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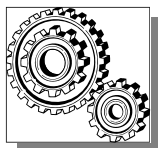
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Positive news for Christians

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.

Role Reversal

By
Darrell Desautels

I don't know where it all began, but I think somewhere around the time of Roe v Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court abortion decision. Do you remember back when American Christians were boldly out in front for most of the nation's laws and decisions? I remember there was a time when Christians were out in front making their voices heard when legislation dealing with moral issues was being discussed, and gays were the ones in the closet. Things appeared to be going well for us before 1973. During the time of Roe v Wade, it became a time when it started to get really difficult in the Spirit realm. Christians started to withdraw from the public arena. Many Christians went into their prayer closets to pray about this world-changing event, rather than continue to fight in public for what is right. Many surrendered. Don't get me wrong. I am not saying that Christians shouldn't go into prayer.

What I am saying is that this was the time that changed the face of Christianity in America. As Christians became more and more comfortable in their prayer closets, the gay community started to come out of theirs. Christians found that as long as they stayed in their closets, the Destroyer of Souls (Satan) was leaving them alone, so they stayed where they were safe. That left Satan free to work his plan in the world. The gay community on the outside of their closets found new freedom and boldness and began to open their wings and fly like never before. They began to become the voice of government while many Christians cowered in fear and retreated deeper and deeper into the safety of their private prayer closets. The problem with this is that they never came back out to do God's bidding. I have been saying for at least eight years now that it's time to get off our knees

and out of our closets and start getting our hands dirty again.

If the gay community, being approximately one percent of our nation, can accomplish what they have, what could we as Christians do if we remove our cloak of fear and start making noise? Sad to say, but we Christians should follow the example of the gays in influencing law and legislation. They are bold and in your face, while we, who have all the powers of heaven in our grasp, stay hidden with fear. We rationalize. We make excuses why we shouldn't be involved in politics, for example.

Fear is not of God. It is a tool of the enemy. As long as Christians bow down to fear we are of little use to God. Don't we trust Him? That fear should warn us of our lack of faith in the true and living God. If this be so, then we really need to re-evaluate our Christianity. Don't we trust God with all things, and in all situations?

"The proper function of a government is to make it easy for the people to do good, and difficult for them to do evil."

Daniel Webster

If God is standing with us, who can stand against us? Isn't that what the Bible says? It's time to wake up! It's time to get off our knees and start fighting for what is ours --- or should I say what is God's. The only way this

world is going to change for the better is when we put ourselves out there and move with God. Take action. Pray and then act! Don't just pray without works which should follow. Get moving. Get out there. We cannot move with God when we hide from the

world in our prayer closets as an excuse to avoid dealing with the world we live in. It is a lost and dying world and we need to be about God's business. Get involved! Remember that Jesus is coming back with an army. He is not coming back all by

Himself as the saints just watch from the sidelines and pray Him on.

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Cultural Change or the Same Old Sins?

*By
Kay Trudell*

I have been walking with the Lord for a long time. During that time, He never ceases to amaze me, even in the smallest things. This issue of the CAM newsletter is a perfect illustration of that fact. The article on page one was originally written in 2014 by a man who lamented the fact that things have changed in America's culture in the direction of Christian influence being lessened over several decades. He based his observations to a large degree on our nation's moral decline after the Supreme Court ruled against unborn babies in the infamous Roe v Wade case. His 2014 article had

been written, but then had been saved for later and not published at the time. Before his article surfaced in 2018, I had felt led (I am sure by the Holy Spirit) to write something about the decline of morality in America either because of Roe v Wade or "gay marriage". I keep both newspaper/magazine and internet articles on file that pertain to issues of interest to the Christian community. I felt led to go through these articles well before I found Darrell's 2014 essay, never published in the CAM newsletter or anywhere else. It struck me as an excellent fit for the points

the Holy Spirit had also lead me to think about. After receiving Darrell's permission to print his article in the CAM newsletter, I discovered three other examples in the files of exactly what he was talking about. All three (two letters to the editor and an editorial) came from a Vermont newspaper almost 20 years ago. They were from three different issues on different days. I thought that our readers would be interested to read what local Vermont citizens were saying about the sanctity of human life in 1999. They are timeless. They could have just as well been written today in 2018. I

would like to discuss the two letters, as they were written by ordinary Vermont citizens.

The first was a letter to the editor from a man named Kevin. He was protesting the politically correct double standard that looked at an unborn baby's life as cheap, while the lives of two cats were considered worthy of protection and citizen outrage. His letter, titled "Value All Life", was as follows:

"Value all life"

"There is an interesting scenario in the Vermont Senate that I would like to

"If religious books are not circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth is not diffused, then error will be . If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain ascendancy."

Daniel Webster

share with the readers of this paper.

“There are some senators who believe in a woman’s right to choose an abortion who now support a bill that will dictate what you may or may not print in your will. I find it interesting that a senator or anyone else would support a woman’s right to end a child’s life. However, if that same woman wrote in her will that she would like to have her two cats put to sleep (upon her death) that would be illegal.

“This type of thinking is either hypocrisy . . . or these folks are declaring that cats are more valuable than human beings.

“Am I saying that I support the senseless destruction of life? No, but I do know that human life is the most precious and valuable of all life, unborn or those at the end of life.”

(End of letter)

The gist of the legislation apparently proposed almost 20 years ago in Vermont would have made it illegal for a human to order his/her pets put to sleep upon the death of the owner. Interesting, as the gentleman observed in his letter, that some of the same legislators who objected to

this also supported a woman’s right to abort her human baby. Well said, sir. This is what happens when a culture loses its Judeo-Christian underpinnings and becomes morally relative.

The second letter, from a different individual concerned with an entirely different matter, was published under the title “Politically depersonalized” and read as follows.

“Politically depersonalized”

“Regarding the . . . story about pregnant women declining to eat possibly mercury-tainted seafood: I find it excruciatingly politically correct that the reporter wrote that one woman had chosen to cut down to only one tuna sandwich a month to protect ‘her fetus’. We usually say that women have babies – unless a reporter is so afraid that the country may wake up one day and recognize that it is condoning millions of infanticides that you must depersonalize a growing baby by calling it a fetus. “Even the phrasing is awkward: ‘to protect her fetus’. Why not (call it) ‘the growth attached to her uterus’ or ‘the temporary

entopic development within her reproductive organs?”

(End of letter)

Why not, indeed. Our very English language has been manipulated and changed so that we Americans will not be too upset by the slaughter going on all around us. And that includes Christians. Really, how often do we even think about abortion these days? Even worse, abortion has now progressed to infanticide and the selling of body parts of unborn babies. This is truly demonic (and none dare call it human sacrifice). We have been praying for all these years, but the practice still continues. I know God’s timing is not ours, but if you believe the Bible, the world (and America) will have a reckoning for this evil practice. The children we have desensitized to killing their unborn brothers and sisters are now killing each other and adults around them. And what is the government’s answer? Not a return to Judeo-Christian morality, but the confiscation of guns from law-abiding citizens who had nothing to do with the crimes, to say nothing of the violations of

the U.S. and Vermont Constitutions. Did you know that Planned Parenthood has also become directly involved in the gun control movement, saying they support gun control to save the lives of children. What hypocrisy!! We are often told that all things change, and we Christians must adapt so as to be sensitive to the unsaved from contemporary culture. We hear it in church as well as in the world. All I can say is, God does not change, and these are still the same old sins. This may well be part of God’s judgment on this nation for what we have sowed. We sowed the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind. God is merciful. We are not getting what we really deserve. We Christians pander to the culture at our own risk. We are all guilty of doing this. Cultural change, or the same old sins? **We are crying for peace and safety. What does the Bible say about what time it is when we see people crying for this all around us??**

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“Republics decline into democracies and democracies degenerate into despotisms.”

Aristotle



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

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Next Meetings

July 17, 7:00 pm
Vibrant Church
South Burlington, VT
Aug 14, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
Hinesburg, VT

**Making A Difference
In
Vermont!**

There is no doubt our culture has changed, but could the pendulum be swinging back to a more moral base? Christian leaders like Tony Perkins and Franklin Graham are standing up, and are visible in the media. Most importantly, the Supreme Court has decided that religious values can't be overridden by political correctness. CAM highlighted this last year with a quote from Supreme Court Justice William Douglas:

"We find no constitutional requirement which makes it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against efforts to widen the effective scope of religious influence ... We cannot read into the Bill of Rights such a philosophy of hostility to religion."

And here is another from President Ronald Reagan:

"The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny."

The recent 2018 majority opinion in the Supreme Court Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission clearly noted a hostility to Christian values by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission. Fortunately, the Christian baker won his case. He will not have to bake and decorate cakes for same-sex "marriages".