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Absolutely fascinating. Thanks for the report. I feel quite thankful for what you report. Powerful stuff. Thanks for paying the price on this one, on behalf of many who will never know that you did. - Pete

From: Charlmunger@aol.com [mailto:Charlmunger@aol.com]
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Somewhere between a livable and a survivable result, in the end. Some kind, other agency fixed one of the edits that actually misrepresented the crucifixion narrative before I got there; another one, not as bad, was no longer within the purview of this subcommittee of the Board. So in the end I kept my obsolete speech in my pocket. So the losses are mostly of omission: no student will read the parable of the Good Samaritan (due to its alleged use for anti-Semitism), and no one will read that Paul was actually an active persecutor of Christians (as opposed to a mere opponent) before his conversion. There are also omissions in the pure history of Judaism; it seems to be inappropriate to quote the prophets, because so many of the prophets criticize. Not the calls I would make, even taking note that the instruction is for 12-year olds; but I wasn't on the consultation list. On the distinctly positive side, the Board removed the most foolish of the Hindu/Vedic edits my commission had approved; given the controversy around the issues, the result there is a pretty fair compromise. So this round I am not crushed. I will sleep quite well tonight, and unless some weird upset occurs when the full Board takes final action next week, the issue is over. I doubt I shall ever see a seat on the Board, though. --
Charles