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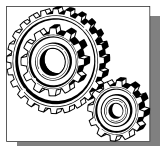
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Our September speaker has a daily internet message that combines American History and Christianity.

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In the Works

William Federer
Sept. 9th Rutland
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Candidate Survey

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.

What part of the liberal agenda will Vermont adopt next? We are going down the wrong path! Marijuana is an illegal substance under Federal law. According to the US Office of National Drug Control Policy, marijuana is far from harmless. In fact, scientific findings about the drug are startling. Marijuana products vary in potency and purity. The user has no idea what they are getting. Today's marijuana is much more potent than the marijuana of the 1960's. Marijuana smoke contains 50-70 percent more carcinogenic (cancer-causing) hydrocarbons than tobacco smoke. Smoking marijuana increases the risk of poor pregnancy outcomes and related health care costs. It is clear from research that the still-developing brains of early users (our young people) are more adversely affected by marijuana. We need to

protect them and educate them about this danger.

We are told that 80,000 Vermonters "use" marijuana. Since it is currently an illegal substance in Vermont, with the exception of use for certain medical con-



ditions, most people are purchasing this drug illegally. Instead of legalizing marijuana, we should follow the money to see who is currently benefiting from selling this illegal substance in our state. It is clear that the "pushers" of marijuana legislation for recreational

use have no interest in protecting the health of Vermonters, especially young people.

The argument that marijuana legalization will bring more tourists to Vermont is a joke. Our state has a huge drug problem, including heroin. Why would we want more drug users and drug pushers to be lured to our state? The beauty and wholesome reputation of Vermont is what lures tourists. Why would our legislators who take an oath to "do no harm to the people or the state" even consider legalization? What will the health care costs be? How will students be able to concentrate on their studies while high on pot? Medical research clearly demonstrates that student learning is adversely affected by marijuana use.

It is a sad day in Vermont

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

when the perceived solution to overspending by government is to legalize a drug that is clearly harmful, especially to our youth. Most of the drug treatment for young people in the United States is for marijuana alone. We don't want government that supports potentially raising tax dollars through marijuana sales at the expense of the health of its citizens.

Their efforts here are not new. Once they accomplished getting it legalized for medical use, they stepped up efforts for total legalization. Marijuana, a common gateway drug to heroin and cocaine use, is destructive to society at large, and especially detrimental to our young people. Its legalization sends our youth a deceptive and false message that the drug is safe.

We, as parents, relatives, educators, religious organizations, legislators, scout troop leaders, and others who interact with youth, must step up to educate our children and teens about the harm that smoking marijuana can do to their brains. If we want our children to grow up to be healthy, pro-

ductive, successful individuals, it is crucial that we assume the responsibility to guide them toward healthy pathways. There are many current, unhealthy cultural distractions in today's society that can lead young people down destructive paths. Our churches can help by offering religious education in Sunday School and in youth groups. Our churches must not be afraid to touch upon this topic. The sheep are responsible for the lambs! The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 that our bodies are not our own because we have been purchased at a price --- the death of Jesus on the cross. Therefore, we should honor God with our bodies. Would Jesus smoke pot to get high? What would Jesus do?

Our nation was created primarily by Christians who founded a government based on morality, honor, integrity and religious faith. Our U.S. Constitution, the supreme law of the Land (Article VI), clearly defines the restricted role of the federal government, and instead, empowers the states and the individual. The Founders knew that only a people of morality could

keep the Constitutional Republic that they created. Are we up to that task? We are the guardians of our future security, freedom, and the nation's health. For example, we should ensure that their education includes a daily pledge to our American flag. We must be the watchdogs of our children's education. As Abraham Lincoln stated, "The philosophy of our schools today will be the philosophy of our government tomorrow".

We cannot sit by and allow the destruction of long-cherished principles of faith, family, freedom, and fidelity to our Constitutional values and our national culture. It is past time for Christians to stand up and speak out to protect our natural, God-given rights as set forth in the Bill of Individual Rights in our Constitution. It will take a great deal of faith, courage, and the will to retain our rights to freedom of religion, freedom of speech, the right to protect ourselves, etc. These rights are on the chopping block unless we fight back. We must pray AND act!

Elections are coming in November. Please make sure that you are registered to

vote and that you do your homework to vote for the candidates who share your principles and values.

We need legislators who will say NO, and will fight against any marijuana legalization bill in an effort to protect our citizens from the societal risks of expanded drug use and potential associated criminal activity, diminished educational accomplishments, and compromised productivity. Once again, most of the drug treatment for young people in the United States is for marijuana addiction alone. Elected officials, who profess a desire to protect our youth, need to think about the damage marijuana legalization will do to their health and well-being. Contact and encourage your Legislators and Senators to VOTE NO on marijuana legalization, a drug that is illegal under federal law. It is up to "We the People". Call the Vermont State House at [1-800-322-5616](tel:1-800-322-5616) to let your voice be heard by leaving a message for your Representatives or Senators.

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Thomas Sowell — Quotes on Socialism

“If you have been voting for politicians who promise to give you goodies at someone else's expense, then you have no right to complain when they take your money and give it to someone else, including themselves.”

“Facts are seldom allowed to contaminate the beautiful vision of the Left. What matters . . . are the ringing slogans, endlessly repeated.”

American Minute

By
William Federer

Editor's Note: Excerpted from William Federer's April 15, 2016 American Minute.

After nine months of traveling the United States, French historian Alexis de Tocqueville in 1835 wrote Democracy in America, which has been described as "the most comprehensive ... analysis of character and society in America ever written." Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "Upon my arrival in the United States the religious aspect of the country was the first thing that struck my attention...In France I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in opposite directions. But in America I found they were intimately united and that they reigned in common over the same country..."

Alexis de Tocqueville continued, "The Americans combine the notions of Christianity and of liberty so intimately in their minds, that it is impossible to make them conceive the one without the other...They brought with them into the New World a form of Christianity which I cannot better describe than by styling it a democratic and republican religion."

In Book Two of Democracy in America, Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "Christianity has therefore retained a strong hold

on the public mind in America...In the United States...Christianity itself is a fact so irresistibly established, that no one undertakes either to attack or to defend it."

In the 1840's, Alexis de Tocqueville traveled twice to Algeria. He wrote..., "I studied the Koran a great deal. I came away from that study with the conviction there have been few religions in the world as deadly to men as that of Mohammed. So far as I can see, it is the principle cause of the decadence so visible today in the Muslim world and, though less absurd than the polytheism of old, its social and political tendencies are in my opinion to be feared, and I therefore regard it as a form of decadence rather than a form of progress in relation to paganism itself."

Alexis de Tocqueville stated in Travail sur l'Algerie dans oeuvres completes (1841), "I came back from Africa with the pathetic notion that at present in our way of waging war...If our sole aim is to equal the Turks, in fact we shall be in a far lower position than theirs: barbarians for barbarians, the Turks will always outdo us because they are Muslim barbarians."

In Democracy in America, 1840, Vol. II, de Tocqueville wrote:, "Mohammed brought down from heaven and put into the Koran not religious doc-

trines only, but political maxims, criminal and civil laws, and scientific theories. The Gospels, on the other hand, deal only with the general relations between man and God and between man and man. Beyond that, they teach nothing and do not oblige people to believe anything. That alone, among a thousand reasons, is enough to show that Islam will not be able to hold its power long in an age of enlightenment and democracy, while Christianity is destined to reign in such age, as in all others."



Alexis de Tocqueville wrote, "In the United States the sovereign authority is religious.

...There is no country in the whole world where the Christian religion retains a greater influence over the souls of men than in America, and there can be no greater proof of its utility and of its conformity to human nature than that its influence is powerfully felt over the most enlightened and free nation of the earth."

In Vol.2, Alexis de Tocqueville predicted how Americans would lose their freedom: "I had noted in my stay in the United States that a democratic state of society similar to the American model could lay it-

self open to the establishment of despotism with unusual ease...It would debase men without tormenting them....Men, all alike and equal, turned in upon themselves in a restless search for those petty, vulgar pleasures with which they fill their souls...Above these men stands an immense and protective power...It prefers its citizens to enjoy themselves provided they have only enjoyment in mind. It restricts the activity of free will within a narrower range and gradually removes autonomy itself from each citizen..."

Alexis de Tocqueville continued, "Thus, the ruling power, having taken each citizen one by one into its powerful grasp ... spreads its arms over the whole of society, covering the surface of social life with a network of petty, complicated, detailed, and uniform rules...It does not break men's wills but it does soften, bend, and control them... It constantly opposes what actions they perform...It inhibits, represses, drains, snuffs out, dulls so much effort that finally it reduces each nation to nothing more than a flock of timid and hardworking animals with the government as shepherd... a single, protective, and all-powerful government."

William Federer will be our featured speaker on September 9th in Rutland and on September 10th in South Burlington

"Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts - the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims."

Alexis de Tocqueville



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Save the Date

The Christian Action Ministry has invited William Federer to return to Vermont. Many who heard him last September have asked for a return engagement. There will be two events scheduled: Friday September 9th at 7:00 pm in Rutland at the Roadside Assembly of God and Saturday September 10th at 7:00 pm at the South Burlington Holiday Inn.

William Federer is a nationally known speaker, best-selling author, and host of American Minute. His “Faith in History” program airs nationally via DirectTV on the TCT Network.

His books include:

America’s God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations

Change to Chains

The Interesting History of the Income Tax

The Original 13

What Every American Needs to Know about the Qur’an

Miracles in American History

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Next Meetings

July 12, 7:00 pm
*Roadside Assembly of God
Rutland, Vt.*
August 9, 7:00 pm
*Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.*

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