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*Our beliefs must be large enough to include all of the FACTS;
open enough to be examined and tested; flexible enough to change
when new facts are discovered or error is found.*

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*Comments and
Questions for your
Consideration*

(1) Do you think control of the Temple Mount is important?

(2) Should Muslims and Jews both be able to worship there today?

(3) What role does religion play in your political decisions? Do you think a political leader's religious beliefs could affect his or her decisions? If so, what could the consequences be?

(4) Sometimes we become so focused on ancient history in the Middle East that we forget to consider what was going on in the rest of the world.

(5) How much behavior is learned and how much is genetically hard-wired? Interesting question.

Israel agreed to forfeit Temple Mount

WorldNetDaily.com reported that the Israeli government in 2000 agreed to relinquish the Temple Mount to the Palestinians. According to declassified Israeli government documents, Ehud Barak, then prime minister, agreed sovereignty over the Temple Mount would be either "ambiguous" or control would be determined based on the bond of each party to the site. The 2000 negotiations fell through after Palestinian President Yasser Arafat rejected an offer of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and eastern sections of Jerusalem. (SOURCE: http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=59188)

Is Romney's Mormon Faith Becoming an Issue?

Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee said he considers his rival Mitt Romney's Mormon faith a religion, not a cult, but questioned whether Mormons believe "Jesus and the devil are brothers." He said, "I really don't know much about it." Then he asked: "Don't Mormons believe that Jesus and the devil are brothers?" (SOURCE: <http://wwrn.org/article.php?idd=27157>) Newsweek reports: The tension between evangelicals and Mormons is as old as the Mormon Church itself. While the two religions share similarly conservative social values, their beliefs clash when it comes to some of the most fundamental aspects of Christianity. The critical differences: Scripture, Holy Trinity, God, Salvation, and Morality. (SOURCE: <http://www.newsweek.com/id/74475>)

The ancient city of pyramids at Caral in Peru.

It took Ruth Shady many years and many rounds of carbon dating to prove that the earliest known civilization in South Americas—at 2,627 BC—was much older than the Harappa Valley towns and the pyramids of Egypt. The discovery of Caral has pushed back the history of the Americas: Caral is more than 1,000 years older than Machu Picchu of the Incas. (SOURCE: http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/The_mother_of_all_civilisations/articleshow/2625053.cms)

Genetically altered mice have no fear.

Japanese scientists say they've used genetic engineering to create mice that show no fear of felines, a development that may shed new light on mammal behavior and the nature of fear itself. Scientists were able to successfully switch off a mouse's instinct to cower at the smell or presence of cats — showing that fear is genetically hard-wired and not learned through experience, as commonly believed. (SOURCE: http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/nationworld/2004071249_mouse14.html)

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