

near future. Projects for computer entry of hundreds of thousands of library books are already under way. Therefore, it is reasonable to expect that within a few years it will become possible for a family to purchase a one million book library for home use at a cost of about \$1,000. This price will gradually decrease. That one million book library will occupy less space than one ordinary book. These products are near to production.

Along with these libraries will be available electronic editions of the best texts and teachers in the world's universities, so even subjects like engineering and science will no longer require residence at a university in order to obtain a top quality education. Home schooling through college and even through advanced degrees will become not only possible, but superior to the current campus-based educational system.

Remember, however, that the availability of wonderful technology does not insure its beneficial use. Television is a wonderful technology, too, but it has decayed into a perniciously negative social phenomenon. The difference with computer technology is its individualization. No large networks or other central controlling entities are necessary. If Christians adopt and productively use this technology, then their home schools will expand, overwhelm, and replace the entire corrupted academic structure in the United States.

The government is, of course, panicked by this possibility. Vice President Al Gore's "information highway" is no more than a belated government effort to get control of an information highway that already exists and is growing rapidly. The recent home school protection vote in Congress shows, however, that the home school movement has already grown so strong that efforts to block it politically are likely to fail.

Anyone who would like to receive a copy of the electronic edition of *Nuclear War Survival Skills* on a set of four 1.44 megabyte floppy disks may do so by sending \$19.95 to Fighting Chance at PO Box 1279, Cave Junction, OR 97523. \$15 of this payment will be used to repay some of the costs that Mr. Jagt incurred in creating this edition, so that he can continue this volunteer work on civil defense materials and on the curriculum project.

## **CARBON DIOXIDE AND DEGENERATIVE DISEASE**

The mouse project with varying levels of carbon dioxide has been proceeding quite well. It is primarily an aging experiment. Since these mice live about two years, it will be another year before the first work is completed. We have been surprised and pleased by the reliability with which our laboratory automation is functioning and by the good biological health of the mouse colony.

There is quite a lot of computerized laboratory automation involved in keeping these carbon dioxide chambers at the proper atmospheric conditions, monitoring the chambers to make sure they are performing properly, and backing up the technology in case components fail during the two year course of an experiment. All of this technology has been performing so reliably that the work has become very routine. The most important parts of this equipment are two carbon dioxide analyzers built by LI-COR Corporation. These have performed with remarkably high reliability.