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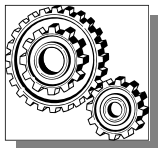
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Written by KrisAnne Hall for her website Liberty First, this stresses the importance of taking responsibility to find out what is happening in our government.

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In the Works

KrisAnne Hall

Foundations of the U.S. Constitution
September 3,4 and 5

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September 6, 2014

In modern America, the majority of the population does not understand the US Constitution. According to a poll taken in September 2010, only 28 percent of Americans have actually read it. People believe that our government is a democracy (not true), that the Constitution mandates separation of Church and State (not true), that the Second Amendment established the right to bear arms for the purpose of hunting (not true), that the President or the Supreme Court can make new laws (not true), and the President can ignore or change law by Executive Order, excluding Congress (not true). Many also believe that the Constitution is a living, breathing, flexible organism whose interpretation and application can be changed *without going through the legal amend-*

ment process written in the document itself. Not true.

Have you heard the old saying, "If you do not know where you have been, you will not know where you are going."? If we lose the knowledge of our own nation's past history, if we belittle our Founding Documents, we will make the same mistakes every other



nation has made before us. We are at risk of being led astray like sheep. Christians are Jesus's sheep, no other creature's sheep. There are many false voices trying to lead us astray today. We need to listen for our Shepherd's voice. God

says in the Bible to study to show ourselves approved. This certainly applies first to the study of Scripture, but also to the study of other worthy subjects: history, law, the Constitution, worthy arts and sciences, languages, etc. God gave us brains. We should give them regular exercise. Have you read the US Constitution within the past year? Do you know what The Bill of Rights is? Have you read even some of *The Federalist Papers*? Parents and teachers, in the face of so many contrary public voices with a different agenda, have you passed the history, wording, and respect for the Declaration and Constitution on to the next generation? If not, why not? It is your responsibility. Christians, we are supposed to be among the best citizens of the nation where God has planted us. Don't you think this might

"This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties. A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins."

Benjamin Franklin

mean we ought to have read its founding documents and know its history?

These questions are not mere rhetorical exercises. I had the following two experiences talking with friends in 2014. (1) In a non-political social gathering of ten people in February, one man said that the US Constitution was an old-fashioned document whose time had passed, and that those old-fashioned ideas needed to be changed. The room grew quiet and no one else responded, so I said that I did not agree with that assessment, but considered it a document of timeless principles which were just as good today as when they were written. He then said he disagreed with me. So I asked him which principles he would consider replacing. I thought he would tell me the Second Amendment needed replacing and he wanted gun control, but he actually said nothing. He just looked at me. The other people in the room became very interested in the discussion and watched us but did not jump in. So I asked him again what old-fashioned ideas he would like to see replaced. He was silent. So I asked him if it was freedom of speech. He did not respond. I asked him if it was freedom of religion. He did not respond. I asked him if it was freedom of the press. He did not respond. Then I asked him if it was liberty. At that point he stood up and walked out of

the room. This was done in a normal tone of voice. There was no shouting. The other people were surprised that he had walked out, and told me they agreed with what I had said. We simply resumed the social event, and the man returned to the room a few minutes later. The subject of the Constitution was dropped. We have been together at several other events since then, and we are on speaking terms. But he has not brought up the Constitution again. Neither have I. I can only hope that he will think about what happened. What he gave me was a talking point from the radical secular agenda, a point that I have heard repeated in today's media, and from some politicians and judges. It is a dangerous perspective, as it could easily lead to the overthrow of the US Constitution, aided in part by uninformed citizens, or even by the willing, passive cooperation of people who have no idea what the document actually says, or what it means for this nation and for them personally if they lose it. I find that scary. He was totally unable to explain what he himself had said, and the other people in the room saw it. I only hope it might cause him to think more deeply. (2) The second event took place in March 2014. One of my good friends swore to me that the First Amendment to the US Constitution contained the actual words "separation of Church and State". He did not believe me when I told

him it did not. I had to photocopy the First Amendment from a pocket Constitution I own and show it to him. He was astonished, and then asked me why that lie was being put out there by the media and some courts and politicians. As you can imagine, that led to a very interesting discussion.

Truth is viewed by so many of our fellow citizens as completely relative today. Not just Bible truth, but secular facts as well. Objective standards and objective truth are considered old-fashioned. The secular media and "progressive" politicians play to this ignorance. They feed us banalities in broad generalities. Even the courts do this. We as Christians must pray for our country, and for our fellow citizens who are being deceived. It is not wrong for a Christian to ask questions, or state facts in a reasonable and logical (or even passionate) way when confronted with statements like this. Truth is worthy of being defended. Absolute truth does exist. Truth is not relative.

On March 15, 2014, US Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said in a speech before the Georgia Bar Association: "The US Constitution is not a living organism. It is a legal document, and it says what it says and doesn't say what it doesn't say." The Founding Fathers and Framers of the document did build "flexibility" into the document. It can be changed or amended

through the legal amendment process written into the document itself. To attempt to change it any other way will overthrow it, not legally change it. That is indeed the agenda of some groups. Beware of evil wolves in the clothing of harmless sheep. The amendment process works, and has been successfully used 27 times. Even an originalist interpretation of the Constitution provides for orderly change, not done lightly or on a whim, or according to some fleeting fashion of the moment, but to carry out the original timeless principles the Founding Fathers meant for their generation *and their posterity*.

Attorney and Constitution teacher KrisAnne Hall has accepted an invitation from the Christian Action Ministry to return to Vermont to present a second seminar on the Constitution and Bill of Rights. This daylong event will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2014. We have rented the hall at St. John Vianney Church on Hinesburg Road in South Burlington for the event. The cost is \$25.00 for the seminar and includes a box lunch. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very important event.

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INFORMING OURSELVES

Excerpted from an article by
KrisAnne Hall

Thomas Jefferson warned: “If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.” We have enjoyed the benefits left to us by previous generations. America has had the greatest medical system, the greatest technologies, the strongest military, the greatest economy. However, as our nation has prospered we have become distracted by our luxuries, busied by our labors and lazy toward our liberties. We have allowed the enemies of freedom to worm their way into positions of power and influence. I am actually encouraged that the Tea-Party is not a party at all; it is We the People. We the People founded this nation and I believe – We the People will take it back! But We the People must Inform Ourselves if we wish to take back our nation for ourselves and our children. Notice I did not say that we need to be informed, rather we need to inform OURSELVES. Truth is Power and it is up to us to search out and secure the Truth. The Bible says, “...ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.” If we

arm ourselves with truth and act on that truth we can be free from the bondage that ideological tyrants would desire to enslave us with. Patrick Henry said in his famous speech from St. Johns Church in 1775. “I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past.” Patrick Henry’s experience with a heavy handed government illuminated his understanding of the future. And if American Liberty is to continue, we must inform ourselves and arm ourselves with the collective experience of those that have come before.

We the People must inform ourselves on our Core Principles. A principle can be defined as a standard based upon truth and experience, and which serves as a foundation upon which thought and action are built. A primary principle upon which this nation rests is Constitutionalism – which is an understanding that the operation of our government and the security of our liberty are to be guided by our founding documents, interpreted according to

the framer’s intent. The Declaration and the Constitution have been relentlessly attacked in modern times. Our own President has implied that our Constitution’s ideas are flawed. The professors in our law schools deride its relevance. Progressives would have it be as malleable as silly putty. But We the People recognize that the Declaration and Constitution have served as the bedrock of our freedom for hundreds of years. The genius with which our founding fathers laid down the principles in these precious documents, I believe, can only be attributed to the providence of God. And we have a solemn duty to ourselves and our posterity to become informed in the Core principles contained in our founding documents. Get a copy of the Declaration and Constitution; study them. Research the history of how they came to be. Acquaint yourselves with men like John Leland and the Baptist Union of Virginia, without whom there would be no Bill of Rights. Read the wisdom of George Washington in his farewell address and be grounded by the experience of one our nation greatest heroes. We the

People must Know our core principles. Become not only grounded in them, but become their champions. For, freedom of speech has no voice of its own, but it waits in silence for you to plead its case. The right to assemble will sit alone until you, its champions, gather in the face of despotism. Our forefathers cry out through the pages of history, but unheard until you give the written word – voice and life. When our history is lost either through revision or apathy, then our liberty is lost as well. We the People must Know our Core principles and stand for them without wavering...for they are our liberty. The words of Patrick Henry still ring true 235 years later, “Why stand we here idle?,” he said, “What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

KrisAnne Hall will be presenting information on the Constitution September 4, 5 & 6 in Vermont



Reservation for KrisAnne Hall —September 6, 2014
St. John Vianney Parish Hall 9 am to 3 pm (lunch included)

Please reserve _____ seats for KrisAnne Hall’s presentation The Roots of Liberty on September 6th

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email _____

Address: _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is payment of _____ (\$25 per person) Seating is limited to 250 people

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What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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CAM is bringing KrisAnne Hall to Vermont for several events

The Foundations of the American Constitution (1 1/2 hours)

Wednesday Sept 3rd 7:00 pm at Community Bible Church, South Burlington, VT

Thursday Sept 4th 7:00 pm at location to be announced

Friday Sept 5th 7:00 pm at Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene, Johnson, VT

The Roots of Liberty (5 hour seminar)

This September 6th, from 9am to 3pm, we are hosting KrisAnne for an informative seminar on the Constitution called The Roots of Liberty where she will discuss in detail the Constitution and the Bill of Rights (the first 10 amendments to the Constitution), using the Founders' own words, explaining the true meaning and purpose of each amendment.



We are planning on a catered meal for lunch.

Cost is \$25/each and includes lunch. Limited to 250 people. Contact us for advance reservations. (802) 655-0280 or send in the reservation slip found inside.

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Next Meetings

*May 13, 7:00 pm
Community Bible Church
South Burlington, Vt.
June 17, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.*

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