followers didn't even have remotely plausible fossil evidence, but they had faith. E.g. evolutionary whale experts like the late E.J. Slijper admitted in 1962: "We do not possess a single fossil of the transitional forms between the aforementioned land animals [i.e. carnivores and ungulates] and the whales."

The first thing to ask is, *which* land creatures? Dawkins says: "Whales have long been an enigma, but recently our knowledge of whale evolution has become rather rich. Molecular genetic evidence . . . shows that the closet living cousins of whales are hippos, then pigs, then ruminants. Even more surprisingly, the molecular evidence shows that hippos are more closely related to whales than they are to the cloven-hooved animals (such as pigs and ruminants) which look much more like them. This is another example of the mismatch that can sometimes arise between closeness of cousinship and degree of physical resemblance . . . Hippos stayed, at least partly, on land, and so resemble their more distant land-dwelling cousins, the ruminants, while their closer cousins, the whales, took off into the sea and changed so drastically that their affinities with hippos escaped all biologists except molecular geneticists" (p. 170).

This indeed seems to be the current favoured evolutionary explanation. But Dawkins fails to mention that it wasn't long ago that paleontologists thought that whales were descended from mesonychids, an order of extinct carnivorous mammals quite unlike hippos. This was the explanation in *Teaching about Evolution and the Nature of Science* (1998), the

teachers' guidebook from the National Academy of Sciences (USA). Yet now, the supposedly overwhelming evidence of mesonychid ancestry, presented dogmatically as a fact, has to be explained away. That is, the supposedly homologous features of mesonychids and whales, mainly teeth and skull anatomy, once attributed to common ancestry, have to now be explained away as homoplastic/convergent, i.e. having nothing to do with common ancestry.

—Jonathan Sarfati, *The Greatest Hoax on Earth? Refuting Dawkins on Evolution*, p. 136.

ECONOMICS

For decades, evangelist Robert H. Schuller's message of faith and positive thinking reached millions nationwide through his "Hour of Power" television show, broadcast from his towering glass church known as the Crystal Cathedral.

Now, it is the church's financial woes that are reverberating across the country.

Citing declining donations and \$48 million in debt, Crystal Cathedral Ministries filed for bankruptcy protection this week, leaving a trail of hundreds of unpaid creditors from California to Washington, D.C.

According to filings in U.S. bankruptcy court in Santa Ana, the Southern California church has 550 creditors with claims ranging from \$2 million—owed to a Cincinnati-based bank that financed sound and stage equipment for the church's TV productions—to \$200 owed to a Columbia, S.C., company that supplied ribbons and awards to the church's school.

"It's frustrating. It's not going to break us, but we don't like to lose anything," said Bob Small, chief operating officer

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of Eagles Wings, a St. Cloud, Fla., clothing company that supplied the church with religious-theme neckties for its gift shop, and is owed around \$2,000.

The ministry, founded by Mr. Schuller in 1955 in rented space at a drive-in theater, now owes \$12 million to creditors and holds a \$36 million mortgage with Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach, Calif.

The church was roiled by leadership changes after the abrupt departure in 2008 of Mr. Schuller's son as head pastor. Mr. Schuller's daughter, Sheila Schuller Coleman, now presides as pastor. Mr. Schuller, 84, preaches occasionally.

"The period of unsettled leadership caused some ... to leave the ministry, resulting in reduced revenue for an organization that exists primarily on donations," court documents say.

Crystal Cathedral filed what is known as Chapter 11 petition, which generally allows a business to continue its operations while working out a plan to pay creditors. The church got permission this week from the court to continue to pay 190 part-time and full-time employees. Church leaders have said services and the TV show will continue.

—*The Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 23–24, 2010, p. A3

Editor's Note: American Christian College, Inc., d/b/a Summit Ministries is a debt-free 501(c)3 Christian organization. And this in spite of the fact that we are not part of the "you name it, you claim it" prosperity gospel movement. Go figure!

The news that the Crystal Cathedral had filed for bankruptcy protection made for an instant sensation. The church established by Robert Schuller, the very prophet of "Possibility Thinking," was now forced to seek protection from its creditors, listing \$55 million in debt, including a \$36 million mortgage.

The *Los Angeles Times* ran "Cracked Crystal" as a headline. The *New York Times* reported that the "landmark megachurch" would continue, even as it sought protection from its impatient creditors. From coast to coast, the news traveled fast.

In his article "Bankruptcy in the Cathedral," Dr. R. Albert Mohler Jr. writes, "Without doubt, the media impact of the news was guaranteed by the fact that Robert Schuller has been so closely identified with his own version of prosperity theology. How does the ministry built on 'Possibility Thinking' declare financial bankruptcy?"

Read the details in Dr. Mohler's blog, which is often updated several times a day.

—Albert Mohler Blog, Oct. 22, 2010

In their new book, *The Coming Generational Storm: What You Need to Know About America's Economic Future*, Laurence Kotlikoff and Andrew Moylan bluntly state that the government is lying about the national debt and that federal spending has exploded. These are fundamental contributors to economic decline. The government's claim of \$13.4 trillion indebtedness, say these two realists, is gross misinformation because the reality is that the national debt sits somewhere between \$60-200 trillion.

How to combat America's problems? Stop doing what we've been doing. Thomas Sowell, an economist and political commentator, says everything the government did wrong in the past is being repeated and escalated. Case in point: "The recent so-called financial reform act left out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac," two institutions that brought on the housing bubble and led the way into recession. In an interview appearing in *Investor's Business Daily*, Sowell adds: "People ask me sometimes why politicians continue to make the same mistakes. Don't they ever learn? And I reply, 'They do learn! They learn that they can get away with it. That's what they learn.'"

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—John F. McManus, *The New American*, Oct. 25, 2010, p. 44

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I attended Summit this past summer during Session 5. I came away from Summit knowing so much more about God, about life, and about how to stand up for myself during the hard years of college. Today was the first day that I had to employ these new skills during a feminist class over women in the Bible. I just wanted to say thank you. If it wasn't for Summit, I don't think I could have defended my views as much as I did. I probably would have said something stupid and then slunk down in my chair and avoided eye contact with everyone else in my class for the rest of the hour. But thanks to the knowledge that Summit armed me with, I was able to logically map out my beliefs and have a calm discussion! Summit changed my life this summer, and I can't wait to use more of all the wonderful things I learned!

—Sophie, Session 5 Colorado 2010



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EDUCATION

CHICAGO—Bill Ayers, the former Weather Underground radical, retired from the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago this summer, but he is still stirring up controversy at the school.

The board of trustees voted last month to deny Mr. Ayers the honorific of professor emeritus after its chairman, Christopher Kennedy, argued that the title shouldn't go to a man who was co-author of a book dedicated to about 150 political figures—including his father's assassin.

The rejection has set off a lively debate across the state and reopened 40-year-old wounds. This week, faculty members will begin formally debating whether to ask the board of trustees to reconsider the vote. The rejection has drawn support in hundreds of messages to the university and newspapers.

"I must ultimately vote my conscience," Mr. Kennedy said in his remarks to the board before the vote Sept. 23. "And I would ask anyone who challenges my judgment, how could I do anything else?"

Mr. Ayers retired in August from the university's education department after 23 years. His request for the honorific—which carries no perks beyond library access—was approved by a series of faculty organizations before it reached the 12-member board. After Mr. Kennedy spoke, board members voted unanimously to reject it.

Mr. Ayers didn't return a phone call seeking comment. Several trustees didn't respond to requests for comment.

Thomas Hardy, spokesman for the University of Illinois, said he was unaware of any other professor who had been denied the title. At the Sept. 23 meeting, the board voted on 16 professors up for emeritus status; only Mr. Ayers's request was rejected.

—*The Wall Street Journal*,
October 5, 2010, p. A6

Editor's Note: Incidentally, this is the same Bill Ayers who said, "Kill all the rich people. Break up their cars and apartments. Bring the revolution home. Kill your parents. . . I'm a radical, leftist, small 'c' communist." Obviously this type of communism only endeared him to the University of Illinois which made him a tenured professor in the first place.

For anyone still wondering if Communism is dead, please consult my latest work *You Can Still Trust the Communists (to be Communists)*. It is available from Summit Ministries (719.685-.103) or amazon.com.

Nearly forgot. The college hero today is Che Guevara who put it much like Ayers—"A revolutionary must become a cold killing machine motivated by pure hate. We execute from revolutionary conviction." If Guevara were still alive he would be the invited speaker at every American university today. The more I think about it, the observation in Whittaker Chambers work *Witness* is right on target: "In the United States, the working class are Democrats. The middle classes are Republicans. The upper class are Communists."

HUMAN RIGHTS

Since the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded last week to Liu Xiaobo, a man jailed in China for advocating democracy and human rights, the Chinese government has reacted with disdain and denial. Mr. Liu is a "criminal" whose award is "a blasphemy against the peace prize," said one government spokesman. "Every Chinese can sense a deliberate maliciousness" in the prize, declared an editorial in a state-run newspaper.

This response recalls the 1975 Peace Prize, which went to Andrei Sakharov, the nuclear physicist who had helped develop the Soviet hydrogen bomb before becoming the Soviet regime's most vociferous critic.

Like Mr. Liu today, Sakharov professed democratic values that his Communist rulers dismissed as Western mores

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being forced on the rest of the world. One of Sakharov's most famous writings was the 1968 essay "Progress, Coexistence, and Intellectual Freedom," which circulated widely in samizdat form and was considered an existential threat by Soviet leaders. Mr. Liu, for his part, is currently imprisoned for signing Charter 08, a manifesto demanding political reform and civil liberties.

Mr. Liu's prize has brought attention to those in China who refuse to accept its anti-democratic status quo. Similarly, the 1975 award elevated Sakharov as a symbol of another Russia—a reminder that the Communists might have trampled on human and civil rights, but some brave activists still insisted on them.

After Sakharov won the prize, the government-controlled newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazeta* denounced the Nobel Committee for acting "blasphemously"—the same language used by the Chinese 35 years later. The newspaper also accused Sakharov of supporting Nazi and fascist causes, and it compared him to a laboratory rat manipulated by anti-Soviet forces in the West. A trade union newspaper, *Trud*, called the award "political pornography" and Sakharov a "Judas" whose prize was his "30 pieces of silver."

And so it is in China today. Chinese authorities have blocked Chinese Internet users from being able to search Mr. Liu's name. In its frenzy to maintain control over what ideas their citizens can access, the government in Beijing has exposed its own vulnerability.

There is another parallel between the two Peace Prizes. Sakharov was given the award during a period of détente between the United States and the Soviet Union. By 1975 the U.S.-Soviet relationship had for a few years been characterized by a realpolitik focus on arms control and trade, while moral issues—like intellectual freedom and the right to emigrate—were down-played. The Peace Prize forced those issues onto center stage.

Mr. Liu's award offers hope that, after years of a U.S.-Chinese relationship that has concentrated on economic partnership and overlooked issues of human rights, China might now have to recognize that universal values can't be so easily ignored.

—Gal Beckerman, *The Wall Street Journal*,
October 14, 2010, p.A19

ETHICS

In the scandal involving the theft and release of classified military information that could cost the lives of U.S. military personnel, the British *Telegraph* newspaper is reporting that the American soldier at the center of the scandal was "openly homosexual" and apparently held a grudge against the U.S. because of the military's anti-gay policy.

In another bizarre twist, reliable reports suggest that Private First Class Bradley Manning, the U.S. Army Intelligence analyst accused of leaking the classified information

to the WikiLeaks.org website, was not only a homosexual but was considering a sex change. Manning was arrested at the end of May and is being detained by U.S. authorities.

The *Telegraph* features photographs of Manning, who could face more than 50 years in prison for treasonous conduct, holding up a sign with rainbow colors demanding "equality on the battlefield" and participating in a gay pride parade.

It is apparent that Manning, based on published reports, was a public homosexual activist for at least over a year. During this time he apparently came up with the idea of downloading and releasing the classified information to WikiLeaks as a way to get back at the United States military over its policy regarding homosexuality.

Telegraph writers Heidi Blake, John Bingham, and Gordon Rayner write that Manning had "appeared to sink into depression after a relationship break-up" and became increasingly bitter with his treatment by the Army.

It may be the case that Manning was anxious about the failure of Congress to pass the repeal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" anti-gay military policy.

President Obama had promised during the 2008 campaign to repeal the policy and in office has championed the "rights" of homosexual and "transgendered" people to high-level federal positions.

The riveting *Telegraph* account of Manning's growing rage and anger raises serious questions of how the soldier was able to flaunt his homosexuality despite the fact that the Pentagon still officially has a policy in place of excluding open homosexuals from military service.

In a clear indication that the law was being ignored by the Obama Administration, the evidence demonstrates that Manning was continuing to serve after openly flaunting his homosexuality, including on Facebook.

Who in the Obama Administration—and the Department of Defense—was aware of his conduct and looked the other way? Was Manning given a pass because his "lifestyle" was considered to be in favor and acceptable under the Obama Administration?

Now, because of the obvious mishandling of this homosexual ticking time bomb, it appears that the United States, its soldiers, and relations with countries in the region will pay the price. Lives—and a war on terrorism in Afghanistan—could be lost.

—Cliff Kincaid, *America's Survival, Inc.*, August 1, 2010



Our report about the homosexuality of accused Army traitor Bradley Manning has now been confirmed by the New York Times. The paper reports that, two years ago, Manning fell in love with his male "drag queen" lover. Here's the key question: Who in the Obama Administration and the Army

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knew what about Manning and when? This has been going on for two years.

Here are some excerpts from the *New York Times* story, "Early Struggles of Soldier Charged in Leak Case," by Ginger Thompson:

"He spent part of his childhood with his father in the arid plains of central Oklahoma, where classmates made fun of him for being a geek. He spent another part with his mother in a small, remote corner of southwest Wales, where classmates made fun of him for being gay.

"Then he joined the Army, where, friends said, his social life was defined by the need to conceal his sexuality under 'don't ask, don't tell' and he wasted brainpower fetching coffee for officers. But it was around two years ago, when Pfc. Bradley Manning came here to visit a man he had fallen in love with, that he finally seemed to have found a place where he fit in, part of a social circle that included politically motivated computer hackers and his boyfriend, a self-described drag queen.

"Private Manning refused to recite the parts of the Pledge of Allegiance that referred to God or do homework assignments that involved the Scriptures. And if a teacher challenged his views, former classmates said, he was quick to push back.

"At other times, he openly flirted with boys. Often, with only the slightest provocation, he would launch into fits of rage... he wore custom dog tags that said "Humanist," and friends said he kept a toy fairy wand on his desk in Iraq—the more he clung to his hacker friends."

The Manning scandal should be the nail in the coffin of the repeal of the Pentagon's homosexual exclusion policy.

—Cliff Kincaid, *America's Survival, Inc.*

GLOBAL WARMING

Global warming is the greatest and most successful pseudoscientific fraud I have seen in my long life.

—Harold Lewis, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of California (Santa Barbara)

Editor's Note: Dr. Lewis' letter of resignation from the American Physical Society sent to its president, Curtis G. Calan, Jr. (Princeton) is must reading for all interested in the subject of man-made global warming. The complete letter may be read at <http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/jasmesdeling.pole/100058265/us-physics-professor-globa>.

Dr. Lewis' letter of resignation from The American Physical Society should be required reading at Bill Hybels Will Creek Community Church. Since the church has decided to follow the Marxist Jim Wallis (see Jim Wallis' *The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America*) and his drive into the man-made global warming fraud, its members need to read the truth about the subject. Summit Journal readers with any contact with Willow

Creek should send this information on to them.

HISTORY

On October 11, 1798, President John Adams wrote to the 1st Brigade of the 3rd Division of the Militia of Massachusetts:

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passion unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net."

Adams continued: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

British Statesman Edmund Burke told the National Assembly, 1791:

"What is liberty without virtue? It is the greatest of all possible evils... madness without restraint.

"Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites."

Edmund Burke continued:

"Society cannot exist, unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere; and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without."

U.S. speaker of the House Robert Winthrop stated on May 28, 1849:

"Men in a word, must be controlled either by a power within them, or a power without them; either by the word of God, or by the strong arm of man; either by the Bible or by the bayonet."

—Bill Federer, *American Minute*, October 10, 2010

COMMUNISM

It's no secret that Hollywood has had an unnatural affection for communist Cuban dictator Fidel Castro. So when the town's Cuban connection, a 55-year-old communications expert named Stephen Rivers, died recently, there was an outpouring of grief and accolades directed his way.

"Rivers was a man committed to the truth," said film director Oliver Stone.

"A man of deep faith, and a strong sense of social justice," gushed California first lady Maria Shiver.

"Stephen brought me into a world he loved so much. The world of politics. I am forever grateful to him for that," said actor Kevin Costner.

Among those he arranged trips to Cuba for were Stone, Steven Spielberg, Benicio Del Toro, and Michael Moore. He'd sometimes accompany the celebrities, and the trips would include meetings with Castro.

But all of the adulation for Rivers proved too much for Humberto Fontova, political commentator and author of *Fidel: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant*, who says that he wants

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Castro's "treachery known publicly." Fontova is a Cuban-American. "Where was Stephen Rivers' sensitivity to the tens of thousands jailed, tortured, and murdered by the Stalinist regime?" asks Fontova. "You'd never know it from Hollywood and the mainstream media, but Castro's tens of thousands of victims have families, too."

—*Newsmax*, September 2010, p. 55

ISLAM

As predicted here at *Atlas*, the vile Islamic supremacist, through massive voter fraud (isn't that always how they get their way?), has taken the election.

In my *New York Times* interview here, I repeated what I have said and thought for some time—that the first country that will be Islamic in Europe will be the U.K. This terrible election victory just validates my prediction. An Islamic supremacist with fundamentalist links was elected Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlet council, with control of over a billion dollar budget.

Mind you, he was previously fired for extremist ties. But the Islamic machine went into overdrive and fraudulently gamed the system. Tower Hamlets moved from a conventional leader system to a mayoralty this year as a result of a campaign spearheaded by the Muslim extremist group the IFE. IFE's Abu Talha told an undercover reporter for *The Sunday Telegraph* and Channel 4's *Dispatches*: "The mayor is going to have a lot more control. That's why we need to get someone, one of our brothers, in there. Which we will do." And they did.

—Pamela Geller, *Atlas Shrugs*, October 24, 2010