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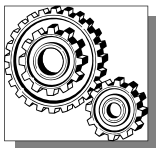
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Candidate Questionnaire

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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.

We have all heard E. Burke's truism "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." I'd like to amend that a bit to fit current American politics as we go about choosing candidates for the next political cycle. All it takes for evil to triumph in America is for Christians to not do enough.

Polls tell us as many as 70 percent of Americans consider themselves Christian. With those numbers, how is it possible we would not be choosing Christians to fill all our political offices? I am not so naive as to accept that everyone who calls himself a Christian is an actual believer who has accepted Jesus as Lord and strives in his everyday life to be a follower; but in our political system it does not take 70% or even 50% to swing an election. In our

two party system where roughly 40% routinely go with one party and 40% routinely go with the other party, the percent that can rule the outcome is much smaller. If that 70% who



claim to be Christians was actually only 20% (and I pray it is higher), and if that 20% would take up their responsibility to become informed voters - being salt and light to our political system - we would win almost any election in the country. Surely some of that 40% are Christians, but by some polls almost half of

those who identify themselves as born again Christians, do not even bother to vote. What a difference we would see in America today if they did, and did so responsibly.

A true, informed American Christian will recognize his first responsibility is to the Lord, but will also recognize that it is the Lord who has blessed us with our system of government, which was founded upon His principles. We should all know part of our witnessing for Him is taking part in the political system He has blessed us with. A true believer reads his Bible and knows "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord", and "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." What a blessing it is that we have the right to choose who is a leader over us. It would be a betrayal of our faith to vote knowingly for anyone

Perpetrators, collaborators, bystanders, victims: we can be clear about three of these categories. The bystanders, however, is the fulcrum ... We don't usually think of history as being shaped by silence, but, as English philosopher Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

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who promotes principles or actions that clearly go against Biblical teachings. It is our responsibility not to just know those Biblical principles for ourselves but to find out where each candidate stands on those issues and to vote accordingly. Even that - studying the issues and candidates and getting out to vote - is just a bare minimum of your responsibility. You should be witnessing to others concerning what you know about the candidates and issues and encouraging them to participate too. Of course, we can't vote for Christian candidates if Christians are not willing to take that extra step and run for office. It isn't easy and it's a big commitment even for local and statewide offices. Prayerfully consider running yourself, but if you can't, be supportive of those who do.

We are all taught we get only one vote and in a strict sense that is so, but in reality most of us can vote many times if we speak out. There is such apathy and ignorance in our town, state and nation today politically that anyone who takes the time to become informed, and takes the responsibility to be active, will easily find

many people who will vote if they get a little push and will vote the way you recommend if you explain the issues. One of the most common questions you will get when you start to talk politics is, "Who should I vote for?", and odds are they will follow your advice, if you push hard enough to actually get them to the polls. Or often it is easier to get them to fill out an absentee ballot, especially family, friends and co-workers, who might actually bring it to you to ask you to help them as they fill it out.

As much as we talk about the danger to America and the world is Radical Islam, I would have to agree with those who historically have said the fall of America will not be from a foreign invader or power but will come from within. The decline of morality and the decay of Biblical principles that made us great will cause us to rot from within and destroy the America we have known which was a light to the world. Once that has happened, then we might fall prey to a foreign power, but in truth we will have already fallen if we get to that point. We have been on a steady decline away from the Biblical principles that made us great as a nation for some

time now. The Lord is patient, but He is also just, and as ancient Israel found out time and again, you cannot turn against the Lord and expect His blessings and protection to continue in light of rebellion against His commands. Do we still have time to save our country? Honestly, I am not sure, but I do know we have a responsibility both as U.S. Citizens and as Christians to try our best. Has the Republic devolved to the point we

VOTE!
Or Else
They Win

are a democracy doomed to fall into socialism as our founding fathers warned? Can we democratically (by the vote) restore the Republic now that almost half the country is on the dole from the public coffers? Certainly it gets harder and harder the way the country has been moving in the past few decades. Apathy and complacency of those who profess to be Christians is a big part of the reason our nation is deteriorating socially and politically.

I pray everyone reading this

reads their Bible daily and studies the Word constantly trying to make it a part of his/her life. I pray that we all would also similarly take the responsibility to study the political issues and people, and get involved in a way that it becomes part of our Christian walk, as part of our witnessing and as part of our concern for the next generation, as it was with our founding fathers. The "Christian" who looks at the candidates to choose the one who will give them the most, rather than choosing the one who will be the most Godly, reminds me of the "Christian" who on the subject of tithing tosses his money in the air and says, "O.K. God, keep what You want and whatever falls back down is for me." The "Christian" who doesn't have the time to study the issues and go out to vote, reminds me of the "Christian" who doesn't have the time to read his Bible or pray. Take the time - put faith above politics by exercising faith to be involved in politics. God has blessed our nation; may He continue to do so while we serve and honor Him in all that we do, as one nation under God.

William Parkinson William's family attends Trinity Baptist Church in Williston



The fundamental source of all your errors, sophisms and false reasonings is a total ignorance of the natural right of mankind. Were you once to become acquainted with these, you could never entertain a thought, that all men are not, by nature, entitled to a parity of privileges. You would be convinced, that natural liberty is a gift of the beneficent Creator to the whole human race, and that civil liberty is founded in that; and cannot be wrested from any people, without the most manifest violation of justice." Alexander Hamilton

Marching to the Beat of a Reprobate Drummer

By
Kay Trudell

Is today's world getting better, or are conditions on earth actually growing worse? This question is posed by Pastor David J. Meyer in the February 2016 edition of his newsletter *Last Trumpet News*, published in Wisconsin. He cites a recent quote by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, speaking in January 2016 at the World Economic Forum in Switzerland, who said, "... We are not prisoners of a predetermined future. Change is occurring in our world for the better and it is ... moving faster than ever before."

This quote is not Biblical, but does incorporate part of the end times warning in Daniel 12:4 where God tells Daniel to "... seal up the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will roam to and fro over all the earth and knowledge will increase." God says clearly in Scripture that He has a plan for Earth's future. That plan is in motion today, and can be seen by discerning Christians, even though we cannot set dates. Scripture says we cannot know the day nor the hour when end times prophecy will be utterly fulfilled, but we CAN see the signs of the times and seasons. Pastor Meyer believes that we are living in those times and

seasons, and that conditions on earth are growing worse, especially for Christians. He cites examples of increasing Christian persecution in the Middle East, North Korea, China, etc. especially in nations dominated by Islamic and Communist governments. He also cites increasing examples of Christian persecution here in the U.S. over issues of same-sex marriage, abortion, how gender is to be defined, and religious freedom.

As I read this essay, it became clearer to me that in addition to persecution, examples cited by Pastor Meyer show increasingly reprobate minds growing bolder in their opposition to God. The worst examples were those of abortionists who not only defended their chosen "profession", but cited God and their Christian faith as justification. I was heartsick as I read them. One person cited was Mississippi abortionist Willie Parker who said that his abortion practice was "a ministry" and that the parable of the Good Samaritan inspired him to abort unborn babies. In November 2015, proliferers filmed an unnamed abortionist in front of a Planned Parenthood clinic as she "knelt on the sidewalk and prayed, thanking God that she can abort unborn babies." Carolyn Payne, a young abor-

tionist-in-training, wrote a public newspaper column in which she stated that her Christian faith inspired her to pursue a career as an abortionist. Pastor Meyer stated that the latest example of this evil was Des Moines, Iowa abortionist Jill Meadows, the Medical Director of a Planned Parenthood clinic, who said it was her "God-given calling" to abort babies at Planned Parenthood. Statements like these are evil and blasphemous, and are examples of the Bible verse "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter" found in Isaiah 5:20. These people remind me of the "double-minded man" spoken of in James 1:8, abusing the righteousness of heaven as an excuse to commit evil here on earth. They are like "waves of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." These people claim to be Christians?? To what God are they offering their heinous child sacrifice? Certainly not to Jesus. It must be Molech or Baal. Jesus chose the form of an unborn baby to come to us within Mary's womb. Bad enough that these abortionists use their "Christian" faith to justify their decision to kill unborn babies,

but do they not realize that they use Jesus to justify killing the very symbol Jesus used to incarnate Himself in Mary's womb and present Himself to us first as an unborn baby, and then as a Jewish baby boy? Remember this evil the next time you cast your ballot in an election. Do not vote for candidates from either Party who support the killing of unborn babies. Don't listen to such reprobate drummers. And where are the pastors of these abortionists when members of their own congregations say this in public? Is there any public rebuke? Biblical discipline? If not, the pastors will surely be judged even more severely by God because they have allowed the souls of these sheep in their congregations to continue on the road to perdition. If the Church remains silent while government officials, lawyers, doctors and "intellectuals" change or twist the law to do evil, eventually the Church will see these reprobate drummers of evil attempt to lead Church children astray. The Church must not remain silent, and Christians must not stay home on election day.

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"Socialism ... confuses the distinction between government and society. As a result of this, every time we object to a thing being done by government, socialists conclude that we object to its being done at all."

"Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state wants to live at the expense of everyone."

Frederic Bastiat



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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This is going to be a busy summer for everyone. There are crucial issues being discussed in Presidential Primaries that will affect our county's direction, and there are completely different views of what America should be and what type of leadership is needed.

The Christian Action Ministry will continue to present issues that have an impact on us as Christians, and to question if we can continue to lay claim to being a Christian nation if we veer away from Biblical teachings.

As in past election years, we will be conducting a candidate survey of those running for state offices, asking them questions that impact Christian values. If you are interested in being a part of this survey, we could use the help. Contact us through email camnet@christianactionministry.com.

And don't forget to mark the dates of September 9-11. CAM is bringing William Federer back to Vermont for presentations in South Burlington and Rutland. Don't miss it.

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