

A Sermon on Exploring Wilderness

Sermon by Minister Angela Smith of COPE for March 15th, 2020 (and beyond)

There are many wilderness programs populating the false prophets watch-list. Today's sermon reveals the potential point of it which insults the intelligence of those who the programs themselves suggest are developmentally disabled and may learn experientially where other forms of teaching have failed.

So, imagine you are the only human being on the planet or the first human. There is no civilization, no agricultural development, no industry, and nothing you don't do for yourself including create shelter, acquire food, and clothing optional depending on available materials and your skill level or ability to problem solve where no problems have yet been solved. There is no language because you are the first human and will be the first to say anything in the event you wish to speak or communicate or express yourself with words. Are you feeling vicious as a result of fear, uncertainty, and/or totally liberated to do whatever you want because only natural law applies and you feel you can defeat any lion, tiger, or bear, oh my? Well, the goal of wilderness programs is that you be awed, humbled, and learn to love civilization including rules because the benefits outweigh the detriments when we all abide by the social contract. However, those who wish to teach responsibility should lead by example by not refusing to accept responsibility for their own actions while demanding others indemnify them from their own misconduct while then saying the involuntarily enrolled who are least prepared for the responsibility bear the entirety of the burden often resulting in severe psychological trauma and/or death according to reports provided to HEAL Mission by survivors of said programs. It's as if society is saying to arguably unruly children "You want to be wild, free, and feral? Go for it. If you survive, maybe you'll succeed." It's turning "Lord of the Flies" into a behavior modification program and arguably reinforces the Stanford Prison Experiment findings as well as findings of the Milgram Experiment too. But, while I find that dehumanizing and disrespectful to those involuntarily enrolled (particularly if done without a court order), some insist there is some benefit because the goal is virtuous even if the methods are not which proves not leading by example and negating own premise to an extent.

Now, you are the only human and nothing has been established. There are no restaurants, no cookbooks, and no grocery stores. You run into some wild growing wheat. Do you know what it is? Do you know if it is toxic or not? Do you have any idea how to turn it into flour for bread, pasta, cereal, or anything? What about seasoning? Do you know where to get some salt? Are you more worried about finding shelter and/or weapons to protect yourself from the elements and natural predators? What is your priority and how desperate are you to just get the basics under the circumstances? What are the basics you'd be relieved to have that you must acquire and have no idea where to start? Are you going to seek out other humans? What if they've organized in a tribe or society with customs and rules? They can offer what they offer with whatever requirements come with that, but, you may be penalized if you violate their customs or rules. You'd rather take your chances without running into other humans if they've already organized? Or, do you want to be able to suggest changes to the customs and rules or participate in that

which would show mutual respect to you and everyone else? Is protesting anything vicious or oppressive an American tradition? I believe the answer to that is yes. That is why COPE is a protestant church hopefully honoring the legacy of Priest John Ball.

You want spaghetti and garlic bread or something? Too bad, those things don't exist and you don't have the first clue how to begin to make it all yourself or even where to find the ingredients. So, how do you like the feral lifestyle? Is it working for you? How much of human history and development do you have to reject to maintain that lifestyle with any authenticity whatsoever? The hypocrisy of those who claim to be anarchists or committed to the feral lifestyle while seeking to benefit at all from organized society is quite revealing and obvious which is why said people are often marginalized. Society tends to see it as their choice or evidence of their confusion or ignorance.

Do you appreciate civilized society even with all the rules (particularly where we can get rules changed legislatively or through the judicial process if a rule is found to violate the big rules (i.e. US Constitution))? If so, remember rules apply to everyone and even President Ulysses S. Grant was arrested in DC while president for a traffic violation. I've received and paid speeding tickets as well. So, I also do my best to not violate the law and work to reform laws I feel should be reformed. I had a medicinal gummy provided by another passenger on a flight which violated federal law. I ate it. I didn't report it. So, I'm not perfect, but, saw that as a victimless crime or a crime where I'd be the victim in the event the medicinal gummy didn't contain what was claimed and I was not traveling with the other passenger, they were otherwise a stranger to me.

Do NARCs piss you off? Well, Drug Policy Alliance and Law Enforcement Action Partnership (formerly Law Enforcement Against Prohibition) may be two organizations you'd like to volunteer for or support. There are correct ways to go about changing things and mutual respect involves recognizing that for the protection of ourselves and others in regards to how we approach progress. And, say for a minute you understand that if you break the law or violate the law and are a minor or live with other people that those other people could be found legally liable should the law get involved. One mother died in jail because she was unable to pay the fine for her child's truancy. Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2014/06/13/mother-of-7-in-jail-because-her-kids-skipped-school-dies-in-cell/> So, when thinking about the actual responsibility of parents and enforcement if children are truant or otherwise unruly, you can see why some parents panic and do the wrong thing because they want to avoid legalities for themselves and their children while arguably creating a huge legal issue for themselves (i.e. David Taylor v. Provo Canyon School case at <http://www.heal-online.org/provocases.htm> Taylor's mom found 75% liable for all damages including false imprisonment since it was done illegally without a court order). But, being reasonable from day one and both exercising self-discipline to teach by example while also parenting effectively for everyone's sake would help prevent exacerbating the problem by picking what seems like a convenient and perfect solution as advertised but is really a serious risk with horrific outcomes that someone exercising due diligence would avoid.

So, recently a prisoner convicted of robbery attacked a correctional officer for taking his belongings. Source: <https://t.co/pbSQy2kmsy> We learn from this that even someone convicted of robbery (taking something that does not belong to them without the consent of the owner/property holder) does not appreciate when others do the same so his own protest regarding the officer taking his belongings reinforces the need for laws against robbery and theft. The person convicted of robbery proves it is wrong to steal or take without permission by his own protest when someone does it to him. It also proves he knows the difference between right and wrong and if he rationalizes his own misconduct in that regard while demanding to hold others accountable is in fact a hypocrite. If he decides he deserves to be attacked since that's how he handled it when the victim of someone taking his belongings, then he should accept his sentence in lieu of any physical assault or battery even if that's how he'd handle it. It's about reasonableness and taking responsibility for yourself.

It really helps if you communicate with people and don't assume they are feral or somehow beyond reason's reach just because a potentially narcissistic criminal relative wanted to get them out of their hair for a bit and had a story for you with cash that made the story more appealing as a disgusting out of context narrative that you refused to even consider the alleged feral perspective at time of enrollment as a result and that explains the HEAL Mission and art of all of this in part.

So, rather than triangulate ad infinitum to avoid personal responsibility ourselves which reinforces malignant narcissism rather than effectively addressing it, COPE and myself lead by example in admitting flaws, faults, imperfection, and take responsibility for what is reasonably the good works or actions of myself and my church. And, all those who match the Honesty In Marketing standards will graduate or be released from the COPE Conversion Program False Prophets Watch-List.

Most of what I hate is illegal right now and I try not to hate, but, really hate human trafficking and fraud. I'm extremely happy human trafficking and fraud are illegal. So, I love law enforcement as much as I hate human trafficking, if not more so. And, if people manage to convince me that everything is too corrupt, just remind me to reflect on my own advocacy work and all the work with law enforcement that resulted in arrests and deaths of those populating the watch-list over time. The problem is people are requiring more of everyone else and not enough of ourselves individually. We've been conditioned in some ways in the US because of our thriving economy to be spectators, guests, or tourists in our own lives rather than active participants manifesting our own destinies. We see all the abundance and possibility, overwhelmed by the choices, and shut down seeking the comfort of no responsibility and abundant resources. And, that's when if you are a minor, your parents consider a wilderness program as the right option to address your feelings of being overwhelmed and indecisive. So, culture shock, trauma, transport via stranger danger kidnappers at times, and total feral living to help you appreciate the abundance civilization has to offer. The problem is you appreciate the abundance and just don't know what direction to take because there are so many options and then being traumatized in a program creates limits on you that reduce those options which leaves many feeling justifiably bitter. So, the issue is with self-discipline and where the kids

assume they can just pay for convenience and avoid responsibility, they learned that from their parents. Their parents didn't discipline effectively nor effectively lead by example which is proven by their lack of due diligence and desire for an easy solution that doesn't require their participation or admission of any responsibility for their own failures. And, the kids see the programs don't take responsibility and their parents don't take responsibility and that only the kids have to be responsible and the slightest misstep and they are demonized and segregated. If you don't understand why that's bad and results in at times what some may refer to as "Hitler Youth", do some more studying in regards to history and developments like this one.

If we want a society where we all take responsibility for own actions and reasonably meet expectations we set for ourselves by virtue of our own advertising or resumés, then we need to act like it and if not the hypocrisy is too much and just results in a lot of activism which at times becomes volatile and can result in civil unrest, riots, and at worst civil war.

So, please consider joining the Honesty In Marketing Revolution and help establish that imperfection is fine and teaching tolerance through mutual respect is status quo or should be.

Also, I'm taking this moment to remind all those populating the false prophets watch-list and/or enrolled in the COPE Conversion Program that unless you trust me enough to discuss your placement honestly, no progress will be made and that's on you. I fully recognize that you've been involuntarily placed in the virtual conversion program, of COPE through HEAL Mission, I operate without a court order and without due process with alleged prejudice or bias in favor of complainants/victims over your own claims or statements. I understand that you feel that is unjust and unfair. I empathize. But, where did the complainants/victims learn that when someone or something is dissatisfactory they should be enrolled in a conversion program? As you reflect the light of protest against deception and vice with your own, I reflect your darkness with my conversion program. #TaoFu. Special thanks and honorable mention of Oliver Stone and his body of work. If you don't understand why, binge watch Oliver Stone's work when you have time and spend a little more time learning about #TaoFu.

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