

A Sermon on the Unwitting Propaganda of Incomplete Narratives
Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for December 19th, 2021 (and beyond)

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For this sermon, a few examples of incomplete narratives are provided followed by additional information showing how those narratives are incomplete. An incomplete narrative is one that fails to consider full context or the narrator's own ignorance of full context. You are either interested in justice and therefore the whole story or you are a propagandist. You or someone you know may be an unwitting and unintentional propagandist. Being humble and/or reasonable enough to recognize your own (and my own) lack of omniscience while willingly considering additional facts that may undermine your own narrative are evidence that you are not a hypocrite. Failures in this regard usually mean you are not only a propagandist, but also a hypocrite. Jesus does not like hypocrites. And I quote Jesus from Matthew 23:15 KJV: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." So, to honor Jesus this Christmas, this sermon will address the hypocrisy of propaganda in the form of incomplete narratives.

Narrative #1

Social Services is a modernization of the Headright System with the only variation being that those to be enslaved or to live as indentured servants are wards of the state rather than imports. Social Services pays sex and labor trafficking storefronts to take in wards of the state.

Additional Context #1

Sex and labor trafficking are crimes and the storefronts that take in orphans/wards of the state and traffick them need to be reported to law enforcement. The reason for this is that we are all presumed innocent by the government until a violation of the law is reported to the correct law enforcement body and we are convicted beyond a reasonable doubt at trial. When it comes to human trafficking, police and possibly FBI need to be notified depending on jurisdiction. And, the government prosecutes defrauding the government too so where they are receiving funding from social services in addition to engaging in trafficking, they can be prosecuted for that as well. However, if someone is convicted of a crime in which hard labor is a penalty, they may end up in a public or private prison feeling like a slave as their punishment for engaging in human trafficking.

Narrative #2

Society rejects me, so I reject it in a perpetual state of rejection. When society accepts me, I'll accept society. If I'm uncomfortable, everyone should be uncomfortable. Give me what I want and I'll leave you alone.

Additional Context #2

Narrator #2 isn't rejecting society if seeking to depend or depending on society for necessities or gratuities. So, the second part of the first sentence is false in full context. If everyone is uncomfortable, then there will be no place for anyone to experience comfort and everyone will still want it even if no one has it. Imposing your own condition on others in hopes they'll improve your own on demand is similar to slavery or human trafficking in assuming authority over any other citizen or body of citizens regarding their rights and autonomy. So, adopting the narrative would seem to subjugate everyone else to Narrator #2 and in a democracy and/or republic (a real republic like the constitutional republic of the USA), that's an unreasonable position. If Narrator #2 was truly rejecting society, Narrator #2 would be completely self-reliant and leave society alone.

Narrative #3

I gave you a great gift for Christmas and you didn't even send me a card. You owe me.

Additional Context #3

The definition of "gift" is "a thing given willingly to someone without payment; a present." according to Oxford Languages. Payments can be made in currency or in kind (i.e. as in a barter exchange where you trade two cows for a chicken farm). Conditional gifts require the conditions be express and agreed upon with recommendation the agreement is express for all parties before any delivery is made or else under the circumstances it would be reasonable to assume a Christmas gift is unconditional, similar to a birthday gift. I leave cookies for Santa and/or have historically. If you didn't get any, I guess you aren't Santa. As a matter of law no one owes you for Christmas gifts you give them. As a matter of courtesy, did you get a "thank you" card and shouldn't you wait until after Christmas to start saying shit like that? If Narrator #3 did or does receive a "thank you" card and still makes the same argument feeling owed, they are not of a generous nor charitable spirit though want others to believe otherwise. Are they faking it until they make it? In this case, if I was the accused I'd give Narrator #3 back their gift and ask they not get me anything in the future.

END of EXAMPLES

The tone of each narrative may make a difference on how seriously one should take the narrator. But, if I walked into a "31 Flavors" ice cream parlor and was told by another customer or group of customers "You have to choose Butter Pecan or you are not one of us. Pecan farmers are in need of help and this is the only ethical choice," I'd likely go to

a different location and order what I want if it was a group or stay and order Gold Medal Ribbon if it was just one person with a passion for pecans. If it was a group, I'd wonder why the location hadn't run out of the flavor yet. I had a friend in high school who worked at a "31 Flavors". They have a few extra tubs in the big freezer, but if a dozen people showed up getting a pint or more each of Butter Pecan, they'd run out. Everything that exists to be purchased in the free market was made by people who appreciate your business because they want to keep their jobs too. So, all shopping supports workers. And, when products or services are in demand, the companies that are favored by consumers tend to need more workers, which in part explains Amazon.com's perpetual hiring with billboards and more regarding opportunities.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

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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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