

A Sermon on Patience, Respect, and Understanding  
Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for April 3rd, 2022 (and beyond)

This sermon is in dialogue format and may be considered a morality and/or mystery play. It is in part inspired by the meme in this tweet: <https://twitter.com/NovelAuntieGin/status/1506453369254256647>

DIALOGUE

Deimatic Ignorant Party (authoritative and subjugating tone learned from abusers who don't lead by example in terms of equality or mutual respect): Screw due process! I don't give a damn! Get off your ass you lazy pieces of shit Attorney General and law enforcement and lock them up! IT'S YOUR JOB! I'd be happy to testify. Why hasn't anyone called me?

Victim's Advocate Party: Did you report any violation(s) of the law to the proper law enforcement body within the statutes of limitation on offenses you experienced or witnessed firsthand?

Deimatic Ignorant Party: It doesn't matter! Everyone knows what is going on! It is all over the internet. Shut them down! What the fuck good are you? You don't do shit. No wonder no one donates! You suck!

Victim's Advocate Party: Every US citizen has the right to due process and to face their accusers in court when accused of violating the law in some manner including you. That's a constitutional right everyone has including you and those who offended against you. So, where you might protest a warrantless search and arrest of yourself on the basis of something said about you online and not even properly reported to law enforcement within the statutes of limitation, one might hope you understand and respect due process and formal justice system procedures or protocols.

Deimatic Ignorant Party: I don't give a shit! It's been reported plenty. Shut them down! Arrest them! I'm right here willing to testify, what's the hold up?

Victim's Advocate Party: Did you report it properly? Has an officer or agent of law enforcement been assigned to investigate? If so, have they indicated the status or followed up? They may not until arrests are made because you might go online and brag about the investigation giving the alleged perpetrators a heads up that there is one so they can cover up any current or past crimes before anyone shows up with a warrant. If they cover it up effectively, prosecution may be thwarted. Due process. The sooner crimes or violations of the law are reported to the correct enforcement body, the more likely they are to be fully prosecuted. In Wisconsin, domestic violence must be reported within 28 days for an arrest to be made in that case.

Deimatic Ignorant Party Supporter: It shouldn't matter. They are hurting children. Ever heard of child trafficking? Shut them down.

Deimatic Ignorant Party: Thank you! Exactly! Victim's Advocate Party is totally useless, just like the government.

Victim's Advocate Party: You both have avoided answering my questions directly. If and when interviewed by law enforcement or the prosecutor's office on any case in which you are the victim, you will need to actually honestly and clearly answer all of their questions for them to assist you and investigate. Part of what I do is ask questions like I do in order to help victims calmly organize their thoughts and prepare to report it properly if they haven't already done so. I also provide morale support remotely and in person when possible for victims of crimes and torts including child trafficking.

Deimatic Ignorant Party: Why are you still talking? Shut the fuck up! Nobody cares about your damn degrees! Law school drop-out. Shut up!

Victim's Advocate Party: It is clear to me why you don't get what you want and I hope someday it is clear to you too. I personally 100% support due process and recognize that we are all equal in the eyes of the law so that includes anyone accused of crimes or torts including you.

Deimatic Ignorant Party Supporter: How many times do we need to tell you to shut the fuck up?

Victim's Advocate Party: I don't recognize you as an authority in my life and will not be subjugated by you, your tone, nor your temper. I and the government agree that child trafficking is a horrific offense that comes with a very serious penalty at law when the case is solid and can be made within the statutes of limitation depending on jurisdiction. I respect the law and understand due process. I also exercise patience because I understand that in Missouri for example, they have a total of 14,554 police officers (2008 data, most recent I could find) which is 244 officers per 100,000 residents of the state. The reported annual crime rate in Missouri is 189,083 (source: <https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/mo/crime>) If each case only required one officer to investigate and arrest each suspect, then each officer would have about 13 (12.99) per year they are assigned to investigate. But, often entire task forces within units are assigned to each case so they have more than the 13 per officer. And, they prioritize investigating violent crimes and crimes where there is an identified victim that is either dead or filed a complaint within the statutes of limitation with understanding that they aren't the only victim of crime in the jurisdiction where they are reporting with other victims also very interested in seeing justice served in their cases as well. Also, the 189,083 statistic covers violent and property crimes, but not traffic offenses.

Deimatic Ignorant Party: If you don't support us, then we don't support you. No one does. Get a clue!

Deimatic Ignorant Party Supporter: Seriously, I'm sure traffic offenses are more important than stopping child abuse and child trafficking. Unbelievable! Prioritize people!

Deimatic Ignorant Party: Exactly. You get it! Still waiting on that call... Lazy motherfuckers.

Victim's Advocate Party: And, law enforcement feels the same way. They are waiting on your call and your proper report with enough evidence on which to get a warrant to make any arrests or go forward with prosecution if the prosecutors find there is enough substantive evidence to sway an impartial jury to find the accused guilty after you and any other victims testify.

Deimatic Ignorant Party: You know what your problem is? You just don't get it.

Deimatic Ignorant Party Supporter: Exactly, why did we bother?

Victim's Advocate Party: I don't know, but you sure did.

END OF DIALOGUE

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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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