

A Sermon on Reading Myself

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for September 6th, 2020 (and beyond)

I, Rev. Angela Smith, am highly educated with a great track record of exposing crimes and torts through victim and consumer advocacy through the mission. For a briefing on my background and qualifications, see <https://www.cope.church/goodshepherd.htm> (and additional linked info on that page). That's my best foot forward and true.

I, Rev. Angela Smith, am guilty or arguably guilty of counterfeiting, theft, possession of a controlled substance, vandalism, sexual harassment, murder, cannibalism, serial killing, and terrorism. My multi-cultural heritage is not the reason for any of it, but, my economic position has been a contributing factor at times. Now, I'm going to list each offense or arguable offense with an explanation beneath in respective order. I voted primarily Democratic when most instances occurred. However, I was not to my knowledge under their direction at the time, Machiavellian or not. I do suspect the party itself may be unduly influenced by special interests to a similar degree I was at the times I did anything anyone might attribute guilt of wrongdoing to in my experiences and actions. I recognize the merits of humbleness and see that as more aligned with the greater good than remaining silent for the sake of self-preservation and/or self-interest. You may wish to think of this as my "Jimmy Swaggart" moment or tribute.

Counterfeiting/George Floyd Moment?

I broke my foot when I was wearing sandals on campus and hit a divot of sorts twisting and breaking my foot. I had to walk on crutches for weeks and could temporarily not walk up and down the stairs to the public parking which was inexpensive or in my budget. So, I paid for a daily parking pass to park on campus near all the buildings which was \$10/day. And, I used my scanner, picture editing (Windows Draw), and Avery postcards (exact same as used for the passes) to make counterfeit parking passes. I was caught. The police didn't charge me with the counterfeiting and instead made me pay for under \$1000 in parking tickets other people had outstanding so they could clear their books of that and also give me a break assuming I learned my lesson which I did.

My sin with this one I believe was vanity or false pride disguised with a good intention which was to avoid using a credit card to pay where I couldn't afford the cash but still needed to attend classes with a broken foot and park in the more expensive on-site lots until my foot healed. It was my left foot. I paid more in the end than the daily pass would've cost in the same time frame. Crime doesn't pay.

Theft

I worked at a video store in my early 20s and had two white supremacist co-workers who were in a biker gang reminiscent of "Hell's Angels" and a co-worker who was an African American high school student. The two white supremacists would order pizza and offer to share with me but wouldn't share with our African American co-worker. So, I refused on principle. I overheard the white supremacists plotting to set my African American co-

worker up for a theft they planned to commit and said they'd come back after closing to do it that night. I was closing with my African American co-worker. I told him to go home early if he wanted and I'd finish up. I committed the theft that the two white supremacists were planning and I was scheduled to open the next day. When I showed up to work, the alarm had been reset and I had to wait for the manager to show up. I asked what happened and he told me. I told him that I overheard the two white supremacists planning to set up the African American co-worker last night but felt it was too late to call my manager at home about it. I did things that way to protect my African American co-worker from a false arrest or that trauma before I could explain it believing the two white supremacists would not mention it at all given there was nothing to steal if they did return that night. But, I kept the loot and later tried to return it but that was after the video store chain no longer existed. It was under \$500. See, I figured they thought he took it and wouldn't say anything about it assuming they just lost out on the money. But, I fixed it and what I should've done is just made the call to the manager right when I heard it even if late and assume he'd get the voice-mail. I could've done that after the two white supremacists left for the night and I didn't think to do that because I was so pissed that they would do that and set up our co-worker. But, the good news is the two white supremacists got fired because my manager believed me and I was telling the truth, just exercising arguable discretion and considering self-preservation along with regret and how I'd handle it in the future if it happened again. I'd notify my manager as soon as the white supremacists were gone and then know he'd identify them to police when and if the theft occurred so my other co-worker wouldn't be traumatized by a false arrest. It was still wrong and I've explained here what I learned from it and how I'd handle things differently in retrospect.

The above was fully done in the spirit of justice with consideration of more than one perspective on justice with self-preservation and not self-interest in mind. I did attempt to make amends and if my former employers see this sermon and e-mail me, I'll be happy to make amends.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

I was hit by a Peterbilt truck and tortured at different times in my life so I live with constant pain which I often address solely with aspirin. However, I've also managed with medical cannabis and marijuana is now legal for recreational use in the state of Washington where I live. But, I took "pot gummies/gummy candy" with me to SeaTac Airport and made it through security without it being confiscated both to and from DC in 2017. I ate one at the airport which is under federal jurisdiction. I'm pretty sure that's a felony. On another flight, I didn't have any contraband, but, another passenger did have "pot gummy candy" on them and gave me one and I ate it. I didn't turn them in either nor myself.

This one is #TaoFu and something I don't see as vicious in itself. What would be vicious though is for human traffickers or other assholes to drug people on flights to or from anywhere and I see barring transport of controlled substances on flights a reasonable basis for making that unlawful. So, I respect the law and recognize using something

responsibly, assuming the risk, understanding the risks and the reasons at law are all variables that should be considered before taking any course of action. Such considerations should include freedom and how one might be a threat to one's own depending on perspective and jurisdiction.

Vandalism

I deeply regret this one and have no reasonable or rational excuse or explanation for it other than I was suffering undue influence by the animal rights movement at the time as well as not managing my trauma triggers as well as I do now. I'd been threatened with bodily harm (I am a rape survivor) by a counter-protester at a protest against a circus that used exotic animals in the show. I had an opportunity to spot one of the obvious counter-protester vehicles that had all sorts of pro-meat eating, pro-hunting, and more stickers so it was obvious. I carried a small pocket knife on me for protection at that time. And, I slashed the tires of that vehicle. I didn't consider that it could cause a serious accident in or near many other innocent bystanders including children attending the circus or otherwise downtown with their families. I only thought it would serve the counter-protesters right even though I didn't even know if the person who threatened me was the owner of the vehicle, just knew they were in the same group. After the fact I checked news for weeks to see if there were any tire blowout accidents. I regretted it almost immediately after and am doing my best to join the counter-protesters because I actually agree with their message and feel I've been deprogrammed from animal rights propaganda and undue influence. I thank the counter-protesters who didn't threaten me, but, did provide an alternative perspective for me to consider even if not in the immediate moment. And, whether the one who threatened me was the owner of the vehicle I vandalized or not, it was still wrong. That counter-protester may have been threatened by someone on the side I was on and paying the threat forward to me which I then paid forward to one of their side's vehicles. This is why I think reasonable discourse based on facts with mutual respect for equal rights/equal civil liberties is the best course of action on issues involving controversy. CSPAN rules.

This was wrath with a traumatic stress injection. That's the sin we see with this one. It was disguised with self-righteousness though resulting from undue influence. And, I've attempted to make amends by trying to locate the truck owner as well as regularly present evidence against the animal rights propaganda.

Sexual Harassment

You be the judge, did I do it or not? See Q & A #8 at <https://www.cope.church/faqs.htm> and the following screenshot which is the review I gave to a "personal massager" on Amazon:

Lust is arguably the vice here. But, I see lust as purely sexual instinct with no true love of the object desired. I truly love The Crispin Glover Method and all whom provide a potentially unwitting assist. So, if those friends, acquaintances, artists, and colleagues do feel I've sexually harassed them, then why didn't they tell me to stop? I agree with one such "cordial acquaintance" that if no one said "stop" and they were consciously aware of what was happening that there was no harassment. I personally prefer "WKRP in Cincinnati" to "Stepford Wives". And, with "WKRP", Herb is out as is Les. Johnny Fever reminds me too much of my uncle, but, both are cool. Venus Flytrap is alright. But, Travis is the one I'd pick out of that line up for any highlight reel. I love smart "station managers" that keep it all together even when the rest are having a bad day.

Murder

I had an abortion within the first trimester of pregnancy in February of 1996 (or 1997?). I only had one abortion. My employer found out I was pregnant and fired me. My boyfriend was adopted and wasn't ready to be a father but also couldn't bear the thought of putting a child up for adoption given his mixed feelings about being adopted. We prayed and cried about it. But, made what was seen as the practical decision at the time. I support Lindsey Graham's legislation to limit abortion and consider myself pro-life. I understand and philosophically agree that abortion is murder. It is the pre-meditated termination of a human life. I also understand as a matter of law, it was a medical procedure for which I retain/retained the right to opt.

This is just sad. There were many variables. I wouldn't do it again and am openly pro-life. It wasn't done out vice. And, me and my boyfriend loved each other and there's still love. I wouldn't push him into traffic if I passed him on the sidewalk. And, I didn't want to rely on public assistance if I went ahead after losing my job so this decision was also due in part to vanity or false pride. But, mostly compassion and deference to my boyfriend.

Cannibalism

I have both willingly and unintentionally eaten human. I've bitten the dry skin off my lip at times and swallowed rather than spit. I've done the same at times with dry skin by my fingernails. If you do it too, you know what I'm talking about here. I've also swallowed during fellatio but prefer not to and really think it is disgusting if you think about those little swimmers as potential people. The sperm are like little microscopic people hoping to evolve into something amazingly alive and kicking. Or, that's one way to look at it. And, looking at it that way makes me uncomfortable with swallowing human sperm. I still eat sunflower seeds and pumpkin seeds. I am no longer a cannibal or do my best to avoid it.

This I feel is weird when you think about it but most people prefer not to think about it and just do it. No matter what and it seems less weird to eat the dry skin off your lip or finger than to swallow sperm/semen. But, some people do eat caviar which is basically the same thing. I'm not into caviar though. I never acquired a taste for it. I don't like oysters either and could do without clams unless in New England Clam Chowder and that's to be taken literally as I do not like "clams". I don't see it as vicious though. I can imagine men practicing The Crispin Glover Method and then apologizing to those little swimmers because it was a false alarm and no need to rush. The hope is the smart sperm hold on because they are in tune with their potential father and just stupid sperm that would never make it to an egg on their best day against those who hold on to just wait it out and don't even notice the nothing when ejaculated. If you don't actively mourn every period the loss of an egg, then men masturbating shouldn't be an issue either.

Serial Killer

I'm a virtual serial killer using the sword of truth to help slay frauds and human traffickers regardless of storefront or cultural influences. This is based on legal theories and precedents evidencing corporate personhood and citizenship. My "trophy wall" of "kills" is the virtual cemetery for those who made it out of the virtual conversion program in a virtual "body bag". Some of them still on the list have claimed to be survivors of the HEAL Mission of COPE. But, the ones on the list have at times actually literally killed kids and I've not literally murdered or killed anyone with exception to the abortion. You can see the kills at <http://www.beyondbusiness.net/youarenext.htm> .

I honestly don't feel bad about this at all and think it serves justice. I'm serving justice. I'm open to being corrected, admit imperfection, will review facts when requested, and have in fact mercifully released some from the conversion program upon further review.

Terrorism

The case for that is that I drove Josh Harper (reportedly with Earth Liberation Front/Animal Liberation Front) from Washington to Nevada and back for animal rights. I also publicly opposed a fire bombing at a UW lab while matriculating and after HEAL was founded. I received an e-mail from Harper (though I didn't know who was responsible and still do not) stating that I needed to keep my mouth shut and not speak to the press opposing ELF/ALF actions. But, I believe in free press and free speech and oppose terrorism so go figure.

And, I also volunteered on-site at the activist house in New Jersey for Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty. I know Jake Conroy and most of the SHAC 7. Jake actually picked me up at the airport when I arrived to volunteer for a couple of weeks and also drove me to the airport when I left. Jake and everyone else are all very committed and very nice people from my perspective, but, I understand that my close work with law enforcement may result in significant social distancing which I'm fine with because I've reconsidered my position on the animal rights movement and/or agenda. Richard Pryor supported SHAC too.

On this one, I'm not a terrorist. The argument can be made based on the above associations. But, I'm not one. I openly opposed a reported ELF action at the UW and was threatened to keep silent about my thoughts on it after I'd already given a statement to the press. I help victims of crime navigate the system and the system connect with victims of crime when they are investigating as a victim and consumer advocate at the mission. So, I feel I'm the opposite of a terrorist. Though, I understand how some might make an honest mistake who are ignorant of all the facts.

So, judge away but maybe write up your own first and please consider supporting the church and mission so we can stop fraud and human trafficking as well as continue to promote truth and virtue while combating hypocrisy.

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.

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