

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR 37 YEARS TO SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUT I WANTED TO HAVE A CAREER AND A FAMILY AND A HOME. I HAVE BEEN A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER FOR 33 YEARS AND AN ELECTED TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE FOR 16. IF I HAD TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA MY LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN WRECKED.

WHAT KIND OF FIRST AMENDMENT DO WE HAVE NOW, WHEN CITIZENS KNOW THAT THEY MUST WAIT UNTIL THE KIDS ARE GROWN AND RETIREMENT IS NEAR BEFORE THEY CAN DARE TO SPEAK SIMPLE BASIC TRUTHS.

TO SAY THAT MARIJUANA (CANNABIS ACTUALLY) IS NOT MEDICINE IS LIKE SAYING WATER ISN'T WET. MEDICINE IS WHAT CANNABIS IS, FOR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL, AND EXISTENTIAL COMFORT.

CANNABIS HAS BEEN USED BY PEOPLE AS MEDICINE SINCE PREHISTORY, AND IS PROMINENTLY MENTIONED IN THE VERY EARLIEST CHINESE, INDIAN, AND ARABIC MEDICAL WRITINGS".

QUEEN VICTORIA OF ENGLAND, WHO WAS NOT A HIPPIE, USED CANNABIS MEDICINE FOR DECADES FOR MENSTRUAL CRAMPS, MIGRAINES, AND INSOMNIA. HER PHYSICIAN CALLED IT "ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE MEDICINES WE POSSESS".

IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE THAT CANNABIS MEDICINE ALREADY HAS BEEN VERY HEAVILY AND SUCCESSFULLY USED IN THE UNITED STATES. BETWEEN 1850 AND 1900 IT WAS PROBABLY THE MOST COMMON INGREDIENT IN AMERICAN MEDICINES. MRS. LINCOLN WAS GIVEN CANNABIS FOR HER NERVES WHEN PRESIDENT LINCOLN WAS SHOT.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOUGHT HARD IN 1937 TO KEEP CANNABIS MEDICINE LEGAL; BECAUSE DOCTORS KNEW THERE WERE TIMES WHEN NOTHING ELSE WORKED.

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CANNABIS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO HELP SIGNIFICANTLY WITH NAUSEA, APPETITE LOSS AND WEIGHT LOSS. IT CAN HELP PEOPLE KEEP ENOUGH FOOD DOWN TO LIVE THROUGH CANCER CHEMOTHERAPY.

CANNABIS SUCESSFULLY TREATS PAIN OF ANY KIND, AND CAN BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPLATES TO SUPPLEMENT PAIN TREATMENT. IT ALSO SUCCESSFULLY TREATS THE SYMPTOMS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, GLAUCOMA, INSOMNIA, TOURETTES SYNDROME, MIGRAINE HEADACHES, MENSTRUAL CRAMPS, SPASTICITY AND SEIZURES, AND MANY ALIMENTS THOUGHT TO BE STRESS BASED OR PSYCHOSOMATIC. FOR MANY PEOPLE CANNABIS WILL GREATLY HELP WITH DEPRESSION, AGRESSIVENESS AND HOSTILITY, EPILEPSY, AND WITHDRAWAL FROM ADDICTIONS. MY PROBLEM WAS STOMACH PAIN. I WOULD NOT BE HERE IF I HAD NOT HAD CANNABIS IN 1968.

HOW CAN THEY SAY CANNABIS IS NOT MEDICINE AND THEN TURN AROUND AND MARKET PURE THC IN A PILL CALLED MARINOL? HOW CAN THEY CLAIM IT ISN'T MEDICINE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT SENDS BOXES OF MEDICINAL JOINTS EACH MONTH TO EIGHT PEOPLE? CANADA WILL SOON START STOCKING IT IN NEIGHBORHOOD PHARMACIES.

THE TRUTH IS THAT, UNLESS YOU ARE TRYING TO STUDY FOR A TEST, THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT HARM FROM USING MARIJUANA. THIS HAS BEEN THE CONCLUSION OF EVERY MAJOR NATIONAL COMMISSION AND EVERY LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF CANNABIS USERS.

THE EDITORS "THE LANCET", A PRESTIGIOUS PEER REVIEWED BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, THOROUGHLY REVIEWED CANNABIS RESEARCH AND CONCLUDED - "THE SMOKING OF CANNABIS, EVEN LONG TERM, IS NOT HARMFUL TO HEALTH". THAT IS THE SCIENTIFIC FACT.

ANYONE WHO PRESUMES TO BADMOUTH CANNABIS IS MAKING A FOOL OF THEMSELVES. *But we will not be fighting this longer battle between and Nov 2. Our central goal now is to help sick people. That's what I would prefer JTC*

THE FEDERAL JUDICIAL RULING CONCERNING MEDICAL MARIJUANA WAS ISSUED ON SEPT 6, 1988. JUDGE FRANCIS YOUNG RULED THAT "MARIJUANA IN ITS NATURAL FORM IS ONE OF THE SAFEST

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THERAPEUTICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO MAN ...IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE, ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS FOR THE DEA TO CONTINUE TO STAND BETWEEN THOSE SUFFERERS AND THE BENEFITS OF THIS SUBSTANCE".

DRUG CZAR MCCAFFERY'S INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE STUDY AFFIRMED THAT CANNABIS WAS USEFUL MEDICINE, AND THE FEDERAL ATTACKS ON PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS ONLY INTENSIFIED.

THE ATTACK ON MARIJUANA USERS IS PURELY A CULTURAL CIVIL WAR, UNRELATED TO SCIENCE OR PUBLIC HEALTH. IT IS COMPLETELY ILLGITIMATE IN OUR CONSTITUTIONAL, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND IT INHIBITS ADAPTIVE CULTURAL EVOLUTION.

THOSE WHO ATTACK PLANTS THAT THE CREATOR PUT HERE FOR OUR USE AND COMFORT HAD BETTER HOPE THERE IS NO JUDGEMENT DAY. THE NUREMBERG PRINCIPLES MADE IT CLEAR THAT "JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS" IS NOT A DEFENSE.

OUR CURRENT EVIL BUFFOON OF A DRUG CZAR, JOHN WALTERS, CLAIMS "NO DRUG MATCHES THE THREAT POSED BY MARIJUANA". HE SEES CHANGES IN CANADIAN MARIJUANA POLICY AS "CHEMICAL WARFARE" AGAINST THE U.S.. WALTERS SHOULD BE JAILED AND PUT ON TRIAL FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY.

WHY? BECAUSE PEOPLE DIE WHEN THEY CAN'T GET THEIR MEDICINE! THE GOVERNMENT KNEW THAT AUTHOR PETER MCWILLIAMS NEEDED MARIJUANA TO LIVE, SO THEY KEPT IT FROM HIM TILL HE CHOKED ON HIS VOMIT AND DIED.

THE SUICIDE NOTE OF SHIRLEY DORSEY IN CALIFORNIA READ "THEY WANT TO TAKE OUR PROPERTY, SECURITY, AND HERBAL MEDICINE AWAY FROM US, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT CAUSED HARM TO ANYONE..."

AT THEIR PARENTS FUNERAL THE 4 CHILDREN OF DENNIS AND DENISE SCHILLING WORE T-SHIRTS WITH MESSAGES LIKE "DARE TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA". THEIR PARENTS HAD HUNG

THEMSELVES IN A MADISON WISCONSIN MOTEL ROOM AFTER DRUG AGENTS HAD STOLEN THEIR MEDICINE AND SERVED A FORFEITURE NOTICE ON THEIR SMALL HOME.

DRUG WAR IS HORRIFIC DOMESTIC TERRORISM!

MRS. SHILLING'S DEATH NOTE ENDED "PERHAPS SOMEDAY PEOPLE LIKE ME WILL NOT BE PERSECUTED".

WE CAN HELP BRING THAT DAY NEARER BY OUR MEDICAL MARIJUANA EFFORT HERE IN ANN ARBOR. OUR PETITION WILL GUARANTEE THAT NO ANN ARBOR PATIENT WITH A DOCTORS RECOMMENDATION WILL BE PUNISHED BY ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR FOR THE USE, PURCHASE, OR CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA.

BURLINGTON VERMONT RECENTLY PASSED ITS MEDICAL MARIJUANA INITIATIVE WITH 82% IN FAVOR. I HOPE ANN ARBOR VOTERS IN NOVEMBER WILL SHOW AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL OF UNDERSTANDING AND COMPASSION.

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