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A clear, tangible correction

I am writing in response to an article in the February 17th issue of *Gateway*, page 18, about a lecture I gave on the subject "Clear, Tangible Evidence for the Existence of God".

The title of the article was "Miracles Prove God Exists", written by Anton Nemeth. Anton did not attend the lecture as he was misinformed on the date it was to be given, but he came to my office later to talk to me about the contents of my lecture.

The content, (as well as the title) of the article is actually the opposite of what I had said. It is also filled with inaccurate quotes and facts.

First, and of lesser importance, Youth With a Mission, not "One-Way Agape", is the International Interdenominational Christian Missionary and Relief Organization. This was reversed in the article. One-Way Agape is the Campus Club I represent.

Secondly, the first paragraph of the article makes no sense whatsoever. It is a misleading summary of a quote by Albert Einstein which should state as follows: "My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior Spirit who reveals Himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible

universe, forms my idea of God". (Albert Einstein in Lincoln Barnett's "The Universe and Dr. Einstein" New York: Bantam, 1974, pg. 95)

The third paragraph of Nemeth's article is a misquote of Alfred North Whitehead, not "A. Whitehead North".

In the Harvard University Lowell lectures entitled "Science and the Modern World" (1925), Whitehead said that Christianity is the mother of science because of "the medieval insistence on the rationality of God".

Whitehead spoke of confidence "in the intelligible rationality of a personal being". He also says in these lectures that because of the rationality of God, the early scientists had an "inexpugnable belief that every detailed occurrence can be correlated with its antecedents in a perfectly definite manner, exemplifying general principles. Without this belief the incredible labors of scientists would be without hope".

In other words, there was a reason why one could trust "reason" in analyzing the universe. It was based on the belief that the universe was a product of a rational being. One man put it this way by saying, "And did you ever think it odd that a brilliant man could spend fifty years of his life in a lab trying to duplicate life to show NO INTELLIGENCE WAS NECESSARY to form it in the beginning"?

Thirdly, I categorically deny having said that "Miracles prove the existence of God". Rather, the thrust of my presentation was that belief in the existence of an infinite personal God, represents the best explanatory hypothesis to account for the kind of world that exists.

When one considers the universe in all its vastness and complexity, and the personality of man with his sense of "oughtness", "responsibility", and "significance", it is very hard not to recognize the presence of a great intelligence far superior to our own who must have always existed. To recognize God, and then to get to know Him, is to discover the key to the mystery of all existence.

This letter cannot convey all that I said in my lecture, but I hope it will give to the readers of *Gateway* my sentiments concerning the article that was written and my views in this area.

In closing, I would like to quote from the Book of Romans Chapter 1: "That which is known about God is evident within them, for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."

Allan McBryan
One-Way Agape

Porn kills sexuality

Pornography is an insidious element in our society. Its primary function is to make and profit through the destruction of one of the most beautiful gifts human beings have - sexuality. In magazines such as *Heavy Metal* and *National Lampoon*, for example, human sexuality is reduced to yet another bodily function. A man's primary contribution to love making is portrayed as an erect penis - and a woman's contribution is her readily available body.

Whatever happened to emotion and intellect? What are we allowing when we completely ignore, and in fact attempt to obliterate, a basic human need - mutual caring?

I for one (and I believe Ms.



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Bizon shares this opinion) do not wish to oppress or censor people. It is a choice which all of us have to make whether we want to be manipulated or not; whether we want to acknowledge our attributes or not. I do feel, however, that Ms. Bizon made a courageous attempt at trying to keep one store from debasing and abusing all human beings. There are so many alternate sources that terms such as "censorship" are hysterically unreasonable and inappropriate.

This action was not one of "censorship" but one of a responsibility we all share in protecting ourselves and raising the consciousness of our fellow human beings.

Norah McRae
Art II

I just received a telephone call from Mr. Michael Murphy of Grand Bay, New Brunswick. Murphy is the President of Alliance for Life (AFL) a non-profit, non-denominational national coordinating body for the pro-life movement in Canada. AFL represents more than 180 pro-life groups from Campbell River BC, to St. John's, Nfld. He plans to be in Edmonton on February 27, 1982. Surely he would be a better interview than a fictitious one with William F. Buckley?

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