Subject: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by william on Mon, 14 May 2012 11:23:48 GMT
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Here is an interesting article that I ran across last evening.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2143584/Scopolamine-Powerful-drug-growing-forests-Colombia-ELIMINATES-free-will. html

The theological ramifications of this 'natural' drug is certainly worth a look in light of recent discussions we've had.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by Gary on Sat, 27 Jun 2015 09:13:47 GMT
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This is interesting concerning this plant. I was in California several years ago and seen a tree similar to this plant. In fact I have pictures of me standing under the tree. The blooms were beautiful..

Anyway a few years ago our neighbor was growing a plant that looked just like this and one year it bloomed. He gave us a start and its doing quite well but it has never bloomed.

I'm wondering if my plant is different, surely this is not the same plant but it sure looks like it. Even the leaves are similar. I asked my wife what the neighbor called the plant and I think it was called by a different name.

BTW its growing great this year as I gave it some miracle grow.LOL

When we were in Calif., there was no warnings concerning this tree it was growing in the open court yard at Del Coronado.

Now that I seen this article I am wondering if it is the same, if so I may be chopping it down, don't want anyone to get hurt by it.

I just did a quick search at wikipedia and this is used as a drug by medical science.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scopolamine

They do mention that it is used by criminals but mainly with young women using it on old men who are rich. LOL

Quote:Interrogation and criminal use

The effects of scopolamine were studied by criminologists in the early 20th century. In 2009, it was proved that Czechoslovak communist state security secret police used scopolamine at least three times to obtain confessions from alleged antistate conspirators. Because of a number of undesirable side effects, scopolamine was shortly disqualified as a truth serum.

In 1910, scopolamine was detected in the remains believed to be those of Cora Crippen, wife of Dr. Hawley Harvey Crippen, and was accepted at the time as the cause of her death, since her husband was known to have bought some at the start of the year.

Per the United States State Department (March 4, 2012): "One common and particularly dangerous method that criminals use in order to rob a victim is through the use of drugs. The most common has been scopolamine. Unofficial estimates put the number of annual scopolamine incidents in Colombia at approximately 50,000. Scopolamine can render a victim unconscious for 24 hours or more. In large doses, it can cause respiratory failure and death. It is most often administered in liquid or powder form in foods and beverages. The majority of these incidents occur in night clubs and bars, and usually men, perceived to be wealthy, are targeted by young, attractive women. To avoid becoming a victim of scopolamine, one should never accept food or beverages offered by strangers or new acquaintances or leave food or beverages unattended. Victims of scopolamine or other drugs should seek immediate medical attention."

If you visit Colombia don't try the brownies in other words.

I still don't know though if my plant is the same one but it is quit similar in appearance.

Gary

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by james on Sat, 27 Jun 2015 14:12:28 GMT
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It seems like many plants are used for more than one thing. I have a corn plant that doesn't grow corn, it's a house plant.(Draccna Fragrans) Then I have another plant, coffee plant, that could grow coffee beans but I just have it cause it looks cool. (I think it's a Starbucks tree lol)

Maybe you could use your tree for medicinal purposes, you know, like medical marijuana. I've noticed how 'they' are coming up with excuses to stop marijuana from being used medically. They don't realize just how lame it sounds to say there appears to be side effects associated use of marijuana (oil) to treat certain illnesses. How many pages of disclaimers and warnings come with the drugs prescribed by doctors? Drugs that, by the way, are often made from plants discovered in nature over the centuries. I believe the opposition comes because of money and who reaps the profits rather than what benefits it could have for those suffering and that it seems to be helping. It's not because of morality that the 'powers that be' are against it, it's that they don't want to give up any potential profits and continue to corner the market. It's greed, in my opinion.

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by william on Sat, 27 Jun 2015 17:11:10 GMT
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Quote:In fact I have pictures of me standing under the tree.

Was that the time your wife went shopping with your wallet? <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by Gary on Sun, 28 Jun 2015 01:57:17 GMT
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Blessings,
William

I don't remember what happened! LOL

Okay you think you heard it all, here's what were dealing with in Indiana:

http://wthitv.com/2015/06/26/authorities-pot-users-face-arre st-at-indianapolis-church/

This Sundays service is on: Is it scriptural for Christians to use a "bong".

Hey James, I have been trying to grow a coffee tree for ages but I can never get the seeds to grow. Your the first time I heard of someone growing a tree in the states. Give it "miracle grow" and you might get some coffee beans.

Gary

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by james on Sun, 28 Jun 2015 11:43:36 GMT
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I didn't start it from a seed, I bought it at Home Depot or Walmart as a house plant...it has really grown lately...and I do use Miracle Grow.

Subject: Re: Calvin wins against Arminius--by a knockout (drug)
Posted by Gary on Tue, 03 Nov 2020 09:47:49 GMT
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James

Was reading this old post and I saw where you mentioned this plant you have called a corn plant. (Draccna Fragrans)

We have this same plant and have had it for years, we have taken it outside in the summer and then bring it in every winter.

This summer was the first time it started blooming very unusual flower. When we bought it in the house it had a very strong fragrance that lasted for several months. It was stronger then a hyacinth plant. I can see now where they came up with the Latin name.

Don't know if yours blooms living down south but we were surprised and did not even know that it had a bloom. The more I look at what God created the more I'm amazed.

Started raising honeybees this year I was not aware that in the winter they can generate up to 90 degrees in the hive to stay warm and survive the winter.

Everything the Lord has made is "fantastic" to say the least.

In Him,
Gary

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Hi Gary, mine never did bloom and I had it several years. When my back started giving me trouble I couldn't carry it in and out anymore so the cold weather got it a couple years ago. A neighbor had one older than mine and it didn't bloom either, guess I'll Google it to see pictures of the flowers.
Bees are interesting, my dad raised them when I was a kid. I love honey, I put it on oatmeal, in my coffee, on yogurt, my finger... Bought some yesterday at Costco's.