

A TaoFu Sermon on Provo Canyon School
Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for August 15th, 2021 (and beyond)

[6/29/22 Update: On 6/21/22 I will notify/notified all the other victims and survivors of Provo Canyon School with whom I and/or the HEAL Mission maintain contact inviting them to provide a guest sermon on Provo Canyon School by February 28th, 2028 (the current date Provo Canyon School will be eligible for merciful release from the COPE Conversion Program/HEAL Mission watch-list) if they wish to keep it on the watch-list until it is closed or graduates the COPE Conversion Program in the event no qualifying sponsors, (see <https://www.cope.church/enrollmentagreement.pdf> and <http://www.cope.church/conversion.htm>) where the basis of the complaints occurred after February, 2021, have contacted the HEAL Mission as well as reported the complaints to the proper law enforcement or official regulatory (licensing) body. I've chosen to post my own regular sermon rather than a progress report since I am also a survivor of Provo Canyon School. However, I am merciful and choosing to lead by example by keeping merciful release eligibility in play even for Provo Canyon School while recognizing my fellow Provo Canyon School survivors may provide a guest sermon and show Provo Canyon School no mercy. There is a tailored reporting guide on how and where to report crimes and regulatory violations committed at or by Provo Canyon School and its employees at <https://www.heal-online.org/pcsstaff.htm>. Please report it.]

I was abused, neglected, and attempted suicide in 1989. I was subsequently diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Severe Depression by Fairfax Psychiatric Hospital in Kirkland, WA. I found Fairfax Psychiatric Hospital supportive, professional, kind, and helpful while in their care with exception to the aftercare recommendation. I was displaced, misplaced, abused, tortured, mistreated at and disregarded by Provo Canyon School in 1989. The funny thing is neither Fairfax nor Provo Canyon School were owned by Universal Health Services, Inc (UHS, Inc) at the time of my enrollment, but UHS, Inc owns both facilities now. I've not kept up with any staffing sameness or changes at Fairfax, but the same cannot be said of Provo Canyon School. UHS, Inc kept the founder of Provo Canyon School on staff through 2008, 8 years after it acquired the facility.

As an advocate against institutionalized child abuse, among other things, Provo Canyon School remains on the mission watch-list. This is not because of this sermon or any guest sermon. It is because Provo Canyon School does not qualify at this time for merciful release nor has it chosen to graduate the COPE Conversion Program. The most recent complaint I have on Provo Canyon School occurred in 2021. The earliest complaint we have at the mission is from someone who was enrolled when it was still in California briefly in the early 1970s. The HEAL Mission has 559 separate complaints about abuses and other violations at Provo Canyon School from former staff, parents of youth enrolled, and youth formerly enrolled at the facility spanning the entire time it has existed. The two most recent complaints were from parents who have children currently enrolled in the program both by court order to my knowledge. I was not court ordered and voluntarily enrolled as a result of false advertising after which I was denied the

“privilege” of speaking to anyone on the phone including immediate family while having my letters home screened, monitored, and censored. I was told it was a college preparatory therapeutic boarding school for neglected, abused, and traumatized youth. I was not told that it was a private prison for teens that operated as one might expect a private prison of any sort to be operated.

I'm open to mercifully releasing Provo Canyon School from the COPE Conversion Program/HEAL Mission False Prophets Watch-List if it manages to go 7 years without my learning of reasons to deny it. I'm willing to remove it from the watch-list if it graduates and meets the minimum Honesty In Marketing Standards (HIMS) described at <https://www.cope.church/standards.htm>. But the earliest it would qualify for merciful release at the moment is February of 2028 if it doesn't graduate or get closed down before then.

On June 26th, 2021 I sent this sermon to Dr. Adam McLain, the current CEO of UHS of Provo Canyon AKA Provo Canyon School to invite him to provide guest commentary on this sermon before it is delivered.

On August 8th, 2021, the week prior to delivery of this sermon, I e-mailed it as shown here to Dr. Adam McLain with the following #TaoFu Commentary provided by my impression represented as #TaoFu Dr. Adam McLain below.

#TaoFu Dr. Adam McLain says: "I've never participated in a perpetual performance art piece before to my knowledge nor do I make a habit of commenting on sermons at churches where I'm not part of the congregation. I appreciate being invited to comment on this sermon given it is about my place of business. I see the invitation to any form of dialogue a mark of progress in most cases. I became CEO of Provo Canyon School/UHS of Provo Canyon in 2014. I've never worked with the founder and while some forums claim Boulder Creek Academy, which was also acquired by UHS Inc like Fairfax and Provo Canyon, was previously a WWASPS facility, it was never one and the history is actually CEDU. To my knowledge, HEAL Mission/COPE has never conflated WWASPS with CEDU in reporting and I'm affiliated with neither WWASPS nor CEDU. I understand the sermon doesn't reference my entire work history nor focus on me and appreciate that. I've never met nor provided services of any kind to Paris Hilton nor the author of this sermon. I'm not at liberty to discuss specific incidents or patient histories due to HIPAA. I also recognize the unfairness of placement without due process on the word of Sponsors alone as something with which I would take umbrage and do take umbrage even though my business is only virtually placed in the COPE Conversion Program. Provo Canyon has a 50 year history with currently 80 beds. So, that would mean at most under any ownership it has served 4000 clients. 559 is roughly 14%. It would appear based on that one could argue we have an 86% approval rating of some sort. COPE/HEAL Mission also reports having an 86% approval rating after polling their population served according to <https://www.cope.church/minorityreport.pdf>. I don't know if this is TaoFu and don't really care if it is or not. I do find it interesting. I do not and believe I can safely say UHS, Inc does not recognize COPE/HEAL Mission's authority. And, therefore I accept the placement and believe we'll be mercifully released in 2028

while still operating. This is my belief whether anyone likes it or not. I do thank HEAL Mission/COPE for giving me this opportunity, but I have no intentions to further participate."

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

There are opportunities to send messages, receive mystery bonus blessings, and more with or without donating available now on our "Pass the Basket" page at <https://www.cope.church/basket.htm> . Thank You.

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

COPE accepts Feedback, critical and complimentary. Learn more at <https://www.cope.church/feedback.htm> . For the sake of keeping myself and others humble, a sense of humor is welcome on all sides.

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<https://www.cope.church> and <https://www.heal-online.org>