

HOLY NATION

ISSUE: PRISONS and CORRECTION- Jesus and Holy Scripture versus the State of Vermont

“May the groans of the prisoners come before you; by the strength of your arm preserve those condemned to die.” -Psalm 79:11

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.” -Isaiah 42:6,-7

“Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits- who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. -Psalm 103:2-6

ACCUSATION: Treatment of prisons is inhuman. No recognizable relationship to crime committed and penalty/time sentenced. Families torn and destroyed.

“It is neither in the interest of inmates nor in the interest of society as a whole to force prisoners to go **without the humanizing benefits that religion can provide.” -Duke Law Journal, 1998; *The importance of protecting the religious freedom of prisoners***

Seven out of ten American children will follow in their parent's footsteps... Right into Prison!
“The best studies trace the cause of crime to broken homes and to the lack of moral and spiritual formation during childhood.” -Chuck Colson, Jubilee Extra June 2004

Inmates describe problems, Burlington Free Press, August 11, 2004;1B, 3B (The prison system came under fire after an investigation into seven inmate deaths since 2002.): **“A panel of inmates at the Southern State Correctional Facility complained Tuesday about how hard it is to find places to live when they have completed their jail sentences. ‘I've noticed inmates stuck here when they are eligible to be released,’ said Mike Fay... Inmates repeatedly returned to their most pressing need- housing on the outside.”**

“Inmate Suicide attempts are common in Vermont's prisons, but deaths are rare. Below are the numbers between 1991 and 2001(These numbers do not include prisoners housed out-of-state.” Source: Vermont Department of Corrections; The Burlington Free Press Article 10-8-2003.)

(Excerpts) Inside the prison holding Vermont inmates 1,366 miles from home. **“The Vermont Department of Corrections has been sending a portion of its prisoners out of state due to lack**

of capacity since 1998, at times years ago sending as many as nearly 700 inmates to those facilities.” “234 Vermont prisoners who have been sent by the Vermont Department of Corrections to serve their prison sentences at the Tallahatchie County Correctional Facility in Mississippi.” “They recognize the hardship being so far away from home has placed on prisoners’ families. So far, neither man has had family visit.” **The facility offers a range of religious services, from Christian, Judaism, Islam as well as others, including Satanism.** -*Vermont Digger, By Alan J. Keays, Jan 27 2019*

Officer to face smuggling charge “A corrections officer is charged with smuggling marijuana into Rutland jail.” -*Rutland Herald January 15, 2008*

MONTPELIER — Vermont tops the list of states that spend more money on prisons than on higher education, according to a report released yesterday. -*Valley News 2-29-08*

“In Totalitaria, jails and concentration camps by the score are built in order to provoke fear and awe among the population... In these centers of fear, nobody is really corrected; he is, as it were, expelled from humanity, wasted and killed- but not too quickly, lest the terrorizing influence be diminished. The truth of the matter is that these jails are built not for real criminals, but rather for their terrorizing effect on the bystanders, the citizens of Totalitaria.” *Original Source: Joost A.M. Meerloo, The Rape of the Mind: The Psychology of Thought Control, Menticide, and Brainwashing; Also, Quotationary, Leonard Roy Fran*

"In Vermont, a prison chaplain was told he could no longer offer PF's newspaper, Inside Journal, because it 'advocates' a particular religion." -*Jubilee Extra, February 2005, page 7*

300 Bibles handed out to a Windsor, VT prison in 1946. "...the only solution to live a victorious life."

