

A Sermon on Recruiting

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for October 3rd, 2021 (and beyond)

Like many of my sermons, this one is in dialogue format. It covers various types of recruiters and potential recruits. I do not wish to recruit anyone and welcome everyone in one way or another as does my church and mission.

DIALOGUE

Willfully Unemployed Party: Give me what I want because I deserve it just because I exist. My existence is the only requirement I recognize in terms of getting everything I want, when and how I want it too.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party: I need food or money for food.

Gainful Employment Recruiter: I will pay you money for your work per this contract or agreement with which you can buy food and many things.

Willfully Unemployed Party: Fascist. The Socialists would do it. They'd give me everything I want without requiring I do anything but exist.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party: I can't work on an empty stomach.

Gainful Employment Recruiter: Have you applied for food stamps or any public assistance? Have you tried food banks or soup kitchens?

Willfully Unemployed Party: I'm not really into filling out government forms. They never have anything good at the food banks nor soup kitchens.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party: I applied for food stamps and am waiting on approval. I was in a serious car accident and needed my car for my work at that time. I was also injured. Since I quit, I didn't qualify for unemployment insurance. I'm not sure if the same issue will come up in regards to my application for food stamps. I still don't have a replacement for my car and had other hardships. But, I have food allergies and have to be careful at soup kitchens and when selecting food. So, I eat what I can and ask a lot of questions. Sometimes the food at food banks isn't properly labeled. I honestly can't take that risk because I can't afford an Epi-Pen right now. I'm not injured enough to qualify for Medicaid and can't afford health insurance even with the Affordable Care Act. The accident was the other party's fault since they ran a stop and that's on public record with law enforcement, the courts, and private attorneys.

Charitable Party: All the food at the food bank I run is properly labeled. I have allergies too and understand. I can also provide you a gift card to buy your own groceries when we have those donated. Would you like to volunteer at the food bank and get first dibs on new items? We can't pay you, but you may qualify for a tax deduction for your volunteer hours if considered an expert on allergens.

Willfully Unemployed Party: Charity is a joke. Sure, I want to come be your slave so I can live a “beggars can’t be choosers” lifestyle while serving your majesty. I don’t think so. Now, give me what I want because I say so.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party: I’d love to volunteer and appreciate learning about your food bank that is sensitive to the needs of those of us with allergies. I feel I should focus on finding gainful employment though. If I do volunteer, the tax deduction won’t mean anything until I find gainful employment. I hope you find lightening your load by my getting my needs met at your food bank proving there is a need for your charity to perhaps Gainful Employment Recruiter or those who are charitable and can afford to give at this time.

Gainful Employment Recruiter: Please apply if you meet the requirements and believe you can handle the job duties as described.

Willfully Unemployed Party: I’m going to start a cult where everyone does my bidding and is afraid to question my authority. Then, when I take over the world, I’ll be in charge.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party: I submitted my application online. I’m waiting to see if I at least get a telephone interview. And, then hoping maybe I get an in-person interview. But, to get actual gainful employment would be amazing.

Charitable Party: You know, it always looks good to have something on your resumé showing you know how to use time wisely. Please consider volunteering. Maybe it will help in more ways than one? Either way, you are always welcome at my food bank.

Cult Recruiter: My guru, Willfully Unemployed Party, really understands you. Willfully Unemployed Party was in a similar position before founding our wellness retreat. If you can’t afford to give money, you can always become a recruiter like me. The world needs the leadership of Willfully Unemployed Party. Come and see for yourself. You won’t have to shave your head or dress like us, but may need to make other lifestyle changes including diet to avoid demotion or rejection. There is nothing more rewarding than pleasing Willfully Unemployed Party. I promise. I’ll never forget when Willfully Unemployed Party handed me a leaflet on the street corner filled with passionate ideas for progressive change and said I was chosen. I can’t imagine having that same impact on you here today, but hope to someday. Willfully Unemployed Party says it will happen after I make all my levels.

Circumstantially Unemployed Party says: I’ll stick with Charitable Party’s food bank and keep up with my job search, thank you anyway.

Cult Recruiter: Which food bank? Do they have animal products? We may protest it or hold a vigil outside for the dead.

Charitable Party: Bring it on!

Gainful Employment Recruiter: Job openings are posted on our website and for most positions you can apply online. Sometimes we list jobs here, as do other private sector employers: <https://www.careers.wa.gov/> It would be illegal and legally actionable if we did not pay you for your work. We will pay you to work if we hire you and you agree to do the work for the amount we offer in salary or wages.

Willfully Unemployed Party: I'd never work for salt. That's an insult to Gandhi!

Cult Recruiter: Should we burn the Gainful Employment Recruiter in effigy? Should I send out a press release?

END DIALOGUE

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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