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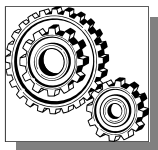
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Here's what I hear from the "older people": "Our young people today are lost. Our young people today just don't care. Our young people today are brain-washed." Yet, consider this: In 2013 I taught the Constitution 265 times. Of those 265 times, I had the privilege of teaching 21 groups of middle, high school and college students. The younger students are my greatest challenge but also my greatest reward. I teach these future leaders of America a history they do not hear in the classrooms or read in their textbooks. Sometimes, I even teach them historical truth that corrects the historical revisions in their lessons.

I have learned that our students are hungry for truth. They do not begin their academic day with the thought, "Let me see how many lies I can learn today!" They learn things that are not true, because their textbooks present falsehoods as truth. Our youth love knowledge. They feel empowered by it. And, as our naturally rebellious nature would have it, they love learning things that their "overlords" don't know. They love being able to correct their textbooks with facts. It is liberating for them. But that is what truth is all about. Being free from lies is Liberty! Jefferson wrote a letter to Charles Yancey, January

8, 1816 in which he remarked, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

There is another fallacy about our youth. We believe our students naturally hate history (Why wouldn't they? We hated it too; it's just a part of being young). Our youth do not hate history, they hate being bored. They have been conditioned to believe history is nothing but a boring and tedious ritual of memorizing names, dates, and places in history that they cannot relate to and that have no particular relevance to their lives. But I KNOW that method of teaching history is part of the progressive design to hide history and the lessons it teaches. I not only KNOW this in my heart, I KNOW this through my experience. Because the history I teach is NOT boring. It is NOT irrelevant. It is about *real lives, real people, real drama, and real adventure*. Our young people get excited when they meet Kings who are not presented as 700 year old corpses, but living, breathing people. They meet kings who are evil bullies. They meet the people who are brave, who stand up to the bullies in the name of Liberty. This history is just as exciting, if not more so, than real drama TV.

I know they get it because they ask me questions about the Constitution that proves they are paying attention; not just to me but to the world around them. They ask me more challenging and relevant questions than many of the adults I teach. You think the only thing they do is send text messages, tweet, play on Facebook or video games? You are wrong. They are paying attention and they want to know the truth. They are not lost, lazy, and apathetic. They are not thoroughly brainwashed. They care. They are interested and they are paying attention. When they see the truth they recognize it and want more.

I get my greatest encouragement from these young people. They come to me after the lessons excited about history, wanting to know how they can find more truth. Let us not underestimate our youth. Let us not teach them lies and then criticize them for believing them. They are the future of this country. They are the future of Liberty. They are ready to bring greatness back to America. Let's help them do just that.

*KrisAnne Hall will be presenting information on the Constitution September 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Vermont*

**"The belief in a God All Powerful wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the world and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources, nor adapted with too much solicitude to the different characters and capacities impressed with it."**

**U.S. President James Madison**

## The Divided States of America

by  
Craig Lyman

America, as the leader of the free world, is the hope and desire of most people. Men and women could come here. They could have the chance to use their God given talents to succeed and prosper, to worship the Creator of Heaven and Earth, to own property, to enjoy liberty here as never before elsewhere.

America went from humble beginnings to the #1 superpower in the world in a short amount of time, mainly because the basis of that freedom was derived from our Creator, not the government. Our Founders understood this concept whole heartedly. It was that freedom along with free markets that brought about innovation and prosperity along with the blessings of a generous and faithful God.

These ideals have been slowly disappearing from society and being traded in for ideals that enslave us. The Bible says that in the end times right will be wrong and wrong will be right. Well, that time is upon us. The battlefield has been prepared. It seems to be Christians vs. secular society and I'm afraid to say we're losing ground. America has lost its direction and without a major course correction soon we will never find our way back to being the exceptional country we once were.

A few years ago I heard it said that "...we are no longer a Christian nation." That rang in my ears. That comment was made by Presi-

dent Barack Hussein Obama. I rejected the notion because I felt his goal was to be divisive. I heard it again recently but this time it was from the pulpit. My gut reaction was to reject it once again, but instead started pondering the idea and consequences with trepidation. There have been major changes in America lately that will be our own undoing.

Political correctness has been a major contributor to these changes. PC isn't about being correct at all; it's about silencing criticism. Being sensitive to other people's feelings is appropriate but not when it means avoiding the truth. PC has led to moral relativism which is another major issue. If morals are relative then truth becomes relative and right and wrong become shades of gray. We are now expected to tolerate all kinds of depravity in the name of equality. When morals become irrelevant in a society, a society becomes irrelevant.

Americanism is out and multiculturalism, diversity and pluralism are in. These new age ideals have been embraced by our society with good intentions I'll admit, but the premise of these ideals is flawed from the start. It assumes that all cultures are equal. Men and women are equal under the law but all cultures are NOT equal by any means. We have become hypersensitive so as not to offend someone based on race, religion, sex, or sexual preference for fear of being labeled a hater or a bigot suffering

from some sort of phobia. So instead of facing the conflict, we turn away and remain silent in the public square. Diversity throughout history has never united a country. As soon as a country embraced diversity it was the beginning of the end. Diversity focuses on differences not similarities, and is meant to divide not unite. We are becoming the Divided States of America. Don't misunderstand; I'm not pointing the finger as much as I'm speaking the truth about my own feelings and experiences.

Truth is treated like an outdated ideal and thus becomes relative. Truth is anything but relative; truth is absolute. How can so many faiths all be true? Well Oprah explains it this way: "All paths lead to the same God." I've never heard something so misleading. There is such a thing as absolute truth. If truth is relative, then the statement that truth is relative is an absolute truth and would be a self-defeating statement by proving that truth is not relative. But, if truth is absolute, then the statement "truth is absolute" is true and not self-defeating. Christ says the truth will set us free. And that promise is true for all time.

Social media and cell phones are great and I use both, but they are the new age gods. Social media is anything but social. I wish I had a dollar for every time I saw someone cross the street without ever looking up from their phone. These devices are hypnotic and

create a synthesized world in which many adults as well as children live. With all our connections strangely enough we are becoming increasingly disconnected from one another. There is no replacement for actual face to face contact. We need to use much greater discretion in their use. As with anything which can be used for good, the same can also be used for evil.

Being at the tail end of the baby boomer generation, I've seen where we've been and the decline that these "new" ideals have caused. It makes me sad that we are allowing our God-given freedoms to slip away. Our children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren deserve more; they deserve to know the same freedom we've experienced.

Put down the phone, disconnect from the internet, and get connected in your community. Get involved! Put on the full armor of God and allow some time to be used by God for His greater good. Your voice matters. If not you, then who; and if not now, then when? The time for silence is over, the time to let your light shine is now, the time to speak the truth to a lost and dying nation/world couldn't be more important. Morality matters, America matters, your vote matters, you matter. Make a difference because you were created for a purpose.

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**“Virtue, morality and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone that renders us invincible. These are the tactics we should study. If we lose these, we are conquered, fallen indeed...so long as our main principles remain sound, there is no danger.”**

*Patrick Henry (1736-1799)*

## Be a Light - Show your Faith

by  
William Parkinson

I recently got one of those mass mailings about Frankenmuth, Michigan, where the people of the town had come together and placed white crosses on all their lawns. They did this in protest over an attempt to force the town to remove a cross from the city shield. The suggestion was: why not do it everywhere as a show of support for our Christian faith, which is also under attack across the whole country, not just in Frankenmuth, Michigan. I checked the facts of the story and it is true. What a great idea!

We are not a Christian nation, if by Christian nation you mean we force everybody to be Christian. But we are and always have been a Christian nation, if by that you mean we were founded upon Christian

principles and that a vast majority of our citizens profess to be Christian. So as far as I am concerned we are a Christian nation, and that is not something we should be ashamed of or try to hide.

We all know we are to be careful in what we say, where we go, and what we expose ourselves to as being light. But there are many ways we can show and support our faith without even having to say a word, and without even knowing who we are witnessing to. I am one of those who has a very hard time talking to strangers (actually I have a hard time talking to anyone), but there are lots of other ways to be light too. I admire those of us who are more outgoing and can speak out boldly proclaiming our Lord to anyone

who will listen; but not all of us can do that, and there are other ways to be light. One of the things I do is buy Mary and Jesus Christmas stamps not just for Christmas cards but to use all year long. You often see a cross or fish symbol on the back of cars in front of you at a stoplight. All sorts of bumper stickers show one's faith. Think of all the times you have seen them and the smile they brought to your face and encouragement they can be. There are neat plaques a lot of people put beside the front door of their home proclaiming their faith. Saying "God Bless you" to a stranger in the store who coughs or sneezes can sometimes be uncomfortable, but is a great witness and often a blessing to the person and to the people just standing close by. Say a prayer openly before

your meal at a restaurant - you do it at home, why not do it at the restaurant too? In our family, we hold hands when we pray before a meal so we do it when we eat out too. We have often had a stranger come up to our table and say it meant a lot to them to see us do this. If you wear hats or shirts with slogans, why not make them faith building or witnessing slogans?

The list goes on. There are so many ways we can be a light to our community, and we certainly need light in our towns, state and country these days. So turn it on, Christians!

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**“While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of Religion. To the distinguished Character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to add the more distinguished Character of Christian.”**

*George Washington*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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James 2:17*

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### **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 Church of the Rock. St. Albans, VT**  
**Friday Sept 5th 7:00 pm at Lamoille Valley Church of the Nazarene, Johnson, VT**

### **The Roots of Liberty (5 hour seminar)**

**On September 6th, from 9am to 3pm at St. John Vianney parish hall, we are hosting KrisAnne for an informative seminar on the Constitution called The Roots of Liberty. 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**

*July, 8th 7:00 pm  
Roadside Assembly of God  
Rutland Vt.  
August 19th, 7:00 pm  
Parkinson home  
Hinesburg, Vt.*

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