

**KIDS**, – I spent a lot of Father’s Day thinking about your lives and futures, so ..... yep another “Dad-letter” ☺

\* PLEASE be sure to also check out the two charts down below ....

As y’all know, my Dad didn’t share his heart and perspectives with me until the very end of his life when he finally saw his responsibility to God in light of Christ. Often I wish he were still here on Earth so he could share his love, experience-based advice, and knowledge gleaned from his broad reading of many opposing sources. No matter how long I live and study, I’d never catch up. So kids, this “Dad-letter” includes a little chart with a few topical lists of sources for you to use in the future as you form *beliefs* and make informed *decisions* about important aspects of your lives and families.

I certainly don’t *expect* all of you to respond to my Dad letters with your own thoughts about what I shared or to dialog about it. But it does help me if you just let me know when you get one by replying with something like, “Thanks Dad” or “Got it, Dad, thanks.”, so I’ll know that I included you in that family email list. If of course you have questions to try and more accurately understand my perspective or you want to share your own ideas so I can know your heart better, then I’d love that even more. If you haven’t read some of them, then I encourage you to go back and at least take time to think about not only *what* I shared in them, but most of all *why*. Former students now in college and vocations often contact for guidance, so I’ll be *adapting* past family-letters to share with them and will link online for access later.

Each of you will be building your own family and connecting to a peer community in which to raise and socialize your children. All people *naturally* and *unconsciously* flock together and surround themselves with those who already agree with the main aspects of their worldview – mutual *majority* opinion as their chosen *authority*. However, that *natural, unconscious* tendency usually produces a social and psychological bubble of isolation that keeps them from accurately understanding alternative viewpoints and supporting evidence. That natural process eventually creates a low-information, limited perspective that virtually guarantees distortion: *culturally conditioned consensus*, instead of critical thinking.

The only way to prevent the development of such perceptual blinders is to *unnaturally* and *consciously* make time and invest effort to examine both sides of major issues. Of course that means thoroughly investigating top scholars from each side. Please *beware* of merely listening to what your own

**So below, I’m including a list of significant subjects for life and family, along with various sources of expert analysis and objective evidence that you could use now and in the future.** Some of you have shared that the main sources you often use are ones that lean liberal and non-biblical, so to help you balance your investigation - most of the ones below will be alternative, more conservative sources. ☺

**\* All of the subjects in the chart below overlap and impact all other subjects directly or indirectly.**

“side” says about the other side, or only listening to what the *goofiest* representatives of the other side have to say.

Obviously the easiest and most common source of information, yet sometimes the *riskiest*, is the NEWS media both on TV and internet. At least “news” snippets/clips can be useful to help us find out about *topics* to investigate, and notable *experts* who are interviewed or quoted. Then you can further research their articles, books, full videos presentations, etc.

Not only are all news sources biased and slanted, but their primary motive is ratings and profit. So the news should be the least used source for forming beliefs and making informed choices. When considering a topic or issue, please prove to *yourself* and your *Creator* that you are open-minded and objectively seeking truth by examining top *opposing* experts *equally*. In other words, if your own viewpoint leans conservative and religious, then don’t primarily just use FOX and radio shows like Hannity, Limbaugh, Webb, Levine, etc. If you lean liberal, beware of just depending on CNN, NPR, BBC, Huffington Post, etc. Worst of all please don’t let *any* news sources be your *primary* pool of knowledge for building your evidence based beliefs about important issues.

To sum up, the best sources to help form beliefs and make informed decisions for life, family, and eternity need to include:

**EXPERT ANALYSIS:** original-source, full-context, logical *analysis* of subjects from top scholars with knowledgeable backgrounds who are widely respected, even by other experts who disagree with them.

**OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE:** hard *facts* that back up the best analysis from these experts, NOT just a soft *subjective* feeling, majority opinion of your own pool of peers, or because some expert’s opinion simply *sounds* correct. **\*\* The most important step is iron-sharpening dialog and debate with those who disagree or offer alternative opposing views and evidence ☺.**

**LOVE & RESPECT,  
DAD**

**FIRST CHART = IMPORTANT ISSUES TO CONSIDER – just a few examples to stimulate your own thinking**  
 (\* the **SECOND** chart includes **ALTERNATIVE SOURCES TO EXAMINE**)

<u>COUNSELING-RELATIONSHIPS</u>	<u>GEO-POLITICS</u>	<u>SPIRITUALITY</u>
<p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <p><b>Individual Personal Maturity</b>            Psychological Goal? Barriers? Solutions?            - What's the right view of maturity?            - What are the barriers to maturity?            - What are the solutions?            - Rights vs. Responsibilities            - Freedom vs. Security/Authority            - Biological vs. Spiritual Issues            - etc. ....</p> <p><b>Family Relationships</b>            - Family Goal? Barriers? Solutions?            - Marriage, communication,            - Parenting, training to maturity            - Old age planning, retirement?</p>	<p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- US Constitution directly</li> <li>- <b>Gov't Types:</b> Republic, Democracy, Socialism, Communism, Tyranny, Fascism, Theocracy, Anarchy</li> <li>- Israel (history &amp; current reality)</li> <li>- Anti Semitism</li> <li>- Race vs. culture (see separate box)</li> <li>- Freedom vs. Security/Authority</li> <li>- Rights vs. Responsibilities</li> <li>- Political correctness vs. truth</li> <li>- Nationalism vs. Globalism</li> <li>- U.N. &amp; E.U. corruption</li> <li>- Russia/Putin KGB disinformation</li> <li>- Obama's and Clinton's connections to Sal Alinsky, Marshall Davis, Bill Ayers, and other radical leftists and promoters of communism/socialism</li> <li>- Why does their CGI &amp; foundation take millions from Muslim countries that abuse women, gays, etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biological vs. Spiritual Issues?</li> <li>- Science &amp; Spirituality?</li> <li>- Are humans basically selfish/sinful?</li> <li>- Do we need education OR transformation?</li> <li>- General vs. Special Revelation?</li> <li>- Is an Intelligent Designer Possible?</li> <li>- Is there evidence for who He is?</li> <li>- Does history reveal His-story?</li> <li>- World Religions vs. Christianity</li> <li>- Salvation by man's work vs. God's</li> <li>- Ethics &amp; Morality</li> <li>- Authority vs. anarchy vs. tyranny</li> <li>- Do Islam (Koran &amp; Hadith) teach the takeover of the world for sharia law?</li> <li>- Sharia Law now in British Courts</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>MONEY</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal/Family Budgeting/Debt</li> <li>- National economic policies</li> <li>- What is the Federal Reserve?</li> <li>- International Monetary Fund?</li> <li>- Bilderberg group &amp; annual meeting?</li> <li>- International money manipulation?</li> <li>- Who controls \$, how, and why?</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>GUNS</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal, Local, National, Global</li> <li>- Gun-Control vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment</li> <li>- National Defense vs. U.N.</li> <li>- Why didn't France's strict gun laws stop terrorists from killing 130 people?</li> <li>- Why is Chicago a war zone of crime and gun violence even though it has the strictest gun laws and has been governed by democrats for decades?</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>POOR</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What's the best way to help those who truly cannot help themselves?</li> <li>- Why is there a huge percentage of people getting welfare who do not need it, could and should be working?</li> <li>- Charity Gifts, Welfare Taxes, both?</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>SCIENCE</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is and is not science?</li> <li>- Limits of scientific inquiry?</li> <li>- Influence of politics and money?</li> <li>- Global Warming, climate change</li> <li>- Macroevolution vs. mutations</li> <li>- Why are there 1,000's of PhD scientists, including many world respected, who now reject macroevolution?</li> <li>- Why are they censored if science is supposed to be the challenging of theories? Is that true science or is it politics forcing belief as fact?</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>ETHICS/MORALITY</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Who decides what's right/wrong?</li> <li>- Are all morals relative or do universal moral truths exist?</li> <li>- Is it possible that there is a source of absolute moral authority on some issues?</li> <li>- Rights vs. responsibilities</li> </ul> <p>* see other boxes like SPIRITUALITY, etc.</p>	<p><b><u>RACE vs. CULTURE</u></b></p> <p><b>ISSUES TO CONSIDER - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Origin of Racism</li> <li>- Myth of Racism</li> <li>- Multi-race vs. Multi-culture</li> <li>- Solutions to racism</li> <li>- How has Darwinian evolution fueled racism for two centuries?</li> <li>- Why were Christians the ones who lead the fight against slavery?</li> <li>** see William Wilberforce and the author of the hymn Amazing Grace, John Newton, a former slave ship captain.</li> </ul>

**SECOND CHART = SUGGESTED SOURCES FOR ALTERNATIVE VIEWS AND OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE – just a few examples**

**\*\* BE SURE TO LOOK FOR ARTICLES, BOOKS, AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS BY THESE RESOURCE EXAMPLES**

<u>COUNSELING-RELATIONSHIPS</u>	<u>GEO-POLITICS</u>	<u>SPIRITUALITY</u>
<p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. David Powlison</a> PhD Univ. Penn</li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Ed Welch PhD</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Paul Tripp</a> DD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Stuart Scott</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Deepak Reju</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Jeremy Lelek</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">John Henderson</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mary Eberstadt</a>, new book, <i>How the West Really Lost God: a new theory of secularization and family</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS – examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCEF = <a href="#">Christian Counseling &amp; Education Foundation</a></li> <li>- ABC = <a href="#">Assoc. of Biblical Counselors</a></li> <li>- ACBC = <a href="#">Assoc. Cert. Biblical Coun.</a></li> <li>- FRC = <a href="#">Family Research Council</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- see also the list of <b>African Am. Conservatives in the RACE boxes</b></li> <li>- <a href="#">US Constitution &amp; Amendments</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Sebastian Gorka PhD</a></li> <li>- Hannity radio/TV programs,</li> <li>- <a href="#">John Bolton JD</a>: see <a href="#">articles/videos</a></li> <li>- Dr. <a href="#">Zuhdi Jasser</a>, M.D. (Muslim)</li> <li>- Dr. <a href="#">Tawfik Hamid</a> (Muslim)</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS – examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Heritage Foundation</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Ethics and Public Policy Center</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Hillsdale College</a> see <a href="#">IMPRIMIS</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">American Enterprise Institute</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Brietbart News</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">FOX News</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Voddie Baucham</a> PhD (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Tony Evans</a> PhD (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">John MacArthur</a> DD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Albert Mohler</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">John Piper</a> PhD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ravi Zachariahs</a> PhD</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS – examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Blue Letter Bible</a> tool</li> <li>- DG = <a href="#">Desiring God</a></li> <li>- GTY.org = <a href="#">Grace to You</a></li> <li>- CAN: <a href="#">Christian Answers Network</a></li> <li>- CARM: <a href="#">Christian Apologetics Research</a></li> <li>- FOIGM = <a href="#">Friends of Israel</a></li> <li>- RZIM.org = <a href="#">many speakers</a></li> <li>- CRI = <a href="#">Christian Research Institute</a></li> <li>- .....</li> </ul>
<p><b>MONEY</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Dave Ramsey (family money mgmt)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Milton Freedman vs. Donahue</a></li> <li>** best brief video on capitalism</li> <li>- <a href="#">Walter Williams</a> PhD (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Thomas Sowell</a> Phd (African Am.)</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Crown Financial</a> (founded by the late Larry Burkett for family money mgmt.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">FEE</a> = Foundation for Economic Education (to learn about liberty and compassionate capitalism)</li> </ul>	<p><b>GUNS</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Sheriff David Clarke</a>, African Am.</li> <li>- Dr. <a href="#">John Lott</a>, prof. Yale, Stanford</li> <li>- <a href="#">Ron Noble, head of Interpol</a></li> <li>* <a href="#">armed citizenry</a></li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- yes the real <a href="#">NRA</a>. Beware of just accepting other’s statements about it.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Crime Prevention Research Ctr.</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>POOR</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- see also the list of <b>African Am. Conservatives in the RACE boxes</b></li> <li>Especially ...</li> <li>- <a href="#">Walter Williams</a> PhD (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Thomas Sowell</a> Phd (African Am.)</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">IJM: International Justice Mission</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Samaritan’s Purse</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Persecution.org</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">John Sanford</a> PhD – Cornell, genetics</li> <li><a href="#">Stephen Meyer</a> PhD - Cambridge</li> <li><a href="#">Nathaniel T Jeanson</a> PhD - Harvard</li> <li><a href="#">Jeffery P. Tomkins</a> PhD – Clemson</li> <li><a href="#">Jason Lisle</a> PhD – Univ. CO, astrophysics</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">LRA</a>: Logos Research Associates</li> <li>- <a href="#">ICR</a>: Inst. for Creation Research</li> <li>- <a href="#">AiG</a>: Answers in Genesis</li> <li>- <a href="#">CMI</a>: Creation Ministries International</li> </ul>	<p><b>ETHICS &amp; MORALITY</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. McHugh at</a> Johns Hopkins</li> <li>* <a href="#">Transgender issues</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Jeffrey Satinover</a>, MD</li> <li>* <a href="#">Homosexuality &amp; the Politics of Truth</a></li> <li>* <a href="#">Interview with World Magazine</a></li> <li>* Interview: <i>Jewish Psychiatrist, Influenced by C.S. Lewis, Says Gays Can Change</i></li> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Nicholas Cummings</a> past APA Pres.</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Family Research Council</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Focus on the Family</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>RACE vs. CULTURE</b></p> <p><b>INDIVIDUALS – a few samples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Dr. Carl Wieland</a> MD</li> <li>- <a href="#">Sheriff David Clarke</a>, African Am.</li> <li>- <a href="#">Walter Williams</a> PhD (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Thomas Sowell</a> Phd (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Crystal Wright</a> (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">David Webb</a> (African Am.)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Allen West</a> (Af. Am. Congressman)</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mia Love</a> (Af. Am. congresswoman)</li> </ul> <p><b>ORGANIZATIONS - examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">AiG on race</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">CMI on race</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">One Human Race</a> (google)</li> </ul>