

**News and Current Events :: Going to pot? Canada leads way in legalizing marijuana****Going to pot? Canada leads way in legalizing marijuana - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2015/12/9 6:19**

Justin Trudeau raised eyebrows when he admitted to having dabbled in marijuana while a member of parliament, but his pledge as prime minister to legalize pot has been broadly cheered.

He said in a policy speech on Friday that his Liberal government would introduce legislation as early as 2016 to legalize marijuana, making Canada the first in the G7 bloc of industrialized nations to do so, although precise details remain sketchy.

Two in three Canadians support decriminalizing possession and use of the mind-altering weed, according to a recent Ipsos poll. ...

read more: <http://news.yahoo.com/going-pot-canada-leads-way-legalizing-marijuana-173813674.html>

**It's likely - posted by docs (), on: 2015/12/9 14:29**

It seems likely to be proposed here in the not too far future. If they can't get folks to reconsider then they eventually give up and make it legal so as to not be bothered by it. Pot is really no different than having a couple of whiskey bottles at home for consumption. Some folks drink entirely legal whiskey and some smoke entirely illegal pot while alcohol has caused much much more trouble in this world.

**Re: It's likely - posted by deltadom (), on: 2015/12/9 16:59**

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docs: I agree. I recommend neither. I think at some point our gov't or state gov'ts may tire of the effort to curtail drugs and go the way of legalization for many of them. The 1960s in which I grew up in which romanticized drugs was really the beginning of a long and curtailed national disaster continuing this day.

**Re: pot , on: 2015/12/9 19:02**

I have never smoked it but i learnt quite a bit in the last few years from people who i'm trying to reach with the Gospel.

Of course smoking weed is not the answer to our problems and yes it can lead to other stuff.

But then we also need to look at the prescription drugs, the effects they have on our society. There are many statistics out there .

Then there is the problem with alcohol.

We have already discussed vaccines in other threads. To try and force people by law to be vaccinated is a far more serious. We then don't have a choice anymore, it will be decided by politicians that most of us don't fully trust . Then we now have GMO forced on us, but that would need another thread

God created every weed and herb...it should never have become a political issue.

The destiny of humanity is dependent whether we serve the Lord or not - especially in these days - if we are willing to humble ourselves, pray and seek the Lord

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2015/12/9 21:06**

The evils fought with drug laws are exacerbated more than defeated. The effort is costly and is a bloated government jobs program for law enforcement and corrections and a sector of government rife with cronyism. That is the most complimentary thing for our current drug laws I can come up with.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/12/9 21:19**

Did God create cannabis sativa? Poppies? The coca plant?

**Re: - posted by ccchhrrriiiss (), on: 2015/12/10 0:34**

Hi TMK,

God also created the Sun. That doesn't mean that we should plan a visit (or even stare at it without filters). :-)

**Re: , on: 2015/12/10 1:00**

Don't eat the nightshade plant or foliage of tomatoes or potatoes.

I heard today's weed is stronger than the weed of the 60s and 70s.

Anything that makes you passive or opens you up to demonic spirits can't be good.

**Re: , on: 2015/12/10 3:53**

"God also created the Sun. That doesn't mean that we should plan a visit."  
No but it is not against the law to plan a visit ;)

"Anything that makes you passive or opens you up to demonic spirits can't be good. "  
That includes meditation, yoga etc which are promoted even in some liberal churches.

"Did God create cannabis sativa? Poppies? The coca plant?"  
I have no science degree, can't say much how we got the varieties.  
My mother had cancer, cannabis oil could probably have helped her.  
We know where the big poppy fields are.  
Then there is that "Cocaine Importing Agency..."  
The world is a complete mess and out of control.

Imo i don't think the law change will change the world for better or worse. The world is already "kaputt " only genuine repentance could change it.

**Re: Going to pot? Canada leads way in legalizing marijuana - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/12/10 7:45**

It's going to be legalized, in Canada and in the not-so-near or near future here in the US. It'll just be one more thing preachers can preach against. I used to be a huge partaker of it before I got converted and I never passed out from smoking too much of it (like I did when I drank too much alcohol).

Actually, when it's legalized, I see it being more of personal spiritual battle. For years, Christians have agonized over drinking, wine or liquor, a glass a day or a week, etc.

If and when pot becomes legal, Christians will agonize over should I or shouldn't I, a half a joint a day or one a day, or a week!! What can I do and still go to heaven!!!!?? The same question they have asked for centuries.

It does not matter what our country legalizes, Jesus is still the same yesterday, today and forever!

My two cents!!! :) :)

Lisa

**Re: - posted by dolfan (), on: 2015/12/10 8:10**

It is easy to get down to cases and show how drugs are bad. The kids who are forced to live in homes with meth being cooked, for example. The ghastliness of it shuts the mouths of anyone inclined to oppose the "war on drugs".

But, the war is not working. Even the warrior-police will tell you that with all of their resources and manpower they are not even scratching the surface. Oh, the figure head elected officials will brag at every bust about how so much less heroin or meth or spice or cocaine etc is loose on the streets, and they will say they made a dent in supply. But, they know they are being less than honest about the magnitude of the benefit of their work. Their careers depend on the problem and all so on being able to appear to make progress against it on one side, and ignorance of the public about the extent of drug use on the other. The war has failed.

The wake of it is a more than one generation of people raised with an expectation of doing time. Generations of convicted felons and the burdens of that baggage: banned from public housing, no education, no job prospects, forced into poverty because felons do not get hired easily unless they had a really good work history and training and skill before their convictions. Drug laws create societal welfare dependency across generations. They excel in building hopelessness and long term less public safety rather than more public safety.

But, a lot of people in government and government contractors thrive on the demand for their services the drug war creates. This is why I do not see drug legalization happening. The drug war is a boon for jobs and a slush fund for political favors. It is the EASIEST sale to make to the public, too. It, itself, is the perfect.....well....crime.

Having said that, it is really a good thing that we know this. Not to fight it. But to pray. The tentacles of government, the depth of the domestic intelligence apparatus, are feeding on the drug war to advance the scope of immanent government. In short, it is a tactic of the time of the end. We should not be ignorant of Satan's devices. And, now, we are not. We know. Not so we can vote or protest or write a congressman, but so we can prepare ourselves for what is at the door.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/12/10 8:25**

My question of whether God created cannabis, poppies and the coca plant was not intended as an endorsement for goodness sake.

Some Christians might argue that God did not create them initially and that they were a result of the fall. I personally don't think that was the case but who knows.

If God did create them initially then the Bible says they were "good." One might legitimately ask why; but I am sure it was not so people could get stoned.

**Re: , on: 2015/12/10 9:29**

Because of the fall, man has learned how to substitute many things in place of true joy, peace and righteousness in Christ. What ends up happening is men find new ways of abusing themselves. Satan is the true abuser of men causing them to misuse their humanity. Jesus straightens all of that out (if we listen to Him) as He does not misuse and abuse men.

The world will continue on its course and the Lord will continue on His, calling men to Himself. Some hear and some don't.

With what has happened in the world the last 20 years, nothing surprises me anymore. I fully expect a transgender pastor or bishop to announce from the pulpit some day Bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesday night, BYOP - (Bring your own pot and they will say it enhances prayer and personal revelation. Someone I looked up to actually told me that)