Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for September 17th, 2023 (and beyond)

Whether or not dead peasant insurance benefits finance charity and/or discount shopping in areas that reportedly do not wish to be gentrified and result in dead peasants being free market saviors to all surviving to continue to compete in and/or benefit from participation may be best left to meditation on last week's sermon. Savior is defined by Oxford languages via Google as "a person who saves someone or something (especially a country or cause) from danger, and who is regarded with the veneration of a religious figure" and synonyms include "emancipator", "rescuer", "champion", "deliverer", "liberator", and "redeemer". Sometimes a totalitarian/fascist will be supported by the Catholic Church or put into power by same who identifies that very leader as the champion or rescuer saving the obedient from the wayward through God's chosen few. Romans 13:1 (NIV) "The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong." "A document buried under an obelisk in Rome verifies Benito Mussolini's delusions of grandeur: he was God's gift to the people of Italy—their savior." Source: https://www.vision.org/insight-falsemessiahs-mussolini-life-and-history-4880

Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party in Germany was put into power by the Catholic Party. (Source: "A History of Pagan Europe" by Prudence Jones and Nigel Pennick, (page 218)) Tsar/Czar is Russian for Caesar. Francisco Franco Bahamonde AKA Francisco Franco..."was the savior of both "Mother Spain and our civilization from chaos and barbarism." Source: https://globalhistory.org.uk/2021/02/general-washington-goes-to-guernica-pro-franco-americans-and-the-spanish-civil-

war/#:~:text=A%20modern%20George%20Washington%2C%20Franco,the%20process %20transformed%20their%20own In Russia, there was a tuberculosis epidemic and food scarcity before civil unrest/war and death. The third pandemic of the plague took place in (including 1899 and 1947. Europe Germany) between https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6501942/ "The German Board of Public Health in December 1918 claimed that 763,000 German civilians had already died from starvation and disease, caused by the blockade. An academic study done in 1928 put the death toll at 424,000." Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blockade of Germany. So, just before the Nazi rise to power in 1933, the pestilence of the plague and following famine set the stage to reenact the Book of Revelation which is why war and holocaust (holy fire/burnt offerings)/megadeaths occurred. The fact that it has religious significance or that any religion sets the stage for any plan for world domination that follows the first two as signs to be met with the latter is worthy of further contemplation and study in my opinion. But, this also lends to a brief hysteria seeing the new dictator as the second coming. Does that mean if Hitler was the second coming and chose suicide that we have to again accept that Jesus chose to die too in service to the Holy Roman Empire/Medici's Order that greatly influences the Pope who soothsays the message to the extent possible in hopes of keeping the peace supposedly? Do you believe Hitler was the second coming? Many Germans may have as many Italians may have Mussolini for a time too.

I'm more inclined to worship dead peasants personally and I guess to some that means I'm a true Christian and to others a heretic or blasphemer. I've never been more thankful that the US Government is reminiscent of the Keystone Cops than I am at this moment writing this because humble admission of huge mistakes and human fallibility is much fresher air than what others have to offer.

Initially with this sermon I was going to discuss all the different psychological designations for various adherents to saviorism, but I got too political arguably. There's the woman who never had a chance in the free market due to ignorance, lack of opportunity, lack of competitive edge, and lack of qualification for any gainful employment who feels everything she does, she does out of sacrifice of herself with a generous and gracious heart. She lives in self-denial and sees Jesus as having sacrificed more than she's ever been called to sacrifice of herself so stays humble living a life of service to anyone who will feed or house her with hope of being worthy to join Jesus due to her undying piety. The flipside of that woman is the one who feels unrecognized and underestimated, but as competent and qualified to compete in the public sphere as anyone else. The one who feels underestimated, may prove a champion or delusional because she's just as superfluous to free market needs as her more humble counterpart. The competitive woman sees the humble woman as pathetic and weak. The humble woman seeks a champion and just like with "The Matrix" whether the competitive woman is the one or not, is up to her and her disciples so says the oracle if Neo was female. The humble woman would be designated a co-dependent and the competitor a narcissist (tbd on whether benign or malignant).

When ideas and opinions compete, sometimes confusion sets in for all exposed to the cacophony. Every person has to save him/herself from confusion while remaining able to learn and continue learning. It helps when a topic interests you to not just run with the first introduction and to actually deep dive into comparison studies considering all available information before assuming a problem exists or that a solution presented to you based on your limited knowledge seems right or even aligned with your understanding of the religion you were raised to believe/ethical or moral upbringing. It's easy to manipulate people when you control information. But, in the 21st century, thanks to the internet, information is totally out of control. Information has been liberated, but misinformation is proof we're all human and some are really dishonest for sometimes very vicious reasons with criminal intent too.

That being said, who is your favorite savior? Hitler? Mussolini? Franco? Jesus? One or more not mentioned? Yourself? The current totalitarian dictator of Eritrea, Isaias Afwerki? "In May 2002 all Christian denominations apart from the Catholic, Orthodox and Evangelical Lutheran churches were ordered to close their churches." Source: http://academickids.com/encyclopedia/index.php/Isaias Afwerki

Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald were Catholic. Sources: https://www.catholic.org/news/politics/story.php?id=74729 and https://the-americancatholic.com/2018/09/03/lee-harvey-oswald-and-the-jesuits/ Oswald also attended "Infant Jesus College, a Catholic boarding school in Algiers, La." Source: https://www.archives.gov/research/jfk/warren-commission-report/appendix-13.html The assumption is that totalitarian fascists didn't appreciate the Great Emancipator Abe Lincoln nor John F. Kennedy who referenced their threat to national security in at least one speech before being assassinated. Maybe your savior is Lincoln or Kennedy? In terms of their leadership qualities and who was ultimately responsible for their deaths in office where their position was a result of popular vote rather than religious appointment whether express or implied, it would seem even some of our dead presidents are akin to Jesus. James Earl Ray was raised Catholic and assassinated Martin Luther King, Jr. Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James Earl Ray . But, I'm not happy they're dead and hope you are of the same sentiment.

"Can't we all just get along?" ~ Rodney King

FINAL NOTE: The notion or belief in the existence of the extraordinary person AKA "Superman" AKA Übermensch is brought to you by the Catholic Church in the form of the Pope who is reportedly infallible or not required to answer to humanity for his actions. "Infallible" is defined by Oxford Languages via Google as "incapable of making mistakes or being wrong." In Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings", Sauron is the Pope and represents the Catholic oligarchy/autocracy/tyranny. Both Haiti and the Philippines are predominantly Catholic right now. The Philippines and Haiti are two countries where modern slavery is most prevalent today. 1 in 125 people in the Philippines are currently enslaved. Source: https://www.bworldonline.com/top-stories/2023/05/25/524793/8-outof-1000-filipinos-are-modern-slaves-report/ "The five major countries that dominated slavery and the slave trade in the New World were either Catholic, or still retained strong Catholic influences including: Spain, Portugal, France, and England, and the https://amsterdamnews.com/news/2018/09/18/major-role-Netherlands." Source: catholic-church-played-slavery/ The Catholic Church conditions followers to accept the idea of an infallible dictator who appoints their saviors in the form of government leaders such as monarchs and presidents. It prepares "peasants" for a life of service and conditions them to utter dependence and penalizes independent thought and action. The only power followers have is the power of prayer and they must be humble enough to accept their fate out of respect that it is God's will per the church's claims. To question the authority of someone chosen by the Catholic Church to govern is to disobey God's will and prove to be an infidel. Self-determination and freedom are condemned by the Catholic Church and antithetical to its mission and purpose. Sources: https://dailv.istor.org/the-strange-history-of-masons-in-america/ and https://www.pillarcatholic.com/p/whats-the-problem-with-freemasonry Catholic Church finds freemasonry incompatible with itself, free masons welcome Catholics to join even though their church forbids it. The hypocrisy of claiming any human being is infallible or above reproach is antithetical to American values. It shows in the least a lack of humbleness and failing to lead by example in such a regard is evidence of false prophecy. The Catholic Church frowns on denim because it is "immodest" and bans it in schools and churches under their domain. One thing you can do in artful protest is wear denim. The Pope is a human being just like the rest of us and only delusional people believe they are perfect/infallible. The title doesn't magically or in any other manner result in a human being becoming infallible. But, if you believe it, is it true for you? And, if you don't believe it, will you be punished? Ask everyone who questioned Hitler, Franco, Mussolini, and/or Marcos in the Philippines if you can find a survivor willing to talk that doesn't still live in mortal fear of people who believe in their own or any other human's infallibility while hypocritically denying equality and subjugating humanity. Or, recognize the saviors brought to you by the Catholic Church and forgive them even though they don't repent and find themselves already blameless while seeing your protest as misguided and your forgiveness as unnecessary since you have no authority in their eyes, not even the right to self-govern. Think for yourself.

#TaoFu Joker says: "But he also has spent years predicting the imminent end of the world, now declaring his desire to become a Catholic priest, now declaring: "I am Christ eternal."...John Hinckley Jr. was working at a Virginia antiques mall before COVID-19 interrupted commerce." Source: https://www.nationalreview.com/the-tuesday/the-lessons-of-the-assassins/

#TaoFu Riddler says: "Who is the man who tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan?"

#TaoFu Joker says: "Did you hear that Julian Assange's wife had private audience with Pope Francis in July, 2023 and she's a devout Catholic?"

#TaoFu Riddler says: "That's not a solution to any riddle of mine nor an answer to my question."

Addendum: Pope Francis was notified of the above via post to X/FKA Tweet on August 23rd, 2023 here: https://twitter.com/heal247/status/1694498053917663383 with invitation to comment as well as provide feedback prior to delivery. St. Thomas More Parish in Lynnwood, St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Everett, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Bothell, Saint John's Catholic Church/Mission in Mukilteo, and St. Pius X Catholic Church in Mountlake Terrace were also all notified and invited to comment before delivery. As of today, still no comment.

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.