

Carter says we must deregulate so they can raise their prices so they will have an incentive to find new oil, and then we must introduce a special tax to take away from them whatever they win by this extra effort to which they are impelled by deregulation of taxes. Seems to me you have exactly the situation you have today. Why not leave it just as it is? It is the initiative, the effort, the energy of people working on our system that has made it possible for 6% of the people of the world to produce 40% of its goods!

The ecumenists do not see this. They give great sums of money to the geruillas in order to keep things in turmoil and confusion over there until the communists can take over and establish what they consider a heaven on earth.

Now I was asked to say, Is this a road to heaven or a road to ~~hell~~ Hell? As far as earth is concerned they are trying to produce a heaven on earth. But I fear what it will result in is a hell on earth. Surely that is what it has resulted in in Russia. Surely that is what it has resulted in in Vietnam, in Cambodia, and Laos. Surely that is the result of what people many have been very well-meaning are trying to do when they are trying to substitute human wisdom and human plans for the divine plan laid out in the Scripture, the plan which consists of reaching individuals one by one and showing them their sin and need of a Saviour and winning them to Him.

I mentioned a couple nights ago, and think there's no ~~hazz~~ harm in mentioning it again that I happened to read in a book a couple days ago some light reading it was. In the course of it a man spoke to someone and said, I've got no use for Christianity; look at the way Christians have burned scientists. He said, Buddhists never burned scientists. The other man answered, The Buddhists never had any scientists to burn! It is a fact that Christian people are not necessarily any brighter than other people, but that in a Christian society there is a situation in which there is an incentive toward human thinking, human reasoning, human advances. The greatest scientists of a few generations back were dedicated Christians-- most of them.

I'm sure that up to 50 years ago everyone would have agreed that the greatest scientist of all was Sir Isaac Newton. Some today may think Einstein is greater. I don't know. But all admit that as far as what relates to this earth, Newtonian principles have not been disproved. But certain alterations have been made affection their relation to the stars and other planets, etc. through Einstein's work. But Newton was a great scientist in various areas. He discovered gravitation; he did great in optics. He did great work in many areas. But it is not so generally known that Sir Isaac Newton was a very earnest Christian. He wrote a book on the prophecies of Daniel and he read a verse in Daniel (I think he misinterpreted it) but any of us may misinterpret the Scripture, particularly one whose work is in another line. Newton was very interested in Daniel. He found a verse at the end of Daniel "in the last days many will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased." Newton said, I believe the time will come when people will travel as fast as 60 m.p.h. When he said it Voltaire said, That shows you how foolish Christians are! Anybody knows that if a person went as fast as 60 mph they couldn't ~~dra~~ draw their breath!