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WELL SAID!

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The following was written by Michael S. James and printed in a Tampa paper. It certainly expresses my sentiments and in fact we have said most of these same things. (The article was preceded by a statement of the sender that the state of Florida changed its opinion and allowed a Muslim woman to have her picture on her driver's license with her face completely covered. Lunacy seems to rule!)

"I am tired of this nation worrying about whether we are offending some individual or their culture. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, we have experienced a surge of patriotism by a majority of Americans. However, the dust had hardly settled from those attacks when the 'politically correct' crowd began complaining about the possibility that our patriotism was offending others. I am not opposed to immigration, nor do I hold a grudge against someone who is seeking a better life...However, there are a few things that those who have recently come to our country, and apparently some born here, need to understand. This idea of America being a 'multi-cultural' community has served only to dilute our sovereignty and our national identity. As Americans, we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and lifestyle. This culture has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials, and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. We speak ENGLISH, not Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, or any other language. Therefore, if you wish to become a part of our society, learn the language! 'In God We Trust' is our national motto. This is not some Christian, right wing, political slogan. We adopted this motto because Christian men and women, on Christian principles, founded this nation, and this is clearly documented. It is certainly appropriate to display it on the walls of our schools. If God offends you, then I suggest that you consider some other part of this planet. We are happy with our culture and have no desire to change, and we really don't care how you did things where you came from. This is OUR COUNTRY, our land, and our lifestyle. The First Amendment gives everyone the right to express his opinion, and we will allow you every opportunity to do so. But once you are done complaining, whining, and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, we highly encourage you to take advantage of one other great American freedoms: THE RIGHT TO LEAVE!"

There is no better land in all the world than America; I doubt if there ever has been. I have visited a few foreign countries, particularly in Europe which is about as close you can get to America. I can tell you they are all far behind! The standard of living is not to be compared with ours. If our political leaders and the liberal elite, etc. have their way, they will set this land back a few hundred years or more and in fact, they will destroy it. We've said it many times, globalism, multi-culturalism, etc. will destroy this once great country. I do not know of one nation that will take children from another land and language and give them a free bi-lingual education. If you go to France, you had better learn French, etc. Go to any foreign country and see if you can get health care, welfare, etc. without becoming a citizen. As for catering to the language of everyone who comes to this great land, see if you can get that in other countries. However, the truth is it doesn't work! It has been proven that bi-lingual education is a detriment to learning. But the teacher's unions and political leaders refuse to give it up. Not long ago, California's educational

establishment gave it up on the basis of scientific studies. Children who had been in bi-lingual education improved significantly. Would you believe that just a month or so ago I read that the politicians (no doubt prodded by the teacher's unions) tried to overturn the decision and return to the unproductive bi-lingual system. Multi-culturalism is another joke! It is touted everywhere, and the average American could care less as long as he can have his own way and pleasure. President Bush is all for it; Clinton was (is) all for it; the President's father often spoke of a "New World Order." While "one world" is surely coming according to the Bible we ought not further it. But even many professing Christians are so worldly minded they pay little heed to what is going on. They have been lulled to sleep by **"the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things."** If one shows some excitement about the return of Christ he is considered a little (maybe a whole lot) fanatical. God's people need to wake up and get busy about the Lord's business. The hour is late. Listen to God: **"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand..."** ~Romans 13:11,12. The Judgment Seat of Christ will be a sad place for many.

YOUTH CORNER

THIS YOUNG MAN HAD A "DRUG" PROBLEM

I WAS "DRUG" to Church every Sunday morning,
I WAS "DRUG" to Church again on Sunday night,
I WAS "DRUG" to Church on Wednesday nights,
I WAS "DRUG" to Sunday School every Sunday,
I WAS "DRUG" to Vacation Bible School every
spring,
I WAS "DRUG" to Church Camp every summer,
I WAS "DRUG" to Family Altar every day for Bible
reading and Prayer,
I WAS "DRUG" to the woodshed whenever I disobeyed
my parents. Then one night...
I "DRUG" myself down to an old-fashioned altar...
repented, believed and got born again.
Now I am "ADDICTED" to Christ and His Church.
Those "DRUGS" are still in my veins. They affect my
behavior in everything I do and say, and think. They are
stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin.
If our children had this "DRUG" problem, America
certainly would be a better place. -Copied

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

It has been well said that the only exercise that some people get is jumping to conclusions. It is a very common fault. No doubt we are all guilty at one time or another. I read of a lad who went home from Sunday School and told his mother that if he missed three Sundays in a row, the teacher would throw him into the furnace. The horrified mother immediately telephoned the teacher relating what her son had said. Calmly, the teacher answered, "What I actually said was that if any child missed three Sundays in a row, he would be dropped from the register." That may sound far-fetched, but believe me I have seen situations that were very much akin to it. Before you jump to a conclusion, make sure you have all the facts or that you have the story straight. Otherwise, your jump may bring a very hard landing.

A GARDEN FOR ALL TIME

Planting a garden this year?

Here is one that everyone can plant profitably:

First, five rows of peas - Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.

Next, three rows of squash - Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce - Let us be faithful; Let us be unselfish; Let us be loyal; Let us love one another; Let us be thankful.

No garden would be complete without turnip - Turn up for Church; Turn up with a smile; Turn up with some enthusiasm; Turn up with determination.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



CULTURED OR GENUINE?

For thousands of years genuine pearls have commanded high prices because they were very rare. Very few oysters ever produce a pearl. Men did learn to make imitation ones, but they were easily detected by weighing them. Some years ago many more “real” pearls began showing up causing prices to go down. Wealthy patrons became suspicious and asked that the pearls, be subjected to certain tests to see if they were genuine. It was discovered by X-raying many pearls that the Japanese were gathering oysters and artificially inserting objects, tiny beads, buckshot, etc. into them and placing them in the ocean in nets to be harvested when pearls were formed. These man-assisted gems were called “cultured” pearls, obviously not considered genuine. The Bible makes it clear that there are many who claim to be saved, and indeed, at least when casually observed, look like Christians. But **“Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”** My dear Reader, are you a genuine Christian or are you a “cultured” one. You have made a profession of faith, but was it a true work of God or “man-made?” *False professions are not rare but frequent!* Listen to the Jesus: **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. MANY will say in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.”** ~Matthew 7:21-23.

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HE DIDN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT

One night just before the late Captain Bickel was retiring, he met at the deckhouse door a ruffian who had been wonderfully converted on one of his voyages. Mr. Bickel was very tired, but he had a little talk with the man. He asked the man if he would take a Bible to a certain man on the morrow. He shook his head. “No, no, Captain; he does not need that yet.” “But why not?” “Because it is too soon. That is your Bible, and thank God that it is; it is now mine. But it is not his Bible.” The Captain said, “What do you mean by that?” “Why simply, that he has another Bible; you are his Bible, he is watching you. As you fail, Christ fails. As you live Christ, so Christ is revealed to him.” Writing to friends later, Captain Bickel said: “Friends, I did not sleep that night. I had been called a thief, liar, foreign spy, traitor, devil both in private and in public, and had not flinched. But to face this! ‘As you live so Christ lives - in that man’s soul, in that village, in 400 villages. As you fail to live Christ, Christ is crucified again.’ What a wonder I slept not.” -Copied I do not agree with not giving someone a Bible as suggested here, but there is a point to be made. All of us are being watched by someone. What kind of a witness are we giving by our lives? No doubt, the reason some folks do not come to Christ is they are reading carnal, worldly, gossipy Christians. A Buddhist studying the Bible said, “Christ is wonderful, Oh, so wonderful; but you Christians are not like Him.” We must speak and give people the Gospel, but Spurgeon summed it up when he said, “I wouldn’t give much for your religion unless it can be seen.” **“Let your light so shine before men...”** Jesus said, **“By their fruits ye shall know them.”** There is the fruit of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21) and the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23)!