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March 10, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to share with you and Mrs. Clinton today one of Iowa's fine dairy products -- Van & Bon Bon Premium Ice Cream.

Like you and me, it is an understatement to say that Van Harden and Bonnie Lucas are big fans of ice cream. They are the popular hosts of the morning show aired weekdays on WHO Radio in Des Moines. Last year in cooperation with Anderson Erickson, a Des Moines based dairy, they worked to create a new flavor of ice cream. The result was Van & Bon Bon, a vanilla ice cream with assorted bonbons and chocolate fudge swirl, named after them. Since its introduction, Van & Bon Bon has proven to be enormously popular. The flavor outsells plain vanilla, the ice cream industry's traditional best seller.

Van and Bonnie can be reached at WHO Radio, 1801 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3362. Jim Erickson is the President of Anderson Erickson, 2420 East University, Des Moines, Iowa 50317. Together, they supplied the Van & Bon Bon ice cream which I am sending to you today.

Van, Bonnie, and Jim will be coming to Washington on June 19th to participate in the International Dairy Foods Association's annual Ice Cream Social on Capitol Hill in the Russell Senate Office Building Courtyard. In an historic broadcast on Friday morning June 20th, Van and Bonnie will originate their WHO Radio morning show from the U.S. Senate.

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Affairs (Chris Walker?)

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Van & Bon Bon
to Sen
to Mr. Clinton

All of us sincerely hope that you and Mrs. Clinton enjoy this fine Iowa dairy product as much as we do. We raise a spoonful of ice cream in a salute to the Iowa dairy industry.

Happy eating!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chuck Grassley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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THE TRINITY FORUM



March 5, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President,

In all you face you are often in my thoughts and prayers, but may I share with you one thought that has been weighing on my mind?

With the recent revelation of the false information shaping public understanding of late-term abortions, you have what I believe is a political opportunity and a moral obligation to reconsider the issue. Few medical procedures are more grotesque and few moral issues are more troubling, so to close your mind and heart by sticking to your original position without further question would be both disturbing and revealing. I appreciate the challenge and the consequences, but with all my heart I would urge you to seize this opportunity and face this obligation.

With warmest best wishes as ever,

Sincerely,

Dr. Os Guinness
Senior Fellow

JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
the reply.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1997

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ^{CS}STEPHANIE STREETT & ^{Att}ANNE HAWLEY
SUBJECT: SCHEDULING DECISIONS
CC: JOHN PODESTA & SYLVIA MATHEWS

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Date of Event:

Description of Event:

3/12/97

Announce White House Conference on Early Childhood
Development with the First Lady
Staff Contact: Marsha Berry

3/13/97

Interview with Bill Nichols and the golf columnist from *USA Today*
Staff Contact: Mike McCurry

This interview will be done on Air Force 1 during your trip from North Carolina to Florida.

3/17/97

Meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeniy Primakov
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

3/17/97

Meeting with Council of Chief State School Officers
Staff Contact: Bruce Reed

4/1/97

Chemical Weapons Convention Event
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger, John Hilley

4/9/97

Speech at Al Shanker Memorial Service
Staff Contact: Kitty Higgins

4/9/97 Meeting with Leah Rabin
Staff Contact: Samuel Berger

4/15/97 Speech at the Annual "Kick Butts" Day, New York City
Staff Contact: Rahm Emanuel

April, May TBD Attend Metropolitan Baptist Church Service, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Maria Echaveste

PENDING

Date of Event:

Description of Event:

3/16/97

U.S. Army Band's 75th Anniversary Concert, Constitution Hall
Staff Contact: Jodie Torkelson, Al Sullivan

*Call it in
on the
Mar. 16th
M. J. Sullivan*

This event is at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 16. This is the day after you return from Florida. We would like to regret this for you. Are you okay with this?

3/17/97

Progressive Policy Institute Dinner in honor of Senator Sam Nunn

*YK
N. J. Sullivan*

Al From has invited you to attend a small dinner with the Trustees of PPI at a private residence from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. You have previously taped a retirement video and sent a special letter to Senator Nunn. Both Political Affairs and Legislative Affairs do not think you need to do this. Also, you have the St. Patrick's Day event at the White House from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. We would like to regret this invitation. Are you okay with this?

3/26/97

Meeting with President Alija Izetbegovic, the Chairman of the Bosnia Presidency

M. J. Sullivan

The purpose of this 30 minute meeting is to discuss the implementation of the Bosnian peace settlement, particularly the recent violence in Mostar and Gajevi; the Brcko settlement; refugee returns; municipal elections; economic reconstruction and the U.S. commitment to Izetbegovic and peace in the Balkans.

3/27/97

PBS Dinner Honoring David Grubin at the City Club

request

Ervin Duggan has invited you, the First Lady, and Chelsea to a dinner on Thursday evening, from 8:00 to 9:30pm, honoring this filmmaker responsible for many of PBS's Presidential biographies. A sneak preview of his next PBS biography, "Harry S. Truman", will be shown. The First Lady will be in Africa and will not be able to attend. *Do you have any interest in attending or can we regret the invitation?*

March TBD

OK

Meeting with Joe Grandmaison

He would like to meet with you to discuss being considered for the Ambassador to Canada. *Would you like us to set up a brief meeting?*

March TBD

YK

Meeting with Governor Ben Nelson

Gov. Ben Nelson would like to meet to brief you on his trade mission to Argentina and Brazil, NAFTA, and the Western Hemisphere Energy Policy. Marcia Hale does not think it is necessary for you to do, and suggests Mack McLarty meet with him instead. *Is it okay for Mack McLarty to receive Gov. Nelson's briefing?*

4/15/97

Race for the Cure Family Day at Camden Yards

Can HRC do on Thursday?

Priscilla Mack and Alma Brown have requested that you, Mrs. Clinton, and Chelsea attend the Race for the Cure Family Day at Camden Yards. They would like you to accept the National Race for the Cure Virginia Kelly Grant for Survivors, throw out the first pitch, and/or watch the game from the Presidential Box. Also, you will be attending the Mets v. Dodgers game honoring Jackie Robinson the next day. We would like to regret this request, and consider sending a surrogate. *Are you okay with this?*

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4/15/97 - 4/16/97

Yes - if we can
attend, we will
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Keynote Address the White House Community Empowerment Conference, Detroit, MI
Staff Contact: Kumiki Gibson

This is an annual event hosted by the Vice President. The purpose for the keynote address is to set the tone for the Administration's policy on urban issues for the next four years. As of yet, there has been no staff recommendation regarding your participation in this conference. *Do you have any interest in speaking at this conference?*

4/16/97

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to make sure we
go w/ Ford & Carter
CWC in afternoon of 16th

Ford Library Rededication Dinner, Grand Rapids, MI

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 16 -17, Presidents Bush and Carter are joining President Ford in Grand Rapids for the dedication of a new exhibit at the Ford Library. You will be hosting the WH Conference on Early Childhood Development on April 17, and therefore would not be able to attend the rededication ceremony. However, if you attend the WH Empowerment Conference you will be in Detroit, MI on April 16. *Do you have any interest in attending the dinner on April 16?*

4/20/97

How sure
do-

Speech to United Auto Workers Annual Legislative-Political Conference
Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC
Staff Contact: Craig Smith

This will be the first of several major labor conventions in 1997. The conference will be attended by over 2000 UAW local union leaders and political activists from across the country, as well as the Officers and Board Members of the UAW. This is a high priority for Political Affairs.

4/30/97

How sure
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Dinner for Grand Reopening of Library of Congress' Thomas Jefferson Building on their 100th Anniversary
Staff Contact: Melanne Verveer

John Kluge has invited you to attend a gala dinner at the Library of Congress in honor of the rededication of the Thomas Jefferson Building on its 100th anniversary. This event will also formally open an historic exhibition of the Library's collection, including Jefferson's hand-written draft of the Declaration of Independence. *Do you have any interest in attending?*

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Date of Event:

3/9/97 - 3/14/97

Description of Event:

Meeting with Conor O'Clery of *The Irish Times*
Staff Contact: Kitty Higgins

Mr. O'Clery requested a meeting to present you with a specially-bound copy of his book The Greening of the White House. Usually, we do not do these kind of book presentations, and we have requested that the book be sent to you.

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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON

To Sam
Happy 60th Birthday!
Bill Clinton
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

cc: Flo McIntire

March 10, 1997

Dr. Don Argue
President
National Association of
Evangelicals
450 Gundersen Drive
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter and your positive observations about the Prayer Breakfast. I particularly appreciate your assessment of the benefits which you see as having been derived from the gatherings of religious leaders at the White House.

Your prayer touched me deeply. It means a great deal to know that you and Pat regularly lift me and my family in prayer.

I appreciate your urging me to give a speech on religious persecution around the world and will give your suggestion consideration.

Take care and God bless.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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February 25, 1997

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Don Argue, Ed.D.
President

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500.2000

Dear Mr. President:

Warmest greetings!

Pat and I want to thank you for the excellent message that you brought to the Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, February 6. You were transparent, honest, challenging and provided strong moral truth. I have often said that you are a better preacher than many preachers that I have heard!

Thanks, also, for the very special honor of being part of the National Prayer Service the day of the inauguration ceremonies. This was one of the highlights of my ministry.

The enclosed prayer is for you. I wrote it out and have prayed it many times. Usually my prayers are spontaneous, however I felt there were some specific things that I wanted to pray and share with you. Please know that, when the day is tough and the tasks demanding, Pat and I are earnestly praying for you. You are never alone!

Your desire to be a bridge-builder is being realized. You may not be aware, but several significant events have taken place because of your initiative in bringing religious leaders to the White House. Let me highlight three of the actual bridge-building experiences that are taking place.

1. Through our churches we have raised funds to assist in rebuilding burned churches. We discovered that most of the churches that have been burned are attended and pastored by unsophisticated people. Many of these friends have been intimidated and, to a degree, paralyzed by all the forms and requirements that are needed to receive funding through some of the sources that are now available. In partnership with the National Black Evangelical Association, we sent Black pastors to meet with the pastor and deacons of burned churches. The Black pastors were empowered to make a

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commitment of funds on the spot. All of the technical forms were eliminated, and the process became very simple. As a result, churches are being rebuilt, and we have accountability of how the funds are being spent. Also, we have stressed the necessity of using minority contractors when possible, and this has been realized.

In partnership with the National Black Evangelical Association, almost 10,000 churches have been involved in a plan to deal with racial reconciliation. I am enclosing a brochure that provides the church with a seven-step program to deal with racial reconciliation. Also, a statement on racism is enclosed.

2. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, and William Cardinal Keeler and I are now meeting on a regular basis for dialogue. These meetings are historic. Cardinal Keeler is the immediate past president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and is considered by many to be the leading voice for Catholics in the nation. The point I want to emphasize is that you have had a direct hand in bringing the three major streams of American Christianity together in dialogue. This has never happened before! You have become a bridge builder.

The meetings with Joan Brown Campbell and Cardinal Keeler have been off the record at this point because of the potential for negative press. However, a bold step was taken when I was invited to be a plenary speaker at the November 13, 1996, meeting of the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches. Again, this is historic since it has never happened before.

Like you, I am a graduate of a Catholic university. I believe God, in His providence, years ago guided me to attend a Catholic university in preparation for the work I am now doing with the Catholic church.

3. The first meeting (February 12 - 13, 1997) of the State Department Committee on religious persecution was a bridge-building experience. Committee members from a very divergent set of backgrounds met in unity to address religious persecutions and violations of conscience. Regardless of our background or theological commitment, we were united in wanting to do something significant regarding this critical world-wide problem.

I would strongly urge you to consider giving a major speech in which you make clear statements regarding religious persecution around the world. Our convention, scheduled for the first week in March in Orlando, Florida, would have been a perfect venue for such a speech. Flo has shared that this will not be possible.

If you decide to give a speech dealing with religious persecution, I would be pleased to assist in providing material that I know would bring a positive response.

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Under Secretary of State, John Shattuck, did a superb job in chairing the meeting. Also, Secretary of State, Madeline Albright, met with the committee and delivered a prepared speech.

The First Lady also met with the committee and shared her thoughts regarding the need to address religious persecution. Members of the committee deeply appreciated Hillary interacting with us on a personal basis.

This letter has become much longer than I anticipated. Thank you for your patience.

Blessings!

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Argue', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Argue
President

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Prayer for the President of the United States
William Jefferson Clinton

Almighty God, our heavenly father!

We thank you for the privilege we have to speak to you in prayer. Your word, the Bible, instructs us to pray without ceasing, to boldly bring our needs and petitions to you. Scripture also promises that the fervent prayer of a righteous person availeth much.

In ourselves, we know that we are not righteous. We are all sinners. It is only through the death of your son, Jesus, that we become righteous.

We confess our sins and accept your son, Jesus, as our savior.

We pray for our nation, for our people. Oh, God! Bring us together.

We specifically pray for our President. May he find his strength in you.

In times of discouragement, may he know your encouragement! May he know the truth of your promise that underneath are the everlasting arms of his savior. Give him daily encouragement!

In times of loneliness, may he know the promise of your word that you will never leave him or forsake him. Dear Lord, be very near to him!

During those moments when the pressures of life are almost too much to bear, may he know the truth of your promise that there is one who is able to keep him from falling.

When the tasks of the day bring weariness and fatigue, may he know that the joy of the Lord is his strength. Give him great joy!

At those times when the problems seem to be without answers, give him your wisdom. May he know that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Oh God! Give him your guidance!

Bless and guide his wife, Hillary.

Bless their daughter, Chelsea.

Bless them as a family.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us: unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus.

Amen!

- Don Argue
February, 1997



now in America if the rising tide of racism is to be turned back.

The black evangelical church, for its part, must commit itself to constructive protest of racism. This should be combined with a readiness to forgive past wrongs. The black church must help blacks to regain a healthy sense of pride in their identity. The Lordship of Christ must be brought to bear on the life of the black community as well as that of the white community. Economic discipline and investment in the black community, inspired by a spiritual rebirth of the black masses, will be the salvific hope of black America. We affirm that Salvation is in and by Jesus Christ alone. The Gospel of love is transmitted through an inseparable package of faith and action. In and through him we have hope for the life that is and that which is to come.

The white evangelical church must first repent of the sin of racism. It must examine its doctrine, policies, institutions, boards, agencies, and para-church entities and remove any vestiges of prejudice and racism. It must also enter into a meaningful dialogue with black evangelical leaders by means of establishing cultural exchanges on racism in the white community. Most importantly, it must exert pressure for economic justice by witnessing within its own power structures. It must remove the institutional barriers which hinder progress for blacks and other people of color. It must work to make restitution and repair as soon as possible.

As persons redeemed by the atoning work of Christ, we commit ourselves to renewed efforts toward reconciliation and harmony between people of diverse races. Together the entire evangelical community must and can reaffirm the wonderful ethnic diversity among the body of Christ, while at the same time strengthening its unity. The credible witness of the Church and perhaps the deliverance of the United States depends upon the joint evangelical community effort to dismantle the structure of racism and prejudice. Together, we can create a community that will be a monumental witness for Christ in modern times.

We go from this consultation determined to translate these intentions into actions which will exemplify among human kind Christ's reconciling work.



National Association of Evangelicals
National Black Evangelical Association

Statement on Prejudice and Racism

January 26-27, 1990

We have gathered as a group of Christians to address the resurgence of racism in the United States. Because of the historical and current context in which we meet, we are addressing primarily the white-black expression of racism: we recognize that other ethnic groups have also experienced oppression based on race.

We affirm the core conviction of our Judeo-Christian heritage: human life is created in God's image. This imago dei is expressed in one human race (Acts 17:26), but that one humanity fully expresses God's image in a wealth of diversity. A few obvious examples of diversity are maleness and femaleness, and colors of skin, eyes and hair. There are more subtle diversities as well. These diversities are not intended to divide humans from one another; rather they are to add to the wonder of life's wholeness as a gift from God.

We affirm another conviction of our Judeo-Christian roots: as a consequence of a fall from the original state, humanity shares a sin nature. One of the marks of this sin nature, prejudice, is distributed among the diverse parts of the whole humanity. This prejudice, rather than allowing celebration of the diversity of our one humanity, causes the holders of prejudice to view those who are different as inferior. When one ethnic group is in a majority or power position, its group prejudices against those who are minorities are often manifested in racism. Racism is a prejudice plus power. Racism is therefore an institutionalized expression of a controlling group's prejudices.

There was diversity of motivation in the establishment of the United States as a nation, but woven throughout its history was a pattern of racism by the white-dominated society that involved the dis-





placement and destruction of one race, the Native Americans, and the enslavement of yet another, the Africans. The historical record of how white Europeans conquered North America by destroying native population and building their new nation's economy on the backs of kidnapped Africans who had been turned into chattel are facts which must be acknowledged and confessed.

Racism is a foundational sin of the United States, fueled by economic greed and the exploitation of human and natural resources. It has corrupted the foundations, institutions and cultural mores of this country. It has prevented formation of a true cultural democracy. Racism has enslaved, impoverished, and oppressed people of color in America.

The concept of race must be seen as the sum total of what is known as the physical, psychological characteristics that set one group apart from another. These distinctions are not seen as absolutes since it can be readily observed that some basic characteristics thought to be unique to one group are often observed as part of the make-up of another. This leads us to conclude that the racial group in its make-up can be absolutely separated from another. These points on race must lead us to the repudiation of any and all myths concerning the inferiority of African-Americans, such as: they are by nature childlike, that they came from the poorer stock of Africa, and that they gladly gave up their own history and traditions to embrace the "superior" culture of their masters.

To appreciate the scope of sin against African-Americans, it is essential to understand the following points of history:

1. The European Slave Trade began in 1444 A.D. and continued infamously into the late 1800's. However, through the early 1600's there were many blacks who came to America as indentured servants, and who, after their service, were instrumental in building many early settlements. They lost their freedom when slave traders and businessmen had colonial laws changed to accommodate economic considerations.

2. The recurrent history of America's sin of racism is the sting of continual promises, modest gains, followed by a reversal of those gains which has resulted in entrenched prejudicial attitudes and contin-

ued economic disenfranchisement for African Americans. The political gains of the 1860's and 70's were instantaneously halted because of white fear, resulting in the enactment of Jim Crow laws that dehumanized African people in poverty and ignorance. Even today, just twenty-five years after the civil rights movement of the 1960's, white American racism is flexing its economic muscle against the African American community and rolling back the positive effects of Affirmative Action.

It must be acknowledged that large segments of Christianity in America have historically been allied with racist institutions and attitudes. Racism attacks the core of the gospel message. It negates the reason for which Christ died. It also denies the purpose of the church: to bring together, in Christ, those who have been divided from one another. Racism has caused many Christians in America to use the Bible to defend segregation, and abandon justice.

Racism is a severe and current sin. It is an idolatry which makes God in the image of the controlling group and uses God to justify willful and/or unintended evil against minority interest. The soul of the nation is under judgment for the talent drain of potential leaders and for the psychological scarring of young blacks who are born in the ghetto but rarely have the opportunity to develop. Racism has historically hindered us from benefitting from the fullness of God's gift to the nation, which is embodied in what is gained from all the people.

The Psalmist asks, "When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The righteous can fill the leadership vacuum by repenting individually and corporately. It will be necessary to re-educate white evangelicalism into understanding that the pioneer black church has held one of the few authentic expressions of the Gospel in America by holding fast to the conviction that God, through His word, was the authority in all matters of life; that all humanity was created in God's image; and that humanity had eternal value evidenced by Christ's inclusive death on the cross.

Although prejudice is a universal sin infecting all peoples, racism in America is basically a white problem. Whites established practices, systems, and laws which entrenched racism, and in some instances, still perpetuate it. Confession and repentance are essential starting points for the correction of any sinful past and there are needed

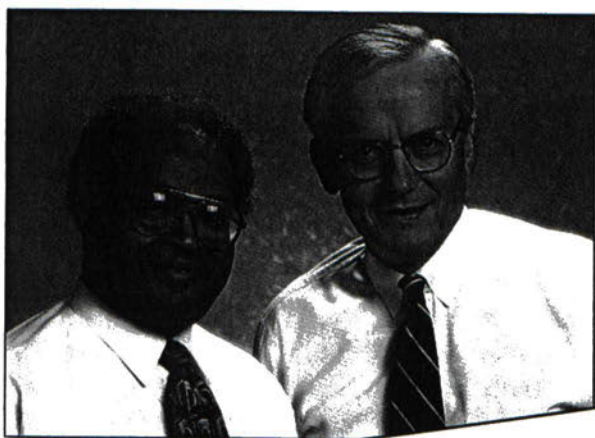
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Racial Reconciliation Initiative

Sponsored by the National Black Evangelical Association,
National Association of Evangelicals, and Zondervan Publishing House





Dear Pastor,

Our national response to the L.A. riots, the trial of O.J. Simpson, and the Million-Man March all confirm what pollster George Barna has discovered. Racial tension is on the rise. A majority of whites (87%) believe there is a lot of anger among different racial and ethnic groups; 84% of African Americans and 89% if Hispanics feel the same way.

"Racial and ethnic hostility is the foremost social problem facing our world today," said Billy Graham in a recent *Christianity Today* article. "Of all people, Christians should be the most active in reaching out to those of other races, instead of accepting the status quo of division and animosity."

We believe the only lasting basis for racial reconciliation is God's love, expressed through Christ. While Jesus was on earth, he demonstrated the risks and rewards of crossing racial barriers. Paul gives further clarity to Christ's intention of racial unity. "For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two (races) one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...through the cross." It is clearly Jesus' desire that all races, with their diverse cultures, become "a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit." And he taught unity was essential for effective evangelism (John 13 & 17). We would like to partner with you to accomplish this desire for racial reconciliation in your community.

To help your congregation gain a biblical perspective on this issue, Zondervan Publishing House has joined with us in developing materials for a racial reconciliation initiative. It includes practical suggestions, a guide to worship, a bulletin insert, a statement of racial reconciliation, and a list of resources. During these critical days in our nation's history, please join with us as we "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Rev. Russ Knight, President
National Black Evangelical Association

Dr. Don Argue, President
National Association of Evangelicals

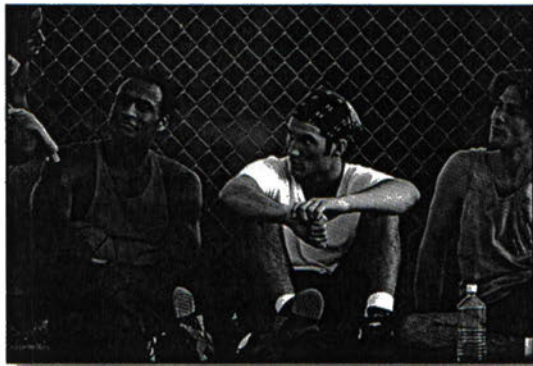
A Practical Plan for Achieving Racial Reconciliation.

STEP ONE: Hold a racial reconciliation service each year. This will give your congregation an annual reminder and opportunity to evaluate your progress. On this day we encourage the members of your church to affirm the clear position of God's Word on racial issues.

STEP TWO: Form a racial reconciliation task force to educate your congregation on racial issues and take the lead in reconciliation efforts. The resources listed on the back can help give the group a clearer perspective of:

- What racism is and where it comes from
- The history of racism in America
- The biblical position embracing diversity
- What is being done to successfully deal with the problem

A newsletter from the NAE/NBEA committee, *The Ambassador*, will be sent upon request to your task force to keep them up to date. This will provide a forum for them to ask specific questions about the effort in your community.



STEP THREE: Plan to use the Racial Reconciliation elements of worship. This will lead your congregation in an appropriate admission of the problem, confession, and restoration. Use the reproducible artwork enclosed to print your own bulletin insert. The front cover of this brochure can also be used as a poster to alert your congregation of this event.

STEP FOUR: Begin a friendship with an individual of another race and encourage your congregation to do the same.

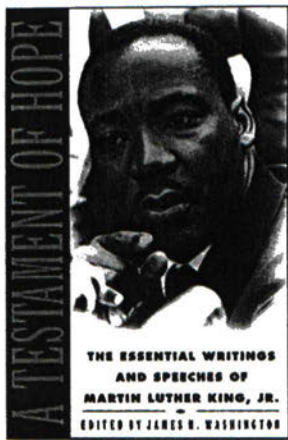
STEP FIVE: Adopt a "sister church" of a different race. Plan joint activities. Hold a joint elder retreat, a men's retreat, women's retreat, family night at a local gymnasium. Occasionally, participate in pulpit exchanges. Invite families from the "sister church" over for a meal, etc.

STEP SIX: Commit to persistent prayer regarding racial reconciliation and encourage your congregation to do the same.

STEP SEVEN: Adopt a statement on racism similar to the one developed by the NBEA and NAE. (See *Statement of Affirmation* enclosed.)



Racial Reconciliation Resources



A TESTAMENT OF HOPE -- THE ESSENTIAL WRITINGS AND SPEECHES OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Edited by James M. Washington. (Harper San Francisco)

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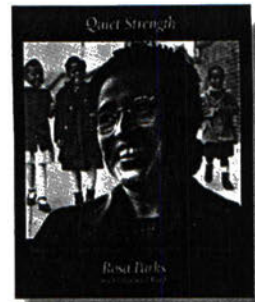
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*cc. wrapping:
Bob Haskin
Mark McLary
Gov. May
Excellent Spain*

March 7, 1997

Christopher Ashby
17 Side Hill Road
Westport, Connecticut 06880

Dear Kit:

Thanks for your letter of February 20, especially for what you said about our education efforts. We're pushing ahead with them, and I'm hopeful we'll be able to get more attention paid to them. Also, I'll ask about the spending on health care costs between 1990 and 1992.

It was wonderful to have all of you here during the Inauguration. I knew you'd love the prayer service. Be sure to call about setting up a golf game -- it is time for another round.

Sincerely,

Bar

BY THE NUMBERS

**Reining In
A Costly Giant**

As health costs soared in the 1970's and 80's, so did the cost of Medicaid. In recent years, its growth has slowed.

	Total Federal spending (billions)	Spending (in 1996 dollars, billions)
'73	\$ 4.6	\$16.2
'74	5.8	18.4
'75	6.8	19.8
'76	8.6	23.7
'77	9.9	25.6
'78	10.7	25.7
'79	12.4	26.7
'80	14.0	26.6
'81	16.8	28.9
'82	17.4	28.2
'83	19.0	29.9
'84	20.1	30.3
'85	22.7	33.0
'86	25.0	35.7
'87	27.4	37.8
'88	30.5	40.4
'89	34.6	43.7
'90	41.1	49.2
'91	52.5	60.4
'92	67.8	75.7
'93	75.8	82.1
'94	82.0	86.6
'95	89.1	91.6
'96	92.0	92.0

Sources: Congressional Budget Office,
Dept. of Health and Human Services

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cc 2/20/97

CHRISTOPHER ASHBY

17 Side Hill Rd.
Westport, CT 06880

February 20, 1997

Dear Bill,

Sorry I haven't written sooner. The entire inauguration was a magnificent experience, and I want to thank you and Hillary for the extraordinary treatment we received. To sit behind you while you took the oath of office, and to look out across the Capitol lawn and down the mall, it was breathtaking. It was all such a great American event. I think the thing Amy and I loved the best was the church service before the swearing in. My God, what a pump up. There were so many great lines from the various speakers that I will not try to repeat any of them. But at the end of it all I thought I could go out and do anything, conquer any foe, right any wrong. It was great.

We had a really nice time at our inaugural ball. As Genie Askren said, it was the last Dips Ball. Its probably the only time I have been at an event with 200 people, and I knew all of them. I'm sorry you missed it, but Cathy is already planning your end of term celebration.

The last few days I've been talking to Bob Nash about the position of Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade. I told him I would like to be considered. I know that Stuart Eizenstat is moving over to the State Department, and it is a job I know I can do well. He said a lot of other people had the same notion, and unfortunately I have never met Bill Daley. But, if you don't try you don't do. And if you don't do, what are you here for.

I think you are off to a good start on your education effort. There was an article in the Times about your speech to the Maryland legislature, and it finally dawned on them that you can't do this yourself, you have to get other people to do it. Of course, this is an issue that really goes right down to the neighborhood. People have to want their schools to work again, and no governmental level can accomplish much if they don't. Keep at it, you are on the right track. I also very much like your pitch to the business community about welfare reform. They will have to create jobs that they really don't need, and hire people that they really don't want. And they will ~~a~~ have to view it as their contribution to the solution. Just as business does a good job of supporting the United Way and other social and charitable efforts because they understand that they have to give something back to the community other than dividends, they will have to support welfare reform. I am not sure about tax credits for hiring off welfare rolls, because it will

make them feel that there is short term gain from doing the right thing. Its like extra tax credit for R&D. If its the right thing, do it. and if its not, tax benefits should not induce you to do the wrong thing.

I have attached a little article about Federal spending. Is it correct? If so, what happened in '90 - '91 - '92? How did we go from \$49.2 to \$75.7 bil in two years? And this was all before you got there.

As you know, Mary Faith Grizzard is dying to work in your administration. I hope she can find a suitable spot. She is very competent and her heart is right. I think she should talk to Mack McLarty if he is putting together a staff to help him in Latin America.

Thank you and Hillary again for everything. I'll let you know how my efforts with Secretary Daley go. When the weather gets a little warmer, I will call to try to get myself included in a foursome.

Best Regards
Kit

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*cc: P. J. Baker
Re: Justice*

*Copy to
Banks*

March 7, 1997

The Honorable Vic Fleming
Municipal Judge
Second Division
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Vic:

I was pleased to receive the information about the "Courts in the Schools/Critical Life Choices" program you plan to implement in Little Rock. It appears to have great potential for making a difference with young people by emphasizing the adverse consequences of poor judgment on their part.

I appreciate the invitation to attend one of the sessions on April 4 and have asked my schedulers, Stephanie Streett and Anne Hawley, to look into the possibilities. Best wishes for much success in this endeavor.

Hillary, Chelsea and I are pleased Elizabeth could be here for the Inauguration. Give our best to her, Susan and Teddy.

Sincerely,

Bill



STATE OF THE UNION

Address to the 105th Congress

First Session

President William J. Clinton

February 4, 1997

Washington, D.C.



City of Little Rock

VIC FLEMING
Municipal Judge
Second Division
371-4733

MUNICIPAL COURT

February 18, 1997

Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
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FAX 202-456-6235

Dear Mr. President:

In your State of the Union Address, you set out a plan to establish and foster strong safe schools with clear standards of achievement, discipline, and all-round education. In that regard, and especially toward the end of insuring that every eighteen year old is able to go to college, you will be interested in a program that will soon be coming to Arkansas via Michigan and a few other states.

It is called the "Courts in the Schools/Critical Life Choices" program and it was begun by Judge Michael Martone of Troy, Michigan. Judge Martone is coming to Little Rock on April 4, 1997, and he and I will conduct the program at Central High and Dunbar Junior High. Thereafter, after Judge Martone has trained me, I will spread the program throughout Pulaski County and begin to solicit judges from other parts of the state to take the program to their respective jurisdictions.

This is basically a one-hour formatted assembly program: The first fifteen minutes consists of deciding three to four actual court cases involving youthful non-violent misdemeanants (each of whom has agreed to have his case decided in front of 200-250 teenagers); the second part of the program is a thirty to forty minute interactive lecture, utilizing video vignettes of actual instances of alcohol poisoning, drug overdose, DWI fatality, and reckless driving casualties. The purpose of the program is to demonstrate in real time to the students what some of the consequences can be of engaging in flawed analysis of critical life circumstances.

As you can tell from the enclosed article, which was written by Judge Martone and published in a recent municipal court newsletter, the program has been heralded far and wide in the areas to which it has been taken. Judge Martone is actively seeking to have judges in all jurisdictions take this program to their respective schools.

Upon examination of it, I am sure you will agree that it has an incredible potential to have a tremendous impact on the lives of youngsters, at a very impressionable age, and to do so with minimal costs to the existing justice system through which it will be administered.

The City of Little Rock, the school system, and many others are behind this Court in this effort and, in the next few weeks, there will be some publicity generated in an effort to make the public aware that this excellent program is on its way to Arkansas. Judge Martone and I are hopeful that you will be interested enough to possibly attend one of the initial sessions here in Little Rock on April 4. In your absence, perhaps the Vice President or some combination of the Secretary of Education or the Attorney General would be interested in being present for one or both of the initial sessions, so that it might be embraced by the administration and, through the influence of the White House, spread the more rapidly into the heartland and the four corners of the country.

Keep up the good work and let us hear from you from time to time. Once again, Susan joins me in thanking you and the first lady for your excellent hospitality and courtesies in having Elizabeth up for the inauguration. She had a wonderful time and we certainly regret at we were not able to attend. Chelsea seems to be doing great. Please tell her how proud we are of her.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Vic Fleming

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enc.

P.S. - Hope to see y'all soon.

we can get him
here for a pilot
program at Dunbar
or Central. VF

COURT IN THE SCHOOLS / CRITICAL LIFE CHOICES PROGRAM

by Judge Michael A. Martone
Troy, MI

Recently, articles in various Michigan newspapers have been chillingly similar. Webberville — Single vehicle accident kills four teens, alcohol involved. Lapeer — Four teens dead and two seriously injured in alcohol related accident. Flushing — Three teens killed in auto/truck crash after all night party. And so it goes. It's happening with such regularity that these multiple death cases are no longer the lead story on the six o'clock news nor do they garner much more than a two or three inch column on page four of the local paper.

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Admirably, the government and other concerned parties spend considerable time, effort and money to halt illegal drug use with some limited success. However, similar efforts to stop underage drinking fail



Judge Michael A. Martone
photos courtesy of Troy Eccentric

miserably for lack of sufficient funding and, to put it simply: It is not politically correct to tackle under age drinking head on. This is true despite the fact that more kids die from alcohol related deaths than all other substance abuse cases put together. The reasons, a tremendous alcohol lobby, acceptance by many successful baby boomers who themselves drank under age, and distressingly considerable numbers of parents content to look the other way when junior comes home merely drunk rather than strung out on crack cocaine or smack.

Television programs, often in comic effort, make drinking socially acceptable. Unhappily, by the time a youngster turns 18 years of age, he or she will have seen over 100,000 beer commercials on television suggesting that alcohol is required to get happy, to relax, to celebrate success, enjoy a holiday, and so on. The alcohol industry's sponsoring of just about every type of sporting event, together with the liquor industry's recent lifting of the self-imposed prohibition on TV advertising, lure kids to the false

glamour of underage drinking. Despite protestations to the contrary, the alcohol industry, through its clever Madison Avenue ad wizards, is planting the seeds of acceptability in children at a younger age each year.

We in the judicial system see the problems first hand through the volumes of drunk driving cases, the personal injury and the wrongful death cases and the broken marriages that cross our benches daily. It's especially sad to see a family torn apart because of alcohol induced domestic violence. Yet, in general terms, the judiciary is historically a reactive institution that is somewhat thwarted in taking a proactive approach. By definition, the courts sit and wait for something bad to happen and when it does, we as

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judges are more than eager to help the offender into alcohol rehabilitation. Unfortunately, by that time, alcoholic trigger levels have been long crossed and society is confronted with the problem of stopping someone who finds one drink is too many and a hundred are not enough.

The growing problem confronting our youth became painfully clear to me when, as an assistant state attorney for Sarasota County, Florida, I was assigned as a special prosecutor handling the county's drunk driving/vehicular homicide cases. Handling death cases with many, many youthful victims made me

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we could write a similar article for AR Time DG

realize that those of us in public service must use our positions to reach these impressionable adolescents before they become statistics. Remember, among other Hollywood distortions, teenagers see people hit by cars and flip up over the top and walk away dusting off their clothes. As a result of this false and reckless portrayal of actuality, young people have no concept of being vincible and whatever happens, it won't happen to them.

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To try and correct this make-believe world these kids live in and give them a dose of reality, I began the Court in the Schools/Critical Life Choices program in early 1993 after I was elected to the bench. This program, which shows students that there are painful results for real life problems, has evolved over the past four years. It is a powerful yet simple and inexpensive program with maximum impact that any judge can initiate in his or her jurisdiction. Its impact is so great that it was recently featured on NBC's Today Show.

About seven times per year, I physically relocate my court to the local middle and high schools in my jurisdiction in order to conduct the two-part program. We have experienced the most success with the more impressionable middle and early high schoolers. They pay close attention and leave with a lasting impression.

The program consists of two separate portions. Each session lasts 50 to 55 minutes and as many as three one hour sessions can be held per morning. The approximate hour program ideally will follow this format: First, an opening statement is made to the students to advise them of what is about to transpire, that proper decorum is required and what they might expect if it is not maintained. This immediately gets the students' attention. Hats come off, gum comes out, and they sit up and listen.

The Court in the Schools portion begins when the court officer calls the Court to order and four actual non-violent misdemeanor cases are called. These cases are typically a first offense drunk driving case, a second offense drunk driving case in which the defendant will be going to jail from the school, a possession of controlled substance case and a shoplifting case or any other type of case with which the young students can identify. Each defendant will have his or her own attorney and hence there is no necessity to have a public defender present. The pre-sentence investigation is completed before the school date.

volunteers?



Judge Michael Martone Presents Critical Life Choices

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2 portions Court to order 1 program - a one-hour total

The defendants all agree in advance to come to the school and they are selected on a random basis. Whenever a young defendant appears in court for a pretrial or arraignment and the charges are such that the students would relate to, I ask if they would agree to have the case held in the school. The only promise made to the defendant is that he or she would not be treated more harshly at the school for the sake of sending a message. The litigants are advised that their participation will be favorably considered. All defendants are pre-screened to avoid any security problems and at least two to three police officers are on the premises during the program in order to receive the defendants sentenced to jail. This portion of the program lasts approximately 20 minutes.

4 trials?

The Critical Life Choices portion begins when I take off my robe, roll up my shirt sleeves and "coach" the kids through the game of life. . . I give the students examples of . . . situations in which they will be required to make a critical choice that may affect them or others for the duration of their lives.

When the last case of the session is concluded and the defendant taken into custody, the court is called to recess and I begin the second phase of the program. The Critical Life Choices portion begins when I take off my robe, roll up my shirt sleeves (continued on page 12)

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examples of game situations in which they will be required to make a critical choice that may affect them or others for the duration of their lives. Like a game of soccer when those critical plays occur, whether or not the player makes the right choice depends on the player knowing the game strategy, the rules of the game as well as the consequences for a rule violation, and by doing a proper risk analysis. If a student has been well coached, is disciplined and courageous, he or she will make that right choice and the outcome will be success, whether on the soccer field or in life. The "coaching" techniques

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that I use include showing the students a series of seven or eight video vignettes that poignantly demonstrate the consequences of poor choice after a flawed risk analysis of a given situation. The first video is a local news story about the 16 year-olds that lost their lives by speeding on a rain slicked highway. Good students, no alcohol, yet three families grieving because the trio failed to appreciate the potential consequences of a 3500 pound car screaming 85 miles per hour in heavy traffic. After a discussion, the students agree that a proper risk analysis might have saved their lives.

Consequences of Bad Choices

The next two vignettes are inter-connected. We discuss impulse behavior and the consequences of not thinking before acting. In each case, one an inner-city high school setting and the other a wealthy suburban setting, each tell the story of a 17 year old being brutally stabbed, one to death and the other critically, while two 15 year-olds are in custody and facing charges.

The next five vignettes are truly the crux of the program and are concerned with the problems of underage alcohol use and abuse. The first two deal with a quadruple death case from New Mexico where a young mother and her three beautiful girls, ages five, eight and nine are killed as a result of a drunk driver driving the wrong way down the interstate. The video, provided by Dateline NBC, profoundly illustrates the catastrophic chain of events that occurred when a well respected member of a community failed to do a proper risk analysis. Gordon House drank between seven and 14 beers and then got behind the wheel of his car. The victims died a quick gruesome death while the survivors, the victim's husband, the defendant and his family, all suffer a long and painful death of sorts. The students see themselves for the first time as a possible victim.

The two video news clips that follow the New Mexico case center on two separate multiple death cases involving 10 under age drinkers. Seven die and three live. Sadly, the survivors will suffer for the rest of their lives. The interviews with the friends of the decedents and their survivors, together with our discussions, open eyes that never before considered their mortality. On the average, better that 80 percent of the students involved in the program know kids who binge drink in the same fashion as those who died. The discussion leads to many related topics such as date rape, teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, among other things. The kids are given straight honest answers to questions they are afraid to ask parents or teachers.

After brief training and participation in one session of both portions of the program, any judge can present the program in any of the schools in his or her jurisdiction with a marked impact.

The final video is a re-enactment of an alcohol poisoning case. These children, trying so hard to grow up and be accepted have no concept that guzzling beer, wine or liquor in a rapid manner can lead to death. The video shows a father putting his intoxicated daughter to bed to sleep it off, only to sadly find her dead in the morning. The students, at first, are relieved when they are told that the clip was made by actors. However, they are shocked into reality once I explain that the clip was based on a real story and then introduce the class to the father of the deceased girl who then briefly addresses the class. When the students leave the assembly, a mere one hour after it begins, they have grown in years. They admit that their views on drinking, choosing their friends and their future in general must be evaluated from a position of reality as compared to illusion.

This program has had a great impact on many of the over 10,000 students that have participated in the program in Michigan, New York and Missouri. Other programs are being set up in Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin and California. I encourage other judges or concerned individuals to set up similar programs in their jurisdictions. I will be happy to assist in any fashion whatsoever including conducting the Critical Life Choices session while a local judge conducts the Court in the Schools session. After brief training and participation in one session of both portions of the program, any judge can present the program in any of the schools in his or her jurisdiction with a marked impact.

For more information, contact me at 810-528-1954.

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate the reply.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

3-10-97

Nice article
Sharon O'Brien
to her →

CLINTON VISIT: LESSON FOR LEGISLATORS

Lansing State Journal 3-7-97

A tall man, a friendly smile and an autograph

"I was hoping to meet the president — and Chelsea, but she wasn't on the train.

"I made a little button that said, 'It's my birthday, and I want to see the PRESIDENT' as a hint.

"Someone told me he would come by, but instead he listened to the first lady's speech. By the time it was over, we had arrived in East Lansing.

"Maybe next time." — Aug. 28, 1996

I finally got to meet President Clinton on Thursday, exactly six months and one week after my first try.

It was my 13th birthday last August, and my dad and I were riding on the 21st Century Express train with Clinton as he campaigned across Michigan to the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He was going to come and shake my hand, but at the last minute his plans changed.

This time, however, I wasn't going to let him miss me. I, along with

other local students who wrote "Dear Mr. President" letters to the State Journal, met President Clinton at Capital City Airport on Thursday.

A huge plane labeled "The United States of America" landed on the runway, and many political figures emptied out. Among them were Debbie Stabenow, Gov. John Engler and President Clinton. Clinton walked off Air Force One and into the line the 10 of us formed.

He walked around shaking everyone's hands and calling us by our first names.

That was a totally unexpected gesture to most of us. When it was my turn, I was both nervous and excited.

In a tiny voice, I said "Can I have your autograph?" to the tall man with a friendly smile. "Yeah, in just a minute," he replied.

Then, we got a group picture with Clinton, each of us edging as close to him as possible.

Next, we huddled into a group



Leslie
Andrews

Teen columnist

fighting the photographers to get closer to the center where Clinton was signing autographs.

I wanted Clinton to sign the article I wrote about my train trip with him.

I pushed my article above heads and Clinton took it while looking at my face.

To my surprise, he stopped and read the article while many were waiting out in the freezing cold for their turn.

I was shocked again when he wrote "Leslie — This is a fine arti-

cle. Congratulations. Bill Clinton 3/6/97," rather than what he wrote on most people's: "President Bill Clinton 3/6/97."

Then, as he was leaving, he said "Bye Leslie, bye Carlos..." in such a familiar and casual way that you'd have thought we had been longtime friends.

Lastly, as we walked over into the press area, reporters swarmed around us trying to get the scoop on what the president was like. The way Clinton left me feeling was that if he could, he'd go to every single person in the United States and talk to them individually.

He seemed like he loved the public. He also treated everyone like his friends.

I have come to the conclusion that we have a great man leading our nation into the 21st century.

Leslie Andrews, 13, is an eighth-grader at Kinawa Middle School in Okemos. She is the daughter of State Journal political editor Chris Andrews.



DOUG ELBINGER for the Lansing State Journal

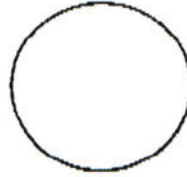
At last: Leslie Andrews, 13, an eighth-grader at Kinawa Middle School, shakes the president's hand Thursday. Leslie, daughter of State Journal political editor Chris Andrews, reported from Clinton's 21st Century Express train trip through Michigan in August, but didn't meet Clinton until Thursday.

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JIM DORSKIND:

Please coordinate
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ROBERT SCHULLER

March 4, 1997

Dear Mr. President:

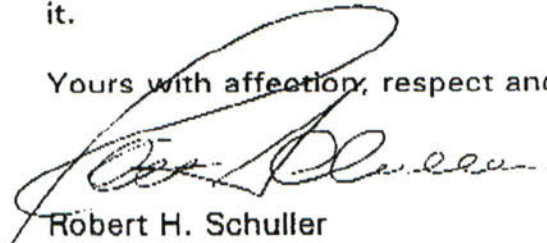
I was listening to the morning news and heard your "call" for a moratorium request on "Cloning."

Thank you ... that is strong, protective leadership!

Just this past Sunday I said to my congregation, "The human being is not by nature humane."

I am enclosing a copy of an Op. Ed. piece I have just completed for the *Los Angeles Times* and wanted you to have a first look at it.

Yours with affection, respect and esteem,



Robert H. Schuller

President Bill Clinton
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500-2000

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Enclosure

THE CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL
12141 LEWIS STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92640

"YOU CAN'T CLONE THE HUMAN SOUL"

According to modern sages, genetics are the road map of human existence because they are said to explain not only what we are, but who we can be. Recently, when a team of Scottish scientists cloned a female sheep, shockwaves of awe and fear were sent throughout the world's scientific, religious and legal communities. Many wonder what the implications are if humans can be similarly duplicated.

The cloning of "Dolly," as the sheep is called, was important for two reasons. This was the first time a clone had been made from an adult creature. Thus its characteristics at maturity could be observed and selected. For many this is as close to a guaranteed product as anything. If two identical beings can be created, what are the implications for the human soul? If the body is made up of the same genetic material, what happens to the mind and soul?

If we agree, as seems to be the current fashion, that humans and other creatures in God's creation are merely the sum of their parts, then genetic engineering poses some real threats. A duplicate Adolf Hitler or a mass murderer would probably also commit genocide or mass murder.

But the fact is that human beings are more than the sum of their biological parts. The whole of each individual consists of the physical and spiritual nature.

Teilhard de Chardin says: We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, rather we are spiritual beings on a human journey. And the spirit cannot be cloned. Even if the biological material is the same, differences in spiritual makeup could also create differences in physical appearance. 

Take for example two individuals who appear to be identical; one abstains from drugs, promiscuous sex, and other vices. He worships and has faith in God. The other disregards the Commandments of God, and pursues a reckless life of sin and self destruction. Can you picture the difference? Although similar, the two would develop drastically different personalities. Certainly once you got to know them, they would seem worlds apart.

From the time we are infants, and we begin to grow and make choices (or have choices made for us), our physical states undergo change. Thus, even with the same genetic material a cloned child would end up very different in "appearance" than the adult he or she was cloned from. We all become a collection of recorded experiences, which are not carried in human genes. And identical human spirits cannot be cloned. Bones, muscles, hair and blood may be cloned. But memory systems cloned? Never!

The soul has a profound influence on the appearance of an individual. Some would phrase this argument in terms of nature and nurture. If two identical twins were brought up by different parents, in different cultures and socio-economic circumstances, chances are they would see and make different choices in their lives.

This is very important. It is not our physical make-ups which most prominently mark our uniquenesses. It is our power to privately make personal choices. The evolving human personality can emerge into a person marked as either "kind" or "mean." One fact is irrefutable — you cannot inseminate and predetermine the "soul."

Choice. We have the choice to bring good or evil into existence for ourselves. The extent to which we choose either accounts for the only truly significant disparity in human nature. And the choices we make are based on the extent to which we try to civilize our souls and refine our character. This is an individual quest, and something that no scientist anywhere can ever recreate.

As scientists explore the unfathomable depths both within and outside the human body, they are often fascinated to find traces of the divine master plan. They call them, DNA, "The Theory of Relativity," "The Big Bang Theory," and other names. But these names are only metaphors, or useful lamp posts leading to the real nature of things. As such, they should not be mistaken for the deeper truths that lay beneath the surface.

As a person of faith, I would be interested to see how the cloned sheep develops under different environmental circumstances than its cloning parent. I'd avoid any milk or meat produced by a clone for now. But the question remains, should we lose sleep over men with God complexes trying to tinker with nature? As I ponder

this question, I take solace in the fact that science cannot transcend the human soul, because the human soul transcends science.

As the debate continues over whether or not humans are next to be cloned, the faithful should take heart. No matter how clever we become, we cannot have the power to control God's creation. Every person is endowed with the power to observe and select. And no two persons will be identical in all of their responses, reactions, choices and decisions. So we may be able to clone bodies — but the cloning of "persons" will be impossible. If science could possibly clone the personality, spirit, mind, soul and memory system, the end product would not be a "person" defined by the freedom to choose. Instead of a "person" we would have a "product," not a human soul.