

# Christian Action Ministry

## Newsletter

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## Calendar

**Primary Elections**

**Filing Deadline: May**

**26th**

**Vote:**

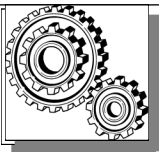
**Tuesday, August 9th**

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**In the Works**

### “Pandora’s Language Box”

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## Jerusalem

*Excerpts from*  
***Now Pharaoh Knows, A Scriptural Framework for Peace between Palestine and Israel*** by Daniel Gruber

God’s connection with Jerusalem is expressed in Torah which speaks of “the place which the Lord your God has chosen.” It is the place where God’s dwelling will be and therefore will be the capital and focus of the Children of Israel. He commands them to go there to present their sacrifices, bring their tithes, decide difficult judicial cases, gather to hear the Torah read publicly, and make their pilgrimages three times a year. It is the place from which the kings of a united Israel rule.

When in exile, the Children of Israel said before the Lord, “If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my greatest joy.” Nothing was more important. Nothing.

Praying for Jerusalem is an essential, oft-repeated part of the traditional daily liturgy. It is part of the observance of every Biblical holy day. It is considered an essential part of traditional faith.

When we turn to the Quran and the hadiths, what are Muslims to do in Jerusalem? Nothing. Which of their commanded observances can they perform without Jerusalem? All of them. Which Pillars of the Faith remain without Jerusalem? All of them. What is the role of Jerusalem in Islamic government? None. Muslims are to pray toward Mekka and seek to make a pilgrimage to Mekka.

Even if one is praying in the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, one prays towards Mekka. Being in Jerusalem does not affect the content of the prayers nor their focus.

Jerusalem is important

to Muslims for two reasons: 1) It is the holy city of the Jews and the site of the Temple which God commanded the Children of Israel to build; and 2) God miraculously brought Muhammad to that site. Nothing in the Arabic Holy Scriptures disputes or challenges Jewish ownership or rule of the city. “The Prophet said, ‘Do not give me superiority over Musa....’”

In sum, the association of the Children of Israel with Jerusalem is much longer and deeper than that of any other people, extending back 4000 years to Abraham, 3500 years to Moses, 3000 years to David. And it extends into the unknowable future. Its importance to the Children of Israel is not dependent upon any other people, but on God alone. Their living in the land and the city is presented in all the Holy Scriptures as past, present, and future.

The Hebrew, Greek, and Arabic Holy Scriptures all say that God gave the land to the Children of Israel. They all say that God will disperse the Children of Israel from the land but later regather them. Jerusalem plays a vital, central role in God's commanded observances for the Children of Israel, but no role in the commanded observances for Christians or Muslims. It is essential in the God-ordained government



of the Children of Israel; it is irrelevant to the God-ordained government of Christians and Muslims. Jerusalem is considered holy to three faiths, but only because God made it holy for the Jews.

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## Thoughts and Questions on Proposal 5/Article 22

*By Craig Lyman*

Random thoughts run through my mind as I consider VT's Proposal 5/Article 22 and what it's poised to do to our state constitution. Short of a vote this November, VT politicians have voted to enshrine in our constitution vague language with regards to abortion which leaves the door open for a wide variety of interpretations. This could mean abortion on demand all 9 months of pregnancy and beyond with no regard to viability (the ability for the baby to live outside of the mother's womb).

For the purposes of this summary, my thoughts are focused mainly on the abortion issue but don't be fooled, the dangers of making these changes to our constitution go way beyond abortion and are many.

Politicians are always clamoring "We must protect the children" and in the end, it rarely has the outcome

they claim... it seems hypocritical and falls short again when it comes to preborn children whether viable or not.

Progressives, Democrat/Progressives, or Republican/Progressives alike fail to understand that Prop 5 is actually regressive, antithetical to the title "progressive". We're not evolving as a society but devolving. Once these provisions are sewn into the fabric of our state any newly elected representative would be swearing to uphold all manners of evil allowed by this amendment and/or its unintended consequences.

A famous quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members".

If science is funded by the govern-

ment can the results also be controlled by the government? If science is controlled by the government is it actually science or does it now qualify as political science? We've all been told to follow the science but if we actually did, the science would tell us that abortion ends a human life.

Life is sacred, life is precious, life is a gift, we cling to it, protect it, try to extend it, and strive to raise the quality of it... but if a woman chooses to end a life in the womb it's no longer a sacred, precious, or a gift to cling to or protect, it's called choice.

As a male, when it comes to abortion I'm told to sit down and shut up, I have no say. What are my reproductive rights? Apparently, I have none. My child's life can be legally ended regardless of my desires. What about the baby's rights?

Don't they deserve the basic human right, the right to life?

Political babble calls abortion "women's health" or "reproductive rights" when in reality the mental health or the future reproductive ability of the woman post-abortion are both compromised yet never considered a factor.

We hear the talking heads on the news repeat over and over how gun violence must be stopped and in 2021 we saw the murder rates skyrocket. Homicide in 12 major US cities hit an all-time high yet the most unsafe place to live in America is still the mother's womb.

Another point the news will never report is that the majority of Americans do not support unlimited abortion.

Why do schools seek your permission to give your child an aspirin or to go on a field trip but no permission is necessary for the school to take your daughter to have an abortion?

Why is VT considering enshrining unlimited abortion rights into our constitution? It pays good dividends... Planned Parenthood alone tops 1.3 billion dollars in annual revenue (including \$530 million in taxpayer funding). We battle a giant who fights us with our own resources. Their profits are by and large from abortions but they've also been accused of profiting from organ harvesting of the aborted babies! Enough said? Probably not... For the same reasons the UVM Medical Center has decided they wanted in on the abortion giant's business plan regardless of the conflict of interest and medical ethics of every doctor or nurse after taking the Hippocratic Oath that

swears to "Do no harm".

If VT passes this constitutional amendment will we become the abortion capital of the Northeast? With many minors, and others crossing state lines for these services? Will we adopt a Dunkin Donuts drive-through approach to women's reproductive rights? Will this really benefit women or PPNE?



Those who believe in a creator believe life has purpose. Think about 63 million purposes that have been eliminated in this country since 1973. Imagine where we'd be if even a portion of those purposes were to be fulfilled. We've all lost someone, a brother or sister, an uncle, aunt or cousin, maybe even a child or grandchild. Whether you know of it or not we've all been touched, some more than others.

We've all heard the expression, "If a tree falls in the woods and no one's there to see it, does it make a noise?" The same applies to abortion. "If a baby is killed in the womb, does anyone hear them scream?" The thought is enough to bring tears to your eyes.

The Aztecs would be considered a primitive culture by today's standards but they were actually very

advanced for their time (1345-1521) mandating education for everyone, they were highly accomplished in agriculture and trade, and also noted for their art and architecture but as advanced as they were, they were barbaric in their bloody sacrifices to their gods. Sacrificing babies to their sun god because they believed that there was a war between light and darkness, and if darkness won the world would end. Satan, the prince of darkness and the father of all lies had deceived them. Convinced their evil deeds were being rewarded with sunshine needed to support the crops that sustained them they continued their evil practices. Obviously, we are more advanced today and wouldn't fall for the same deceit but we're still practicing the same child sacrifice with abortion, however, instead of the sacrifice taking place on a bloody altar, it's vacuumed up from inside the womb so that it's a neater and cleaner procedure. It is amazing how much we've advanced but how little things have changed over the past 600 to 800 years. We're still sacrificing babies to the gods but his name has been changed to "choice". Satan's still the father of all lies and as the prince of darkness, he still operates in the light of day.

This is not just a slippery slope but we are standing on the edge of a moral cliff with many hands at the ready to push. I humbly ask that you consider voting NO on Proposal 5 this November.

PS I'm glad your mother chose life!

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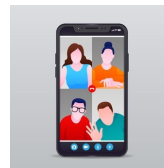
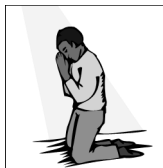
## Rising Anti-Semitism

Conflicting claims to Crimea, Taiwan, Tibet, Ukraine, etc. lead to wars. Can there be any exceptions? How would that be?

There is rising anti-Semitism throughout the world. Even some Christians are doubting Israel's claim to a homeland. There are grounds for peace for Jewish and Muslim people if they each hold themselves accountable to the writings that each group reveres as holy. Our lead article is an excerpt from a 266+ page book on some of the grounds for potential peace in the Middle East. We invite you to equip yourself with this perspective for yourself and conversations you may have with others.

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### What Can I Do?



*Faith without works is dead*  
*James 2:17*

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