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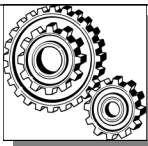
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A Conservative Jew and a Contemporary Christian Critique America

By
Kay Trudell

Secular humanists, pagans, atheists, agnostics, “wokeists”, and people promoting the LGBTQ agenda have had plenty to say about America recently. So have Christians and Jews who identify as none of the above. The name Don Feder is known to many Jewish and Christian people in America. He is a conservative Jewish man who has been speaking and writing about the culture wars in America for decades now. In his classic book [A Conservative Jew Looks at Pagan America](#) (1993), he had observations that all devout Christians and Jews should consider. It is shocking to read how accurate Feder was in his predictions of where our country is today.

Feder stated that most of America's founders were Christians. They made it clear from the historical record of their writings and speeches that they wanted the biblical worldview to govern America. They did not seek to establish a State religion, but to hold a general biblical world view. They wanted the Judeo-Christian world view “to suffuse our national character”.

Feder states that there is a universal moral code built

into the hearts of human beings and that all mankind is ultimately responsible to a Creator, despite what secularists may say. We “are accountable” to God. “The idea is that we should emulate God, that as He is just, we have to be just. As He is charitable, we have to be charitable. As He is holy, we have to strive to be holy.” If America cannot embrace a common general consensus on “public policy religion” with a Judeo-Christian foundation, we are finished as a nation and will descend into chaos.

Take these statements from Feder and compare them to the depravity and degradation in modern society, which embraces the immorality and gods of ancient Rome, and the human sacrifice mentality of the Aztecs. In all the discussions of gender-bending, abortion, the transitioning of children, how you heat your home, what kind of car you must drive, medical freedom, and government by force, God is never part of the liberal discussion. To Whom are they (and we) then accountable? The State. When there is no God, the State becomes God. That describes Vermont today, not only in the name of no restrictions on sexual behavior and choice

but on things like tyrannical laws governing climate change, regulation, privacy, money and information, medical freedom, abortion, etc. We are governing not by God's standard, or even a Constitutional standard, but by the whims of men. There is no firm foundation. We facilitate day by day. Our elected leaders are accountable to no one. They govern by agenda. The Constitution is nowhere in sight.

Feder says that phrases like “Judeo-Christian values” appear to terrorize (his word) liberals and secularists because they then will have to acknowledge there is a higher standard to which they are accountable. There are constraints on how they govern. Phrases like this frighten secularists who have “blown it all out of proportion and deliberately tried to terrorize people with visions of a theocracy and the idea that freedom of conscience is going to be violated. [They think] once we have a moment of silence in schools that will lead, inevitably, to the complete merger of religion and politics. They talk about evangelical Christians ... forcing their morality on other people as if Christians are the only people operating in the political system who want to see their values reflected in our laws and institutions.”

Feder then goes on to point out the hypocrisy of their position. "People who reject the religious worldview," he says, "find their own views and values in one of several political dogmas or cultural outlooks" which are every bit as potent as religion. In fact, they make of their own worldviews a religion and try to force it on others who do not share their worldview. The U.S. Supreme Court recognized secular humanism as a religion. Who is forcing their religion on whom? Feder states that we as Christians and the Church are partly responsible for the cultural decline in America. We remained inside our churches and silent. We have comforted ourselves with the view that we mustn't dirty our hands with politics. As a result, we have left the cul-

ture and laws of America to the secular humanists and liberals, and "they moved into that vacuum" steadily. Look where we are now.

They are coming after our children and churches. There are now open attacks on churches and Christian institutions: pro-life pregnancy centers, daycare centers, adoption agencies, Catholic and Evangelical churches, religious and private schools, and Christian-owned non-religious businesses such as bakeries, restaurants, and hospitality venues.

The cultural elite secularists have a profound impact on shaping the values of our nation, but "we are not putty in their hands", Feder says, even though they are "constantly bombarding us with their values". He believes that ultimately this

kind of cultural liberalism is a loser because "it just goes against the grain of the American people". He says that American Christians and their churches must compete actively for the hearts and minds of the American people in the public square, or we are lost. The Church serves as the conscience of the State. If the Church shirks its responsibility, the State develops a seared conscience. Attacks on Judeo-Christian morality increase. Witness the most recent example where an elementary school in Vermont banned the terms "male" and "female" in the classroom in favor of "person who produces eggs" and "person who produces sperm". Or Vermont schools that have placed litter boxes in classrooms

and bathrooms so children and youth who identify as animals can use the litter boxes instead of traditional toilets. Depravity.

"It is not going to be an easy struggle," says Feder, "But our faith, our worldview, requires us to be part of this struggle." Get up off your complacency, Vermont people of devout faith. Whether we be Christian or Jew, we cannot be part of Vermont's degenerate trend through our silence. We do not want to be like the silent citizen majority of Nazi Germany who saw evil all around them and did nothing.

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Legislature Wrap Up

by
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The 2023 Vermont legislative session is over. Of those bills mentioned in our two last issues, the status of some has not changed and they may be taken up again next year. Some have become law.

H. 148, "Raising the age of eligibility to marry" was signed into law on April 20th and goes into effect on July 1st.

S. 26/ H. 190, "Removing the residency requirement from Vermont's patient choice at end-of-life laws" was signed into law and became effective on May 2nd.

This newsletter is too brief to cover everything that may be of interest to our readers. We trust that you also use other sources to stay informed.

You may already know that S. 37/ H. 89, "An act relating to access to legally protected health care activity and regulation of health care providers" were signed into law on May 10th. One part becomes effective on July 1st, other parts will become effective later.

H. 217, "An act relating to child care, early education, workers' compensation, and unemployment insurance" was approved by both chambers on May 12th. At this writing, it is expected that the governor will veto it but the legislature will override the veto.

What do these new laws have in common? They all tend toward there being fewer people made in the like-

ness of God and possibly trusting and serving God. Removing “parental consent” marriage tends toward more abortions as discussed in our last issue. Making Vermont an “end-of-life” destination state tends toward more people dying unnaturally early. Making Vermont a destination state for abortions tends toward more people never seeing the light of day.

Making Vermont a destination state for “gender-affirming health care” tends toward fewer conceptions ever occurring. This should be clearly understood. There is a difference between transgender and transsexual. So-called “gender-affirming care” does not switch people from those that produce sperm to those that produce eggs. It produces sterility. Medical science is nowhere near installing ovaries and wombs.

Finally, pouring millions of dollars into state-regulated daycare centers tends toward more children being socialized with state-approved social values rather than family-approved social values. The money is not a voucher to parents that might want to pay Grand-

ma or someone else who shares their social values. This will tend to solidify the “culture of death” values embraced by the current ruling generation.



We should not think that the legislators that work and vote for these changes realize that they are willing partners in bringing “death by a thousand cuts” to Vermont, America, and humanity. They believe they are doing good because they see the changes in terms of improving individual choices and protections. For example, it can not be shown that the survival of humanity needs every conception to survive to birth and every terminally ill senior citizen to wait for the natural end. If the change is not an existential threat to the state, the country, or the human race, they believe they are doing right to favor individualism.

Why, then, do some feel that there is a secretive cabal and conspiracies behind these changes?

“For the secret power of

lawlessness is already at work...” (2 Thessalonians 2:7a NIV)

Because there *is* a secretive cabal with sinister plans. They just aren’t human. Our lead article this month references a book that was first published thirty years ago and it looked at the condition of America then. The Return of the Gods by bestselling author Jonathan Kahn was published just last year. It looks at conditions in America today and it provides explanations. Perhaps you’ve already read it.

Consider this, when Jesus refutes the Sadducees, (Matt. 22:30; Mark 12:25; Luke 20:36) he makes an

interesting statement. He declares that in the resurrection, we will not marry but will be like the angels. Theologians debate over what this implies about angels. What is clear is that angels don’t marry.

Holy angels do not “shack up” outside of holy matrimony. There are no “daddy” angels and “mommy” angels and little baby angels. They are a host of everlasting beings, not a race like humans. An institution, “until death do us part,” has no meaning for them and it won’t for us in the resurrection.

Marriage and childbirth may be among the things that holy angels wonder about (1 Peter 1:12), but they are things that fallen angels will hate. Eternal fire is prepared for them (Matt. 25:41). They are working to take as many of us with them as possible and to leave as few as possible to glorify God. What is your role in this struggle? If you know it, keep faith, no matter how dark things appear. If you don’t, seek the Lord. He has a part for you to play.

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“Religious or faith-based groups can be a source for regular social contact, serve as a community of support, provide meaning and purpose, create a sense of belonging around shared values and beliefs, and are associated with reduced risk-taking behaviors.” - U.S. Surgeon General’s Report on Our Epidemic of Loneliness and Isolation, 2023

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Faith without works is dead
James 2:17

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