

## A Sermon on Respecting Freedom

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for May 19th, 2024 (and beyond)

This is a meditative sermon in questionnaire format for your consideration. In recognition of equality and with respect for everyone's individual freedom, please use the following questionnaire to examine whether you or someone in your life exhibits tyrannical behavior.

### QUESTIONS

1. Do you exercise socio-economic power in a cruel or arbitrary way?
2. Are you oppressive and/or controlling of others?
3. When seeking goods or services, do you demand more of others than you'd have demanded of yourself if roles were reversed?
4. Do you see other US citizens of less means as exploitable and think the free market exists to passively coerce others to accept adherence contracts with no true negotiation leveraging economic disadvantage to exert more control than you would of someone you considered socially and legally your equal?
5. Do you treat any you employ as your property after leveraging their disadvantage to passively coerce assent to unreasonable and/or unconscionable contract terms that go far beyond the quid pro quo of performance of actual job duties/tasks as described in writing for agreed upon pay?
6. Do you treat any you socio-economically depend on and/or their resources as your property and/or otherwise subjugate providence?
7. If every opportunity presented to you involved competing with 32 other people for the same role, would you be willing to forfeit freedom if contractually required and it was the only option for your own individual economic sustainability? If not, we're on the same page.
8. Of the following, which one best describes your dearest friend or family member in regards to their relationship with you?
  - a. Sycophant
  - b. Pretentious
  - c. Sentimental
  - d. Honest and Reliable

9. Are you aware that tyranny is antithetical to American values such as freedom, which many families continue to defend and fight for where your acting as a tyrant is arguably historically asking to be killed by so acting if you ask founding fathers or even active or retired US military service members?

10. Do you pay equal respect to your own freedom as you do to the freedom of everyone else regardless of socio-economic position whether advantaged or disadvantaged?

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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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