

A Sermon on Malignant Narcissistic Oligarchies Perversion and Abuse of Karma and Sin  
Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for November 15th, 2020 (and beyond)

In most cultures around the world, no matter how small the tribe or nation, social organization has centered around ideology and/or myth. Generally, a human collective would establish territory not unlike other mammals, including nonhuman primates. There is a Youtube video of macaque monkeys clashing over territory and other resources. It is described as "Clash of Macaque Monkey Clans | Animal Fight Night: A struggle breaks out between the Market dwellers and the Temple keepers in the streets of Thailand." Source: <https://youtu.be/kWm7bT5LnTI>. So, with those who've established territory, namely the "Temple keeper" macaques, they maintain their territory though many lives are lost on both sides, including infants who didn't get out of the arguable line of fire when the fight broke out. And, to put this in terms you may understand to better grasp my perspective, a co-worker of my Mom's named Steven Morphis, was murdered by Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Shaw who killed him in his own home so they could steal his home given they were homeless at the time. Source: <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/crime/tacoma-man-charged-in-chillingly-cold-blooded-slaying-of-a-stranger-in-order-to-steal-his-home/> I didn't know Steve that well, but, I knew he was a fan of "Star Trek" and had given him a collector's Spock tumbler glass as well as some NASA memorabilia because I had family who worked at NASA. He loved that.

With the above, I believe I've established that it is customary for living beings to establish habitat and defend what has been established. This applies to plants too. "Plants are in a constant competition with their neighbors for limited resources such as light, nutrients and water. Only the fittest survive and reproduce. To defend their territory against invading competitors, plants employ so-called allelochemicals, toxic compounds that can inhibit growth and development of other plants. The existence of this chemical warfare, referred to as 'allelopathy', is widespread among many plant species, and has been known for a long time to scientists and agriculturists." Source: <https://phys.org/news/2015-11-defend-territory-toxic-substances.html> And, one defense strategy known to many species is deimatic behavior that involves bluffing (including feigning illness hoping predators don't find you as appetizing) or trying to appear larger (like raising the hairs on your head/back depending on species or expanding use of physical space like puffing out if a species that does that) to fake out predators so they decide dealing with you is too big of a hassle and there is an easier way to get lunch.

Now, somewhere along the human timeline, perhaps starting in India or the region now known as India, we have human beings falsely claiming to be deities. Now, in China we appear to have human philosophers similar to like one may recall with Ancient Greece, and of course Confucius' teachings obviously play a role in choosing gender of offspring where only one child is allowed per couple. Is North Korea China's attempt at mocking India and/or Tibet? I apologize if you feel that is a non sequitur or misleading because I'm not expanding on it here. In India though, it does seem that the Hindi tradition lends itself to convincing the "have nots" in India that they deserve to suffer because of Karma (AKA original sin and Catholic guilt of talking Catholicism) from previous lives while

having those that deliver the message through spiritual services of any sort be given full authority to bless or penalize to reinforce the bluff of oligarch superiority in India in place to prevent a "Clash of Clans". I believe the Egyptians saw the Ancient Hindus and how they got their game on pretending the oligarchs weren't just well-established, but, actual deities, so, decided to give it a shot. Then, I believe the Greeks and Romans did it too but in their own ways, Greeks theatrically understanding it to be theater and Romans taking it seriously. But, the Romans decided to partner up with Egypt and conquer Greece or subjugate it to Rome. So, the Romans basically did the Mafia thing too where they went to a nation, neighborhood, country, and said "meet the brute squad, some rough types around, you need protection, join the church and we'll make sure no harm comes to you or your property, and, we'll handle the "department of corrections" too". But, Marc Antony claimed to be the Roman God Apollo and Cleopatra claimed to be the Egyptian Goddess Isis in human form. The Roman Empire expanded even into England subjugating the United Kingdom and John Wycliffe is a big reason England isn't a Roman State today nor extension of the Vatican. But, one could see how some may childishly say "If someone's going to run the world, it's going to be me or my nation. And, I'm more than prepared to defend my territory and the territories of all my friends who agree we are friends. They agree they will help defend mine as well. We are all in agreement. Do you think I'm bluffing? Ask around, you'll know." And, for some such talk is in fact deimatic behavior because they are in no position to defend themselves let alone anyone else. They are vulnerable and therefore make up bullshit about lizard people, Akashic Records, extra-terrestrials (the use of aliens can mean anyone from a foreign nation, not extra-terrestrial which is why knowing "ET" is important to tell if something is subliminally telling you to fear aliens or subversively correcting you to use extra-terrestrial rather than alien to describe extra-terrestrials fictionally or not), and all sorts of things to try to convince others that they have supernatural powers so they stay away or don't threaten their territory.

This sermon was originally written so differently and with more anger. But, I think everyone needs to stop bluffing, be honest, be reasonable, and neither boast nor brag particularly if you have reason to do so. But, I recognize my own deimatic behavior which I arguably inherited from my PapaSam (maternal grandfather) who used to at times respond to perceived threats with "I'll get my gun, you'll be dead, get off my property before I finish counting" even when he had no intention of shooting anyone. At law in many jurisdictions in the US, you have the right to legally threaten more force than you can legally use to neutralize a threat. So, if someone was in your backyard trespassing, you could say "I'll kill you if you don't get off my property" and that would be acceptable. So, just like if someone approaches you on a park bench and reaches out to touch you or your property, you could say "Don't touch me, I'm armed and will hurt you." and everyone should understand if someone approached you in a threatening manner you'd respond in some way to protect yourself which may include threatening more force than you are prepared to use or even legally permitted to use. If we can all keep that in mind as we interact with each other, particularly in public, that would be awesome.

Now, the issue I take with demonizing any you think might be a threat as a result of misfortune of birth (or fortune of birth), is that it is responded to in-kind though with secular governments to referee where such proves to be the case and when faith leaders fail to keep the peace through practice and promotion of Truth and Virtue. So, I've seen a lot of dehumanization and demonization across many sectors of societies around the world including in the USA. (Add "et" to demon(et)ization and freak yourself out.) Some people find it easier than mercy, tolerance, diplomacy, good faith, and honest dealing. I don't really understand why beyond understanding feeling threatened, possibly for good reason, and responding to that defensively. But, who put the idea out there in the first place and why?

Those who established territory put the idea out to those who might challenge their establishment that they have supernatural powers, including the power of life and death (while theatrically having a member of the court kill an offender in front of everyone just at the command of the "deity" with the most arguable respect or influence in the room or at the scene) and are best to be left alone unless receiving tribute for being gracious hosts.

The USA is better and a hard fought win for humanity. While some colonialists remained after the American Revolution, most were killed or driven back to Europe by the new revolutionary establishment that wasn't going back to 14th century England and ready for a new "peasant/merchant class revolt". But, Freedom of Religion and separation of Church and State protect everyone that recognizes their own equality in the eyes of God and the Law. The issue is with some religious storefronts the teachings reinforce a dependent mindset that involves believing one is worthless until obedient to oligarchs and/or religious monarchs. So, while the US government recognizes our equality and individual rights as a matter of law, religious storefronts teach the opposite sometimes which results in survivors of sectarian cults not knowing how to report human trafficking at all because totally isolated from society which may have been at their option though not with informed consent by those who consented where that occurred at all. So, freedom of religion lets you voluntarily join destructive human trafficking cults, remain ignorant and subjugated, if that's your choice or what the government currently believes is your choice. The government doesn't judge unless there's a trial and there's not a trial without crimes being reported to the proper law enforcement body in the correct jurisdiction where the crime occurred. Where individuals are used to being in a totally controlled environment and that was their entire life experience with little to no understanding of how greater society operates in the USA at all, they have a very "take me to your leader" mindset as where to go for help, rather than the proper enforcement body for their issue. This explains how some people end up going from cult to cult trying to find real help and that's why COPE offers that real help including trying to explain that ignorance obstructs justice too.

That being said, if you claim to be anything other than human, you've dehumanized yourself. If you treat any other human as not being equal to you in the eyes of God and the law (where if you are not treating them equally you are in fact being ungodly thereby negating any claims you may make that you are a deity, that act alone proves you are not one) in the US, then you've dehumanized yourself. You can claim you've deified

yourself, but, no, you've just dehumanized yourself. When you dehumanize yourself others may join you because they don't wish to disillusion you though how they do it and how you do it may differ greatly.

And, anything that looks like someone attempting to deify themselves or into that lifestyle, is something to avoid because it is likely a cult regardless of storefront or cultural influences.

So, the more ignorant you are, the easier you are to manipulate, mislead, oppress, and dominate. Familiarizing yourself with the laws of the land where you live will help you avoid penalties at law. Choosing to segregate while challenging or rejecting the rest of society can be perceived as threatening or worrisome to the rest of society and/or your neighbors. And, there's no way 13.4% (or 14.7%) of the US population, even if that entire demographic making up 13.4% (14.7%) participated, could effectively take over the country. That's 328.2 million total minus 48,221,139 (Source: <https://blackdemographics.com/>) = 279,978,861 people versus 48,221,139 people if that was an actual civil war resulting from any demographic seeking to violently overthrow the establishment. Where there are perceived threats on both sides, with likely traumatic stress on both sides, we may see or experience deimatic behavior all around. Sometimes though, people aren't bluffing and then that's when we call in the National Guard. But, we all see it as bluffing whether it is rich people putting up gargoyles or hedge sculptures to scare anyone in any way away or poor people frustrated with slow economic growth threatening to destroy stability for everyone if they don't get more stability pronto. Really dangerous game to demand more stability in a country with prisons and "treatment centers" for those who can't find a place in the free market. So, if my church helps you accept your current socio-economic position while respecting the equality of everyone in the eyes of God and the law, then that's cool but the point is if you are reading this you are relatively spoiled as shit even if it is at a library and you live in the USA.

Let me lay down some truth about the USA:

90% of adults in the US have and/or use the internet. Source: <https://www.statista.com/topics/2237/internet-usage-in-the-united-states/>

50% of adults in China have and/or use the internet. Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/internet>

26% of adults in India have and/or use the internet. Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/internet>

So, the instant gratification and convenience has conditioned you to expect service without being patient or providing any in some cases. But, China has the second largest GDP to the USA (which remains #1, run Google search for US GDP, will show US then China in second place). As upset as I am with the bullshit mind-games of those who believe ignorance helps protect anyone from harm, the greater challenge may be with trust issues around assimilation. It is difficult to reject a system while demanding it obey

you at the same time. Have you ever tried that with a small child? The small child resents the hell out of it and as soon as is able will find a way to challenge your authority, destroy you, or just walk away. But, when you approach a nice house on Halloween that you know gives full-size or even King-size candy bars out and decide to egg it because they didn't have your favorite kind but offered what they had left to distribute, you are a real asshole and don't deserve any candy. That's my opinion and how I'm ending this one. But, if you decorate for Halloween and create an expectation through years of setting a standard of practice that there will be plenty and then don't give out any candy with a sign on the door in small print "Halloween Prank, We're Not Home", you asked for the egging and you know it. But, a nicer vandal or prankster would just TP and not egg maybe out of appreciation for the years of generosity before the prank.

Any hint someone is claiming to be a deity and using coercive thought reform to engage in any crimes including fraud and human trafficking will likely end up on the HEAL Mission Watch-List if enrolled by one of their victims per enrollment protocols for the COPE Conversion Program. I'm free to do that and that's the government letting you know you are not a deity as well. I'm free to share my beliefs, teach, warn consumers, and assist victims while accepting donations to continue my good works in good faith. For me, that includes exposing false prophets because people who commit fraud commit theft by deceit and all who deceive for vicious purposes (i.e. greed) are the devil or devil's spawn according to John 8:44. Well within the scope of my duties as clergy. And, Deuteronomy 14:1-2 confirms those committed to practicing Truth (Honesty, including Honest Reason) and Virtue are God's children. But, to put it in secular terms, those who help keep the peace by being reasonably and relatively law-abiding are good citizens and those who disturb the peace by being unreasonable and criminal are in need of correction because we should all be good citizens. In faith-based terms, those who are honest are God's children and those that are dishonest are devils. But, that's Christianity the Wycliffite Way. Where the laws of society are aligned or reasonably so with promoting and practicing Truth and Virtue, way better than someone who claims to have birthright to their position like Cain who murders even his own brother out of jealousy but is penalized for it with exile (biblical equivalent of prison) rather than the death penalty. And, in the US, we can actually be as involved in all the processes to any extent we choose and have time to participate. Being a lawyer isn't limited to those born of a certain bloodline. So, same is true of working in government, with government, or just voting. The riots are not helpful nor necessary and actually support the deimatic response of those who feel threatened by it. Don't respond to perceived undue influence with your own unless you are cool with being a hypocrite and in such a case don't expect my respect and certainly not my obedience. If you feel intellectual discourse intimidates you and you find that threatening because you are now thinking about things you hadn't previously considered, you are not being unduly influenced. Undue influence is when someone forces you to conform or agree with their perspective to serve their interests or agenda, which sometimes they try to make you think is your own, but, if you took the time to investigate or research it would know it's just a scam.

I think it is reasonable to have laws for the sake of keeping the peace and organizing society so we can have all the abundant great things that everyone wants but not all can

afford at this time due to lack of effective participation in the economy. If you like what the economy makes available, then like the economy. Know where they don't have an economy like USA? Niger, the world's poorest country, the kids get maybe 2 years of schooling, individuals get on average \$906 annual income (source: <https://www.concernusa.org/story/worlds-poorest-countries/>), and in 2017 only 10% of the population of Niger had internet access. Source: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IT.NET.USER.ZS?locations=NE> So, feel better now? Good.

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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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