

A Sermon on the #TaoFu of Satisfaction

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for August 16th, 2020 (and beyond)

Oxford Languages via Google defines "Satisfaction" as "fulfillment of one's wishes, expectations, or needs, or the pleasure derived from this," "the payment of a debt or fulfillment of an obligation or claim," and "what is felt to be owed or due to one, especially in reparation of an injustice or wrong." The #TaoFu of "Satisfaction" involves or is shadowed by "Dissatisfaction". Oxford Languages via Google defines "Dissatisfaction" as "lack of satisfaction." And, Oxford Languages via Google defines "Lack" as "the state of being without or not having enough of something." In terms of virtue, when does satisfaction result in dissatisfaction or prove arguably Einstein's philosophical understanding of Isaac Newton's third law of motion abstracted and applied to the arguably intangible (i.e. satisfaction)?

Now, referencing Newton's third law of motion, "For every action there's an equal and opposite reaction". This is expanded on with the following quote: "The statement means that in every interaction, there is a pair of forces acting on the two interacting objects. The size of the forces on the first object equals the size of the force on the second object. The direction of the force on the first object is opposite to the direction of the force on the second object. Forces always come in pairs - equal and opposite action-reaction force pairs." Source: <https://www.physicsclassroom.com/class/newtlaws/Lesson-4/Newton-s-Third-Law>

Mike Ellis of the Electronic Museum wrote: "Einstein's brilliance – his "rightness" – matters a huge amount when we're nearing the speed of light. But down here as we plod about our normal daily lives, we can cope with the inaccuracies. Relativity matters not a jot; actions do have an equal and opposite reaction; gravity acts downwards and relativity is merely a philosophy ... [The point] is this: just as we accept Newton over Einstein even though we know he is essentially "wrong," if we (and by this I mean me, museums or anyone with ideas) want to shine, we too need to accept imperfection. In fact, I believe we need to learn to actively embrace it." Source: <https://foundhistory.org/2008/04/newton-v-einstein/>

It will be up to you to decide whether this discussion is more religious, philosophical, or scientific. #TaoFu is attempting to apply in this instance scientific theory for the purpose of philosophical exploration and religious (virtuous) development.

Children and their legal guardians are thoroughly dissatisfied when raped. Children owe no obligation to provide sexual satisfaction to anyone else and that's true of adult humans as well. Arguably and as a matter of law, the victims of crimes such as rape are owed justice for the wrong done. So, the satisfaction at the unreasonable expense of the child/victim is seen as creating a debt or obligation that the party who failed to recognize the rights or autonomy of the child/victim may be forced to repay in some way to satisfy whom they illegally took or derived satisfaction from without reasonable justification. Now, a rapist may argue that they only recognize the first definition of "Satisfaction" and not the others. But, rapists don't dictate what words mean, isn't that great? Rapists do not

control the dictionary. And, they don't get to "memory hole" the law nor the meaning of dissatisfaction. A child rapist might argue "Don't I deserve to be satisfied?" I argue "sure, to the same extent those you meet in prison may find you satisfying unless you'd rather choose "right to die" since life isn't worth living if you can't satisfy yourself at the expense of others and at their grave dissatisfaction." A teen girl who was a victim of child rape chose suicide because she couldn't live with the trauma. Source: <https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/news/nation/2019/06/05/noa-pothoven-media-got-dutch-teens-euthanasia-death-wrong-rape-right-to-die/1355269001/> So, the dissatisfaction that occurs for the sake of satisfying someone else (namely a rapist) leads to suicide and/or euthanasia for victims in some cases. The disregard for the equality of everyone and right to security in person and possessions (4th Amendment: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.") is a flagrant denial of equal rights. If you are a citizen, you too are part of the government to the extent you are recognized as a US citizen. In my opinion, raping a child is an act of treason in the United States. "Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the United States or elsewhere, is guilty of treason and shall suffer death..." Source: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/2381> I would say raping a child violates the US Constitution and by disregarding the Constitution you are by virtue of that aiding and abetting enemies of the US at home and abroad so therefore should be found guilty of treason and eligible for the death penalty.

But, what if everyone is satisfied? No harm, no foul? No harm, no foul. When you harm someone in a manner recognized as actionable at law though, both harm and foul. So, we all begin to wonder, those of us with brains and interest in learning and any sense of ethics or morals whatsoever, whether those who commit such harms and such fouls are stupid or evil or a combo. The "nicer" of us believe it is more ignorance and can be taught or trained out of you. The "meaner" of us, see the death penalty as merciful and expedient from the perspective of those still discussing how best to address clear and present dangers to the public identified because of their own actions/conduct/misconduct. I'm generalizing and do not speak for anyone but myself. I've employed "we" and "us" to be inclusive, not authoritarian nor to assume the right to speak for anyone but myself.

Every human might be satisfied in a situation where someone says "Who wants ice cream?" and everyone who says "I do" gets ice cream. Vegans will argue if it is dairy ice cream the cows and the calves who likely became veal didn't appreciate that and suffered for it. But, ice cream is legal and it is not a punishable offense to enjoy dairy products at law in the US at this time. In addition, but for the meat and dairy industry cows would likely be extinct or die out entirely. That's the real choice for the cows as a species. Their choice is serving humanity or not existing at all with no chance of getting the planet in the event COVID-19 wipes out the humans. And, given human survivors of the Holocaust and transatlantic slave trade appreciate that once liberated/emancipated after generations of suffering in some cases, they could be free from exploitation (but not

utilitarianism depending on preferred lifestyle), it would seem continuing the meat and dairy industry is most aligned with survival (and their likely wishes) even through adverse conditions for the sake of carrying on if nothing more. And, American children (US citizens) are not in a position where they must choose between being raped by child rapists or death/extinction. Such a choice would arguably still be a choice, but, a limited one given by some motherfucker assuming authority they most certainly do not have as a matter of law. So, I am thoroughly satisfied that victims of crime can get some satisfaction through the justice system (though fallible and human too) from those who wrongfully took satisfaction out of harm caused to the victims. I think that's totally fair. What pisses me off is that often victims are threatened by the perpetrators with death to prevent them from reporting to the authorities and then delay reporting while living in that fear for so long any prosecution or judgment in their favor in tort becomes unlikely resulting in activism movements like #MeToo.

So, fear not because God is on your side and if you are going to live in fear, better to let law enforcement know the source so maybe it can be extracted or at least made known to warn others so they can make informed decisions on whether or not to assume the risk given any existing reputation or history. That's one of the main purposes of the HEAL Mission.

Do you understand the #TaoFu of the "light" of "Satisfaction" and the "shadow" of "Dissatisfaction"? Well, another way to look at it is that if you rape a child you've inadvertently created a debt peonage situation for yourself that the justice system may enforce upon notification until the debt is paid to the satisfaction of the victims based on the judgment of the court. The best way to avoid that is not to rape children. But, if you do rape children, don't play the victim to avoid accountability. We see the real victims and they have our support, okay? By "we" and "our", I mean all people of good faith because if you count yourself out of the number supporting victims of child rape, you are dead to me or that's the penalty I find most appropriate because I actually think a life of subjugated forced labor is meaner than the death penalty. So, in that sense, I agree with Ingrid Newkirk and PETA that death is more merciful than life in prison. It also would help with the peace of mind of victims too in knowing that the one who raped them will never hurt anyone again because now they are dead. My argument in support of not treating cows as I would treat rapists, even following the logic here, is that one cow can feed 2-6 people for a year in meat alone and B12 is an essential nutrient only gained through eating animal products, particularly cow meat and milk. One cow produces 23,400 pounds of milk per year. The average American consumes 276 pounds of dairy per year. So, one dairy cow feeds approximately 85 people a year essential nutrients for human health and wellness. So, I feel 87-91 people getting all the B12 they need to be healthy along with other essential nutrients from a bio-available source satisfies an actual legitimate objective need 99.5% of society agrees exists and is best met through consuming animal products. Sources:

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/194935/quantity-of-milk-produced-per-cow-in-the-us-since-1999/#:~:text=The%20amount%20of%20milk%20produced,milk%20per%20cow%20by%202019> and <https://madison.com/ws/j/business/how-much-dairy-does-the-average->

american-consume-in-a-year/article_5f1e4abf-4442-548e-991d-f93e8afae95a.html#:~:text=Thinking%20in%20terms%20of%20pounds,milk%20average%20about%208.6%20pounds.)&text=Answer%3A%20B And, one snake survived being eaten and digested by a toad. Source: <http://www.bbc.com/earth/story/20170424-there-are-animals-that-can-survive-being-eaten> It can take up to two weeks for a Green Anaconda to digest a human or large prey. But, it is likely the prey suffocates before being completely digested. Source: <https://www.buzzfeed.com/shutchinson/how-can-a-snake-swallow-a-human-being> So, I support Food Animal Concerns Trust to improve the living and working conditions of food/farm animals. I accept that plants eat human and animal remains, humans eat animal and plant remains, and nonhuman animals eat animal and plant remains. Some plants eat live prey. Some animals eat other animals alive. I think it is more humane to kill food before eating it. I understand 0.5%-5% of the US population disagrees with me on that point. But, 95-99.5% appear to be in agreement in a democracy and that's why.

To avoid joining the likes of those who harm children in prison, please don't resort to vigilantism. Encourage timely reporting to law enforcement and support during the process. And, recognize delayed reporting is the cause of delayed justice which can result in justice denied. So, don't blame the justice system and report corruption to the proper officials. FBI is where to report public corruption cases.

I'm satisfied with this sermon. Are you? Maybe participate in the poll on the sermon thread on Twitter to let me know. This sermon didn't rape you and you chose to read it unless someone besides me forced you to read it and then that's on them. I didn't force anyone to read this nor trick anyone into reading it. I respect your right to participate or not in my church, mission, sermons, and/or services. So, any dissatisfaction is not legally actionable but I welcome feedback just the same. And, if it is clear you didn't read it or didn't understand it, then, I'll believe you are more stupid or ignorant than evil. Fair enough? Yes, that acts as a grumbling assent to current state of rehabilitation and corrections even in cases where I find the death penalty more merciful and appropriate. This is in part my concession to Saint Augustine with whom I've had many imaginary debates around the inspiration for the Spanish Inquisition. I look at all the horror and punishment and think "wouldn't the death penalty be more humane"? If patience and diligence are the only virtues coming out of prison, doesn't that just improve the odds they'll get away with it if released and strike again? Well, the recidivism rate appears to be 83% in the US. So, 83% of prisoners released end up re-arrested for committing crime again. Source: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/18upr9yfup0514.pdf> While penalties do not deter some from committing crimes, they do deter the majority. I guarantee if homicide was legal, I'd kill a bunch of child rapists and not even be concerned because it's legal. When I was a child, penalties or time-outs worked and became a consideration when making choices about actions taken after said penalty was experienced. So, it does act as a deterrent for the majority or that's my opinion. Ever stolen a French Fry from a friend who was really vigilant about that not being okay? Did you ever do it again and/or again in a manner you'd be caught? Get real on the penalty doesn't act as a deterrent argument, okay? It does. For anyone that doesn't find ethical reasons (AKA Truth, Honest Reason, Virtue, Love) to avoid causing legally actionable

harm to others nor penalties at law (AKA fear, caution, warning, penalty) to act as deterrents, I am at a loss how to address the threat beyond warning others who often only take it seriously if the justice system has been involved to any extent and trust the justice system more than my own preferred penalty particularly for child rapists.

So, your satisfaction that results in someone else's severe dissatisfaction in a manner actionable at law is not a justification for your harmful actions. "But, I wanted to and it felt good to me even though it maimed a kid who can't even function reproductively now" doesn't fly as a justification to anyone but the moron or evil motherfucker making that argument whether in their own head or not. So, your "word play" and rationalizations may help you manipulate co-dependent victims of your crimes in some situations, but, the rest of us are way more objective and not suffering under your undue influence and looking at you like prison seems nicer than the death penalty or maybe even indefinite detainment/containment in a "treatment" facility where a "treatment team" decides when you get released if ever rather than a definitive sentence for those willing to accept responsibility at all for their own actions. That's reality.

A nicer discussion or meditative idea regarding the #TaoFu "light" of "Satisfaction" and the "shadow" of "Dissatisfaction" can be much more subtle. Remember the ice cream? Maybe it tastes good, the texture is awesome, the quality is the best and so creamy, but, there was an unknown recall or you recently became lactose intolerant and have an unpleasant evening eliminating waste. You are okay with it because you assumed the risk or survived the night. Or, maybe you report it and seek at least a refund or some compensation by filing a consumer complaint or notifying the FDA or FTC. Do you want ice cream ever again? Maybe not for a while. Rape of any kind ruins sex for the victims the same way food poisoning can ruin a favorite treat. Even when you are ready to try it again, you think a little about that one time you got so sick and it was awful. Do you think rapists deserve the death penalty for ruining the joy of sex for their victims?

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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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