

A Sermon on Inconvenient Truths

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for August 27th, 2023 (and beyond)

This sermon is dedicated to my PapaSam (maternal grandfather). It is a meditative sermon in the form of a True (T) or False (F) quiz with answer key at the end.

POP QUIZ

1. Volcanic eruptions cause climate change and there are over 40 active eruptions now. (T/F)
2. 99.82% of all living species on earth are not currently at risk of extinction, 0.18% are so at risk.” (T/F)
3. Species at risk of extinction right now include viruses, bacteria, and molds/fungi. (T/F)
4. Animal remains are used to feed plants, including vegetables. (T/F)
5. Plants eat animals. (T/F)
6. 25% of the world’s carnivorous plants are at risk of extinction. (T/F)
7. Plants are earth’s dominant life form making up 80% of life on earth while bacteria is second most dominant. (T/F)
8. 63% of animals are carnivores. (T/F)
9. 5% of all fish species are herbivores, 95% are omnivores and carnivores. (T/F)
10. 2% of all bird species are herbivores, 98% of birds are omnivores and carnivores. (T/F)
11. Synthetic fertilizers are made from petroleum by-product, which contains animal waste and remains. (T/F)
12. Petroleum is also known as a fossil fuel and contain fossilized animal remains. (T/F)
13. Faux leather/vinyl is made from fossil fuel by-product. (T/F)
14. 50% of insects are herbivores, the rest are omnivores and carnivores. (T/F)
15. Most dietary supplements like vitamins are actually dyed petroleum by-products. (T/F)

16. The Attorney General of NY found that 80% of dietary supplements sold at major retailers did not contain what was on the label at all. (T/F)

17. 5% of humans in the world who are 15 years old or older are underweight. (T/F)

18. 30% of the entire human population of earth is reportedly overweight. (T/F)

19. Humans who are overweight have better chance at beating cancer than those that are at a healthy weight, and even better chance at beating any disease and surviving surgery than anyone who is underweight. (T/F)

20. Julian Assange has never been silenced and conflates reduction of continued major media interview invitations with censorship. (T/F)

21. 40-50% of all animal species on earth are parasites and 1/3-1/2 of all parasites are currently at risk of extinction making up the majority of endangered species. (T/F)

ANSWER KEY:

All TRUE. Sources follow respective question number below.

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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