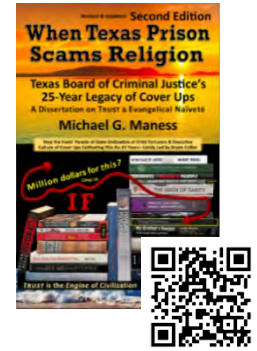


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Dear Eric,

Congratulations on your appointment to chair the TBCJ, a big responsibility.

OR = Open Record Request

Pray you had a Merry Christmas and the New Year is favorable. Yet, honestly, after you received the first edition and especially the second edition, I had hoped for a scintilla of indignation, a speckle of shame, that so much had gone along so *long* just under your watch. But of course, you were not the chairman then.

At the beginning of the *Yellowstone* prequel *1883*, a young woman, Elsa Dutton, recalls:

I remember the first time I saw it, tried to find words to describe it, but I couldn’t... Nothing had prepared me – no books, no teachers, not even my parents... I heard a thousand stories, but none could describe this place. It must be witnessed to be understood. And yet... I’ve seen it... And understand it even less than before I first cast eyes on this place.¹

That is the prisons. This *summary* of docs from the last 25 years is likely my last deposition, as I am weary.

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Among the 85 items in the “Further Research” section of the book at the beginning of the bibliography, there are two references pulled from the book (xxviii, lvii) on the need for a grant-funded study or PhD dissertation on prison employee applicant pools. Though criminologists may know, as they regularly review hosts of abstracts to 100s of articles written every year on crime, criminology, penology, etc., I did not see any on such. Appears I am the only one that has done that for over 25 years. Regardless, because of this one exposure of TDCJ repeatedly hiring the lowest qualified of the applicant pool, there is a great need for more study in Texas and other states. In TDCJ, the travesty in hiring was that such hiring was repeated *after* that was exposed again and again and again. So as of 2024, it was not just the TDCJ Programs Division’s nefariousness, it is now also the Executive Directors’ and TBCJ’s **complicity** over 25 years.

Your biggest challenge is *how* Director Bryan Collier could be fooled for over a decade on so much (or he was a party to vast cover ups), and that *after* repeated exposures. Either Collier believed the *lies* as he prepares to retire in dishonor, under the delusion he was honorable, or he helped obstruct justice and lied to three TBCJ chairmen for a decade deluding you. Eric, your board’s incorrigibility to address exposures for over a decade is grave. As I write, the Harvard president just resigned after exposure of how she fooled the leaders of the oldest and formerly most prestigious university into thinking she was a scholar, instead of a plagiarist and the lowest qualified president in Harvard’s 400-year history. Similar to TDCJ, Harvard’s leaders attempted to defend her plagiarism with grease like “duplicative language.” Hoover Institution Senior Fellow Victor Davis Hanson summed Harvard’s and TDCJ’s dire straits:

¹ Taylor Sheridan, *1883 Script* (2021).

If Harvard appoints as its permanent president another candidate ... without a record of substantial scholarship, intellectual probity, recognized teaching, and administrative excellence, then the university will only reinforce the now growing consensus that it has abandoned even the veneer of meritocracy.²

Hanson hit TDCJ’s Programs Division hard, too, with its absence of interest in “scholarship ... probity ... excellence” and decades of absence of “meritocracy.” The TBCJ deliberately hid repeated exposures of TDCJ’s nefariousness *hirings* of the lowest qualified of the applicant pool in the last 30 years; moreover, looks like no director of the Division has been hired for their “*programs*” education or probity—*ever*. Study that!

Two times in my book, I quote Elon Musk from the sixth World Government Summit 2017 in Dubai, where UAE Minister of Cabinet Affairs Mohammad Al-Gergawi asked, “So what was your biggest challenge in life?” Musk’s exquisite answer **challenges us all in how to facilitate systemic TRUST:**

I was thinking about how to spend time. One of the biggest challenges, I think, is making sure you have a corrective feed-back loop and **maintaining that corrective feed-back loop over time** even when people want to tell you exactly what you want to hear. That’s *very* difficult.³

At a few critical junctures in the book and here in this short deposition, I point out the “feed-back loop” that a TDCJ director must have to discern the *real* prison *culture*, and even discern between the grand officer from the scoundrel. No one can apprehend that prison *culture* without years of *in-prison* work: to **both** the seasoned employee and convict, the new boot officer stands out as if he/she had a blinking light on top of their head. That has been a serious fault of Collier, in addition to his refusal to read irrefutable evidence, making him the victim of manipulation—*hence* the book’s subtitle, “**A Dissertation on TRUST & Evangelical Naïveté.**” Yes, **TRUST** is the major form of psychological currency in all prisons, as **TRUST** is critical to all of life.

Hammered in the book—**TRUST IS THE ENGINE OF CIVILIZATION**, x7, see each chapter’s head.

There was zero “probity” in Collier’s *investigation* of Warden Burl Cain or Cain’s minister factory, and yet Collier’s trust led him to *believe* without research. The absurdity of the *prison* or especially a naïve *volunteer* making ministers is sickening. The rest of us with experience inside the prison know that the *prisoners* will choose who they respect and follow, not Warden Cain or any director or naïve volunteer.

Below is the *super*-condensed story on how the TBCJ & Collier dodged honor for over 25 years.

1. Short Story Behind TDCJ Modelling the Most Scandal-ridden Warden in U.S. Penal History

At 68 this year, I cannot continue do some of the director’s and the TBCJ’s work to my grave. I rewrote this a few times, thinking there might be one more letter to report on the six Open Record Requests (OR), as though some might care—not my experience these last 12 years. Eric, perhaps you’d care to push the ORs along, as TDCJ’s legal department repeatedly feels inadequate and must ask the Texas AG for legal advice.

Eric, be mindful that several years ago I asked for the names and #s of all the prisoner Field Ministers since inception, but was denied, and the Texas AG supported TDCJ, allowing Collier to keep the **names Top Secret**, for no good reason (in an *educational* program?). That’s so wrong, especially since *volunteer* Grove Norwood knows and uses their photos lavishly to raise “Big Bucks” from mostly Baptists (chapter 20). Yet several names were released to reporters from several newspapers, including the *L.A. Times*, reporting on graduations (pp. 4–10).⁴ Likewise, see the video from the New Orleans seminary where psychopathy is on display for the world to see, both video links and transcripts (Appendix 1).

Eric, TDCJ keeps the names of the **state’s** prisoner “**Ministers**” **TOP SECRET** as they do parole-earning Christian work for Texas prisons *supervised* by a naïve volunteer as TDCJ *lies* about cost and TDCJ *lies* about neutrality while sticking its head in the sand over psychopathy.

The TBCJ has aided Dir. Collier’s leading of the Fools’ Parade that flushes Texas’ 36 university psychology departments down the toilet, as Baylor’s Distinguished Prof. Bryon Johnson flushes **three** down the toilet: Baylor’s law school, statistics department, **and** psychology department (chapter 24).

Eric, as new chairman, will you, too, follow suit and do **nothing**, as your predecessors have done?

Dale and Patrick did **nothing**, though they knew they should have, especially Dale.

How long will **TDCJ sponsor religious delusions** clouded in lies that scam the religiously naïve? Grover

² Kerry J. Byrne, “Harvard’s Claudine Gay Resignation Shows ‘Final Corruption of Most Elite Institutions,’ Says William Bennett: Disgrace Caused by Culture that Favors Leftist Orthodoxy Over Merit, say William Bennett and Victor Davis Hanson,” Fox News (1-2-24): www.FoxNews.com/lifestyle/harvard-claudine-gay-resignation-final-corruption-elite-institutions-william-bennett.

³ See https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo, bold mine, accessed 2-4-2021, respectively at footnotes 14 & 1977, pp. xxviii & 817, at the start & end.

⁴ *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), “Historical Introduction” C., Chart 1, “Nine TDCJ Field Ministers, Crimes, Sentences,” pp. 4–10.

Norwood’s Heart of Texas Foundation has naïvely marketed delusions for over a decade, as the prisoner faux-minister **factory** mocks religion, mocks law, and flushes Texas’ 36 universities down the toilet.

Now *three* top-tier lawyers—Dale, Patrick, and you—chairing the TBCJ have *endorsed* Dir. Bryan Collier’s modelling TDCJ after the **most scandal-ridden warden in penal history**, whose prison ex-Warden Burl Cain claimed for 20 years he cleaned up, mocking his predecessors, though Cain was forced to leave as the press ravaged him by chronicling a *horde* of scandals, mostly the Louisiana *Advocate*, seen in one full impressive article in Appendix 2.⁵ Cain’s civil rights abuses culminated in a class action. Collier even *ordered* wardens to visit Cain in Angola—Collier’s *model*—though no TDCJ warden or employee could survive just one of Cain’s *horde* of scandals in Texas, certainly not Cain’s million-dollar deal with a prisoner’s family, yet the TBCJ *lawyers* from billion-dollar law firms turned a blind eye. **Texas Monthly needs to investigate.**

Eric, what was your hardest case? The work I put into these books the last 12 years—oh yeah—I could have earned a law degree and started my own firm. **Here’s the story behind several critical documents.**

2. Short Story on How I Began My Quest to Defend the Prison Chaplaincy Profession

In 1999, I searched for a job in TDCJ for my fiancée’s son, a recent HS grad who liked computers. I was shocked to find he *qualified* as an entry level programmer with 1 year exp., a HS diploma, and basic knowledge of Cobalt, at the same pay grade as a Chaplain I with a master’s degree and a decade of experience. I dug around on pay scales and found chaplains had not been raised in 40+ years, yet every legislative session adjusted several professions up a bit. TDCJ had 150+ chaplains with only three levels, I, II, III, while most other professions like Texas librarians and engineers had levels I–VI. TDCJ’s one III was the director of chaplains *while* MHMR had 17 IIIs. I led the state-wide fight for a pay raise in 1999–2001.


Programs Div. Dir. Carl Jefferies placed manager Don Kiel over the director of chaplaincy—yes, *one man over one man*—ordering Kiel to squash the chaplaincy, and the director resigned in protest.

To my first OR request for chaplaincy stats, Kiel just said, “NO!” I appealed, and TDCJ’s lawyers were amicable, friendly, even **called me on the telephone** to clarify. I came to TDCJ in 1993 as a chaplain, rose to Chaplain II the first year because I met all the qualifications and remained a “II” for 20 years. After 7 years, I witnessed hordes of volunteers and prisoner participation, but ZERO TDCJ reports. TDCJ’s OR lawyer said, “I don’t understand why they don’t want to publish those [stats] to high heaven.” We chuckled, manager Don Kiel got schooled, and the stats were released—and I published them, several times over the next 15 years. In his book, *Correctional Chaplains*, Dr. Thomas Beckner said I had published on my website the largest collection of information on correctional chaplaincy he had seen, perhaps in the world.⁶ Another good book never shared with chaplains at their annual or quarterly meetings. Eric, you and your TBCJ have never seen statistics like the *TDCJ Cumulative Chaplaincy Stats* that are QR Coded above, nor any of your predecessors for the last 50 years, nor has the vast horde ever been used to help chaplains in pay raises or logistical support—*ever!*

In the early 1990s, I was one of about a dozen who had a staff chaplain secretary, which Jefferies cut c. 1998, a position I developed, the only chaplain to write a **Secretary’s Manual** to help with the horde of paperwork, a position that freed the chaplain for their higher duties.

**TDCJ Cumulative
Chaplaincy Stats 2013-2016**
huge #s **TOTALLY** hidden & not
used once to help
chaplains in 30+ yrs

one of many
sets published
solely by Maness



**TDCJ Chaplain
Secretary Manual**



⁵ Appendix 2, whole article reprinted with permission, Gordon Russell and Maya Lau’s “**Fall of Burl Cain: How 1 Last Side Deal Led to Angola Warden’s Undoing**,” *The Advocate* (Dec. 15, 2015; updated May 20, 2020): www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html, which also has a dozen links to previous articles by Russell and Lau on other scandals, the TBCJ’s and Executive Director Bryan Collier’s model for TDCJ.



< See also the article that Cain lambasts in several speeches: James Ridgeway, “God’s Own Warden,” *Mother Jones* (July/August 2011), where Ridgeway said, “If you ever find yourself inside Louisiana’s Angola prison, Burl Cain will make sure you find Jesus—or regret ever crossing his path.” www.MotherJones.com/politics/2011/07/burl-cain-angola-prison/.



⁶ Dr. W. Thomas Beckner, *Correctional Chaplains: Keepers of the Cloak* (2012: Cappella Press, 185p.), www.ThomasBeckner.net.

3. Short Story of *Chaplaincy Professional Equity*, 1st of 7 Books in the “Killing Professional Chaplaincy Series”

In 2000, I led the TDCJ, MHMR, and TYC chaplains to Austin, wrote the formidable *Chaplain Professional Equity* (CPE) that was delivered to the House Appropriations chairman, a lobbying that won our **first raise in 40+ years**—yes, 20+ years ago. The *CPE II* linked to this QR Code on the right was edited for TDCJ Dir. Gary Johnson with the exposures of Carl Jefferies’ nefariousness.



Johnson initiated an OIG investigation. I never thought to ask for it but should have—Johnson remembers.

The *CPE II* exposed how the Programs Division lowered the director of chaplains qualifications several times, educational standards for Jerry Groom whose wife was employed by the Programs Division and lowered years of experience for Don Kasper because he was one of the Division director’s pastor, and other things. Eric, TDCJ has not offered to help chaplains on its own in 50+ years or increase the chaplaincy unit staff.

See the 2-pg flyer I wrote that we used in Austin, then the 4-pg letter that I sent to the Texas Representatives and Senators in 2000 and 2001. Oh my, TDCJ Programs Division has *never* published anything like either one!

Chaplaincy 2-pg Fact Sheet used in Austin & mailed in 2000 >

Chaplaincy 4-pg Fact Sheet Letter
< referencing stats & used Austin 2001 ... stats TDCJ has not kept Top Secret for the last 60+ years

In 2000, I visited all the regional chaplaincy meetings—part of the story in the book—I organized fellow chaplain leaders. As we contacted legislators in their districts late in 2000 prior to the 2001 Texas session, Jefferies initiated a chaplaincy audit, scurrying like a rabbit, during Thanksgiving and Ramadan and giving us just two weeks to finish it during the busiest time of the year. Bogus as it was—**Jefferies never finished it**. My team sent to all the chaplains details on what they themselves do, to help them fill out the audit, as many are not fluid in describing their many hats and vast responsibilities to 1,000s of prisoners, staff, volunteers, and their families. Jefferies and *all* his successors to 2024 have followed suit in keeping the vast responsibilities and statistics **Top Secret**. Jefferies did not like to work.

Manes finished FIRST Chaplaincy Audit (2002) in TDCJ history

Another milestone totally avoided in 2011 when Ortiz tried to KILL the good Chaplaincy

More OR requests found Jefferies *cancelled* the audit *after* he received all the responses. Another OR got me access to the docs, and **I finished the audit myself**—first one in TDCJ history.

In 2003, **Jefferies fired 1/3, fired 50 chaplains**, as punishment for our labors in Austin, veritably saying, “To hell with statistics and work measures.” Texas was short and ordered TDCJ to cut 10%, or something like that, but Jefferies did *not* spread that over the Programs Division. No white paper there, either. Just lazy retribution for our beating him in Austin and exposing his nefariousness to date in 2001, 25 years ago.

4. Story on Maness’ 2nd Legislative Push to Restore Chaplains

Yeah—well, in 2007, I led a smaller group to Austin to get the 50 chaplain positions back plus get 50 of the most senior chaplain IIs raised to chaplain IIIs. You see, Jefferies was embarrassed at his lack of initiative and poor leadership in 2001 that MHMR had 17 chaplain IIIs and TDCJ had only one III as director of 150 chaplains with a salary equal to a state librarian IV—and 8 pay groups below the Texas “Director of Bingo Services” (the “Bingo” title *also* changed after our 2001 initiative). I was successful again and won back 25 chaplains. Foreseeing doubt, I asked my Texas Rep. Jim McReynolds if he would write a letter affirming my work, to help memorialize what he and I accomplished in Austin, and he did. I had invited him to keynote several of our volunteer banquets that had 200-plus present, including our Muslim volunteers, something I never heard of chaplains doing. (It did not hurt that I knew that McReynolds had won Tyler County by only a few hairs.) Yet, Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier downplayed my 2007 work in our meeting in 2012 over the falsified disciplinaries *after* hell had broken out over my whistleblowing.

Texas Rep. Jim McReynolds 11-23-2010 letter on Maness’ legislative work in Austin

5. Interim Work While a Chaplain from 1993 to 2010

That is only the gist—I could not do heavy work on chaplaincy *while* working 40-55 hours a week covering a large prison chaplaincy. I wrote other books unrelated to chaplaincy. In 1997, I finished my doctoral work at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (totally unaware at the time that NOBTS had been entangled with Angola’s Warden Cain), including my dissertation

Maness’ 1997 Dissertation

on a helping skills program at the TDCJ Gib Lewis Unit in Woodville. During my oral defense, my NOBTS doctoral chairman said he had not seen any better use of statistics, which thrilled me, though NOBTS was not a *math* school 😊.

Eric—see a pattern? That’s 25 years of nefariousness. In the early 1990s they did not treat well Director of Chaplains Emmett Solomon, the last real leader of TDCJ chaplains—R.I.P.

I kept adding stuff to my Chaplaincy Docs webpage and wrote a couple of other books, including in 2008 *Queen of Prison Ministry—Story of Gertha Rogers, First Woman to Minister on Texas Death Row*, with a foreword by Wayne Scott, TDCJ Exec. Dir. 1995–2001. Though Scott was cleared of his scandal, he was the last director to come up through the ranks, the last in 30 years to *know* the prison and who had worked-up a *real feed-back loop* to the *real* prison, something Collier will never know and cannot achieve before he

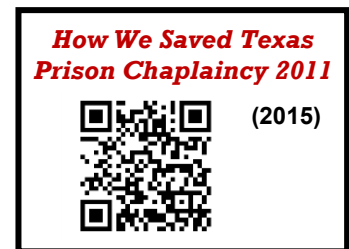


skedaddles into retirement without being held accountable for the last 10 years of ugly nefariousness, especially documented in the Programs Division. Gertha Rogers was unique in many ways—Collier knows that well—as she was known and loved in the prisons in SE Texas, and not treated as well in her later years, her precedents nearly forgotten. At her funeral in 2019, no TDCJ executive spoke a word, though I did, saying, “I was likely the *last* person TDCJ *wanted* to speak for it,” as then Programs Division Dir. Madeline Ortiz scowled at me, angry, for my exposures of nefariousness under her watch.

Eric—research what the executive and division directors have written, their best work. Nothing?

6. Story of *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy*, 4th Book in the “Killing ... Series”

In 2010, **Ortiz zero-budgeted chaplaincy, killing the entire department** without a single white paper, ignoring the vast horde of published statistics since 2000, those above just a few of many sets. Eric—Brad Livingston, Bryan Collier, Dale, and Patrick have *still* failed to see that shame, or appreciate the work we did in Austin in 2011, documented in my book, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* with four forewords, including Jerry A. Madden, Senior Fellow, Right on Crime, and the 2011 chairman of the Texas House Committee on Corrections 2011-12.⁷ Yes, Eric, we *fought hard*. Fortunately, we found out in



December of 2010, even before most legislators knew or the 2011 session started. Ahh, Eric, it’s called a “real feed-back loop.” I was the only one with a network and statistics. Ortiz shared *none, zero, zilch*: to her utter shame it came to light that *her* division was touting in Austin that the “volunteers can do it ALL.” Really now—we had volunteers in Austin saying, “No,” they did not *want* to do it all. They should *not* be expected to, unless of course the “Programs” director wanted *less* volunteerism. Ortiz simply *lied*, for volunteers *could not* do it all, as was the *lie* of cost-savings completely bogus, for a TDCJ *staffer* in each prison must *still supervise* the 20,000 religious volunteers.

Eric, my work as a citizen in Austin *marked* me as a danger to Ortiz and the Programs Division’s nefariousness, for I had documented how she and her manager of chaplaincy Marvin Dunbar had *no concern at all* for the costly burden she was forcing on under-staffed prisons to manage all the volunteers without chaplains. Eric, there was not a droplet of *concern* or *contrition* for the 20,000 religious volunteers, who would have a *not-in-good-mood* shift lieutenant *running cattle* instead of their caring chaplains. Not just *unconscionable*, it was a lack of any real thinking or analysis—*zero probity*. Ortiz pratted herself as an intellectual, but—as with the recent former president of Harvard—had nothing substantial to show for it, and her adventures in Austin brought a horde to light. Exposures of work she refused to do *and* exposures she was desperate to keep Top Secret. In other words, Ortiz hated me for that exposure, hated me for exposing documents that she knew she had *failed* to do. She began to have another mission—ME.

We marshalled resources quick in December 2010 and, soon after the 82nd Legislature began on January 11, 2011, we had three advocacy groups joining us in Austin, including my local Rep. James White whose own pastor father was a TDCJ volunteer, James himself saying first, “**Not on my watch!**”

Real reason Ortiz tried to kill chaplaincy, a confidential source said, was to **hide the nefariousness** in her division the last 15 years by her and the preceding directors Jefferies and Debbie Roberts. The exposure in Austin in 2011 was too much for her. She was caught *not* using common sense and nefariously hiding statistics I had published for ten years. She failed to support chaplains *fairly*. Not one statistic has been used to help

⁷ *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2015) was published after the 700-page *Book of Secrets* (2013) and other letters.

chaplains in 50 years. She had to hide her shame of how she *allowed* the hiring of the lowest qualified *many* times, including her dingy manager Dunbar that **wreaked irreparable damage to the prison chaplaincy profession** in TDCJ. Then after Dunbar’s hordes of nefariousness was exposed in the Polunsky Fiasco—hammered in my book—he was still appointed over TDCJ’s Compliance Division!

7. Story of Maness’ Faith-Based Housing Letter & Persecution, 2nd Book in the “Killing ... Series”

After we *chaplains* won the chaplaincy budget back, Programs Division *manager* Marvin Dunbar ordered the **exponential increase in Protestant programs without any help**. Just make more bricks without any extra straw. Most chaplains were a single-staff department succoring the crises and facilitating many religions of 2,300+ prisoners, 100s of staff, 100s of volunteers, and their families—*vast statistics*—with no secretary or even the thought of one. In April-May, **Dunbar ordered** us to implement three statewide programs:

1. **Faith-Based Housing**, charging us to LIE about neutrality while they were 99% *Christian* in nature.
2. **Kooky David Valentines’ Ugly Church-Starting Program** who had just split historic First Baptist Church, Huntsville, a vicious *church splitter* to manage a *prisoner* church-starting program.
3. **Naïve Volunteer Grover Norwood’s Prison “Field Minister” Factory**, a Fools’ Parade, with all the harm in my book, as TDCJ has now for 12 years *lied* about cost and *lied* about neutrality.

We all followed orders, tougher on those with a weaker volunteer base, and added burdens to the prison staff, courtroom, etc., in the rehousing for the bogus Faith-Based Housing that gave **Favor for Faith**. ORs exposed the lack of documents and exposed the *sloppiest* run program.

From late 2011, I wrote my fateful 50-page **Faith-Based Housing Letter** showing the unconstitutionality of those three on how **FAVOR for FAITH abuses the authenticity of the favored faith**, *focusing* on the Faith-Based Housing, institutional privileged **FAVOR for being a Christian**. I sent it to Exec. Dir. Livingston asking him to meet with the Americans United Director Barry Lynn, with cc to the Baptist Joint Committee in D.C., two of the most substantial advocates defending religious freedom.⁸ Eric—do you see a pattern? Had Livingston just ignored the letter, I might still be a chaplain and retired in 2026, at 70 or so. I followed *orders*.

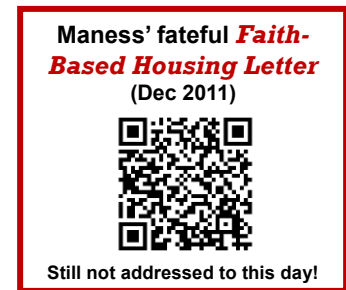
Yes sir, to prepare ours, I visited the prisons with the *best* Faith-based programs and had a volunteer who was a retired teacher implement. Somewhere, I have a couple of binders with data collected from the best chaplains who responded in emails and from those in SE Texas that I visited. Yes, Eric, those are the makings of *another* book on how the chaplains were starting **Christian dorms**, the faith of about 99% of TDCJ volunteers with a Baptist hegemony, though who knows for sure, because TDCJ does has not analyzed volunteers, ever—zero probity.

Hammer Fell: within two months of my fateful **Faith-Based Housing Letter**, I had three disciplinaries, two falsified—yes sir—documented to the hilt, one falsified by Marvin Dunbar, so poorly written it was thrown out and retried by Ortiz’ deputy to save dingy Dunbar’s face. The other was falsified by Warden Gary Hunter under orders from scumbag Reg. 1 Dir. Michael Upshaw, full story documented in the first 100 pages of the *Book of Secrets*. **With three, Upshaw forced the worst penalty of the permissibly range and I was forced into mandatory dismissal proceedings**, the main falsified disciplinary for a photo of my prisoners putting together Christmas card packages in December 2011, photos the warden had *approved in writing* and *viewed* before I took off the prison, as I had done many times in the past 15 years. Oh, Upshaw is a scumbag. In mediation, I beat the wrap in part because Dir. Collier had thrown out one of the three by dingy Dunbar. Weeks before the mediation, scumbag Upshaw had covertly got the Programs Division to *cancel* the hiring of a chaplain at Polunsky—already boarded, selected, and notified—to free the position for me. Upshaw ended my 20 years at the Gib Lewis Prison in Woodville. That’s a true story from ORs, as by 2011, I was an expert in ORs, and TDCJ applications were for the asking (personal data redacted).

Yes, Upshaw took over Programs Division’s Chaplaincy Department hiring, nastily, and I had witnesses.

8. Short Story of the “Polunsky Fiasco” Exposure of Murderers Totally Unsupervised for YEARS

At Polunsky, I was surprised to see such activity, and quickly came to see why I was there: **every day Chaplain David Collier was violating** a dozen *serious* security policies with the wardens’ approval for the



⁸ That “**Favor for Faith**” is a thesis I greatly developed through the two editions of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, articulating the vast ramifications psychological and theological, anchoring it as one of the dozen rock-solid arguments against the Fools’ Parade.


previous 6 years—*6 years!* Warden Richard Alford began to harass, wrote me a bogus reprimand, then threatened another disciplinary which would have forced *another* mandatory dismissal. Insane cover up!

Who Am I? I was small for my age and a late-bloomer and picked on in the 7th grade at San Fernando Junior High in Southern California. My father, a U.S. Marine, put me into karate, so now I was beat up by professionals—*usually get a laugh at that.* I did learn to punch. There came a couple of humiliations, where I had to decide: would I *Give Up* or *Stand*. I loved and admired my father’s strength. I chose to *not* be bullied and punched one in the mouth. My life changed. I had about 5 other fights in HS and lost most. I was not a *real* fighter, but the bullying ended and new life began. I did not punch Alford or Upshaw in the mouth, though they deserved it, for I had grown up, something they had not yet done. My courage exposed their cowardice.

Alford increasingly played the coward the more he saw that I was **not going to give up standing up for policy and integrity**. The chaplaincy department should be the *most* compliant! We chaplains are supposed to *know* what prisoners are doing in the chapel, and Chaplain Collier did *not* know throughout his short career, as the **prisoners had taken over the chapel**—wardens’ knowing, watching on high-definition cameras.

Polunsky Fiasco! First of July, 2012, I attempted to SEE Bryan Collier and CID Dir. Rick Thaller. Collier very well remembers, yet refused and told me to “see Polunsky Senior Warden Timothy Simmons,” the very one I was exposing! Collier, I *know* you remember—right! **DO YOU REMEMBER?** On **July 11, 2012**, I sent a 4-page letter which is *first* in the **Five Letters link** (QR Coded) to Warden Muniz and Warden Simmons, just before Simmons retired, going on record for my discomfort of the **vast violations of policy** in the Polunsky chapels, **called in my book the “Polunsky Fiasco.”** Then came Warden Richard Alford who had been the Polunsky Asst Warden their 4 years before (2002–2008) and who had first *allowed* the violations. Alford began to harass—Alford protected Chaplain David Collier and his life-sentenced murderers violating policy every day!

Compilation of **5 Letters**, the above & the 5-page **IOC** sent to **Polunsky Wardens 7-12-12**
 Warden Richard Alford commenced to **HARASS**



then 3 other follow up letters sent in 2013 – Wardens **IGNORED**

Dir. Collier **REMEMBERS my July attempt**, another proof that I was **FIRST** to TRY to expose the Polunsky Fiasco, prisoners with cameras, computers, printers *totally* unsupervised 10 hours a day for *years*. And it was not until after my intrepid OR pursuit that I discovered they were *contraband* high-end computers and printers with a **wireless network** and gizmos galore. A couple years later I got the OR docs that Warden Richard Alford had written, **lies**—that *he lied* on an official document that *he* was first to expose in November 2012—*nasty lies*—fully exposed in the *Book of Secrets* in 2013. Eric—lots of **lying** for 12 years.


Yet in July-August of 2011, **I am scared**, for you cannot beat all bullies. My father said a couple of times, “Someone can always beat you.” And Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier was totally blinded by scum Michael Upshaw.

Standing up to bullies was costing my dearly, standing up for policy cost me my job, and the scumbags were winning. And cowardly *wardens* helped! Eric, *wardens* had left the battlefield. Timothy Simmons had just been awarded “Administrator of the Year” before his last day at the end of July, personally given to him by Alan Polunsky at Simmons’ retirement party at the Polunsky Prison. I was there, shook Polunsky’s hand. I had no idea then, but by the *Book of Secrets*, I had clearly documented how Alan Polunsky had been stoned, too, by the hand of the very man he was awarding that day. Deep state underbelly ... very scary.

This was a nightmare.

In 2012, I was **forced** to retire for **STANDING UP for policy against** cowardly Warden Alford, his cowardly asst. wardens, and prisoner-puppet Chaplain Collier. I found out just how much then Reg. Dir. scumbag Michael Upshaw *owned* Wardens Timothy Simmons and Richard Alford! On October 29, 2012, **I FAXED a 21-page** exposure *whistleblowing* the vast violations in the Polunsky Chapels to Brad Livingston, OIG’s Bruce Toney, and CID Dir. Rick Thaller—certified hard copies with **photos created by prisoners**—exposing criminal behavior in the prisoners’ own office with windows covered **TOTALLY unsupervised for YEARS**. Now your **legacy** in cover ups, Eric, until *you* deal with it honorably.

First Public Exposure of Polunsky Fiasco in my 21-page Letter **FAXED** to Brad Livingston & OIG Chief Bruce Toney, **MAILED Certified 10-29-12**



They close chapel **No contact me ... EVER ...** then they Destroy Evidence, Clean Contraband, Clear **ALL** Violators

Oh, I *knew* OIG would contact me, but they *never did* on that letter.

Scumbag Upshaw owned OIG. You don’t like that. I didn’t know then, but the *Book of Secrets* is clear.

9. Short Story of *Book of Secrets*, 3rd Book in the "Killing of Professional Chaplaincy Series"

I pursued many ORs feverishly, and OIG never investigated the Polunsky Fiasco or the 700-page *Book of Secrets*, making OIG **complicit in cover up and obstruction of justice**. I emailed TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell several times as a **charter member of his labor consortium**, cordial all the time. I talked to him once on the telephone, a very nice man, too nice, as he was a victim, too, not really knowing how deep he was sinking. **How** did Upshaw and dingy Dunbar compromise him? Got him to ... WHAT? ... man-handled or conned the labor expert TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell to say it was "Okay" to destroy crime scene evidence, "Okay" to clean contraband, "Okay" for the *cleaned-contraband* to be returned to the violating prisoners and violating Chaplain Collier? That is why the *Book of Secrets* is subtitled the **Case of the Enchanting Chaplain**.



Never forget one thing—life-sentenced murderers were in an office by themselves with ZERO supervision 10 hours a day for YEARS with the wardens watching via their high-resolution cameras. Now Senior Warden Richard Alford was *caught*, owned by Captain of Scum Michael Upshaw.

From my forced retirement on October 31, 2012—nonstop—I kept working and looking hard, OR after OR, maybe 70 requests, laboriously compiling the *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013), over 700 pages with a vast set of Tabbed sections documenting 6 years of major violations at Polunsky prior to my arrival in June of 2012, a monumental piece that cost me \$1,000s in OR costs and printing. I mailed **hard copies** to Livingston, OIG Bruce Toney, and the Texas AG with the 3 data CDs and a DVD of videos that the prisoners themselves took. Eric, are you paying attention—*prisoners videoed their own violations* of which snaps I placed in the *Book of Secrets* and mailed DVD copies to OIG. Trying to keep the exposure from going public, I posted it online with a password sent to Livingston, Toney, and Texas AG—*still* trying to protect TDCJ. Few years later, I deleted the password requirement to free it up to the entire world. I emailed TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell again, and he was cordial, until I asked about the *Book of Secrets*.⁹

Never been anything like that in TDCJ or penal history, or as much hidden by your TBCJ's OIG in history. Now we have OIG's Bruce Toney obstructing justice! Take another look at Chris Love.

10. Short Story of TBCJ's OIG Investigating ME as a "Terrorist Threat" for "Writing Books"

TERRORIST? I emailed TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell as a **charter member** of his now lucrative labor consortium start up. **Right after I emailed him** a request to have a "break out session" on the Polunsky exposures in the *Book of Secrets*, Bell had **ME investigated as a "Terrorist Threat."** Read the OIG report yourself, Eric!¹⁰ The OIG officers asked me to drive to Huntsville to *investigate* my *Book of Secrets*, yes, the OIG officers led me to believe they were investigating my *Book of Secrets*. Nothing happened for months! Maybe ten ORs later—after "nothing responsive"—I appealed to the Texas AG for release **all** of (1) OIG's investigations on the Polunsky Fiasco, (2) my OIG "interview," (3) the Oct. 29 21-page fax above, and (4) the 700-page *Book of Secrets*. For almost two years, "nothing responsive," and Texas AG could not move on that.

Finally, *finally*, after OIG seeing I was not giving up and had the Texas AG holding, I got the one OIG investigation. Shocked to the bone—I found out my OIG "interview" was **not** about the *Book of Secrets* or 21-

⁹ *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History—Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013), 700+ pages, 22 MBs in low res online, 142 MBs in high res, first 100 pages my story obstruction of justice and more, with 22 Tabs of categories of documents, photos, exposing how corrupt the Polunsky chapel was violating dozen policies every day for 6+ years with the wardens' complete knowledge.

¹⁰ See www.PreciousHeart.net/public/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf > let the world read it & weep, it was important for them to close their report with me promising "not to write any more books." Subsequent ORs exposed they never investigated why Oliver Bell himself with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar destroyed crime scene evidence, cleaned contraband, cleared all the violating employees—Warden Richard Alford especially—or why Upshaw ordered the life-sentenced murderers encrypted files to be destroyed. And notice that their report was signed off by OIG Bruce Toney's deputy, Chris Love, who was also later promoted to OIG chief, like all those involved in the Polunsky Fiasco were soon promoted after they thought the cover up was complete and me history. **Eric**—you're a top-tier *lawyer*, for God's sake, read this and you will see more than I did.



Another irony in this mess, after OR was finally released after two years of fighting, someone made a terrible mistake and sent it with the personal information of Oliver Bell and others, social security numbers, and more. A mistake, surely, yet given what I was involved in and the falsified disciplinaries for miniscule and *lesser* items, I did another OR to discover that that severe violation of policy did not yield a disciplinary, another proof of *selective* use of the disciplinary procedures. Of course, in this light, the secretary who sent it would have been disciplined, to take the fall for the man, like the character of a Michael Upshaw, who *told* her to send it but never told her what to redact social security numbers—really!

page fax, but it was a formal “investigation” on ME. So telling—it revealed why **OIG did not want me to have it** or share it. To OIG’s *shame*, they **closed their report** saying that I had promised “**NOT TO WRITE ANY MORE BOOKS.**” The *only* OIG investigation was of *me*, even though I had repeatedly requested all investigations. That is, OIG never investigated Chairman Bell, dingy Dunbar, or scumbag Upshaw cleaning crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband. OIG had “nothing responsive” for almost two years!

Terrorist?—that motivated me! I doubled down on research.

You’re a top-tier lawyer, as are Dale and Patrick. How can you *not* see the nefariousness and **blatant abuse of OIG powers** to investigate *me*—uber copious detailer whistleblower—and *not* the Polunsky Fiasco with a **provided list of 30+ witnesses in Book of Secrets Tab 3**, with several volunteers from the Gib Lewis Prison in #31 that are still alive valid witnesses today? OIG did *nothing* in November 2012 after my 10-29-12 fax or after the monstrous 2013 *Book of Secrets* or even lying Warden Alford’s IOC that he was forced to write over a **year after the fact** in which *Warden Alford lied* in writing trying to minimize the scope.

Then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell tripped on a banana peel in allowing scumbag Upshaw and dingy Dunbar to man-handle him into their lowrider for the **trio’s nasty crime-spree ride** into illegal crime scene evidence destruction and cleaning of contraband. Bell was right to refuse my request for a breakout session as a charter member of his labor consortium, but if he had *not* have had OIG investigate me as Terrorist Threat then the clarity of OIG’s obstruction of justice would not be before you, Dale, and Patrick today.

Eric, bet yah it was Upshaw’s idea to have me investigated by OIG as a Terrorist Threat. Whatever, now FOUR TBCJ chairmen, three of which are super lawyers, have continued the cover up—I’m most confident now—that originated from the crafty hand of Captain of Scum Michael Upshaw. He was the only one who did not write anything, yet whose name is referenced by most of his victims, a real snake.

11. How TDCJ Computer Tech Shawn Wallace Opened Pandora’s Box on Bell & Upshaw

Oh, like a mad man, I pursued every OR request for two dozen rabbits—you know, like a *conscientious* OIG officer investigating—and I got responses on everything about the Polunsky chapel, inventories, supply orders, maintenance records, volunteer data—for God’s sake, *read the Book of Secrets*—including and finally, the *coup de grace*, the lead computer tech, **Shawn Wallace**, and all the details of his team’s FOUR WEEKS work inside the closed Polunsky Chapel under Warden Richard Alford’s cover up.

I called Wallace—listen to my recorded interview, a link I sent to over 200 in the last 13 years—a jewel of recording precious to *truth*, devastating to the cowardly wardens, and in the last analyst should have **gotten scumbag Michael Upshaw FIRED!** Again, for perhaps the 23rd time, Wallace thought I was a TDCJ lawyer, so he was free as a bird, jovial, happy to share what he did, how Upshaw instructed, how they met with Bell and Dunbar—spilled scumbag Upshaw’s whole jar of nefarious beans. That also meant TDCJ’s legal department was involved in the Polunsky Fiasco evidence destruction and contraband cleaning from the start after my 10-29-12 Fax. Wallace was *ordered* by Upshaw, Dunbar, and Chairman Oliver Bell to **destroy** Polunsky crime scene evidence, *clean* contraband, and then Upshaw *cleared* all the violating wardens and Chaplain Collier, not a single disciplinary for those wardens **after the years of gross security violations**. These were violations of the law by Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar for obstruction of justice and destroying criminal evidence, even the **prisoners’ 2-GB-encrypted computer file!** Why did Upshaw and OIG destroy two GBs of data *encrypted* by life-sentenced murderers on contraband computers *after* my exposure was sent to the executive director, OIG Chief Bruce Toney, and Texas AG? Hillary Clinton smashed hard drives and deleted 30,000 emails *after* a congressional subpoena. Insane, except with one difference from Clinton, I provided 700 pages of *other* violations that most of the Polunsky security rank knew, including irrefutable proofs of prisoners totally unsupervised 10 hours a day for years!

Wallace, too, got a promotion with all the others for covering up the Polunsky Fiasco, and, nastier, scumbag Upshaw was promoted to deputy division director, cowardly Warden Richard Alford promoted to Upshaw’s former place as Region 1 director, and Deputy Dir. Collier became executive director who later promoted dingy Dunbar to direct TDCJ’s Compliance Division. That very tight shoe’s laces were cut loose for **the world to**

OIG “Terrorist Investigation” of ME finally received after a THREE-year FIGHT for release!

Bell, OIG’s Chief Toney, his Deputy Love did NOT want me to have this ... because of the scandalous TRUTH written, as well as what OIG avoided, OIG’s *protecting* Polunsky violations for 6 years—OIG never investigated Polunsky violations—or how TDCJ & OIG violated the law in NOT giving the OTHER report after 10 requests over 2 years ... OIG & TDCJ Legal Dept. protected WARDENS violating major security policies AND protected the trio of Bell, Upshaw, Dunbar’s DESTRUCTION of crime scene evidence, cleaning contraband, and ...

NEVER forget—OIG never investigated the crime scene CLEANED by Bell, Upshaw, Dunbar or investigated the Witness List of the those employees & volunteers who saw Warden Simmon’s and Warden Alford’s *totally* unsupervised prisoners.



HEAR in that MP3 of Wallace's confession and the ORs laid out in the *Book of Secrets*, Tab 6 (pp. 285–300) of the contraband Wallace's crew discovered coming in for 6 years, started back when Alford was an assistant warden at Polunsky (2002–2008), the naïve volunteers *loving* Alford's returning, recalling his support back when the violations began. See the **2 GBs of prisoners' encrypted data, a TB of pirated videos, and so much more**. What does Upshaw do as Warden Alford sits quietly hushed in his office biting his nails? **Upshaw manipulates the TBCJ Chairman Bell into destroying criminal evidence** and—again—*cleaning* contraband. Who *cleans* contraband and returns it? See Tab 6 *and* Alford's 2013 *lying* IOC in Tab 5a. Instead of disciplinaries for violations *much worse* than Upshaw had cowardly wardens to falsify to me, Upshaw orders the contraband *cleaned* and *returned* to the violating prisoners for *continued* unsupervised use. For years after, the prisoners *continued* their unsupervised use—some still violating today in 2024—though not nearly as bad as the summer of 2012, thanks to me, not cowardly Alford, or as bad for the two years after 2012. Their cover up was crafty.

In the context of this letter alone, yet especially the context of the now 11-year old *Book of Secrets* and the second edition of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, any TBCJ member who *fails* to listen to the Wallace MP3 audio file no longer deserves to be a member of that auspicious board.¹¹

Do not miss the *Book of Secrets*, Tab 8, on the **Texas Fire Marshall's report** that was tough to get, and Tab 12 on the **Off-shore Accounting** where volunteer money was flowing in, \$20,000-plus that doubtlessly paid for a lot of the contraband, but—**who knows?—Eric?**—*no one* knows where all that money went. And despite getting a copy, OIG just skipped over that, too, to protect Chaplain Collier, to protect the Polunsky Wardens Simmons and Alford, protect Captain of Scum Upshaw, and even protect CID Director Bill Stephens.

12. Warden Alford's Year-After-Fact Lying IOC STILL Misses His Unsupervised Murderers

Eric, look at the *Book of Secrets* and see Warden Alford's lies that I point out in Tab 5a (pp. 266–268). Alford was forced to write an IOC, an official communication, on discovery at Polunsky. Notice he tries to cover himself with sending Lieutenants who "know computers," and they seem to have a story, he says—the IOC dated over a year after my FAX on 10-29-12. You can see Alford's bogus attempt to say that his *discovery* was in the context of reprimanding *me* in a hearing—a cowardly lie—for I had been after this since **July 2012**, wrote a note even before he arrived (5 Letters QR Coded above). But read WARDEN Alford's IOC and weep, and notice what is missing—the **MAIN EVENT that 50 staffers knew** at Polunsky, prisoners in their own office, windows covered, seen on Polunsky's own high-res cameras, alone, totally unsupervised, with cameras, computers, and a color laser printer, and more (see Wallace's list above, Tab 6, pp. 285–300). Even in my own Terrorist Threat investigation, I told the OIG officers, and there is no record they *ever* investigated any staff, volunteer, or prisoners, though 50 staff at Polunsky *knew*.¹²

No TDCJ warden was *ever* that ignorant of what was going on for 6 years—ever. Polunsky wardens did not care that Chaplain Collier was a bane to Food Service, Countroom, Supply, and the safety officer had orders to "leave Collier alone." Everyone knew that. Even though I had corrected over 40 policy violations by September and October 2012, Warden Alford would **not let me close down the unsupervised murderers**, and Chaplain David Collier was throwing hissy fits at my attempts, as I also documented in the *Book of Secrets*. Now read Alford's IOC, then back up to **Tab 2, the Witness List**, some of which were distinguished trusted Gib Lewis Prison volunteers that I asked to come and visit the Polunsky chapel, to see this miracle of prisoner freedom in July and August of 2012—**totally unsupervised**, as I have repeated for 13 years now in two dozen letters. My old volunteers' jaws dropped, too, as I pointed out some of the idiocy. That has never happened on any other TDCJ prison, only Polunsky. Now ask how scumbag Michael Upshaw owned the OIG and owned Chairman Bell, so much that OIG Bruce Toney and successor Chris Love both aided in the cover up.

13. First Analysis in TDCJ of 86,775 Employee Disciplinaries

How do I know there were no disciplinaries? Did an OR and published the first disciplinary analysis in TDCJ history of ten years of 86,775 disciplinaries, which also reveals little work on that apparatus. In the light of the *Book of Secrets* (2013), *Book of Secrets II: Goodman Unit Hiring Scam* (2017), and the lampooning *TDCJ Deep State Report* (2019), the 86,775 disciplinaries reveal how *some* disciplinaries are used for

¹¹ See www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3.

¹² And if you really want depth, know that most of the COs, correctional officers, staffed inside the Polunsky Chapel converted from a gym, you will see that Wardens Timothy Simmons, Stephen Alford, and Gary Hunter regularly posted the least experienced officers, often part-time officers, who never shook down the prisoners. Scarily, many of the officers used Chaplain Collier's prisoner clerks to help with counts! Yeah, but who's studies?

intimidation over correction. Yeah, and no disciplinaries for Wardens Simmons and Alford, scumbag Upshaw, or Chaplain David Collier, or the asst. wardens—OR confirmed! Even Asst. Warden Michael Butcher, quoted in the *Book of Secrets*, told me personally he did not want to come the chapel because he “would have to change too much.” He knew, and as he texted me later, said he chose to “stay out of it.” He too kept silent. The links are not hard to follow, appearing his part in the cover up played a role in Butcher’s promotion to senior warden at Polunsky. Oddly similar to Warden Timothy Simmons in July of 2012, Butcher was “Outstanding ... Administrator of the Year” in 2019, just before he retired. All the more important to investigate how OIG chose to “stay out of it,” too, obstructing justice in *refusing* to investigate the destruction of crime scene evidence, years of prisoners under zero supervision with contraband computers, and, of course, how the trio led by TBCJ Chairman Bell, dingy Dunbar, and scumbag Upshaw cleared all the violators, including Warden Alford, the Asst. Wardens Muniz and Butcher, and the majors—at a minimum, all guilty as hell.

First Analysis in TDCJ History of 86,775 Disciplinaries 10 Yrs 2003 to 2013



What was inside the prisoners’ 2 GBs of encrypted data? **How was OIG deluded away from that?**


TDCJ has no analysis on disciplinaries for the last 25 years. And Dir. Collier will dishonorable retire soon, thinking it honorable, in full-bore delusion that nothing really happened at Polunsky—unless you, Eric, step up the plate of honor.

14. Story on Book of Secrets II: Goodman Unit Violations ... 5th Book in the “Killing ... Series”

In 2017, I did the first comprehensive audit of a hiring package, *Book of Secrets II: Goodman Unit Hiring Violations* (2017), where a grossly obese burned-out white warden hired a white TDCJ retired career LAUNDRY MANAGER (who was at Gib Lewis when that warden was a sergeant a decade before). He hired a **WHITE LAUNDRY** man with his online degree over a retired **BLACK U.S. Army combat CAREER Chaplain** with real degrees and decades of experience *as an ARMY chaplain*—another racist hiring of the lowest qualified of the applicant pool—in 2017, 25 years after my first exposures in 2000 of hiring the lowest qualified in the 1990s. Just forget about TDCJ’s military preference, for good-ol’ boys win in 2017 after 20 years of exposures of the Programs Division’s hiring the lowest qualified of the applicant pool. **FIRST comprehensive applicant analysis in TDCJ history** is something marked in the *When Texas Prison Scams Religion’s* “Further Research” section as another area for **grant-funded research** in prisons among 85 other areas, and sorely lacking, if such has *ever* been done before anywhere in U.S. history (will criminologists come forward and discern?). Did TDCJ or OIG *investigate* that exposure? Eric, *I did not even ask* 😊. Too easy to say, “several just do what they please.” Even *after* repeated exposures? As I asked several times throughout in the book, **IS the Programs Division the most nefarious?** Is OIG?

Book of Secrets II: Goodman Unit Hiring Violations (2017)

First FULL analysis of a hiring package in TDCJ history, perhaps in U.S. penal history, revealing again corrupt Program Services again hiring the lowest qualified of applicant pool.




15. TDCJ Chaplaincy Statistics “Top Secret” for 50+ Years—TDCJ an Anti-Study Institution

Eric, you’ve been a TBCJ member for a few years now. Above—you have several unique books, hard-wrought documents, that cost me dearly over the last decades, and maybe 15,000 hours in the last 13 years. Have you seen any another other reports like those from *any* other division, or from the Programs Division? By now, Eric, you are seeing many “studies” that have *never* been done in TDCJ history. What about chaplaincy statistics? Have you seen anything like these in just this QR Code to the right? How about those stats in the CPEII and Flyers QR Coded above and included *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2013), which you also received with this letter?

TDCJ Cumulative Chaplaincy Stats 2013-2016 huge #s TOTALLY hidden & not used once to help chaplains in 30+ yrs

one of many sets published solely by Maness



I hoped for a *decade* Dir. Collier would see the light, preferring to believe him simply duped. I was wrong there, for he has dodged too God awful much—to *much!* Dale and Patrick sure did, and chose Silence of the Lambs, and they are partners to a billion-dollar law firm—that is scary! I honestly felt that the *TDCJ Deep Stare Report* (2019) would be my last book, *finis*, the end, having had so fun much in letting out my shirt tail and lampooning the ugliness of indisputable nefariousness.

But God would not let me go, or it was **my delusive belief** that honor would prevail, if I did not quit.

Eric, I—your whistleblower & “Terrorist Threat”—began my last “book,” which meant *another* two years of every available waking hour, referencing 2,964 persons from 1,826 sources cited, in addition to four dozen more OR requests on top of the previous 100-plus from the previous 25 years, to complete *When Texas Prison*

Scams Religion. Then I spent another year editing the second edition, following up, and refining the arguments, rhetoric, and exposing a few items more fully and powerfully, like Baylor's Prof. Byron Johnson.

Despicable—there's a deeper failure, as these combine to reveal a TDCJ underbelly, a Deep State *outside* of Dir. Collier's ability to see or manage, sly, nefarious, and one Captain of Scum Michael Upshaw who successfully ran several wardens, OIG, Programs Division, and at least one TBCJ chairman like a pimp.

16. Texas Monthly "Bum Steer Award" Nominees—Esp. TDCJ's \$300 Million for Zero Reports!

Bum Steer Award Nominee—*Texas Monthly* ought to award TDCJ Dir. Byran Collier, former TBCJ Chairman Dale, and whole TBCJ the **2024 "Bum Steer Award"** for the TBCJ's total lack of concern for escalating cover ups this last decade—culminating is the TBCJ's cover up of their total support for psychopathic prisoners counseling other psychopaths in their disorders for 11 years straight with zero concern for the **\$300-plus million** TDCJ pays UTMB each year with zero reports to TDCJ and—if you can believe—*and* UTMB issues **ZERO** reports, none, *nada*, zilch to anyone! See the deplorable email exchange I had with TDCJ and then with UTMB V.P. Owen J. Murray's designee who had *never been asked* and could not find a penny's worth!¹³ **Eric?!**



You did not know that, did you? Eric?!

After two years, are you going to remain silent, too? Worse—I sent the "UTMB zero-reports *exposure*" in a few letters since 2021. Why am I, myself, the only one who cares enough to expose this in the last 50 years? TBCJ has **zero** interest? If the TBCJ is totally unconcerned with \$300-plus *millions* with ZERO concern about prisoner psych care—**what does the TBCJ care about?** Is the TBCJ *itself* truly incorrigible?

Texas Monthly—is there a greater **Bum Steer** than the ZERO reports from UTMB for \$300+ million?

- Greater **Bum Steer** than Byran Collier who after the book was sent to 100+ stakeholders & 5 previous books since 2011 *continues* to model TDCJ after the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. history?
- Greater **Bum Steer** than Dale Wainwright & Patrick O'Daniel, both partners to a billion-dollar law firm, who supported Collier's Fools' Parade of the state ordaining prisoners to parole-earning Christian work with 4 years of Bible to be "counselors" with ZERO concern for disorders?
- Greater **Bum Steer** than TDCJ flushing Texas university psychology departments down the toilet?
- Greater **Bum Steer** than Dale covering up how scumbag Upshaw man-handled Chairman TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell into *destroying* crime scene evidence, *cleaning* contraband, & likely without Bell's knowing yet via the trio *clearing* the violators in the Polunsky Fiasco?

Or perhaps the simplest **Bum Steer is for TBCJ legal expertise ABSENCE:** that is, the vast majority of the TBCJ members have been Texas lawyers over any other profession. Not addressing the nefariousness and cover ups—my goodness, Eric—how is that not an embarrassment to your precious, critical, even vital legal profession? Over the last two years the TBCJ have hidden like children from the first and second editions of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, other certified letters like this one, vast exposures of the TDCJ underbelly, and Dir. Collier's total absence of an honest feed-back loop and deadly dependence upon hearsay.

Eric—you received a copy of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2nd Ed.) early last year, 2023, and here is another copy to the new chairman, along with Professor Emeritus Hare's unrivalled *Without Conscience*, whose test is the "Gold Standard" by his peers in the refined study of psychopathy—something TDCJ, you, and Bryan Collier have had zero interest in for as long as TDCJ has contracted psych care with UTMB for over \$300 million.¹⁴ Honestly, Eric, how much have *you* dealt with psychopathy as a severe issue in prison until my book arrived last year? Seriously? Prisoner psychopaths are a big deal, to other prisoners and staff. My book proves how the prisoner Field Minister factory is especially attractive to psychopaths, and, worse, how

¹³ Use QR Code or www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf for how Senior Public Information Manager UTMB Department of Legal Affairs Becky M. Wilson found NOTHING to share for specific requests for stats—ZERO!—but did give the names and huge salaries of a about 100 in-prison psychology/psychiatric clinicians paid the lion's share of \$300+ millions for ZERO reports!

Yeah, in the first & second ed. of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, chapter 2.C.4 "TDCJ Has *NOTHING* on Psychopaths," pp. 82–84.

¹⁴ Robert D. Hare, *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us* (New York: Pocket Books, 1993; Guilford Press, 1999; 248 pp.). Hare is professor emeritus on psychology at the University of British Columbia, developer of one of the world's most widely used assessments for psychopathy, 100-plus articles, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychology gave their lifetime achievement award him, with him the first recipient in 2005 of the R. D. Hare Lifetime Achievement Award.

that factory is supervised by a naïve volunteer with no reports worth spit to TDCJ, other than HEARSAY.

While you, Dale, and Patrick do *not* have any kind of true feed-back loop to the individual prisons, Chairman Oliver Bell availed himself to catering, relishing the favor in his sincerely humble demeanor, as wardens brown-nosed or simply manipulated Bell’s naïveté of the prison culture. Bell *had* to believe them, and I am sure there were some good wardens, too. One last time, Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar man-handled Bell into destroying criminal evidence and cleaning contraband to be returned to the violators in the Polunsky Chapel, with OIG aiding the cover up. Dale and Patrick did not ask the **critical question** this last decade: *How* was then Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier and Exec. Dir. Brad Livingston **kept in the DARK** about the Polunsky Fiasco? Did Collier now that Bell chaired the secret committee of himself, Upshaw and Dunbar that destroyed crime scene evidence, cleaned contraband, and cleared all the violating employees?

ERIC? > DID COLLIER KNOW? <

Eric—will you, too, ignore or get us the answer to that question? ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ and get the answer before Dir. Collier retires in dishonor under the delusion he was honorable? Or was Dir. Collier also guilty of cover up and obstruction of justice. Facts of nefarious are many. **Only you** can get that answer.

I’ll turn 68 this year. If I told you or the 100 others getting this letter the *personal* and *family* issues I had to negotiate *while* writing the first and editing the second, yeah, you’d just think I was asking for pity.

The sterling criminologists that I sent this to, who I also quoted in the book—and a few others like Alan Dershowitz—gosh, **they know the amount of work** that goes into a book like this and even a letter like this, though none of them would feel free enough to use “scumbag” or “dingy.” This was no sabbatical for me, no university clerical support, no funding for the OR requests, books, subscriptions—no grant to supplement income. No million-dollar grant. Some of the best work is written during “sabbaticals”—year-long paid self-imposed sequestrations in libraries and the prisons they visited, and I was indebted to several whose work backed me up splendidly, though in sad ways: they, too, *documented* nefariousness, all much kinder.



In chapter 24, Baylor Distinguished Professor Bryon Johnson *scammed* several—real Bum Steer!

17. More Research by Scholars of Prison Boards, the TBCJ, Sleepy Directors

More Research Demanded. In researching the book, I discerned 85 areas in need of greater research and listed them at the start of the massive bibliography (65 in 1st edition). Tenured professors of criminology that I cited likely know *which* of the 85 are truly novel. Here is an **86th** area in great need of a million-dollar grant-funded study—perhaps the most important—**86th STUDY** how a board like the TBCJ can be so sickly “deliberately indifferent” and incorrigible for 25-years to so many documented nefarious actions in TDCJ. That would be hardest of all. **87th STUDY** how Dale, Patrick, you, and other lawyers have totally ignored the Polunsky Fiasco of prisoners *years* with zero supervision and a TBCJ chairman conned by a scumbag into destroying crime-scene evidence, cleaning contraband, and clearing violators, and *me* investigated as “Terrorist Threat” for “writing books.” The 85 items identified throughout *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* have yet to be *thoroughly* studied—some never—*seriously* affect both officer attrition and offender recidivism. Yet **86** and **87** could discern how TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier was put to *sleep* by lies for a decade (unless he was liar aiding in cover up) with now 30 other state prisons *deluded* into stupor, but none as seriously as Collier, for he bought the whole hog, then helped with auctioning the hog at Norwood’s annual fundraising banquets.

18. My Big Book—Horde of Work ALL Prisons Should Face

Da Book. Eric, **chapter 2** *alone* on psychopathy cancels Collier and Norwood’s prisoner minister factory for the informed. Don’t miss how New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that began working for Warden Cain over 20 years ago *bragged* and *videoed* and *published* for all the world the see **a PSYCHOPATH**, see the video yourself, or the **Transcripts**, *another* 101-page book totally avoided. Worse, NOBTS Professor Robson whimpered in *tears* describing **Angola as the “perfect prison”** as the civil rights abuses escaped him, which abuses turned into a class action. Notice—NOBTS published the video of their prize prisoner Field Minister telling the world how much of a psychopath he was as he *bragged* about his absence of empathy, *hanging up* on his mother, how God led him to violate policy. They broadcasted utter *shame* in NOBTS’s own ignorance of quality “Pastoral Care” and whatever they had been doing in Angola the last 20 years. Don’t miss Bierman,

<p>Video of NOBTS’ 5 Interviews, one full Psychopath, their prize minister ></p>	
	<p>< Transcripts of Gov. Perry, Lt Gov Dan Patrick, TDCJ Dir Collier, Warden Cain, & NOBTS 5, listed in Appendix 1, another 101- page book totally ignored</p>

their shining star who hide not his disorders, starting on page 86 of **Transcripts**—video is for the Oscars!¹⁵

Book 2, chapters 4–6, is Warden Cain who several documented as a habitual liar and the Louisiana *Advocate* documented as the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history. How did Dir. Bryan Collier miss those? Oh, he never looked, which begs the big question of how Collier could *order* wardens to go and listen to Cain’s bullshit, lies, and corn-pop stories with which Cain has swooned naïve exclusively Evangelical audiences.

But Collier did not in 2010 or since then look at history. Among the sad exposures in the book is how Collier totally relies on HEARSAY, from a few lying directors and wardens. Eric—you know what HEARSAY is, yes, but not as well as Judge Dale, a true expert in HEARSAY. Yet both of you and all the lawyers of the TBCJ for 25 years have relied on HEARSAY, resulting in pain for TDCJ staff, prisoners, volunteers, and their families. **88th STUDY** the last two years with a million-dollar grant on how you super-lawyers of billion-dollar firms were so royally deluded. If not delusion, is it dead-hearted incorrigible deliberate indifference?

Book 3, chapters 7–11, outlines the vast scope of Evangelicalism vs. Liberalism and how Dir. Collier through his naïve leadership (or knowing nefariousness?) led TDCJ into the *lowest* of the concentric circles of Christian exclusivity (Chart 13) in Christian Dominionism. Collier and 30-plus other state prisons follow Cain’s foundation that has sought to redefine and dumb down the Christian church itself. In one of Cain’s swooning speeches he mocks Catholicism!

No religion “ordains” all comers, most especially *without* a concern for their recent or even distant *history*, as TDCJ pretends to do. Collier’s and your TBCJ’s failure to see that is grave. Worse—documented for 12-plus years, Collier and the TBCJ *lie* about cost and *lie* about constitutional neutrality. So many *lies*.

Book 3, chapter 11, details how TDCJ did *not* seek its own attorneys or the Texas AG for constitutionality, just the hearsay blather of a naïve volunteer swooned by the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history, as strange and incompetent as that is, but not for a ruler *dominating* without conscience or accountability.

Will your and Dale and Patrick’s *billion-dollar* law firms write the brief that justifies the constitutionality of naïve volunteer Norwood’s come-one-come-all prisoners to state-earned parole time “TDCJ jobs” doing “*Christian* missionary” work for the state after four years of sequestered Baptist Vacation Bible School?¹⁶ What if *Texas Monthly* asked you three that question? Would we get an answer then? A Baptist program *dependent* upon Baptist money, from which Norwood has taken over \$400,000 and yet allows any faith *compounds* a rotten blatant absurdity: a Buddhist or Muslim can go through four years of Baptist Bible—elementary bachelor’s level—then become a *Muslim* Field Minister! What utter idiocy! Saudi Arabia could afford to fund a four-year program on Islam (or China on a Communism) and let a Baptist or Catholic or Sumerian Necromancer enter, *pooferoo*, after four years of Islam become a *Baptist* or *Catholic* Field Ministers—**Idiocy!** Yet for 13 years now, Collier, Bell, Dale, Patrick, and all the TBCJ board members have relied upon Collier’s HEARSAY. Where’s your legal brief on that? Eric, **your profession matters a lot and is critical to the entire missions of both the TBCJ and TDCJ!**

Book 4, chapters 12–14, details the depth of naiveté of the Norwoods who **feel called from God**, though some doubt that, yet they are leading the largest prisoner peer program in TDCJ history, though they have no idea what “PEER work” means, given that Grover and Brenna did not chose peers for life-mates, Grove old enough to be Brenna’s grandpa! Far from worse—a non-issue in a secular context—but HOW they and Dir. Collier deceived Southwestern Seminary is one for the history book, a history both Collier and the Seminary were ignorant of during the entire process. For as Collier and Grover negotiated to entangle TDCJ with the Seminary, the Seminary would have dodged out *if* they had known Grover was going through a divorce at the same time, and certainly dodged out if the Seminary had known that at the exact same time TDCJ was **killing its entire prison chaplaincy corps** (we chaplains fought and won back in Austin in 2011).

Worse, Grover’s wife’s PhD program (chapter 13) with *one single* class on biblical counseling and her

¹⁵ Appendix 1.9 Part 5, “Donald Bierman,” p. 712 of book, p. 86 of *Transcripts*, www.PreciousHeart.net/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf, and you and the world can see the transcripts here, as rough as they are: or watch all five, 1st NOBTS Prof. Robson & 5th Bierman, <https://vimeo.com/217549452>, first accessed 2-13-21 and again on 1-3-24. Hear ye, hear ye—this is another book unto itself, 101 pages, and more time was put into this alone in very minor editing of the audio-to-text translations—which could still be edited more—than any TDCJ Programs Division director or OIG has done on “investigating” the Polunsky Fiasco or even the time any of them spent on the *Book of Secrets* and its vast exposures, much less any of the other works herein QR Coded representing only a fraction of the number of other works, supporting documents, 100s of OR docs, statistics, and letters at each stage of the 25 years of exposures.

¹⁶ If you listen to all the speeches in Appendix 1, you will hear Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick—as state Lt. Gov.—declaring that the his, Collier’s, and the TBCJ’s prisoner “ministers” are to change the “world” for Christ—clearly, Patrick *intends* (or *lies*) for his prisoners to be Christian missionaries.

dissertation is anchored in the loopy Jay Adams, leader of the Christian anti-psychiatry movement.¹⁷ Dir. Collier and the Norwoods flush down the toilet the entire departments of psychology and law schools of the 36 public universities in Texas—including Baylor’s—for roots in the king quack of the anti-psychiatry graze!

Book 5, chapters 15–17, dives into something unheard of at any TDCJ chaplaincy meeting, the actual psychology, sociology, prisonization, and philosophy within the *delicate* issue of the authenticity of faith itself in the prison city under constant siege. All prisoners seek the path of least resistance, greatest safety, and lift of fragile self-esteem for the best life they can have *in prison*. Forsaking that understanding, Norwood’s pillow talk and Dir. Collier’s naïve gushy praises and institutionally certified favor **abuses the authenticity of the prisoners’ own faith**. With the prisoners’ disorders and especially psychopaths, the program empowers **prisoner psychopaths to counsel psychopaths in their disorders** with Bible training—a full Fools’ Parade, to the honestly experienced. Eric, how are you doing on *your* feed-back loop of hearsay?

Book 6, chapters 18–21, outlines the vast resources in criminology that TDCJ has run from—scared of—while modeling the most scandal-ridden Warden Cain’s “non-traditional” lingo that is code for *doing it my way* and flushing 150 years of criminological advancement down the toilet. Don’t forget that this is now a nationwide toilet flushing with 30-plus state prisons deluded by Cain’s bullshit, and—documented very well in the book—how state prisons are impervious to change *from within* and how few actually access the billions of dollars of *avant-garde* criminology research published by the ton every year. One of the 85 areas discerned in the book and worthy of repeating is for a grant-funded study to discover “precisely *what*” of the costly research from our great universities that has *actually* been used in prison, in Texas, and in every other state.

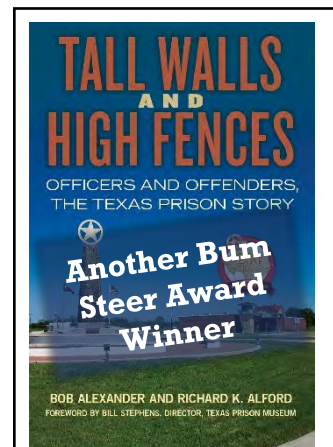
Prisonization does not mean squat to Collier, and the Heart of Texas Foundation leader, as well as Cain, are marketing—likely Norwood innocently—a scam, a true Fools’ Parade, mocking all we have learned about prison the last 150 years, mostly thanks to the swooning corn pop of Warden Cain.

Book 7, chapters 22–25, building on previous 21, chapter 24 eviscerates Baylor’s Distinguished Prof. Bryon Johnson’s sloppy million-dollar study and how he nefariously mutilated the meaning of *three* men to mean the *opposite* for his own purposes. Chapter 23 exposes what no one wants to deal with, sex in prison, Dir. Collier’s masturbating ministers, and Collier’s complete denial or ignorance of how sex affects young men in prison. Worst of all, a reality—and maybe not many—but how many of Collier’s *ministers* raped other prisoners before *seeing volunteer Norwood’s Golden Goose light of institutional Favor for Faith?*

19. Ex-Polunsky Warden Alford’s *Tall Walls* Supports Civil Rights Abuse!

Eric, I’ll bet you a \$100 Dir. Bryan Collier has a copy of *Tall Walls and High Fences* decorating his sparsely decorated shelves in his spacious TDCJ office, just tinsel, for he certainly has not *read* it, as he generally avoids reading. Yet any meagerly informed person visiting him—who *has read* it—would conclude that Collier *also* advocates-*defends*-praises the old Building Tenders, thug prisoners charged with abusing weaker prisoners: i.e., prisoners charged with *doing* the correctional officers’ and wardens’ jobs for them. So, both Alford and Stephens clearly documented how they preferred the old ways of abusive prisoners, and—worse—still do even years after their retirement. They *still* prefer prisoners doing their work for them, just as the prisoners did inside of the Polunsky Fiasco they so slyly nefariously covered up and pulled the wool over the head of Dir. Collier.

Eric, *read* how Alford *mocks* the Ruiz reforms and mocks Judge W. W. Justice (1920-2009) who put TDCJ under federal oversight for two decades. A book alleging to be the “Texas Prison Story” without any of abuses or reforms the last 100 years—yeah—a real piece of cover up, typical of Alford, who covered up the Polunsky Fiasco, who was protected by Dir. Collier, and only God knows what else Alford covered up during his lack-luster career that ended at Polunsky as the liar-in-chief and key player in the longest cover up in TDCJ history. Yet, I know



EVERYONE should read this and see how former TDCJ Alford and Stephens defended prisoner-on-prisoner abuse in 2020 and mocked the abuses that forced TDCJ under federal oversight for two decades. Though it rightly praises brave officers, it is far, far away from the “Texas Story,” without a scandal in 100 years, with zero programing advancement in 100 years, and nothing on the executive directors for the last 40 years.

Was I the first to expose how the SAME ex-Polunsky Fiasco Warden Richard Alford turned into a lying coward to aid his master Michael Upshaw with former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell to destroy crime-scene contraband & promoted all the violators. I know, for I was there!

¹⁷ David Powlison (1949–2019), *The Biblical Counseling Movement: History and Context* (Greensboro, NC: New Growth Press, 2010; 352 pp.), wherein gave the history of the anti-psychiatric movement of the scary Jay Adams, discussed in chapter 13 under HOTS Dir. Brenna Norwood, its links to Dominionism, which is against the great works and a rebellion against the best pastoral care. Powlison was a counselor and director of the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation (CEEF) and senior editor of its *Journal of Biblical Counseling*.

Alford, and if OIG had truly confronted him, he would have told the truth on scum Upshaw.

Sadly, Alford’s book is 12th in the university series on criminal justice and the worst in the series, vis a vis 11 others by real scholars, and Alford’s dime-store detective dialogue cheapens it more.

Eric—have you read it? Why not? What criminology *have* you read since your appointment? I suggest to all Texas legislators they pass a law requiring TBCJ board members to read two books on criminology every year of their tenure *and* submit the list to the governor’s office for publication. Cause I’m betting *most* do not even have a criminology journal subscription, even the attorney members.

Tall Walls praises officers, its only good point, but it’s *not* the “Texas prison story”!

Tall Walls is **available in the TDCJ Prison Museum** that was run by Bill Stephens for a short time, Alford’s old lying CID director and co-conspirator in the Polunsky Fiasco cover up.¹⁸

You, Dale, and Patrick are part of billion-dollar law firms with *proven* track records, true experts in law, especially Texas law—esp. Dale in criminal law. The billion-dollar GreenbergTraurig pulled Dale from the larger billion-dollar Norton Rose Fulbright with its 1,000-plus more attorneys and for good reason. While no expert myself, I guess one reason was that GreenbergTraurig offered Dale a raise, perhaps a raise equal to a TDCJ warden’s annual salary. That’s the VALUE of Dale’s almost unprecedented experience to lead GreenbergTraurig’s “National Appeals & Legal Issues Group” and to Chair its “Texas Appellate Practice”—i.e., **expertise and experience**, with likely a networked savoir-faire. GreenbergTraurig *investigated* and found out *how* Dale proved his mettle at Fulbright. Perhaps winning a case for Fulbright against GreenbergTraurig?

How under heaven does one of Dale’s extreme value in his second billion-dollar firm CLOSE HIS EYES to clearly documented evidence of criminal nefariousness in TDCJ while he was chairman of the TBCJ?

Eric—will you, too, cover up or cower, or will you consolidate to consider honor?

20. Short Story of the Lamponing TDCJ Deep State Report, 6th Book in the “Killing ... Series”

TDCJ Deep State Report (2019) seemed to be my last book, me the “Terrorist Threat,” exposing through lampoon how **crooked Marvin Dunbar** screwed the pooch *again*. After repeated exposures, he *continued* nefariousness—causing new Programs Division Dir. Rene Hinajosa to *lie* in the hiring of the lowest qualified chaplaincy director in prison history. Hinajosa had the shortest tenure as Programs director, revealing again how TDCJ promotes directors *not* because of qualifications or their expertise on “rehab” programs, certainly *not* because of their expertise on religion, but because they were Collier’s or someone’s *friend*. Zero probity.

After deleting the “director of chaplains” sub-title and created “director of religious services,” they hired a man with a HS diploma and no further education for his 25 previous years prior to his TDCJ time—**over two women of color** who had graduate degrees and experience.

It gets worse. After I exposed *that* mess—work the Programs Division *should* have done—the dummy was lateraled to assistant director of Victim Services, same salary, under Lisa Langley, though FOUR pay groups ABOVE her. Eric, really, get this: each month Dir. Langley had to sign off on his timesheet, though **her subordinate was FOUR pay groups ABOVE her. No one has yet thanked me for that, or the Book of Secrets.** I have repeated Langley’s abuse for five years now, Eric—and to *Texas Monthly*—and more, how after 15 years of dingy Dunbar’s nefarious treatment of chaplaincy, aiding in Ortiz’ attempt to kill chaplaincy in 2011, dingy Dunbar’s *orders* to exponentially increase Protestant programming (detailed in the *Faith-Based Housing Letter* above), and Dunbar’s racist hirings, and *still—hold your breath*—after a decade-plus of exposure upon exposure of Dunbar’s nefariousness from the Polunsky Fiasco of 2012 through 2020—after all that, Exec. Dir. Bryan Collier *still* promoted dingy Dunbar direct of TDCJ’s Compliance Division. That is, TDCJ’s **lying** star of cover up now directs its *Compliance* Division. Twilight Zone.

Eric, you head the diversity team at Butler & Snow. I sent you, too, a copy of the *TDCJ Deep State Report*.

Eric—do you even *want* to know the *real* history of TDCJ? **Or just the hearsay from delusions?**

See the poem at the end of that report and this letter, also at the end of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

What do you have in the TDCJ Annual Reports? Anything much *not* in the previous ones the last 20 years?

Eric—over 3,000 pages and a decade later, are you going to play same game, too? Allow *lies* to fester?

There is **no other** who has done this amount of work, none even wanting to. But a few call *me* delusional.



¹⁸ Verified with a call to Texas Prison Museum (12-7-23), (936) 295-2155, now run by David Stacks, retired top TDCJ administrator.

Eric, Dale, Patrick—imagine Butler & Snow or GreenbergTraurig placing a *boy* to Chair its Texas Appellate Practice who had yet to even earn a college degree? Insane? Yet dingy Marvin Dunbar as deputy *lied* to and *manipulated* the Programs Director to hire for its newly created “Director of Religious Services” a man whose resume showed he pastored failing churches for his previous 25 years prior to his entry into TDCJ as a Correctional Officer, a high school diploma his highest, and without interest in the *profession*.

As John Milton wrote in *Areopagitica* in 1644, “For books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life within them to be as active as that soul was whose progeny they are; Nay, they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them.”

Like you, Dale and Patrick have a list of 40-100 seminars of continuing education to this day—except that Dale is likely called to *lead* seminars for his billion-dollar GreenbergTraurig’s 2,000-plus attorneys, perhaps with attorneys from other firms paying to participate. What do I know about that?

What I do know is that for 25 years TDCJ’s Programs Division has not yet invited any expert in pastoral care or religion to any of its annual gatherings—for 25-plus years—only a few favored volunteers.

21. Three Sets of Questions for Three Major Texas Prison Stakeholders

MEDIA *ccld*: Three Questions

1. Why are no criminologists ever appointed to the TBCJ?
2. How & why did the TBCJ over 25 years *miss* in TDCJ so much documented nefariousness?
3. Given Eric, Dale, & Patrick have serious time-consuming duties at their billion-dollar firms, how under heaven can they find time to competently supervise TDCJ, especially without visiting the prisons?

Criminologists *ccld*: Three Questions

1. In addition to the 85 Areas for Further Research—plus **86th, 87th, 88th** above—How about a deep study of the *causes* of just the TBCJ’s 25 years of *deliberate indifference* by mostly top-tier attorneys?
2. In addition to the now 88 Areas for **Further Research**, how about a *deep study* of the letters and docs the TBCJ and other states have received in the last 25 years that they likewise *totally* ignored?
3. How about a *real study* of MEDIA outlets that failed to report such exposures as a TBCJ chairman man-handled by a scumbag into *destroying* crime scene evidence and *cleaning* contraband?

Attorneys *ccld*: Three Questions

1. How do you feel that Texas prisons are overseen by fellow attorneys who have made up the majority of TBCJ board members the last 25-plus years involved in cold monumental deliberate indifference?
2. Is it truly fair for Texas prison staff, prisoners, volunteers, and their families to be governed by attorneys that are **too busy** with their law firms to give proper supervision to the prisons?
3. What is the true state of “criminology” when deliberately indifferent lawyers dominate supervision in Texas where to my knowledge not a single criminologist has been appointed?

TDCJ’s Mocking of Science—who will discern if TDCJ’s Programs Division has made any contribution to “programs” in the last 50 years? Precisely *what*? In penology? Administration? Finances?

When TBCJ Chairwoman Christina Melton Crain appointed Brad Livingston, she was clear that she did not want another “good ole-boy,” for reasons I suspect she felt confident. Yet *not* having an executive director with over 10 years of actual daily *in-prison* work means no real grasp of the prison’s culture. The best criminologists are still trying to grasp what a 10-year veteran honorable correctional officer intuitively knows, and they need to study that *experience* more, as did Alison Liebling in the U.K.¹⁹ Despite Brad Livingston’s integrity, as sharp as he was, even he knew there where cultural depths that escaped him—he *knew* that—the reason he visited prisons so few times.

22. Absent Chapter on “Religious Delusions”—Just Peak at What I *Could* Have Added

Despite Dir. Bryan Collier’s perceived integrity, he is so far behind now and on the cusp of retirement—ready to *FLY away*, in the delusion of an honorable flight, as the king with no clothes, adulated by the naïve as Marshall for the Texas Fools’ Parade. It is impossible for him to see his own delusion without reading and proving. Collier was simply naïve, too gullible, that gullibility made so painfully clear in my book and his modeling TDCJ after the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history. Collier was scammed by scumbag

¹⁹ Alison Liebling, *Prisons and Their Moral Performance: A Study of Values, Quality, and Prison Life*, Clarendon Studies in Criminology, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004; 592 pp.). Referenced in my book as Chart 2, Liebling’s “Six Factors of Prison Quality & Penal Outcomes,” being 1. Respect, 2. Humanity, 3. Relationship, 4. Trust, 5. Decency, and all through Fairness. (From her book p. 445; quoted in mine on pp. 43 & 458).

Upshaw, as Upshaw owned a handful of wardens, and one TBCJ chairman.

Chapter 26, “Religious Delusions”—*not written yet*, though I did think of it in 2021 as I worked on *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. I give many references to psychology, and several early theorists believed all religion a “delusion.” I referenced Simon Winchester’s excellent book, *The Professor and the Mad Man*, based upon a true story, and it was made into a decent movie starring Mel Gibson as the professor, though the movie hardly captures the book. It is a crime to *lie* to prisoners and essentially train them that is okay to lie to forward their faith, which is part of what TDCJ is doing in calling the state’s Christian minister factory *neutral* when it is a Baptist Bible program, calling them “counselors” and “SCHOLARS” as the Norwoods do, when neither Grover or Brenna have an inkling what a true “counselor” is. Just *delusions* or *lies*.

Let me toy with that body of research for a second. When Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said, “I think it was President Reagan who said, ‘We’re from the government. We’re here to help!’”—he was mistakenly misquoting Reagan from a foggy memory, just taking a clip—small piece, a token—that aligned with his view that the government *can* solve all ills. Here is what Reagan actually said, the opposite of Cardona: “The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I’m from the Government, and I’m here to help.”²⁰ In that, Cardona and Collier are brothers in a misplaced confidence in government, especially while blind.

All should sit down and listen to Warden Burl Cain’s messages linked in the book in Appendix 1. Yeah, listen to a dozen, and watch him swoon audiences like a Blue Collar comedian, only his audience *believes* him.

None of you—not one, nor any in the 100 cc’d—have a complete prison education without reading Wilbert Rideau’s *In the Place of Justice*.²¹ I felt ashamed that I did not see it when it first came out. Though not a criminologist, yet as one who has *tried* to look at *everything* pertinent to Angola and Texas on religion—just peering over the Mt. Everest of journals and criminological texts endlessly spinning off the presses—to me there is no better book on prison life and “justice” written by a freed lifer. None by a prisoner or ex-prisoner goes deeper, and there are *many* books written by full professors—like Dist. Prof. Johnson—that do not hold a candle to Rideau in depth and humanity, exposing delusions in justice and nefariousness.

Dir. Collier is under the **delusion** that *if* someone is promoted, they must have been the *BEST*, a sick delusion which I have spent 25 years exposing and eviscerating. Eric—your turn. Or are you, too, incorrigible?

There is a whole genre of literature on religious delusions *outside* of the psychopaths like Jim Jones, David Karesh, and other monsters who dominate with charisma and twisted egos. I showed you a couple of religious psychopaths in chapter 2. “Religious delusions” means those whose thinking in honest faith swerve into thinking all people are saints, or devils, or that one’s own self is *better* than all others—milder delusions—to those who *do* speak to God like a friend, as Grover Norwood hints that he does in his swooning messages.

Hot of the press in 2023, *Handbook of Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies* outlines many of the *different* ways in which psychology has advanced to incorporate religion into *real* counseling and psychotherapy, something *trashed* by TDCJ in a minister factory that **lies** about “counseling,” that to the Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick *is* a Christian missionary service for the state and to the world, said Patricik—*the world!*²² Like to have added a section on that book in mine. TDCJ’s minister factory is a real deluding Fools’ Parade.

The oldest is James Coombs, *Religious Delusions*, published in 1904, about the time that many psychologists were pure Darwinists and thought that all religion was a delusion, yet Coombs was a devote Christian, and would support a lot of the Norwood’s work, for he too believed the **Bible cures all disorders**.²³

²⁰ Andrew Rodriguez, “Biden Admin Misquotes Reagan And Accidentally Exposes Itself,” MSN, 11-29-23, www.MSN.com/en-us/news/opinion/biden-admin-misquotes-reagan-and-accidentally-exposes-itself/ar-AA1kJY77.

²¹ Wilbert Rideau, *In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment and Deliverance* (Vantage, 2011; 366 pp.). See the date published? The year we had to fight to save Texas prison chaplaincy at the same time Dir. Collier implemented the prisoner Christian minister factory, aka, Fools’ Parade, as this monumental was just getting into high gear, exposing so much, with Warden Cain’s antics on the pull-down tray. It’s a real keeper, a *masterpiece!*

²² P. Scott Richards, G. E. Kawika Allen, and Daniel K. Judd, *Handbook of Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies* (Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2023; 488 pp.). Richards is a retired professor of counseling psychology from Brigham Young University and founder of Bridges Institute for Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies; Allen is an associate professor counseling; and Judd is a retired professor and dean of religious education whose recent book is *Let’s Talk About Religion and Mental Health* (2021). The 53 contributors have 46 PhDs, 11 Masters, 4 PsyDs, a ThD, an EdD, and a M.D. The four divisions of the articles are (I) General Approaches; (II) Integration of Specific Spiritual Traditions, as within Islam, Jewish, Polynesian, Christian; (III) Integration for Specific Patient Populations, as in couples, forgiveness, veterans, criminal justice; and lastly (IV) Mainstream Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapies, the last article by five professionals (3 PhDs, a ThD, an EdD).

²³ James Vincent Coombs (1849-1920), *Religious Delusions: A Psychic Study* (Cincinnati: The Standard Publishing Company, 1904; 185 pp.; Classic Reprint, 2018). He was the president of two schools, and professor of history and literature at Eureka College, Eureka, IL, and crossed the continent 8 times lecturing and preaching. See book here: https://www.google.com/books/edition/Religious_Delusions_a_psychic_study/

Contrary to the delusions spread by Dir. Collier’s prisoner Christian minister factory, Ben Behnen wrote an insightful article on just how hard it is to become a *real* counselor, their struggle with self-doubt, stress, etc., that new therapists encounter working toward licensure; that is, *after* the required master’s degree, he appeals to supervisors to develop ways to offset burnout. “A large survey found that only 43 percent of psychotherapists ever make it to licensure. From a pool of 150,000 clinicians entering practice between 2019 and 2021, nearly 80,000 encountered barriers that prevented them from getting licensed.”²⁴

How about *that*, Eric? Almost all of Collier’s prisoner “ministers” make it through, and the ones that do not, probably, simply tired of all the Bible study. Where’s the paper on who does not? Oh—never mind. It’s just a bachelor’s degree in Bible after all. Oh, remember, the names of the *state’s* prisoner Christian “**Ministers**” are **TOP SECRET**. Sadly silly. But “*study*”?—TDCJ hasn’t done that in 30 years.

There is even a substantial study on the health benefits of “gratitude,” something absent in the Programs Division during the pitiful reign of Marvin Dunbar. Maddie Burakoff made a powerful observation:

As more researchers dig into the science of gratitude, they’ve found the feeling likely played a key role in helping our ancestors band together and survive.... “part of our human DNA,” said Sarah Schnitker, a **psychologist at Baylor University**. “It is a glue ... holds us together.” ... if you were helped, you’d feel like you should repay the debt ... said Jenae Nelson, who researches gratitude at Baylor and Harvard universities. “This give and take—this is very, very primal ... to a cooperative society,” Nelson said. ‘Otherwise, you just get a culture of takers.’²⁵

“Culture of takers” is part criminality, as “gratitude” is critical for civilization. However, in all of the speeches I watched of Warden Burl Cain, I watched him *mock* religion, *mock* lawyers, *mock* his predecessors, *mock* liberals, *mock* Mother Jones, *mock* the Louisiana *Advocate*, and more. Of course, Cain thanked his audiences for inviting him, who likely paid well; but forget ever finding out how much Cain made on his speaking tours—one said he was the most absent warden in Angola’s history—much less a list of the dates and places. Cain is not merely the most scandal-ridden warden in history according to numerous reports from the *Advocate* and in other books, several documented his lying as habitual. Watch Cain’s many videos, and you’ll see a conspicuous absence of gratitude, though he is Dir. Collier’s and the TBCJ’s **model for TDCJ** the last 13 years.

A conspicuous absence of gratitude by the TBCJ for this enormous amount of work, too, is a poor example to prisoners and staff, pointing to a great need in TDCJ for downstream reciprocity in “paying it forward.”²⁶

Several noted how religiosity has contributed to psychosis and mental illness.²⁷ For \$300-plus million, ask UTMB about hallucinations, as though no prisoner ever had any, certainly not any of Dir. Collier’s masturbating faux-ministers, yet we do not know the list of disorders—not even Collier’s ministers’ names.

Religious delusions may also be accompanied by hallucinations.... the phenomenon of hearing voices which the sufferer may interpret as messages from God or saints.... visual hallucinations which they interpret as visions.... not uncommon for **people with schizophrenia to be attracted to join church communities**. Usually this presents no real problems but sometimes disturbed behaviour will become a real challenge for the congregation and church leaders alike. The person may attempt to preach or chastise.... This presents the community with a real problem.²⁸

Compare that article with this collaboration on schizophrenia risk in religious delusions.²⁹ Some studied Christian patients with psychosis and noted how “many psychiatric patients with psychotic symptoms

[Ymk15uZGjgC](#). He also wrote *The Gospel Call* with S. S. Jones & J. T. Reese (1890), *Sing His Praise*, with William E. M. Hackleman (1902), *Christian Evangelism* (1907), and *The Christ of the Church* (1916).

²⁴ Ben Behnen, “The Long Lonely Trek to Licensure—Is Becoming a Therapist Harder than Ever?” *Psychotherapy Networker* 47, No. 6 (Nov/Dec 2023): 20–25. He maintains an e-newsletter to over 1,500. This was the cover article to this issue.

²⁵ Maddie Burakoff, “Giving Thanks Isn’t Just a Holiday Tradition. It’s Part of How Humans Evolved,” *Associated Press* (New York: 11-21-23).

²⁶ Stefen Beeler-Duden and Amrisha Vaish, “Paying It Forward: The Development and Underlying Mechanisms of Upstream Reciprocity,” *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology* 192 (April 2020), <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31951927/>.

²⁷ Compare Natasa Sofou, Orestis Giannakopoulos, Evangelia Arampatzi, and George Konstantakopoulos, “Religious Delusions: Definition, Diagnosis and Clinical Implications,” *Psychiatriki: Quarterly Journal of the Hellenic Psychiatric Association* Vol 32, #3 (2021): 224–231; and Christopher CH Cook, “Religious Psychopathology: The Prevalence of Religious Content of Delusions and Hallucinations in Mental Disorder,” *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*, 61. #4 (June 2015): 404–425.

²⁸ <https://livingwithschizophreniauk.org/religious-spiritual-delusions-schizophrenia/>. Bold mine.

²⁹ Anna Gryaznova, Maria Hake, Markus Reitt, and five others, “The Influence of Religious Activity and Polygenic Schizophrenia Risk on Religious Delusions in Schizophrenia,” *Schizophrenia Research*, 210 (August 2019): 255-261. They studied 262 patients.

experience delusions with religious themes or content."³⁰ Oh, Eric, et al, I could have refined this section on religious delusions more, and there is a lot more, as the studies multiply—except in TDCJ.³¹

Recall chapter 2, as hard to write as any in the book, but only summing the scope of the rather new discipline of psychopathy. Recall that the study is mostly from prisoners, *after* being caught, because psychopathy is the hardest disorder to discern on the street, in your neighbor, and in the prison administration. On first blush, they can be the most charming and persuasive—like scum Upshaw swooned both Dir. Collier and TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, man-handling *them*. There is no huge institution without a few, clearly documented by Prof. Robert Hare, whose test on psychopathy is the "Gold Standard" by all the experts, seen in his *Snakes in Suits: Understanding and Surviving the Psychopaths in Your Office* (2019), another work that should be required reading for all executives, including TDCJ, GreenbergTaurig, and Bulter and Snow—Eric, *do not* be so naïve as to think there are none in Butler and Snow.³²

Trust the science, not the scumbags. Eric, is Collier a duped innocent or a scumbag? You *should* know.

Conclusion—I'm Tired ~ Long Haul ~ IF I Had Quit ~ Ramifications for TDCJ Underbelly

I suspect that sums it up. This letter tried to cover 25 years of work. The books and articles QR Coded were the major ones, among perhaps a 100, with over 1,000 referenced in the book.

I hope this has a positive effect, turns heads, makes a difference. I am tired. I cannot continue to pursue this, as each recollection is painful. I worked with some of the best people for 20 years, and this would have never resulted *if* I had not been betrayed, as OIG defended the scum over the innocent. Perhaps, that was God's will too, for had I *not* been betrayed, I would have just remained a chaplain. Maybe I would have led another lobbying effort to Austin for needed raises, to increase the # of chaplains, to add secretaries, even increase "Chaplain I-III" up to "I-VI," as I had tried 2000 in the *Chaplain Professional Equity* work, still ignored to this day 24 years later (QR Coded above).

Yet if I had *not* stood up for chaplains and prisoners and staff *while* seeing inequity and the abuse of religion in TDCJ, what kind of chaplain would I have been? I asked my own self that then and the last 12 years. I had a duty then and even now to stand against abuse, punch the bully in the nose with my ink pen, and try to get their bosses to join me. I defended the chaplaincy profession from 1999 through the new millennium during the **prime of my life**. I had the best education coming into TDCJ in 1993 and continued my education throughout my career, earning a doctorate, and getting new training in perhaps 75 other classes, seminars, and wrote 11 books, had well over a 100 articles published (mostly in our local newspaper), about 75 others online, and then amassed 100s of other works pertaining to prison chaplaincy—I've lost count, ah, never stopped to count. Then in January 2011, I led the effort that saved TDCJ chaplaincy from the Programs Division vicious killing spree. In December of 2011, I stepped up to defend the authenticity of faith against three kooky programs, all based upon **religious delusions**, and wrote my fateful *Faith-Based Housing Letter* (2011) that dingy Marvin Dunbar tried to humiliate in a bogus disciplinary while becoming embarrassed himself, for as he tried to humiliate he revealed he had not fully read it—the quality of his ignorance shamed him. Those three programs sought to **buy Protestant Faith from prisoners with Favor**, and I was persecuted and forced to retire too early. Since 2012, I have continued a relentless pursuit of justice, exposure of nefariousness, and a continual defense for the prison chaplaincy *profession*—the latter in dire straits in most state prisons.

Except for a few refined points here, most of this letter has been sent *before* in dozens of letters and books.

³⁰ Glen E. Getz, David E. Fleck, and Stephen M. Strakowski, "Frequency and Severity of Religious Delusions in Christian Patients with Psychosis," *Psychiatry Research*, 103, #1 (8-5-2001): 87-91. Part of the Bipolar and Psychotic Disorders Research Program, Department of Psychiatry, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH: see www.ScienceDirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0165178101002621.

³¹ Compare Vishal Bhavsar and Dinesh Bhugra, "Religious Delusions: Finding Meanings in Psychosis," *Psychopathology* 41, #3 (2008):165-72; Igor J. Pietkiewicz, Urszula Klosin'ska and Radoslaw Tomalski, "Delusions of Possession and Religious Coping in Schizophrenia: A Qualitative Study of Four Cases," *Frontiers in Psychology* 12 (2021); Dirk Corstens and Eleanor Longden, "The Origins of Voices: Links Between Life History and Voice Hearing in a Survey of 100 Cases," *Psychosis* 5, #3 (2013): 270-285; Christopher C H Cook, "Religious Psychopathology: The Prevalence of Religious Content of Delusions and Hallucinations in Mental Disorder," *International Journal of Social Psychiatry* 61, #4 (2015): 404-425 and Javier Saavedra, "Function and Meaning in Religious Delusions: a Theoretical Discussion from a Case Study," *Mental Health, Religion & Culture* 17, #1 (2014): 39-51.

³² Paul Babiak and Robert D. Hare's *Snakes in Suits: Understanding and Surviving the Psychopaths in Your Office*, revised edition (HarperCollins, 2019; 416 pp.). Compare Martha Stout's outstanding, *Outsmarting the Sociopath Next Door: How to Protect Yourself Against a Ruthless Manipulator* (Penguin House, 2020; 203 pp.). See Professor Emeritus Robert D. Hare's *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us* (Pocket Books, 1993; 248 pp.); Kevin Dutton's, *Wisdom of Psychopaths: What Saints, Spies, and Serial Killers Can Teach Us About Success* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012; 288 pp.), the oldest classic and pathfinder, Hervey M. Cleckley's *The Mask of Sanity: An Attempt to Clarify Some Issues about the So-Called Psychopathic Personality* (C. V. Mosby Co., 1941; 598 pp.); and Bud Allen and Diana Bosta's *Games Criminals Play: How You Can Profit by Knowing Them* (Susanville, CA: Rae John, 1981; 228 pp.).

It has been a long haul, I learned more than I ever anticipated and turned over several stones that I had never expected to see. Nor expected that top-tier attorneys would so consistently incorrigibly avoid. Among many great employees and wardens there lurks a few scumbags and cowards. I have done my best, and then also discerned that the chairmen of the TBCJ have, to date, been at least deliberately indifferent, if not just lazy, or just too busy to properly survey the evidence that has grown into a monster, seven books in the “Killing Professional Chaplaincy Series”—listed in the frontal matter of the book—and now this summary with a small selection from a host of the primary papers.

I just do not have the energy to continue. Frankly, the mental ability and stamina that I had a decade ago, especially two decades ago at my height when I finished my magnum opus, *Would You Lie to Save a Life*, has diminished some.³³ Some senior moments are a bit funny now. The work—oh my.

There comes a time when I just must give up. Bullies won, even over several TBCJ chairmen, with one scumbag severely man-handling Chairman Bell into destroying crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband.

I think I have begged enough these last 13 years for help, for honor, and for redress.

I have done my best.

If this letter cannot motivate you, Eric, to read thoroughly *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, then I suspect nothing will get the TBCJ off its laurels to do its job, too long sickly incorrigible. If the real scholars will not read this letter, as short as it is for *real* scholars accustomed to snapping through pieces like this, and glance at the profuse documentation QR Coded, I feel for the future of criminology. If the mighty *Texas Monthly* and other media remain aloof, a lot of Texas children will suffer, millions in the long haul, victims of religious delusions and the Fools’ Parade, even 40,000 TDCJ staff, 20,000+ religious volunteers, 118,000+ prisoners, their millions of family—as well the Texas legal *profession* as a whole.

The ramifications are, again, *not merely* the prisoner minister factory—not merely ending Collier’s Fools’ Parade or thoroughly investigating the 700-page *Book of Secrets* and its ugly Polunsky Fiasco—but herein are ramifications for the **underbelly of TDCJ** that allowed such nefarious duplicity to infect the executive director’s office for over 30 years, kept the director from seeing the nefariousness infecting the Programs Division, and the TBCJ’s blindness to its own OIG that failed to protect Chairman Oliver Bell and how OIG *allowed* Bell to be pulled into the vicious circle led in part by Captain of Scum Michael Upshaw, with at least three cowardly wardens in tow. Of course, a TBCJ failure to discover just how scum Upshaw caused OIG to obstruct justice has ramifications for every single employee as well as the TBCJ’s *miniscule* “feed-back loop.”

One last time—**Did Dir. Collier know** about Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar meeting to destroy crime scene evidence, clean contraband, return the clean contraband to the violators? **Eric, did he?** One last time—the Polunsky Fiasco covered up life-sentenced murderers in the prisoners’ own darkened office with cameras, **contraband** computers, a color laser printer **totally unsupervised** 10 hours day for over six years (I had to repeat, for it is unbelievable, the reason for the *Book of Secrets*). Collier did not care about that! He still does not believe that, because he was dependent upon hearsay, and many have suffered from scumbag Upshaw and whoever else he and the others ran over. **Got** to discern how Upshaw owned wardens, owned OIG, owned Collier, owned TBCJ Chairman Bell; and for the last 13 years even *in absentia* Upshaw owned the entire TBCJ. Truly, see chapter 2 in the book on psychopaths.

Of course—that paragraph was what I wanted to share with Dep. Dir. Collier in **July of 2012**, *very* much refined since then, repeated many times since that first fax on 10-29-12, articulated in the *Book of Secrets*, and with additional discoveries repeated again and again in perhaps three dozen letters. Now we add to that a full study and exposure of the Fools’ Parade, the insanity of state corrupting the term “minister” in **lying** about neutrality, **lying** about cost, and abusing prisoners with buying faith with favor for a Christian missionary enterprise led by a naïve volunteer ... hence, the book’s title, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, the result of a long line of nefariousness going back 25 years. So, hopefully, you can see that in July 2012, as I faced the wardens’ cowardice and covering up Chaplain David Collier’s daily violations—oh, Dir. Collier had no honest

³³ Maness, *Would You Lie To Save a Life?* (1990; rev. 2007; 432 pp.), www.PreciousHeart.net/love, took 20+ years to write, going through a half-dozen full rewrites, began as a paper in one class during my master’s degree. In 1968, Commander “Pete” Bucher and crew of the *USS Pueblo* were captured by North Koreans and held for almost a year. Early on, Bucher was forced to sign a confession to being in Korean waters to save his men. There was every reason to believe they would kill. What would you do? More importantly, “how” would you justify whatever you would do? I contrast four ethical systems on the nature of absolutes, especially the absolutes of Truth and Love. For about three years, I stopped working on it, to complete two books to deal with “free will and foreknowledge” and how “character counts,” like extended footnotes, and then I resumed and finished. I say that here to note that *chaplaincy* was not my only obsession or even first love. Yet chaplaincy became my life’s work, especially in my later years.

feed-back loop. Eric, if you can't see, or fail to easily prove the absolute truth—I've made it very easy to access several of the critical docs—then you will support the TDCJ underbelly, instead of exposing it.

You can still get to the truth. If you do not, folks like Dunbar will continue as they have.

There are others *still* indebted to Captain of Scum Upshaw, dingy Dunbar, and perhaps all the senior and assistant wardens at Polunsky from 2010 to the present, including—almost certainly—most of the OIG officers stationed there since 2005. Your investigation, as I said in the close of the 2013 *Book of Secrets*, will require a team *outside* of OIG Chief Chis Love's office, because he was linked to the Polunsky Fiasco cover up, his prior dependence upon OIG Chief Bruce Toney, as Love signed off on the Terrorist Threat investigation of me—which side by side the *Book of Secrets*, MP3 audio of Shawn Wallace, and other books, clearly reveal the TBCJ's long 25 years of cover ups, zero reliable feed-back loop. **Eric, the good employees need you to see!**

That is, the TBCJ owns this 25-year legacy of cover ups. A legacy, Eric, you now own.

Now you have this letter, Prof. Hare's *Without Conscience*, and my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

Collier needs help to see, before he escapes into his dishonorable retirement in the delusion that he was honorable (unless he helped cover up). He truly needs motivated to read all seven books in the “Killing Texas Prison Chaplaincy Series” and the docs QR Coded above—hold Collier accountable.

Or the TBCJ needs to be held accountable, by another like *Texas Monthly*, or the host of good scholars.

Honor should win. Eric, will honor win? If not you, then the next chairman, as I will keep sending this letter to the next and next, until I die, which will make some scoundrels happy.

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No one dared Disturb
the Sound of Silence



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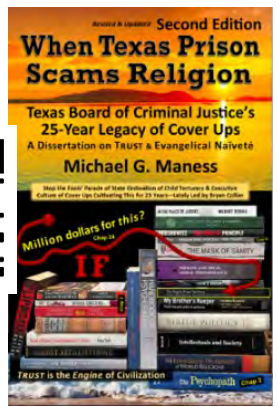


cc – see attached **115 stakeholders**, including 18 Protestant university presidents entangled with the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history. Most received the 1st & 2nd editions of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, and over a dozen received a copy of Prof. Emeritus Robert Hare's scary *Without Conscience*.



“Fools,” said I, “You do not know.
Silence like a cancer grows.
Hear my words that I might teach you.
Take my arms that I might reach you.”
But my words like silent raindrops fell,
And echoed in the wells of silence.
Sound of Silence by Paul Simon, 1964

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P.S. Eric, if not you, then who? Will you, too, *pass* on nefariousness? Gratitude? Honor? If not, this will be passed on to your successors. Do not miss the **100,000 Mothers' 1% Option**, QR Coded above that closes my book.

³⁴ Presented again to the 82nd Legislature, House Committee on Corrections, et al, 4-13-11, with attached data on BPP—which in the book is **Appendix THE LAST, Revolutionize the Prison Culture** (pp. 730–734).

Fools' Parade is trying to expand to 40 states, as advertised by Angola's former Warden Burl Cain's Prison Seminary Foundation. All 18 Protestant presidents below have yet to respond. Except for Dockery whose SWBTS has backed away, is it possible 17 can be so deliberately indifferent to this assault on the authenticity of faith, the dumbing down of "minister," and *totally* oblivious to psychopathy?

18 PRESIDENTS below—Dare you follow TDCJ's modelling of the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history, TDCJ's *lying* about neutrality, *lying* about cost, and TDCJ's history of *cover up*? **YOUR schools are LISTED** on Cain's site, therein aiding their fundraising, their repute, and the metastasizing of the Fools' Parade.

accessed 1-9-24, www.PrisonSeminaries.org/find-a-prison-ministry →



James K. Drew, President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, **1995** Angola, **LA** ~ **2006** Phillips State Prison, **GA** ~ **2005** MI State Penitentiary Parchman Farm, **MI** ~ **2010** LA CI for Women, **LA** ~ **2015** Hardee Correctional Institution, **FL** ~ **2019** Whitworth, Women's Facility, **GA** ~ NOBTS is the *FLAGSHIP* of naiveté, Prof. Robson icalled Angola the "perfect prison" under Cain!

David Dockery, President, Southwestern Baptist Theo. Seminary, TX

2011 Texas Dept. Criminal Justice **100+ Prisons!** **TX**
▲ Cain's PSF site lied again in that TDCJ's program was under PSF when it began by and *always* has been under HOTF—*go figure!*

Rick Christman, President, Columbia International University, SC

2007 Kirkland Correctional Institution **SC**

Daniel Anderson, President, Appalachian Bible Institute, WV

2014 Mt. Olive Correctional Institution **WV**

Wiebe Boer, President, Calvin College, MI

2015 Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility **MI**

Ryan Tipton, Interim President, University of the Southwest, NM

2015 Lea County Correctional Facility **NM**

Harry L. Reeder IV, President, Birmingham Theological Seminary, AL

2016 Bibb Correctional Facility **AL**

Daniel L. Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, NC

2017 Nash Correctional Institution **NC**

Nicholas Perrin, President, Trinity International University, IL

2017 Waupun Correctional Institution **WI**

Mary K. Surridge, President, North Park University, IL

2018 Stateville Correctional Center **IL**

Michael Spradlin, President, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, TN

2019 Arkansas DOC Varner Unit **AR**

Heath A. Thomas, President, Oklahoma Baptist University, OK

2021 Limon Correctional Facility **CO**

Thomas Cornman, Interim President, Corban University, OR

2019 Lexington Correctional Center **OK**

Robert Matz, President, Hannibal-LaGrange University, MO

2019 Oregon State Correctional Institution **OR**

Charles A. Fowler, President, Carson-Newman University, TN

2020 Jefferson City Correctional Center **MO**

Beck A. Taylor, President, Samford University, AL

2023 Morgan County Correctional Facility **TN**

Jerry Prevo, President, Liberty University, VA

2021 St. Clair Correctional **AL**

Greg Henson, President, Sioux Falls Seminary, SD

2023 Federal CI Hazleton (the Feds, too?) **WV**

2023 ND, WA, ID, MT – "multiple" says PSF **Four States?**

↑↓ **FIRST STAKEHOLDERS** ~ all above & most below received the 2nd Edition on Ides of March 2023.

All above & below received this Delusion Letter. I certified most to ensure a type of mutual responsibility. All play a big role.

Texas & TDCJ & TBCJ

- Nathan L. Hecht, Texas SC Chief Justice
- Jochem Reiser, President, UTMB
- Bryan Collier, Director, TDCJ
- Wayne Scott, retired TDCJ Director
- Eric J. R. Nichols, TBCJ Chairman
- Faith Johnson, TBCJ Vice Chairman
- Rodney Burrow, M.D., TBCJ
- Molly Meredith Francis, TBCJ
- Sichan Siv, TBCJ
- Bill Welch, TBCJ
- Nate Sprinkle, TBCJ
- Sidney Zuiker, TBCJ

- Patrick O'Daniel, former TBCJ Chair
- Dale Wainwright, former TBCJ Chair
- Allan Polunsky, former TBCJ Chair

Texas Legislators

- John Whitmire, Chair of Criminal Justice Committee & Dean of Texas Senate
- Pete Flores, Chair, TX Senate CJ
- Dade Phelan, Texas Speaker of the House
- Abel Herrero, Chair, TX House Corrections
- Kyle Kacal, V-Chair TX House Corrections

ALL INDEBTED to Their Courage

- Wilbert Rideau, LA
- Daniel Bergner, NY

LAW FIRM Stakeholders

- Elizabeth G. Bloch, GreenbergTraurig
- J. Carley Butler, Attorney, Butler & Snow
- Cindy Tisdale, President, Texas Bar

INSTITUTIONAL Stakeholders

- Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Diocese of Austin
- Rob Boston, Americans United
- E. J. Dione, Bookings Institute
- Rochelle Garza, Texas Civil Rights Project

- Peter Goettler, Cato Institute
- Holly Hollman, Baptist Joint Committee
- Robert P. Jones, Public Research Institute
- Michael Keegan, People for the American Way
- Bill Keller, The Marshall Project
- Rachel K. Laser, Americans United
- Bee Moorhead, Texas Impact
- Leah Pinney, Texas Center Justice & Equity
- Jonathan Rauch, Brookings Institution
- Kevin Roberts, Heritage Foundation
- Anthony D. Romero, ACLU, NY
- Reihan Salam, Manhattan Institute
- Greg Sindelar, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- Amanda Tyler, Baptist Joint Committee
- Sarah Rosen Wartell, Urban Institute

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- Randall Balmer, Dartmouth College
- Frances P. Bernat, Texas A&M Intl. Univ.
- Jonathan Burnside, Bristol University
- Mark Chancey, SMU Dedman College
- Todd R. Clear, Rutgers University
- Francis T. Cullen, University of Cincinnati
- Harry R. Dammer, St. Leo's University
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for posterity & future researchers would that we could collaborate more

Is it possible that these 17 presidents can be so naive for so long? Thus, the book's subtitle, "Dissertation on Trust & Evangelical Naiveté"

Ode to the Oddities of Outing a few Ornerly TDCJ Outlaws

by Michael G. Maness, August 2019



When Deep State Sinecures Secure their Sycophants,
Sicken the Salubrious, Slam the Sane,
Censure the Sincere, and
Sign off on the Stupid and the Sorry—

It is **TIME** to Tell the Truest of Terrifying Tales with Trimmings made
to Tickle the Timid, Taunt the Tall, Tease the Trophy Hunters, and
Table the Treasonous with Tightly Tendered Tenacious Truths.

So ... I interject Lamenting Lampoons, Pugilistic Puns, and Cornering
Caricatures to Captivate the **COURAGEOUS** and Capture **CHICKENS**.

Only Some Stunning Satire Seemed Suited to Season and
Solicit the Serious to Sagaciously Search for Certitude.

TDCJ Top nachos have Tenaciously Tethered their **TENURE**
to Too many Timid Tomcats, Tired Turtles, and
Tricky Turncoats to Truly Turn the Tearing Tide of Treason.

Unfortunately, Not Understanding the Uber-Underrated may
Unwittingly Unleash **MORE** Underachiever Promotions.

Finding Fun in Unfolding Felonious Failings by Forcing
Funny Puns, Furling Forfeitures of Honor, and
Fearlessly Foraging Unsolved Mysteries

Foretells a Fantastic Future for the Finest of Fair Dealers.

Perhaps this **PUN**ishment will Provide the Pespicious with a
Potency to Persuade and Propel the Powerful to **PROPERLY** and
Passionately **PURSUE** Unperturbed their Purported Purposes.

Regardless, Reining in the Rotten, Raining down Recollections, and
Running fast toward Regulating the Ruinous has
truly made the Chaplaincy Raison D'être Resoundingly Rise.

Prison Chaplaincy is the Profession Providing Pastoral Care in
Palliation of the Pain of Prisoners, Prayer for the Spiritual, and
Paving a Path for Precious People to find their Purposes.

The Following—and Above—is NO Facetious Feast of Fallacies, and the
Phonies herein Punned need a very Prescriptive Pruning by
Those Powerful enough to **PURSUE** a Perfected Peace
among our Precious and Principled Personnel in our Prisons.

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