

A Sermon on Subjugation

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for January 24th, 2021 (and beyond)

"Subjugation" is defined by Oxford Languages via Google as "the action of bringing someone or something under domination or control." When you subjugate you deny the equality of others to yourself and in the USA are likely committing a tort or crime (sin) unless the subjugated party is deemed incompetent at law. The animal rights community/movement seeks to subjugate humans and nonhuman animals while eliminating those who do not conform or convert to veganism and only recognizing the rights of those who conform with apparent utter disregard for the laws they wish to change to better protect nonhuman animals. Nonhuman animals are definitively incompetent at law which is why robins aren't imprisoned for murdering worms nor exterminated for posing a threat to worms. There are campaigns to save worms because they are a very important part of our ecosystem and having healthy topsoil to grow food. See: <https://theconversation.com/earthworms-are-more-important-than-pandas-if-you-want-to-save-the-planet-74010> and <https://www.facebook.com/Save-the-Worms-103382203031205/> But, if a human proves incompetent at law, they are subject to government sanctioned subjugation in many cases, though the robins remain free.

I participated in the attempted subjugation of Emerald Downs by the local animal rights community in 2001. I recognize the equality of all in the eyes of God and the law. The rationalization for participating was the subjugation of horses (many of whom died under said conditions), and being a voice for the horses. But, I do not believe you can proliferate equality by promoting subjugation of those already considered equal in the eyes of the law. I believe in proliferating equality. And, I believe people who seem to clearly be ignorant of the law as it may apply to their own actions are in no position to recommend changes to the law because of that very ignorance. There are two passages from the Holy Bible that I believe are appropriate for this sermon referenced below which will be followed by a detailed description of what happened June 9th, 2001 that resulted in this civil citation: <https://www.cope.church/emeralddownsfeedback.jpg>

John 8:7 (KJV) " So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

John 8:7 (Wycliffe) "And whanne thei abiden axynge hym, he reise hym silf, and seide to hem, He of you that is without synne, first caste a stoon in to hir." Middle to Modern American English translation by Rev. Angela Smith "And, when they continued asking him [think we now know why some people say "axing" or "aksing" instead of "asking" even now though], he raised himself, and said to them, he of you that is without sin (crime) cast the first stone at her."

Luke 23:34 (KJV) "Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots."

Luke 23:34 (Wycliffe) "But Jhesus seide, Fadir forryue hem, for thei witen not what thei doon." Middle to Modern American English translation by Rev. Angela Smith "But, Jesus said, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

And, here's what happened from my perspective and my belief of what Emerald Downs security team's perspective was on June 9th, 2001 in hopes it will help you with enlightenment and understanding you assume risk when assuming authority no one is required to recognize as a matter of law. The First Amendment gives all of us the right to our beliefs, opinions, and expression of the same. It does not however give us authority to privately regulate other citizens who are considered equal as a matter of law. We are encouraged to report violations of law to the proper enforcement body and welcome to suggest changes to the law as are all citizens of the USA. Here's what happened:

1. Why I Went To Emerald Downs: I received notification from local animal rights organizers that Emerald Downs was not maintaining the track properly resulting in an unusually high rate of death for the horses. See: <https://www.seattlepi.com/sports/article/Six-recent-horse-deaths-at-Emerald-Downs-spark-1054114.php> This of course was likely brought to the attention of the animal rights community in part because of the news article about it. So, in order to represent the dead horses with hopes of preventing future deaths somehow by doing a single protest I and about 20 others arguably entered the sporting venue under false pretenses because if we had announced our purpose we would have been denied entry at the gate. We were all carrying backpacks and bags with signs (no weapons or anything, totally peaceful free speech event) in them we were prepared to hold up to shame the race enthusiasts who were there and part of the problem. Emerald Downs is still open today and this happened in June, 2001.

2. What Happened At Emerald Downs: I and approximately 20 others had free passes to enter Emerald Downs. We did not make any wagers nor purchase any concessions. We did not park any vehicles with obvious animal rights stickers in the Emerald Downs parking lot and parked on public streets close by. We were all carrying backpacks and bags. We all sat together. Following the first announcement is when we planned to stand up with our signs to shame the crowd and be a voice for the dead horses. So, my friend who was sitting nearest to me but on the aisle was immediately grabbed, ripped from her seat (while still reaching in her backpack for her sign) and thrown onto the ground by Emerald Downs security. Her wrist and ribs were broken and she was manhandled all the way to the security office. I was compliant, disclosed I live with traumatic stress and had a strict "hands off" policy if you don't have a real badge, and that I would be happy to leave but understood they needed me to stop at their security office first before leaving. We were all put through security. And, this is what we were each given: <https://www.cope.church/emeralddownsfeedback.jpg> It is a civil trespass notice banning me and each individual issued one from stepping foot on Emerald Downs property for a year.

3. What Could Have Been Done Differently From My Perspective: Emerald Downs security used excessive force and arguably should have asked for us to hand over our

bags and backpacks and follow them to security to be processed and escorted off the property without laying hands on anyone.

4. What Should Have Been Done Differently From Likely Emerald Downs Perspective: Respect private property and failure to disclose your intention when you know disclosing it would negate your invitation to enter is like raping Emerald Downs, it can be reasonably equated to rape by fraud. We entered under false pretenses but felt justified because horses had died and needed our voice or so we believed at the time even though it already made the papers. And, we could just as easily voice ourselves where legal to do so on the sidewalk as those coming or going from Emerald Downs drive by and we shout and holler at them or just hold our signs so they can see and be shamed. But, the organizers for that protest planned it and gave us the free passes assuring it was for the horses. And, none of that matters to a business that is legally operating on their own property where about 20 people who are not regulars show up together carrying bags and all reaching for something in the bags and backpacks at the same time at a sporting venue. We initially thought they were with a tour bus because of the bags but there was no tour bus in the lot. There is a history of actual terrorist attacks dating back to at least the 1970s on which there have been congressional hearings. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CHRG-108shrg20674/html/CHRG-108shrg20674.htm> So, where this is before 9/11 and Emerald Downs didn't have a wand or any metal detectors and just welcomed everyone so nicely, a bunch of people unfamiliar to the track who seem a little suspicious because of carrying bags and backpacks all reaching for them at the same time right after the announcement is why some may feel excessive force was used and others think it is totally reasonable in full context.

5. What Emerald Downs Security Likely Would Say To Law Enforcement About The Incident: This group all used free passes. None of them placed a bet or made a wager. None of them bought any concessions nor keepsakes. So, large group arrives and we don't recognize any of them. They are all carrying backpacks and gym/shoulder bags. They don't place any bets. Not one of them. They stay together and appear to be acting in concert. At the end of the first announcement right before "And they're off" or whatever this group is all going for their bags at a sporting event. What's in the bags? We didn't know, but, wanted to protect everyone who was there for the intended purpose to enjoy a family-friendly sporting event. We were actually simply minding our own fucking business on our own fucking property and we'll see if any of us are charged for assault and battery in full context or if there is REASONABLE FUCKING DOUBT because there was a REASONABLE FUCKING SUSPICION and they entered under FUCKING FALSE PRETENSES so it was definitively TRESPASSING. It's a free country and we were doing nothing legally actionable, but, they were and there were NO racing fatalities in 2020 at Emerald Downs. Sources: <http://www.whrc.wa.gov/> and <https://horseracingwrongs.org/killed-2020/> . We just removed them and gave them a civil citation banning them from our property for a year and paid the medical expenses for those injured by our supposed or alleged "excessive force".

The above is also a reminder of how the 4th Amendment can be used to respond to the 1st Amendment or reinforce mutual respect and equality of all PEOPLE in the eyes of God and the law. My friend who was injured was what many refer to as "white" or "European American". I do not feel heritage played a role in how we were treated. As stated elsewhere, I'm of multi-cultural heritage and I was not manhandled. My friend on the aisle got the worst of it. And, later she was prosecuted for terrorism which was dropped down to communications theft after sending black faxes to another business that reportedly or allegedly harmed animals. A black fax is sending a black piece of paper via fax that uses up all the toner. The issue with that is that the business can just use it as a tax write-off and is not actually harmed, just annoyed by it. The government is the one harmed because it loses tax revenue as a result of the tax write-off. This is one reason I believe sending black faxes is considered a terrorist act by the government.

I forgive Emerald Downs for manhandling my friend and understand from their perspective they acted reasonably enough. They didn't press charges against us for misdemeanor trespass nor sue for trespass, delays in starting the race or any loss that may be associated with that, covered the medical expenses of my friend, and were not responsible for the deaths of any horses in 2020.

And, the sins of myself and/or those with me included deception and promoting inequality by assuming superiority/authority as a result of vanity, false pride (self-righteousness), and oppression. I can only speak for myself and pray that Emerald Downs forgives me too. We also committed the misdemeanor (crime) and tort of trespassing by fraud because we failed to disclose our intentions and led Emerald Downs to believe we were there as spectators not spectacles.

If you don't care if your actions are illegal or not, please know others care, especially those who enforce the laws and those who are harmed by your illegal actions. If you are convicted of a felony, finding a place to live (if a renter) and work can be very difficult. But, sometimes true believers are willing to voluntarily sacrifice themselves for the cause while ignoring the logical inconsistencies and arguable hypocrisy of the methods or approach chosen for spreading the word and raising awareness. The USA is a free country, respect that.

For those interested in starting #TaoFu Self-Defense Exercises, please see <https://www.cope.church/taofu.htm> and begin at any time.

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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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