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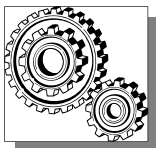
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In the Works

**KrisAnne Hall
Sheraton Conference Ctr.**

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

Twenty Questions

By
Dick Trudell

Our right to freely worship God is established in our Constitution. How well do you know the document that guarantees this right? Test your personal knowledge of civics in the United States by answering the questions below. You should be able to answer them easily. If you cannot, turn to the back page, and mark the date in your calendar.

1. What is the supreme law of the land?
2. The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
3. What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?
4. How many amendments does the Constitution have?
5. What is the economic system in the United States?
6. Name the three branches of the government.
7. Who makes federal laws?
8. How many U.S. Senators are there?
9. We elect a U.S. Senator for how many years?

Editor's Note:
On September 13th we are presenting a program on the Constitution (see back page). In preparation you might want to answer some questions about the United States that are part of the naturalization program for new citizens. Do you understand our form of government? See answers below:

- Answers**
1. Constitution
 2. We the People
 3. Bill of Rights
 4. Twenty seven (27)
 5. Capitalist system
 6. Legislative, Executive, Judicial
 7. Congress
 8. One hundred (100)
 9. Six (6)
 10. Senate and House of Representatives
 11. Four hundred thirty-five (435)
 12. Two (2)
 13. Speaker of the House
 14. Nine (9)
 15. Thomas Jefferson
 16. Star Spangled Banner
 17. The flag and the republic
 18. Eighteen (18) and older
 19. April 15th
 20. Eighteen (18)

10. What are the two parts of the U.S. Congress?
11. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
12. We elect a U.S. Representative for how many years?
13. If both the President and the Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes President?
14. How many justices are on the Supreme Court?
15. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
16. What is the name of the national anthem?
17. What do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance?
18. How old do citizens have to be to vote for President?
19. When is the last day you can send in your income tax forms?
20. At what age do men have to register for the Selective Service?

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"A government which lays taxes on the people not required by urgent public necessity and sound public policy is not a protector of liberty, but an instrument of tyranny."

President Calvin Coolidge

VERMONT AND THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

By

William Parkinson

If you're like me, you have often heard Vermonters talk with great pride about the Yankee Spirit and the great contributions Vermont and Vermonters have made to this country and to the world. Maybe you're like me and a little of that has rubbed off on you too; we love our state and the beauty God had bestowed upon our land. Thinking back historically one could argue Vermonters have never been more purely Vermonters than when we were the Republic of Vermont, in that period between the Revolutionary War and becoming the 14th state in 1791. Our National founding fathers are in the news often and often quoted but, as Vermonters, we have another set of founding fathers and I'd like to quote them from one of their greatest documents; the Original Constitution of Vermont written and passed in 1777.

The tone is set from the very beginning when, in the first sentence of the preamble, our Vermont

forefathers state the purpose of government is to ... "enable the individuals who compose it to enjoy their natural rights, and the other blessings which the Author of existence has bestowed upon man" ... They acknowledged God as the source of our rights and blessings. Then in the last paragraph of the preamble: we the freemen of Vermont ... "confessing the goodness of the Great Governor of the universe (who alone knows to what degree of earthly happiness mankind may attain by perfecting the arts of government)" ... declare and establish the new constitution.

Chapter One begins with, "That all men are born equally free and independent", a much more sensible statement than the usually quoted ... "all men are created equal" ..., which stated alone, out of context as a fact, is obviously untrue. Chapter One No. 3 grants... "all men have a natural and unalienable right to worship Almighty God" ..., no

one should be compelled and we should have ... "free exercise of religious worship; nevertheless every sect or denomination ought to observe the Sabbath, or Lord's day, and keep up and support some form of religious worship, which to them shall seem most agreeable to the revealed will of God."

Chapter 2 Section 6 deals with voting. Every man once he reached 21 could vote after taking the freeman's oath which begins with his name and ... "solemnly swear by the ever living God, (or affirm) in presence of Almighty God" ...

Section 9 deals with the House of Representatives of Vermont. "And each member, before he takes his seat, shall make and subscribe the following declaration, viz. I do believe in one God, the Creator and Governor of the universe, the rewarder of the good and punisher of the wicked. And I do acknowledge the scriptures of the old and new

testament to be given by divine inspiration, and own and profess the protestant religion". How's that for separation of Church and State!

God appears again and again in our first constitution forming our government. We can be very proud of our state's founding fathers and cannot question their appreciation for the Lord and their insistence He be involved in our earthly government. He was to them, and must be to us, the "Author of existence", the "Great Governor of the universe", the "Almighty God", "God", the "Lord", the "ever living God", the "one God", the "Creator and Governor", the "rewarder of good", and the "punisher of evil". Never let anyone tell you that we as Vermonters have a tradition of separation of Church and State; we have a proud tradition of acknowledging God's necessary role in the government of a free people.

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I will venture to assert that no combination of designing men under heaven will be capable of making a government unpopular which is in its principles a wise and good one, and vigorous in its operations.

Alexander Hamilton

The House with the Rotten Foundation

By
Kay Trudell

I am just an ordinary Christian. I believe we are living in the Last Days as written in Scripture. I am not a date setter or a prophet. Personally, I could not tell you what specific date God the Father will choose for the return of Jesus. The Bible says we cannot know an exact date, but that we will know the general times and seasons. Because of what we see happening all around us, born-again Christians in many denominations are looking joyfully for Jesus to return soon.

I have been saved for 37 years. Visions and dreams were not a normal part of my everyday life. Having said that, things have changed somewhat recently. Since visions and dreams are supposed to increase in the last days, I would like to share one example with the

readers of this newsletter. During the early morning hours of May 3, 2013, as I slept, I dreamed I was in a house. There were cracks in the ceiling, and up and down all the walls. The floor had cracks in it, and pieces of the concrete foundation were either cracked, crumbling, or had pieces that had broken off. A male voice inside my head kept saying, "The foundation is rotten. The house is crumbling. The foundation is rotten. The house is crumbling."

The dream and words woke me out of a sound sleep. I asked the Holy Spirit what the dream meant, and He showed me that it was a symbol for several things: (1) the U.S. federal and state governments are losing their Judeo-Christian foundation and becoming increasingly secular and corrupt; (2) ungodly court

decisions are undermining the once-firm Judeo-Christian foundation of our legal system; (3) there is apostasy in churches today (compromising denominations who are watering down the Gospel and the Bible in favor of political correctness and trendy movements); (4) the personal (interior) houses of individual Christians are cracked because they no longer believe in sin, or the Bible, or live by its principles; (5) some phony "shepherds" and teachers and televangelists are more interested in money or power or position than the truth of Scripture, and they are leading the flock astray (wolves among the sheep). They are unwilling to lay their lives down for their sheep, as Scripture commands, but milk them for the glory they can gain from them.

These were all general warnings with no individ-

ual names attached.

The Holy Spirit showed me there were many possible interpretations for this dream, and we would know which ones applied to us personally or to the institutions we are part of, but that all of our houses had cracks in them. We MUST repent and bow humbly before the Lord in prayer and seek His face or America will be lost. I suspect there are many other ordinary Christians today who have experienced dreams or visions of this nature. Some have already been shared. Praise God, for the time is growing short. Come soon, Lord Jesus.

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"God governs in the affairs of man. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

Benjamin Franklin—Constitutional Convention of 1787



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead*
James 2:17

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Friday, September 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Sheraton Conference Center So. Burlington, VT

CAM is delighted to bring KrisAnne Hall to Vermont for an evening on the U.S. Constitution.

KrisAnne Hall is an attorney and former prosecutor, fired after teaching the Constitution to TEA Party groups. She would not sacrifice liberty for a paycheck. She is a disabled veteran of the US Army, a Russian linguist, a mother, a pastor's wife and a patriot. She now travels the country and teaches the Constitution and the history that gave us our founding documents.

KrisAnne Hall does not just teach the Constitution, she lays the foundations that show how reliable and relevant our founding documents are today. She presents the "genealogy" of the Constitution – the 700 year history and five foundational documents that are the very roots of American Liberty. One cannot properly understand or interpret the Constitution without a firm grasp of its very foundation.

KrisAnne will also be the keynote speaker at Constitution Day on Saturday, Sept 14 in Taylor Park, St. Albans at 10:00 am. Constitution Day is sponsored by American Conservative Women in Action (ACWA).



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September 10, 7:00 pm
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October 22, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
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