

A Sermon on Modern Slavery

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for July 16th, 2023 (and beyond)

A Machiavellian may believe it is easier to convince a person to serve their ends by making misleading claims regarding the necessity for action on the other's part. I participated in a "Fur Free Friday" protest in downtown Seattle in the early 2000s as a volunteer effort based on belief that impressing upon Black Friday shoppers the horrors of the fur industry would deter them from buying fur if they so intended. Most people were there for the parades and not in the market to buy fur. An elderly woman joining the silent vigil portion of the protest was slapped by a man who said "I wasn't even going to buy fur this holiday, but now I'm buying out the store." In such an instance, Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity could translate to his having an equal and opposite reaction to the protest. Are the protests effective in preventing sales of fur where legally sold? Based on my own experience, I'd say no to that and that it may actually result in greater fur sales. In addition, fur industrialists and supporters showed up to counter-protest heightening the intensity of the debate on both sides while shoppers and families otherwise mostly went about their business. No animals were saved because they were already dead if their coats were now available as human attire. What were the volunteers doing? And, is PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc) a nonprofit or a marketing agency? Here are some of the other names under which it operates or has operated including for profit sites like poochtoys.com:

The screenshot displays the State Corporation Commission Clerk's Information System. The main section shows entity information for "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc." with an Entity ID of 05068499. The entity is a Nonstock Corporation, active since 08/03/1998, with a perpetual duration. It lists various dates for formation, qualification, and annual report due dates, along with a charter fee of \$50.00.

Below the entity information is a "Name History Details" table with the following data:

Effective Start Date	Effective End Date	Name	Name Type
08/09/2010	N/A	WWW.LAGOONLUAU.COM (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
07/26/2006	N/A	PETA WORLD (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
04/25/2005	N/A	SHARE THE WORLD (CI OF NORFOLK)	Fictitious Name
01/21/2005	N/A	THE VEG ADVANTAGE (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
12/10/2004	N/A	JUST CHOICES (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
12/10/2004	N/A	PETA: PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
12/10/2004	N/A	PETA2 (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
12/10/2004	N/A	POOCHTOYS.COM (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name

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Entity Name: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Inc.	Entity ID: 05068499
Entity Type: Nonstock Corporation	Entity Status: Active
Series LLC: N/A	Reason for Status: Active and In Good Standing
Formation Date: 08/03/1998	Status Date: 08/03/1998
VA Qualification Date: 08/03/1998	Period of Duration: Perpetual
Industry Code: 0 - General	Annual Report Due Date: 08/31/2023
Jurisdiction: VA	Charter Fee: \$50.00
Registration Fee Due Date: 08/31/2023	

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Effective Start Date	Effective End Date	Name	Name Type
04/06/2001	N/A	SPAY NEUTER IMMEDIATELY PLEASE (NORFOLK CI)	Fictitious Name
03/10/2000	N/A	COMMUNITY ANIMAL PROJECT	Fictitious Name
03/10/2000	N/A	PETA	Fictitious Name
10/31/1999	N/A	PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, INC.	Legal Name
08/03/1998	10/31/1999	INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL PROTECTION, INC.	Former Name

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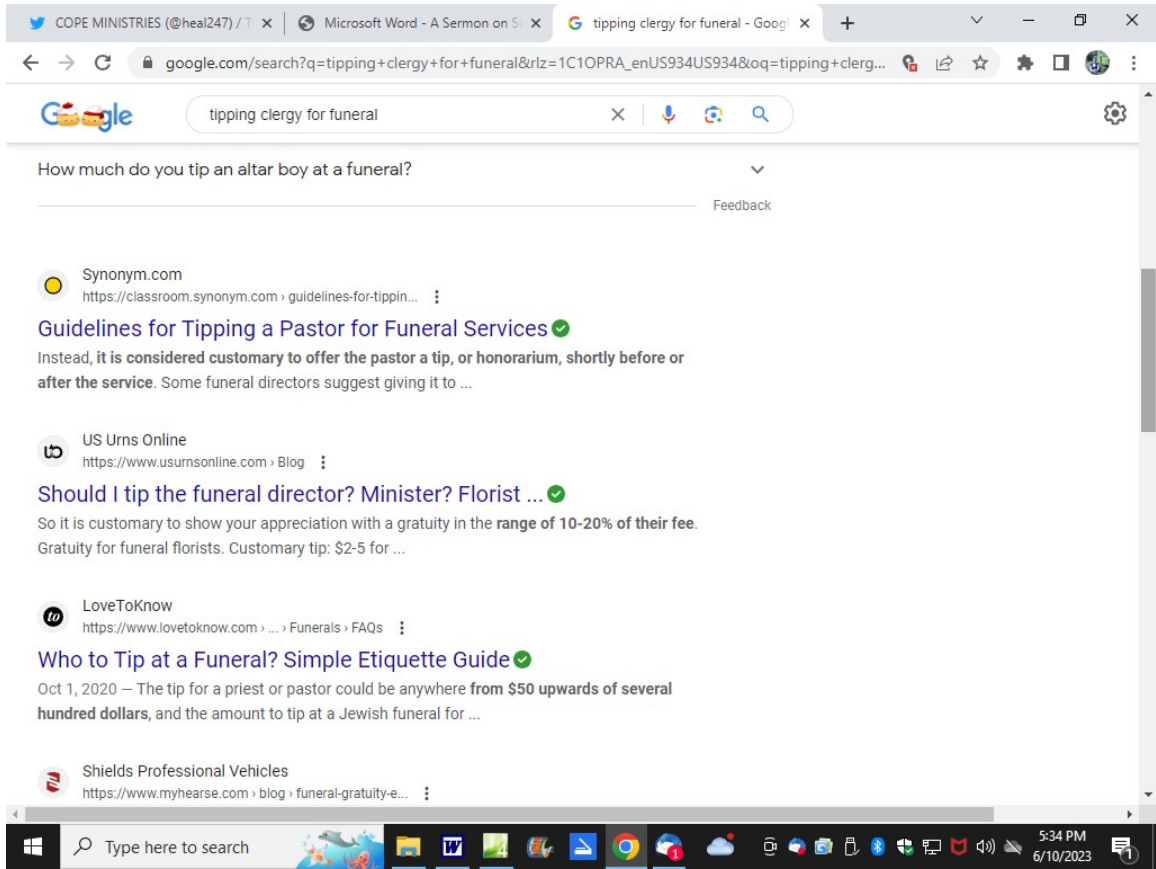
As “volunteers” for PETA, we voluntarily were exposed to propaganda and some local animal rights leaders told me when I pointed out misinformation that it was okay to lie if it got people to adopt a vegan lifestyle. I’m a helpful, compassionate, and intelligent woman and not a useful idiot so I question more, which is why PETA and Ingrid Newkirk block me on Twitter. The main materials to be distributed were shopping guides with a number of products and companies to support and push on other consumers as an alternative to their preferred or current choices. These shopping guides were for for-profit products and volunteers were basically unduly influenced to proselytize for companies seeking to profit from the volunteer effort under the guise of nonprofit philanthropy. The volunteers should have been paid spokespeople for the brands advertised in the shopping guides and starter kits. But, there wasn’t even a Multi-Level-Marketing scheme involved making sustainability possible and no recognition of the value the duped marketing agents brought, faithfully serving a cause in their own mind, in terms of increased sales of the products recommended. Whether you are vegetarian or not, this should offend you as a capitalist and an American, especially if you abhor slavery. Are humans not also animals? To suggest that nonhuman animals be extinct rather than useful or living in some kind of balance with humanity and human necessity, because slavery is abhorrent, and then use humans who are also animals without offering any economic reward in return for their efforts is modern slavery in my opinion and Machiavellian at the core.

The hypocrisy of it is astounding as the very structure is fascist with not even trickledown economics at play, just modern slavery in the guise of shared ideals or values that appear to be totally illusory upon further investigation into all practices and claims. The lack of B12 in a vegan diet causes cognitive issues, which make the volunteers highly suggestible. But, they believe they are saving lives when they are just modern slaves who have become so zealous that those who might otherwise hire choose otherwise. They are trapped in an echo chamber where the only escape means facing the reality that they've been nothing more than useful idiots pushing products that have minimal if any appeal in the free market for no compensation nor even a chance at it. They are worse than a pyramid scheme because there's no chance at all of any economic success for their victims/volunteers. PETA's net assets are over \$28 million (source: <https://www.peta.org/about-peta/learn-about-peta/financial-report/>) and they have 389 paid employees (<https://www.zippia.com/people-for-the-ethical-treatment-of-careers-1368501/> Reported revenue: \$66.3 million) , the rest are volunteers/slaves.

The New York Post reported that PETA kills/euthanizes 95% of their "rescues": <https://nypost.com/2012/03/05/first-lets-kill-all-the-animals/> If PETA is an experiment to see how good people might be unduly influenced and actually believe they are saving lives while a slave to an organization that actually kills 95% of those being "saved", the result I believe is that sometimes well-meaning people can be misled by propaganda and convinced that they are doing good while the belief in that is their only reward where enlightenment on the issues may result in utter despair and disgust for wasted time and lives lost for no purpose other than other people's profit.

Marketing Promoter is a paid field. The average hourly wage for such is \$15/hour and average annual earnings for that profession is \$31,507. Source: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/Marketing-Promoter-Salary> It helps when you believe in what you are selling or promoting when interacting with consumers and potential buyers. But, that labor has value and exploiting good and well-meaning people by means of propaganda, misinformation, and undue influence (sometimes coercion) to do for free what the market values at minimally \$15/hour is outrageous and worse than training a seal to do tricks at Sea World because at least they get food, shelter, and healthcare for their cooperation. PETA offers no such reward, only confinement, castration, and death with an agenda of extinction.

Consider it all propaganda if you must, but I've abandoned their agenda and hope you avoid it too. Long live cows! Long live chickens! Long live carnivores! Long live humanity! Biodiversity matters and I wrote this voluntarily too with an understanding that mine is a tipped profession and you are welcome to donate to the church and mission. Clergy live on tips.



I personally wish this were PETA's funeral. If it is dead to you, it is dead to me too. Humans are top of the food chain and we like it that way. Also, 750,000 Americans work in animal and aquatic agriculture earning an average of \$37,143 annually. Source: <https://datausa.io/profile/naics/animal-production-aquaculture> The free market has spoken. Amen.

For those interested in starting #TaoFu Self-Defense Exercises, please see <https://www.cope.church/taofu.htm> and begin at any time.

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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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