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TUNNEL VISION

Tunnel Vision is a disease of the eyes which causes peripheral vision problems. The person experiencing tunnel vision can basically see only in one direction. In doing research for this article, I was amazed to find that alcohol consumption can cause tunnel vision. (*Wikipedia*) It has become very obvious that some of our lawmakers are experiencing serious tunnel vision. The recent introduction of a bill to allow alcohol consumption on Sundays is a prime example. The revenue from alcohol is severely offset by the baggage it brings with it. All phases of society are affected by this dangerous drug. Abraham Lincoln was right when he said that alcohol is: "A cancer in human society, eating out its vitals and threatening its destruction." Theodore Roosevelt chimed in and reminded this country that alcohol is: "A business that tends to lawlessness on the part of those who conduct it and criminality on the part of those that patronize it." The late Billy Sunday quoting Archbishop Ireland said: "I find social crime and ask what caused it? They say 'Drink!' I find poverty. What caused it? 'Drink!' I find families broken up and ask what caused it; they tell me 'Drink!' I find men behind prison bars and ask, 'What put you here?' They say 'Drink!' I stand by the scaffold and ask, 'What made you a murderer?' They cry 'Drink!' Charles Parkhurst stated that alcohol is: "The most prolific hotbeds of anarchy, vile politics, profane ribaldry and unspeakable sensuality." Shakespeare said: "Alcohol is a poison men take into the mouth to steal away the brain."

Has anyone ever heard of an insurance company offering reduced premiums to people who drink? I have never heard a woman say: "My hus-

band would be a better husband if I could get him to drink." I have married many couples through thirty five plus years of ministry. I have never heard a parent say of a daughter approaching marriage: "I would be more pleased if my daughter was marrying a drunk." I have never read of a condemned criminal on his way to the electric chair saying: "I wish I had spent more time in the bar therefore I might not be here."

Our nation lost over 57,000 service men and women during the Vietnam war. However, during that same period of time, our nation lost over two million people on these shores due to the curse of alcohol. During the Vietnam war, people protested in the streets of America and even left our country in protest of the war. However, there were no protests in the streets of our country over the carnage of alcohol.

If a 747 crashed in our state the FAA would be on the scene trying to determine the cause of the accident. However, the same amount of people a 747 transports are killed each week in our country due to alcohol. Instead of trying to fix the problem, our lawmakers want to make the scourge more assessable.

The most serious consequence of alcohol is that God opposes it. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1) "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!" (Hab 2:15)



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MARRIAGE PETITION

Please go to our web site and sign our Marriage Petition. We would like to present thousands of petitions to our Legislators during our Rally. Our web address is www.returnamerica.org

The tunnel vision of our lawmakers is disconcerting. They are willing to further endanger the homes and highways of our state to put a few more tax dollars into bags with holes in them. It is very obvious they want to preserve three parties in North Carolina, the Democratic party, the Republican party and the cocktail party. We would encourage each reader of this update to contact your representatives in Raleigh and express your grief over making alcohol more assessable in our state.

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The purpose of Return America is to build a network of churches and individuals to educate, motivate, and mobilize citizens in a united effort in promoting Judeo-Christian values; to educate and influence government in these principles upon which our state and nation were founded.

Web Site

You may now contact us through our web site at www.returnamerica.org.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

We once again want to thank each of you that braved the adverse weather conditions and came to Raleigh for our Return America Marriage Rally. The Police Department estimated that 5000 people were present. We believe this to be a great number considering the snow and freezing temperatures. We are asking each of you to continually call Mark Basnight [(Marc.Basnight@ncleg.net) Phone Number (919)733-6854] and Joe Hackney [(Joe.Hackney@ncleg.net) Phone Number (919) 733-3451] and demand that they allow the people of this state to vote on the Marriage Amendment this November. We are contacting churches each week and asking them to get church volunteers to call Raleigh each weekday and ask for a Marriage Amendment.

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

April 8, 2009
Community Baptist Church
Lexington, NC

April 15, 2009
Lakeview Baptist Church
Hickory, NC

April 24, 2009
Ambassador Bible College
Lattimore, NC

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