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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Logic compells me to agree----concur---with The UNION OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS who advocate and urge that the practice of "spiking" the diet of live stock farm animals with anti-biotics (the same one used by doctors to treat humans) to promote growth and weight in the live stock, should be curbed, abandoned (I say even criminalized) BECAUSE such over-use of anti-biotics promotes resistance and immunity in the germs that prey on humans, thus rendering those "medicines" less effective when used to treat sick people.

I add my small consumer voice to that of the Concerned Scientists in urging the Food and Drug Administration to deal with, and do all it can do in its power---and do it fast---to ban the over-use or any use of anti-biotics on farm animals when there is a clear and present danger of weakening the medication's effectiveness when used to treat human disease.

The animals would still grow fat and heavy without being dosed with anti-biotics. The dispensation of such important drugs belong in the hands of doctors, NOT FARMERS.

I pray the Commission will act effectively and responsibly.

Sincerely,

Andy Vena

(Age 91.)

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"THE SUBLIME AND THE RIDICULOUS."

By: Rick Richards.

Ohio has a motto crass
To save us all from sin,
And we can rant our simple cant
To show the mood we're in.
Self-righteous pride will be our guide
Now holiness has won...

"With God all things are possible"
But man must get them done!

Who makes the laws? Who feeds the poor?
Who rescues in distress?
Who mends the faults in human hearts?
I'll let you make the guess...
For in this life so filled with strife
We do the best we can,
And in the end we must depend
Upon our fellow man!

What fiendish mind made babies blind

Or with defective blood?
Who gave the world its Polio,
Tornado, drought and flood?
Where every prayer is wasted air

And answers come there none...
"With God all things are possible"
But man must get them done!

The Doctor who takes care of you
Might say, "It is not I,"

But he can help your hour of need
As all can testify: a cataract,

A heart attacked, a cancer speak as one...
"With God all things are possible",
But man must get them done!

So let us please get off our knees
While pious preachers whine
And talk of evolution as
A part of "God's Design,"
We must redeem our self-esteem
And sacred slogans shun...
God knows what things are possible
If man will get them done!

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AN ARCHITECT IS SAID TO BE A MAN WHO KNOWS A VERY LITTLE ABOUT A GREAT DEAL AND KEEPS KNOWING LESS AND LESS ABOUT MORE AND MORE UNTIL HE KNOWS PRACTICALLY NOTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING: WHEREAS ON THE OTHER HAND, AN ENGINEER IS A MAN WHO KNOWS A GREAT DEAL ABOUT VERY LITTLE AND WHO GOES ALONG KNOWING MORE AND MORE ABOUT LESS AND LESS UNTIL FINALLY HE KNOWS PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING ABOUT NOTHING.

A CONTRACTOR STARTS OUT KNOWING PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING, BUT ENDS UP KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT ANYTHING, DUE TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS.

15 Facts About Tobacco Addiction

1. Tobacco addiction stains teeth yellow/brown.
2. Tobacco addiction gives zoo breath.
3. Tobacco addiction makes hair smell bad.
4. Tobacco addiction makes clothes stink.
5. Tobacco addiction causes wrinkles.
6. Tobacco addiction causes lung cancer and throat cancer.
7. Tobacco addiction causes emphysema and heart disease.
8. Tobacco addiction is the nation's leading cause of fire deaths.
9. Tobacco addiction kills over 400,000 Americans prematurely each year, more than all other drugs combined.
10. Tobacco addicts commonly cough up mucus and phlegm.
11. Tobacco addicts waste about \$1,000 a year to support their addiction.
12. Nicotine, the addictive drug in tobacco, is as addictive as heroin.
13. Secondhand smoke causes respiratory disease, heart disease, and cancer.
14. Many companies ban smoking in the workplace and refuse to hire tobacco addicts.
15. Only 26% of Americans still use cigarettes.

SmokeFree Educational Services, Inc.



*Smoking, Chewing, Snorting
Tobacco is Harmful,
Addictive, Costly, Disgusting.
A Rotten Role Model, Stupid.*

Mission Statement:

To win the right to live and work in a smokefree environment, and to educate youth about the unhealthy and socially undesirable consequences of tobacco addiction.

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The Problem:

 Tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, fires, car accidents, and AIDS combined.

 Tobacco is the leading cause of lung cancer, throat cancer, stroke, emphysema, and heart disease.

 Tobacco use is responsible for one-fifth of all deaths in America.

 Tobacco use by pregnant women causes fetal injury, premature birth, and low birth weight.

 Secondhand smoke causes lung disease, heart disease, and cancer.

 Almost all smokers begin their addiction in their teens or pre-teens.

Our Goals:

 More education for young people about the unhealthy consequences of tobacco addiction.

 Tobacco-free schools.

 Larger health warnings on cigarette ads and cigarette packs, equal to 25% of total ad/pack space.

 Health warnings on cigarettes sold to less developed countries.

 No more tobacco sponsorship of sports and youth oriented events.

 No more cigarette vending machines.

 100% smokefree workplaces.

Our God, some contend, is immutable,
And their faith is, indeed, irrefutable.
When He does what He should,
It's because "He is good,"
When He doesn't, "His ways are inscrutable."
....Lawrence Perrine.

I Turned to Speak To God
About the World's Despair;
To Make Bad Matters Worse,
I Found God Wasn't There.

Boycott Religious Tyranny,
Bi-Bull Prattle, Senseless
"Worship", Mental Slavery,
Inane Clerical Quackery.

Civilization will thrive
when the last stone from the
last church falls on the
last priest ...Emile Zola.

NEVER HAVE SO FEW ROBBED
SO MANY OF SO MUCH SO
MERCILESSLY FOR SO LONG
AND RETURNED SO LITTLE AS
HAS THE CLERGY OVER THE
HISTORY OF MANKIND.

Tax All Churches—Fully.
Fire All Tax-Paid Chap-
lains. De-Fuse The
Over-Population Bomb.

Smoking, Drinking,
Drugs, Gambling
And Praying Are
Functions of Stupidity.

GOD IS A MYTHE, RELIGION
A FRAUD, IMMORTALITY
AND PRAYER ARE SIMPLY
STUPID DELUSIONS.

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