

#### IV. Establishment Morality Has Determined the Ebb and Flow of British & American History: Forrest and Laura Kay

Remember the formula, available to all believers:

**HuIQ + F/HS = SpiIQ + GAP = Gnosis**

**Gnosis + +V = Epignosis**

**Stm/Con + Epignosis =**

- 1. Decision making,**
- 2. Problem solving, and**
- 3. Continued spiritual growth, all based on an inventory of divine thought.**

During the 1994 St. Louis Bible Conference, Col. Thieme one evening began to discuss the concept of spiritual IQ and how regardless of human IQ the believer could acquire divine knowledge and advance in the plan of God all the way to spiritual maturity and lead a perfectly marvelous and happy life. As an illustration of this he mentioned Laura Kay Tapping. She is the daughter of Mrs. Katherine Tapping, Executive Vice-president of R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries. Both accompany the Colonel to the Bible Conference and both were at the table during the discussion. He went on to say that Laura Kay was one of the few people he had ever known who actually lived a life of perfect happiness. You see, Laura Kay has an IQ of about 78. She was born with neurofibromatosis, or von Recklinghausen's Syndrome. This is a congenital disorder which is characterized by soft tumors which form in nerve fibers. Complications arise in childhood and include progressive scoliosis which must be treated with spinal fusion and disability from intracranial tumor development. These effects reduced Laura Kay's IQ and rendered her physically crippled. Nevertheless, she expressed positive volition toward the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She is an employee at Thieme Bible Ministries, having worked there for over 20 years in the mail department. She methodically takes tapes or publications and puts them into mailing envelopes and affixes the mailing labels. She does this every day. She takes her work home with her. Rather than watching TV, she labels envelopes. She is devoted, dedicated, and happy. She has found her niche; she has realized her destiny. This is how God uses her in His plan—getting out tapes and publications to those who are positive to His Word.

Laura Kay is consequently an inspiration to us all. In fact, she becomes for us a role model. If Laura Kay can make the advance, then the rest of us have no excuse. The objective is clearly in reach for any believer. We must seize our assets and enter the fray undaunted by outside exigencies. Victory is ours for the taking. When the course is run would that we all could stand alongside Laura Kay when at the Judgment Seat of Christ our Lord says to her, "*Toi nikonti: to the winner.*"

How was Laura Kay's advance made possible? God provided her with a mother who made sure she was evangelized and that she learned to maximize her abilities for the glory of God. The system which God provided Laura Kay consisted of a loving parent in a home in which was taught the principles of the Word of God. As a result, this low-IQ individual is a credit to society and not a detriment. Her low-IQ has been rendered inconsequential!

And so, Forrest Gump becomes a fictional example of what Laura Kay Tapping is in real life. She is a believer with low IQ who has utilized her spiritual assets to advance to the summit of the spiritual life. She is happy, she has found her niche, she has realized her destiny. This same kind of advance has been typical of low-IQ people among every race throughout our nation's history. If crime, violence, drug abuse, illiteracy, truancy, unemployment, promiscuity, and barbarism among our nation's less intelligent population is true today when it has not been the case in the recent past, then I submit that the problem is a developing Zeitgeist which denounces the Laws of Divine Establishment and rejects the

principles of Biblical truth. Winston Groom's Forrest Gump is an excellent literary example, and Laura Kay Tapping is a sterling real-life example of how things used to be and the way things could be again. May those of us who are more capable than others in the field of human IQ remember the admonition of our Lord in:

**Luke 12:48 - From everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.**

The solution to our nation's chaotic conditions is salvation of the lost, including those with low human IQ, followed by spiritual growth utilizing the grace operating assets imputed equally to all at spiritual birth by God. The answer is not government largess nor is it midnight basketball. The answer is Establishment Morality! This will restore order, restore the culture, and restore the Zeitgeist. The result will be a nation in which all its citizens can once again contribute to its ongoing economic prosperity, domestic tranquility, and spiritual blessings.

## SUMMARY

Protestant theology was the driving force behind the success of the industrial revolution in Europe: **Leddihn. The Intelligent American's Guide to Europe, p. 55-56:**

*It is not the ecclesiastical structures that have form and fashioned the mentalities and minds of the people, but the respective theologies.*

*Capitalism did not gain momentum until the Reformation. Only when [Protestant theology] came along did free enterprise take off.*

The presence of a biblically-based establishment viewpoint in England enabled Anglo-Saxon culture to succeed both there and in the United States:

**Kirk. America's British Culture, chapter 1: "The Necessity for a General Culture," pp. 2, 11: (Quote from Christopher Dawson's, Religion and Culture)**

*"A social culture is an organized way of life which is based on a common tradition and conditioned by a common environment. It is clear that a common way of life involves a common view of life, common standards of behavior and common standards of value, and consequently a culture is a spiritual community which owes its unity to common beliefs and common ways of thought. Therefore, the social way of life which is culture has been deliberately ordered and directed in accordance with the higher laws of life which are religion."*

*British culture is central to American society. Should that cultural heritage be long and widely neglected, the American nation would drift toward brutishness in private life, anarchy or the mailed fist in public life.*

*In four fashions the British mind and British experience, for more than a dozen generations, have shaped the American culture.*

*The first of these ways is the English language and the wealth of great literature in that language. The second is the rule of law. The third is representative government. The fourth is a body of mores, or moral habits, beliefs, conventions, and customs. These compose an ethical heritage. According to Tocqueville, Americans' mores have been the cause of the success of the American Republic.*

**Kirk. America's British Culture, chapter 5, "Mores and Minds," pp. 70-72, 75-76:**

*"Alexis de Tocqueville, "It is their mores that make the Americans of the United States, alone among Americans, capable of maintaining the rule of democracy; and it is the mores again that makes the various Anglo-American democracies more or less orderly and prosperous. The importance of mores is a universal truth to which study and experience continually bring us back."*

*In every culture of the past, everywhere in the world, the principal source of a culture's mores has been religious belief. This has been true even when many people within the culture have ceased to feel any devotion to the old religious creed; even so, habit and custom fix them in a routine of existence, so that boys may refrain from pilfering because "Dad taught me not to" even though they never attended Sunday school. Thus, a peripheral morality may survive the withering of the cult from which a culture arose originally.*

*The people of British North America learned their Christian doctrine from British lips and British pens. Whatever their theological differences, they all were reared in a British climate of opinion, with the Ten Commandments at the back of their minds, when not in the forefront. In short, American Christianity was British Christianity, of whatever persuasion.*

*Tocqueville perceived that, "America is still the place where the Christian religions has kept the greatest power over men's minds." Out of Christian teaching arose America's mores.*

*David Hackett Fischer, author of Albion's Seed: "Today less than twenty percent of the American population have any British ancestors at all. But in a cultural sense most Americans are Albion's seed, no matter who their own forebears may have been."*

Multiculturalism, which insists that the moral values of one culture may not be considered superior to those of another, has assaulted the biblically-based establishment principles of our British culture resulting in a loss of order in our society.

**Lukacs. Chronicles, Sept., 1994, p. 16, 17, 19:**

*When people speak of "multiculturalism," what they really mean is multicivilization, whose proponents want the coexistence of altogether different civilizations within the same country. Only what kind of coexistence? Think of the current cliché: "the culture of violence." It is not violence that threatens us; it is the prevalence of savagery. It is not the state of culture that we should lament; it is the breakdown of civilization.*

*There is plenty of "culture" [low culture] thrown at children in our schools, but very little of civilization.*

*Should government promote "culture" at all? That is at least arguable. What is not arguable is that government must protect civilization. When it fails to do so, government, as we know it, dissolves, with first anarchy and then barbaric tyranny succeeding it.*

This loss of order combined with an ever-enlarging underclass which cannot compete in a technological society, threatens the peace and tranquility of the commonwealth.

**Caldwell. The American Spectator, Jan., 1995, pp. 63, 67, 62****[A review of The Bell Curve, by Richard J. Herrnstein and Charles Murray.]:**

*When one charts people along an axis by intelligence, the resulting distribution is the "bell curve" that gives it name to this book: the vast majority of people stacking in the middle range, with two slopes of significantly dumber and significantly smarter people leading to the respective far edges.*

*The major insight is that not only the poor but also the violent, the dishonest, and the irresponsible are disproportionately bunched at the stupider end of the curve.*

*Americans are getting stupider, since lower-intellect individuals are having babies earlier and more frequently than their more intelligent contemporaries.*

*Intelligence is important to success, and emerging technologies and global trade make brainpower more important today than ever. Society's institutions are selecting the brain-workers they need with increasing accuracy, and compensating them with increasing largess.*

*With 22 percent of white births illegitimate, and perhaps twice that may in poor areas, and with most of those illegitimate births coming from the lowest part of the [bell curve], the authors expect a white underclass to form.*

*The probable results: a widening gap between rich and poor, (the rich) living in privately policed suburbs and a horde of unskilled (slaves) trapped in rotting cities and rural areas.*

*Order is maintained by what the authors call the "custodial state," a high-tech and more lavish version of the Indian reservation for some substantial minority of the nation's population, while the rest of America tries to go about its business.*

If it is true that the least intelligent members of a society contribute most to its cultural degeneration, yet only recently has such a decline begun to reflect itself, then there must be a missing ingredient which had previously constrained the masses. The missing ingredient is establishment morality. This has resulted in government plunder of the intelligent in order to finance the degenerate lifestyles of the ignorant.

**Fleming. Chronicles, Jan., 1995, p.11:**

*America was not so long ago a very peaceful society; our high rate of violent crime is a recent phenomenon.*

*Before spending even a moment "thinking about crime," the average American must dispel a fundamental illusion from his mind. In matters of human life, of good and evil, there is no science that specializes in the knowledge of evil and no class of experts that can solve human problems. The worst delusion of the 20th century is that there is some science of society-sociology, psychology, political science, criminology-that can come up with the social equivalent of a cure for the common cold.*

*The only sciences that can help us are not the new-fangled disciplines modeled on the false analogy of the natural sciences, but the very ancient sciences of moral philosophy and theology.*

*It is unfair to expect sociologist to understand evil. That is a job for a priest or a poet.*

*We Americans love to think there are scientific remedies for the fact that we are human, that we can immunize ourselves against the moral diseases under which our ancestors labored.*

*In the godless, cultureless, lawless, rootless world that is a gift of "the science of society," we can call on neither priest nor poet in our hour of need.*

The missing ingredient is establishment morality. Its obvious impact individually as well as on society is demonstrated in Winston Groom's novel, *Forrest Gump*, in which its slow-witted main character prevails over all life's challenges through his establishment morality and Christian integrity.

**Black. Alabama Alumni Magazine, Dec., 1994-Jan., 1995, p. 22-23 [Quote from the article by the author of the novel, *Forrest Gump*, Winston Groom.]:**

*"I wrote a story about simple human dignity-that you don't have to be rich or smart to be dignified.*

*The whole story is about Forrest's integrity, how he keeps meeting the world with integrity through some very undignified situations.*

*I didn't intend Forrest to represent anything more than a dignified person, and all of these people who say he's supposed to be this or that are full of it. The same goes for all those sourpusses who say the book glorifies stupidity. They missed the whole point."*

In summary we return to **Dr. Kirk's America's British Culture, chapter 6: "Renewing a Shaken Culture."** **Kirk, America's British Culture, 83-86.**

MAJOR POINT: The major point of all of these sources I have quoted is made by Dr. Kirk when he says,

*"If people forget the ashes of their fathers and the temples of their gods, the consequences soon will be felt in the laws. Cultural continuity lacking a body social [becomes] exhausted spiritually and intellectually."*

For confirmation of this assertion, we can return to the writings of Marcus Tullius Cicero: **Cicero, Marcus Tullius. The Republic. Loeb Classical Library. 1988, pp. 245,247: BOOK V**

*I. The commonwealth of Rome is founded firm on ancient customs and on men of might.*

*-Ennius, Annales*

*Neither men alone, unless a State is supplied with customs too, nor customs alone, unless there have also been men to defend them, could ever have been sufficient to found or to preserve so long a commonwealth whose dominion extends so far and wide. Thus, before our own time, the customs of our ancestors produced excellent men, and eminent men preserved our ancient customs and the institutions of their forefathers. What is now left of the "ancient customs" on which "the commonwealth of Rome" was "founded firm"? They have been so completely buried in oblivion that they are not only no longer practiced, but are already unknown. And what shall I say of the men? For the loss of our customs is due to our lack of men, and for this great evil we must not only give an account, but must even defend ourselves in every way possible, as if we were accused of a capital crime. For it is through our own faults, not by any accident, that we retain only the form of the commonwealth, but have long since lost its substance.*