

A Sermon on Duplicitous Non-Profits

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for June 16th, 2024 (and beyond)

This is a meditative sermon in dialogue format to assist with recognizing and avoiding falling victim to a duplicitous non-profit whether faith-based, political, or secular. The sermon itself is in dialogue format, but first here are 10 warning signs that one may be in a cult:

1. Absolute authoritarianism without accountability.
2. Zero tolerance for criticism or questions.
3. Lack of meaningful financial disclosure regarding budget
4. Unreasonable fears about the outside world that often involve evil conspiracies and persecutions.
5. A belief that former followers are always wrong for leaving and there is never a legitimate reason for anyone else to leave.
6. Abuse of members.
7. Records, books, articles, or programs documenting the abuses of the leader or group.
8. Followers feeling they are never able to be “good enough”.
9. A belief that the leader is right at all times.
10. A belief that the leader is the exclusive means of knowing “truth” or giving validation.

Source: <https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-a-cult-5078234>

DIALOGUE

#TaoFu Hitler says: I think the best way to go about progress is to establish seemingly innocuous youth organizations that instill our principles and forward our agenda.

#TaoFu Confederate says: That’s not a bad idea. But, I’m more into real estate than politics... I’m going to start a non-profit to launder money and recruit willing slaves/volunteers I condition for blind obedience through positive reinforcement by way of gaining additional approval after establishing myself as their voice of authority. The slaves/volunteers will be responsible for improving all real estate on the for profit side for leases, rentals, or sales of real property on which the board makes sizeable commissions. They’ll do it gladly for free for my approval and participation trophies of some sort.

#TaoFu Rubin says: This reminds me of a seminar I went to once that reminded me of the echo people.

#TaoFu Ed says: Shut up. I’m sorry I said that. But, I find references to that seminar triggering.

#TaoFu Hitler says: I don’t know the reference. Won’t that be fraud?

#TaoFu Confederate says: Not if we disclosed everything in our original articles of incorporation. No one will ever check that. It is nearly 100 years old. We're grandfathered in anyway.

#TaoFu Joker says: The film "Rubin and Ed" starring Howard Hesseman and Crispin Glover available here: <https://amzn.to/3KCxn93> We have the internet now. I've seen the documents and doubt the Secretary of State has looked at them even though they make it available online. We the People are the government too, but unofficially.

#TaoFu Confederate says: The great thing about it is that the volunteers give us money too when they pay dues. They pay us to put them to work improving our real estate so we then get a bigger commission in terms of leases, rentals, and sales of real property. It's all done in the name of charity.

#TaoFu Hitler says: Is it a national organization or merely local?

#TaoFu Confederate says: It is national and nationalist too.

#TaoFu Joker says: I'm not sure what this is about... World War II?

#TaoFu Machiavelli says: I like it. Makes me proud to know people are carrying on my tradition.

#TaoFu Hitler says: Good. Nationalist is good. And, you don't disclose your actual agenda to your volunteers, so may be guilty of deceptive marketing and/or other felonies which may be why you prefer not to hire those knowledgeable about the law, correct?

#TaoFu Confederate says: Who said anything about hire?

#TaoFu Joker says: I would never work for any of you and would prefer to just hang out with Rubin and Ed for all eternity.

#TaoFu Confederate says: Even if I were hiring, I'd assume you are a felon and require physical evidence that you are not even if you pass a background check and have a clean driving record.

#TaoFu Joker says: I repeat, I WOULD NEVER WORK FOR ANY OF YOU AND WOULD PREFER TO JUST HANG OUT WITH RUBIN AND ED FOR ALL ETERNITY.

END DIALOGUE

Please meditate on them as long as you like. Thank you for joining this week's service.

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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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