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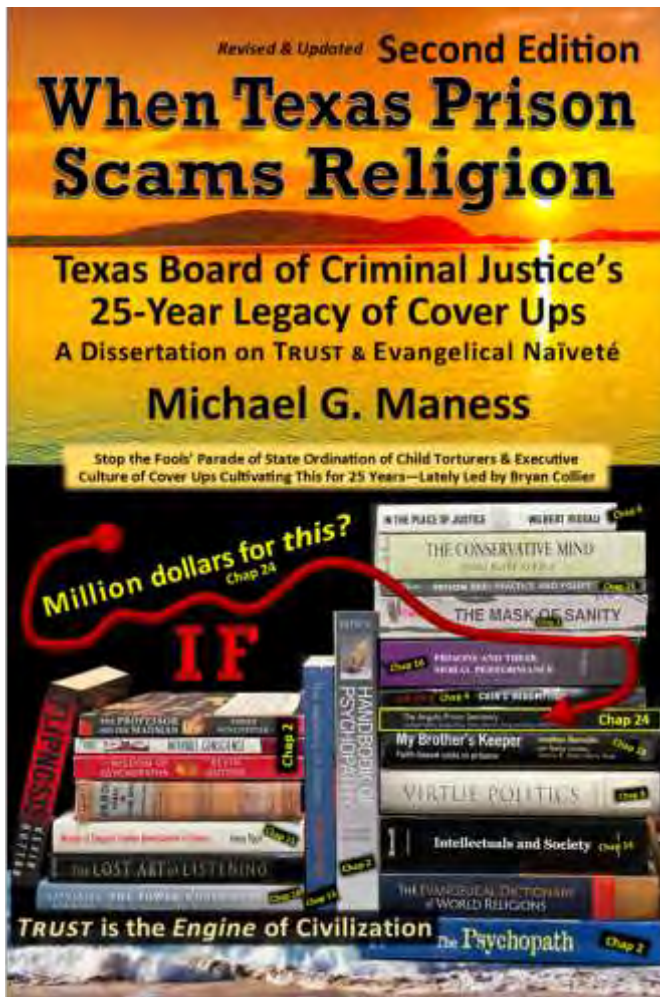


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This Second Edition has been vetted over the last year since the rough First Edition was sent to 75 across the U.S. and a few in Europe. There are hundreds of updates and refinements.

◆ **Nefarious**—“flagrant breaching of time-honored laws.”

St. Leo’s University Professor of Criminology Harry R. Dammer said:

The book is clearly one of the most unique and interesting books I have ever read about religion in prison. What is the best part of the book is the extensive research and citation list that is included. It includes probably every legitimate cite about the subject that has been written in the last 50 years. Whether you agree with the major premise of the book or not, any person who cares about the topic would benefit from its contents.

◆ **Documented**—TDCJ destroys records of violence after 7 years. Has hired the lowest qualified of the applicant pool many times. A TBCJ Chairman aided the cleaning of crime scene contraband at the Polunsky Prison, silenced OIG, and all the violating staff responsible were promoted.

◆ TDCJ doesn’t get a *part* of a report from UTMB for \$314 million of psychiatric care (Chap 2). If not *that*, what does the TBCJ care about *more*?

◆ **Fact**—Prison directors sponsor *psychopaths* counselling *psychopaths*!

◆ That for 25 years—how can TDCJ supervise a naive volunteer over a program that buys faith from prisoners with favor for religious parole-earning work?

◆ 30 prisons *fantasize* that 4 years of Bible turn felons into Saints and scam the naive for millions of dollars. These prisons buy faith from prisoners with favor—no greater gov/religious entanglement.

◆ Who thinks it **JUSTICE** that 400,000,000 hours of officer contact has **ZERO** definitive influence on parole when a commissioner spends < 10 mins on each decision?

Herein, you’ll lose count of the number of nefarious actions. Of many ironies, the most sweeping is that most of the TBCJ chairmen and members have been high-dollar *lawyers*. See the gulf between criminology’s and religion’s work and its *use* in our prisons.

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Irony?—a reversal of morality in guise as “moral rehab” disguising Bible-trained counselors, several *psychopaths*




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When Texas Prison Scams Religion

**Texas Board of Criminal Justice's
25-year Legacy of Cover Ups
A Treatise on TRUST & Evangelical Naïveté**

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Nefarious First use circa 1609, from Latin *nefas* crime, *ne-* not + *fas* right
Flagrant breaching of time-honored laws and traditions of conduct:
as in “the nefarious rackets of organized crime.”¹

Irony First use 16th century, from Latin from Greek, *eirōneia* “simulated ignorance”
An event that seems deliberately contrary to what one expects, often wryly amusing:
“‘don’t go overboard with the gratitude,’ he rejoined with heavy irony.”²

Nefariousness affects correctional **officer attrition** and **offender recidivism**,
and the *culture* gets **worse the longer** the TBCJ ignores decades of violations.
Fear and cowardice imply a sense of accountability to the law *or* to the mafia.
Several have had little fear of the *law* and more fear of staff rascals. What is the
nature of a TBCJ that defends a former chairman (labor law *expert* ?) who cleaned
crime scene contraband coming in for years, allowed the violating staff to get
promotions, and had the whistleblower investigated as a “Terrorist Threat”?



Irony?—most of the TBCJ are top *lawyers* who ignored *illegal scandals!*
TBCJ lawyers should not find loopholes for staff violators over good staff. If
that—what else has the TBCJ ignored or hid. There are 100 more such *ironies*.

TBCJ’s TDCJ doesn’t get a *fact* of a report from UTMB for \$314 million of
psychiatric care (Chap 2.A). If not *that*, what does the TBCJ care about *more?*

Civil rights abuses from 1978 forced Federal oversight that TDCJ fought for
24 years, freed in 2002! In 2011, TDCJ modeled the most scandal-ridden warden
in penal history, under whose watch *years* of civil rights abuses rippled into a
2015 class action, then host of scandals veritably forced him to retire in 2016, and
Angola *still* fought change thru the class action remedies in 2022!

At the end of chapter 24, we ask the reader which is the most disgusting of ten
questions. Know this—throughout **there are many more than ten *disgusting***
questions the astute could and should ask, that the TBCJ, civil rights advocates,
and criminologists should have asked from the first watershed of exposures in
2011. Most of this book should never have been *possible* to write. The epic
reversal of morality asks others to **look closer at TRUST**. In the end, we give
85 areas in dire need of grant-funded study—seriously resourced investigative
reports—for several areas exposed herein have *never* been thoroughly vetted.

Irony?—TDCJ’s *Rehab* Division claims “evidence-based” without *evidence*,
or often only a *thimble*, while herein is a horde of evidence-based *Rehab* scandals.



Silence like a
Cancer Grows *

* Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, “Sounds of Silence,” (NY: Columbia Records, 1963). In 2013, the
Library of Congress added two sets of Simon and Garfunkel albums to the National Recording Registry
as “culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant.” YouTube by Disturbed got over 869M views!

¹ *Webster’s New World College Dictionary*, 6th Ed. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, iPhone app, 2018).

² *Oxford English Dictionary* (Mobisystems, 14.4.72, iPhone app, 2022).

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I dedicate this to the in-prison employees and volunteers who are the greatest influence upon prisoners, to the chaplains who facilitate religion and volunteers, and to Wilbert Rideau whose intrepid courage, integrity, and life-story testify to the work on justice and mercy that still needs much more work and greater light.

Thank You—I thank my friends Virginia Haynes, Jill Norwood, and Vicki Collins for proofing, and the 75 in the preface to whom the First Edition was sent. This is better because of them. There are hundreds to thank in the long haul along with the honorable staff, volunteers, and prisoners with whose lives I was privileged to share.



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Patrick O’Daniel, Dale Wainwright, Allan Polunsky,
see “Appendix **THE LAST**” for a way to Revolutionize Prisons

I pray TBCJ Chairman Patrick O’Daniel does more than his predecessors, Allan Polunsky and Dale Wainwright—all *three top-dollar lawyers*. If they had vetted the previous letters, if, if, if, **IF**. **I ask them again:** How strangely obstructive of justice was TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell’s conspiring with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar to clean crime scene contraband, destroy evidence, promote all the violators, then persecute me, the whistleblower?³ Fear of bad PR for his *labor* consortium? **What motive?** Why did the **THEY** clean crime scene contraband coming in for *years* at the Polunsky Prison? What *benefit* did they get? Wardens and OIG co-conspired. Allan Polunsky presented the Administrator of the Year Award to Warden Timothy Simmons in 2012 *while* the Polunsky Prison was violating daily. After the 2013 *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* exposed more of the Polunsky Fiasco, Bell had *me* investigated as a “Terrorist Threat”! This book builds upon those covered-up scandals. **IF** O’Daniel opens the door, Polunsky and Wainwright should help for their own honor; regardless—**this is their and Bryan Collier’s legacy**. **IF** O’Daniel does, the staff, volunteers, prisoners, and families will thank them, for solving crimes increases **FAIRNESS** which breeds **TRUST** as a golden thread which can pervade TDCJ—ought to—and reduce both staff attrition and offender recidivism. For the truth to set free, honor to prevail, the truth *must* be seen. Until then, the **TBCJ owns this last decade, their legacy:** child torturer and psychopaths counsel psychopaths representing *them* thru the prisons, as they ride the Fools’ Parade led by a Naked King, a parade trudging through 30 other states, modeled after the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history (Book 2).

Legacy



³ TDCJ Computer Tech Shawn Wallace interview about a **November 2012** meeting between Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar **ordering contraband cleaned**, which took Wallace’s team *four weeks* to complete www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3 in the *Book of Secrets* sent to Brad Livingston, TDCJ OIG, Texas AG, and in letters sent to successive TBCJ chairmen. **Who conspires to clean contraband?** Then all violators were cleared *and* promoted, including Upshaw, Dunbar, the wardens, Reg. Chaplain Vance Drum, even Wallace. **TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell had his OIG investigate me after I exposed this!**

Everyone in the world should hear this interview and ask, *What happened at Polunsky?*



**The degree of civilization in a society can be
judged by entering its prisons.**

Closing Wilbert Rideau's 1979 "The Sexual Jungle"
referenced to Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1846–1880)
The House of the Dead, or Prison Life in Siberia (1862)⁴
a principle which we should heed today

**To sin by silence, when we should protest,
makes cowards out of men....**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850–1919) poem "Protest" – then marine biologist and poet
laureate of science Rachel Carson (1907–1964) quoted the line as she helped
enflame the modern environmental movement in her 1962 book *Silent Spring*⁵

**The real test of character is how you treat someone
who has no possibility of doing you any good.**

George Orwell (1903–1950)⁶

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⁴ Fyodor Dostoyevsky (1821–1881), *House of the Dead* (London: J. M. Dent, 1911, 1st 1862; 368 pp.), autobiography of Dostoyevsky's own experience. This quote closes Wilbert Rideau's shocking "The Sexual Jungle," *The Angolite* (December 1979), which won the 1980 George Polk Award as the "most definitive work on the subject" and was the piece that won for *The Angolite* the 1980 National Magazine Award. See chapter 23 for more. The article has been reprinted in all four editions of Burk Foster, Wilbert Rideau, and Douglas Dennis, eds., *The Wall Is Strong: Corrections in Louisiana* (Lafayette: Univ of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1991, 4th ed. 2014; 318 pp.), chapter 15, 151–176; and in Wilbert Rideau and Ron Wikberg, *Life Sentences: Rage and Survival Behind Bars* (New York: Random House, 1992), book two, chapter 4, 73–107. See www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Sexual-Jungle.pdf. See Burk Foster's *Corrections: The Fundamentals* (Prentice Hall, 2006; 560 pp.), an excellent overview of corrections history and practice and from which six articles based on the book were republished in *The Angolite*, the last of which was "Local Jails, State Prisons, and Federal Prisons," *The Angolite* 46, No. 2 (March/April 2021): 42–51. Foster retired as a professor of criminal justice at the University of Southwestern Louisiana Lafayette, www.BurkFoster.net.



⁵ Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1850–1919), "Protest" in *Poems of Problems* (Chicago: W. B. Conkey, 1914; 176 pp.), 154, www.Google.com/books/edition/Poems_of_Problems/-YpbAAAAMAAJ. Rachel Carson (1907–1964), *Silent Spring* (New York: Fawcett Crest, 1964; 304 pp.), and Carson was a marine biologist and considered a poet laureate of science that enflamed the modern environmental movement with this book seen as pivotal to the cause.

⁶ Other quotes are similar, as from Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834–1892), "I think you may judge a man's character by the persons whose affection he seeks. If you find a man seeking only the affection of those who are great, depend upon it he is ambitious and self-seeking; but when you observe that a man seeks the affection of those who can do nothing for him, but for whom he must do everything, you know that he is not seeking himself, but that pure benevolence sways his heart." Paul Eldridge (1888–1982), "A man's character is most evident by how he treats those who are not in a position either to retaliate or reciprocate." Malcolm Forbes (1919–1990), "You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who can do nothing for them or to them." A perceptive principle on life.

Defense Against Killing Professional Chaplaincy Series

After dozens of letters, 100s of OR requests, and several books documenting with zero response from major players, what is TDCJ and Collier *really* covering up?

Volume 1 ~ 2001 – Chaplain Professional Equity Proposal, 100 pp.,



www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain_Pt_1_Proposal_2000.pdf, first Market Study in TDCJ history given to 2001 legislature, with Chaplaincy Division proposal, won first pay group pay raise in 40-plus years; then Part Two w Violations Timeline, www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain_Pt_2_Timeline_2001.pdf, delivered to Dir. Gary Johnson documenting nefariousness, with hiring lowest qualified, reducing qualifications to suit favorite. → 22 years old now! 😞



Volume 2 ~ 2011 - Faith-Based Housing Letter, 50 pp.,



www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf, a December 2011 letter to Brad Livingston asking him to meet with a Barry Lynn of Americans United about **orders for all prisons to increase Protestant dominance** and the first exposure of the unconstitutional nature of the Prison Seminary Scam. I was persecuted for whistleblowing and forced to retire.

Volume 3 ~ 2013 - Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain, 700 pp.,



www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf, first 100 pp. on my persecution for whistleblowing with a falsified disciplinary, then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar's cleaning of crime scene contraband, followed by promotions of all involved, sent to TDCJ Director, OIG, and Texas AG. What *really* happened to cause such cover up?

↑ **Polunsky Fiasco**

Volume 4 ~ 2015 – How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011—Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers, and Their Chaplains (AuthorHouse, 2015; 394 pp.),



www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved. We networked to stop the deletion of TDCJ chaplaincy from the budget in the 2011 legislature, and we saved chaplaincy. The appendices show how chaplaincy recovers its operating costs several times over as well as the huge data streams ignored that show chaplaincy as the most productive of all the Rehab Division programs, likely in all together.

Volume 5 ~ 2017 - TDCJ Book of Secrets Part II—Goodman Unit Hiring Scam, 180 pp.,



www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf, the most detailed audit of a hiring package in TDCJ history, perhaps in prison history, showing violations on how a white warden hired a white career laundry man over a black U.S. Army combat veteran *career* chaplain, violating policy and ethics!

Volume 6 ~ 2019 - TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox,



177 pp., www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf, with lampoon of hiring the lowest qualified manager over religion in penal history—shortly after, *another* cover up shell game (Chap. 18.F). **Cover Letters** to Collier, 50 TX leaders, jurists, district attorneys, more, summing the *Report*:

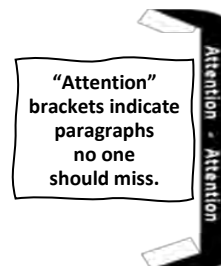
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How extensive are the violations in TDCJ? While in the Rehab Division, then how many other divisions are **as nefarious or worse?** Is there another TDCJ division with more violations of policy, racist hirings, and cover ups than Rehab Division? Who will find out?

Abbreviations

- TBCJ** Texas Board of Criminal Justice, supervises TDCJ
TDC *Texas Department of Corrections, old name for TDCJ*
TDCJ Texas Department of Criminal Justice, runs all prisons in Texas
Dir. Collier ... TDCJ Executive Director Bryan Collier
- GPSF** **Global Prison Seminaries Foundation**, est. 2017, started by Angola Warden Burl Cain after he retired, lately shortened to **Prison Seminaries Foundation**
HOTF **Heart of Texas Foundation**, est. 2006, Grove Norwood's non-profit for maintaining the TDCJ prison seminary and his new start-up college
- ISR** **Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion**
ISR Johnson ... refers to Professor Byron R. Johnson's *team* with Sung Joon Jang, Joshua Hays, Michael Hallett, and Grant Duwe, mostly from the Institute for Studies of Religion, that did the prisoner seminary studies in Angola and in Texas, used throughout to avoid use of "Baylor" tainting Baylor University and other Baylor professors from my skinning of ISR Johnson's lazy work. Many and **Grove Norwood of HOTF call these the "Baylor study,"** therefore coopting Baylor's reputation for credibility—see especially Chapter 24.
- ACA American Correctional Association, accreditor of prisons, est. 1870
ACCA American Correctional Chaplains Association, est. 1885, first affiliate with the ACA, requires a masters for clinical certification
Angola Louisiana State Penitentiary, located in Angola, Louisiana
BGCT Baptist General Convention of Texas, est. 1848, oldest supporter of SBC
CDOC California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation
COHM Chapels of Hope Ministries, est. 1994
DOJ U.S. Department of Justice
FBOP Federal Bureau of Prisons
LBB Texas Legislative Budget Board
LSP Louisiana State Penitentiary, or **Angola**
NOBTS New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, est. 1917
MDOC Mississippi Department of Correction
OIG Office of Inspector General, allegedly to help the TBCJ
OR Official "Open Records" request or a response
PFM Prison Fellowship Ministries, est. 1977
PFMF Prison Fellowship Ministries Foundation, est. 2001
Rehab & Rehab Division ... refers to TDCJ's Rehabilitation Programs Division and that division in other states (RPD was used in the rough First Edition)
SBC Southern Baptist Convention, est. 1845, largest Evangelical denomination
SBTC Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, est. 1998, supporter of SBC
SWBTS Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, est. 1908
UTMB **University of Texas Medical Branch**, who for TDCJ's **\$314m** publishes *zero* psych reports for itself, for the public, and for TDCJ—**ZERO!**



What we do in this life echoes in eternity.

General Maximus Decimus Meridius
Gladiator (2000), era circa A.D. 170



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- ~ How to Read in a Single Night ~
* Reading the Outline & bold text, you can finish in an evening.
READ APPENDIX “THE LAST” for a way access the 400,000,000 hours of in-prison staff experience to revolutionize the prison culture.
* Notice the TBCJ supervises the director who leads the TDCJ; if confused, the meaning changes the Board that is supposed to supervise the Department.
* Repeating: No one will read all, so I repeat critical items, TRUSTING if, if, IF the right people read only a few chapters, those chapters will be enough.

We should TRUST one another. What if one depends upon TRUST to scam you?—here’s that story. Six months after the First Edition was sent to 75 and notes to 400, Grove Norwood sent a fundraising email in August 2022 and letter in September 2022 declaring 10 years in a row his use of prisoners for the gospel depending upon TDCJ covering up its cost and its lie of neutrality.7



7 See www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/HOTF-Email-8-20-22.pdf, see email 8-20-22 & letter 9-22-22.

Primer on Golden Thread of *TRUST* Amid Illegal Scandals & Entanglements

TRUST is the golden thread woven thru this book, what prison chaplains cherish and cultivate as *fairly* as they possibly can, representing God to most, yet most of all conveying a concern for the soul, often invisibly. When those over the chaplains are nefarious—*unTRUSTworthy*—that makes the chaplains’ facilitation of TRUST harder in the delicate interpersonally hostile environs of prison. Texans TRUST TDCJ to do right. When TDCJ uses prisoner psychopaths to *counsel* other Texans’ children in prison, TRUST is violated from the top down, ten years running. Now this seventh volume. TDCJ *modeled* the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history (BOOK 2). **Ten years later, the TBCJ missed three sets of infamies: 1) Warden Cain’s scandals; 2) TBCJ’s refusal to see its grossest gov/religion entanglement; and 3) the horde of Rehab Division scandals.** Asked throughout—***Is TDCJ’s Rehab Division the most nefarious division?*** Do not mistake this for a mere exposé of those three infamies, for we hogtie those to the TBCJ’s 25 years of indifference to religious abuse of prisoners *with* an inexcusable impunity for nefarious staff. We cite 1,800-plus experts, 99.99% of which are totally alien to the TBCJ and their directors, and we illustrate with cultural treasures that further reveal the *depth* of nefariousness vis-à-vis FAIRNESS & TRUST.

A putrid irony spans decades: above *illegality* was under TBCJ chairmen and members, most of whom are high-dollar lawyers!

Worse, after *that* for ten years, what *else* have the TBCJ ignored or hid?

Opposite to Burl Cain’s claim on his Prison Seminaries Foundation’s (PSF) website that the “greatest asset in any department of corrections system is the morally rehabilitated inmate”—that is, *his* vacuous definition and example of *moral*—we prove the staff and volunteers the greatest force for prisoner change, and we expose a horde of nefariousness.⁸ “Moral rehab *lying* for religion” is now in 30-plus prisons also *lying* about neutrality. No surprise: each year, 2017–2020, Cain paid himself one-sixth of his PSF’s annual contributions—*how sweet!*⁹

I would have rather been a chaplain these last ten years. But who else will document? **TBCJ and TDCJ *hide* more that they reveal.** Asked again and again—**What *else* remains to be exposed?** Like Achilles before Boagrius and David before Goliath, ***no one helped*** me face huge monsters of nefariousness!¹⁰

So long as there shall exist, by virtue of law and custom, decrees of damnation pronounced by society, artificially creating hells amid the civilization of earth
... so long as ignorance and poverty exist on earth, books of the nature of *Les Misérables* cannot fail to be of use.
Victor Hugo, 1862¹¹

⁸ See www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/PSF-Site-11-2022.pdf for PDF of the site www.PrisonSeminaries.org, accessed 11-24-2022, with an email that came the same day, titled “Making Moral Rehabilitation REAL.” They recently shortened **Global Prison Seminaries Foundation** to **Prison Seminaries Foundation**.

⁹ See CHART 10 in both Chapters 4 & 20 where for 2017–2020 Cain paid himself \$479,600 from PSF.

¹⁰ David Benioff, *Troy* (2004; 163 mins), Achilles by Brad Pitt and Boagrius by Nathan Jones; and I Samuel 17.

¹¹ Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*, illustrated by Emile Bayard (Belgium: A. Lacroix, Verboeckhoven, 1862; 1,462 pp.), cut from his one-sentence preface, considered one of the greatest novels ever written.

This book of mine is a *Les Misérables* of similar **passion**. This seems to be the most extensive exposure of religious abuse **and** nefariousness inside prison in the criminological literature. Much more work needs to be done.

Evangelical Ironies?—I am one, though less than decades ago, departing from Fundamentalism over 30 years ago. Later, we compare it and Liberalism. Yet it has been my experience over the last 40 years that fewer Evangelicals expose their own. While none are fault-free, reading liberal Alan Dershowitz helped me see another sweeping **irony** thru this book: Evangelicals often consider themselves ethically superior, where herein several are far from ethical and a few nefarious, at times *criminal*. **Irony?**—TDCJ's Prison Scam is rooted in the most radical segment of Evangelicalism **while** dependent upon lies and run by TDCJ staff *Evangelicals* who for over a decade were as unethical as hell!

Writing this book took a heavy toll, depressed me often, affected my attitude—**so personal**—then, the last year refining this Second Edition took more from my soul. Herein are over a **thousand refinements**, and over 100 updates that **further enhance the main themes and exposures**. Exposing the abuse was hard. In 1999, I feared asking for my first Open Records request. I was persecuted for my 50-page Faith-Based Letter in 2011, exposing *orders* to *exponentially* increase Protestant dominance. When my life was threatened by a few rotten persons—Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, Richard Alford, and others—I took up my pen and documented in volumes 3–6 crystal clear treason in TDCJ.

TDCJ Director Bryan Collier **could have made things right in July 2012**, when I tried to see him with a flash drive of the corruption at the Polunsky Prison. Soon, Warden Richard Alford—*lying*—forced my retirement as he protected his favorite staffer violating policy every day for years. **IF** Alford had been honorable, I would've never dug this deep. Like Joseph, the evil which Alford and his master Upshaw designed for me helped fuel this ten-year odyssey of evidence-based cover ups. *After* multiple exposures, violations continue today in 2023 in the Polunsky Chapel—*unbelievable!*—now this book.

Truly, my pain clouds my objectivity. Painful passion **impelled** too. At least I was not a coward and silent. Herein is also the pain of others.

Too Big? Compared to what? Compared to the *couple of pages* TDCJ has published on chaplaincy in the last 25 years, this is *gargantuan*. Compared to Karl Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, this is tiny; compared to J. Ramsey Michaels' commentary *The Gospel of John*, this is a similar-sized resource for the astute.¹² Certainly, this is too big for those who hate religion and most *over* religion in the prisons across the U.S. A grant-funded study of those over religion the last 20 years would reveal the prisons' *true* value of religion. See TDCJ's value below.

Most prison volunteers know little of prison history. Most criminologists

¹² Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics*, 14 volumes, edited by Geoffrey William Bromiley, translators Harold Knight and G. T. Thomson (original in German, 1932–1967; Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 1984; 30th Anniversary Edition 2004; 8,936 pp.), widely regarded as one of the greatest theological achievements of the 20th century and described by Pope Pius XII as the most important theologian since Thomas Aquinas.

J. Ramsey Michaels, *The Gospel of John*, New International Commentary of the New Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010; 1,121 pp.). Michaels is professor emeritus of religious studies at Missouri State University.

know little of chaplaincy affairs because most agencies like TDCJ *hide* statistics. Too many Evangelicals have TRUSTED too many, a sad revelation documented throughout. Some, like *Evangelical* Professor Byron Johnson in Chapter 24, have not cared to look at any prison chaplaincy statistics their *whole career* and depend upon TRUST in order that many *not* look closely! Most know little about the divide between Baptists in Texas, though without naïve Baptists the Fools' Parade would have never hit the pavement.

TBCJ IRONY?—most of the TBCJ are lawyers *and* likely all Evangelicals, but they have been silent to a horde of ethical and legal entanglements. Most prison stakeholders are either Liberal or Conservative, and few read the other side. Herein, **ignorance wreaks havoc on religion in prison.**

Because *many* have no use for religion, this is also a review of the best in many venues. From the 1,800-plus works and 2,900-plus persons cited, there over 2,000 *experts* in criminology, history, law, civil rights, and religion, the best I could find that directly apply. Yet, **there are many more**, making this a *short* review that most prison Rehab Divisions avoid, another great grant-funded study.

I read Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* one summer in the mid-1980s, and I marveled at his exquisitely detailed Russian characters and culture. Herein, we journey into the culture of prison, real, imagined, some fantasized—seven books in one—the TBCJ's 25-year legacy of cover up, with the legacies of Brad Livingston, Oliver Bell, Dale Wainwright, and TDCJ Director Bryan Collier.

See *Amsterdam* (2022), based upon the infamously true “Business Plot” in the 1930s. Three innocents discover a cabal and are framed for a murder. General Gil Dillenbeck (Robert DeNiro) *helps* the innocents catch the dastardly “Council of Five” during his speech supporting American veterans. That *could* have been Dir. Collier in TDCJ a decade ago, *if* he had sought wise counsel instead of a naïve volunteer, a politician, and the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history.

Irony? I lost my fight. No one helped. Cry me a river. Yet I am in good company, for some of the best tactical analyses in battlefield history were written by losers, too, like Thucydides and Clausewitz, still studied today in the best military colleges.¹³ Both were realists. **Supremely ironic**, Clausewitz stressed the “moral” aspects in waging war, while TDCJ modeled a corrupt undefined “moral rehab” *lying* about neutrality to *cover up* orders to exponentially increase Christian Dominionism—**truly a lying use of “morals”!**—**pumped irony.**

The TBCJ and Dir. Collier dodged all and the *TDCJ Deep State Report*. Yet, someone read the *Report*, for after it hit 50 state leaders, the Rehab Division square-danced and moved patsy Timothy Jones under Lisa Langley, as he remained four pay groups *above* her. How ugly, in-your-face proof that a few *still* feel immune from punishment for their nefariousness. Honor?—*no!*

This Second Edition of blood, sweat, and tears has more work in one of its

¹³ Thucydides (460–400 B.C.), *History of the Peloponnesian War* (c. 411) and Carl von Clausewitz (1780–1831), *Vom Kriege (On War)*, (Princeton University Press, 1989; 732 pp.; 1st published posthumously by his wife in 1832, who finished editing his unfinished manuscripts). Compare Andrew R. Wilson, *Masters of War: History's Greatest Strategic Thinkers* (Chantilly, VA: The Great Courses, 2002; 2 CDs, 24 lectures).

chapters than any division director has written on Rehab *or* on chaplaincy in the last 50 years, and none even desired to. What have all the Rehab directors written? Their cover ups hide a wilderness of *still* undiscovered nefarious territory. Herein are 85 areas in *dire need of much* more study (see “Further Research”), heralding a dire need for a grant-funded study on why TDCJ and most prisons have **zero vehicles for using the annual flood of papers by noble criminologists.**

Dir. Collier and the TBCJ have not yet addressed habitually violating executives. Well—what papers have *they* read? A bold grant-funded study *that* would be: list and compare what the board members of the top ten prison systems and their directors have read in the last ten years! Dare I ask? Who else will ask? Will TBCJ Chairman Patrick O’Daniel ask? What has Chairman O’Daniel read?

No paper was written *before* Collier modeled TDCJ after the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history (BOOK 2 below). **Did even Collier know?**

Where were the *Texas Monthly*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Austin Statesmen*, and the host of news and advocacy groups the last ten years? The term “Fools’ Parade” hardly captures the infamy, nor the audacity of the infamous to claim competence in *religiously* indenturing prisoners. To date, there is no indication whatsoever the TBCJ operates under any consistent theorem other than political appointment and a rubber stamp for the TDCJ director.

See herein the gulf between the billions of dollars spent on research in the best universities in Texas and U.S. and that research’s near absence of use in prison, perhaps impossible to determine, even with a million-dollar grant-funded study.

Another book never to see light is the *making* of this book, the tedium, appeals for Open Records to the Texas AG against TDCJ’s refusals—most of which I won—attorney delays, and then all of that with the hundreds of books and discoveries which further led down the detective’s path. My heart fought itself, too, knowing this tacked against hostile wind, against my desire to quit, against academics’ general lack of interest in prison chaplaincy (except a few), and against TDCJ executives determined to cover up and promote scoundrels.

In addition to the 85 gaps in the criminological literature that we point out along the way, there is a gravely inexcusable *total* absence in the literature of studying “how/who the prisons hire”—a gravely *needed* grant-funded study, especially after nefariousness was exposed in TDCJ, and the TBCJ did *nothing*.

Second Edition, scrubbed of most typos, has 1,000 refinements with 100 updates and 2022/2023 resources further supporting our case. Truly, proven here, TRUST is the *engine* of civilization, and prison efficacy depends upon TRUST.

Bryan Collier is either oblivious or a co-conspirator in many cover ups. How many times did the OIG protect the guilty? **Elon Musk** at the fifth World Government Summit 2017 in Dubai gave his *and TDCJ’s* biggest challenge:

One of the biggest challenges, I think, is making sure you have a corrective feedback loop and maintaining that **corrective feed-back loop over time** even when people want to tell you exactly what you want to hear.¹⁴

¹⁴ See https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo, bold mine, accessed 2-4-2021, see LAST WORD for more context.

On that—TDCJ, Louisiana, Florida, and 30 other states have utterly failed. See more on Musk’s wisdom in the “**LAST WORD**” at the end of this book.

***The Blacklist’s* Warden Cain—Even Hollywood Knows**

Imagine my utter surprise to see *The Blacklist’s* Season Seven, episode #18 (S7-18), about the corrupt prison **Warden Roy Cain** bragging about connections to Angola as he *made* his prisoners commit crimes!—astoundingly clearly intended **allusion to Warden Burl Cain**. Oh my, *déjà vu!*

Grab your saddle, for among the exposures a single truth remains elusive through all nine seasons, just as the truth of Michael Upshaw’s treason to TDCJ has eluded Dir. Bryan Collier for ten years, amazing parallels in nefariousness. Who will do the “discovery” of “motive” behind why former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell personally supervised the cleaning of crime scene contraband illegally used by Polunsky lifers in cahoots with Upshaw? Seriously!—*When?*

Let me explain. Perhaps no other series has as many twists on TRUST, *loyalty*, and elusive *truths* than *The Blacklist*, enlightening our exposure of how pervasive both the prisoner *and* the staff psychopath influence all aspects of prison life. As this Second Edition’s revision approached the winter of 2022, I finished watching the nine seasons in 196 episodes.¹⁵ Fortunately, after a few episodes, I bought the whole shebang. I had no idea how important that was, for I would not have followed *nearly as well* the intricate nuances watching only one episode a week. Each episode’s *tightly* woven threads of TRUST, ethics, secrets are linked to the next throughout and from season to season—just fascinating!

No better series exists, I suspect, on the sociopath and psychopath, so critical to understanding prison life; see chapter 2 where experts are just *beginning* to publish works to inform free-world civilians of the psychopath’s nature.

Raymond Reddington (played by James Spader) is known in the criminal underworld as the “Concierge of Crime” with an empire worth hundreds of millions. He is a shrewdly cunning sociopath, *not* a psychopath, for he rarely if ever lies, the ubiquitous trait of the high-scoring psychopath (Chapter 2).

In Season One, episode 1, he turns himself into the FBI, becoming a Confidential Informant who will *only* work with rookie FBI Agent Elizabeth Keen (by Megan Boone). Their relationship is the nexus for the intrigue amidst Russian, American, Mossad, MI6 spy craft, revealing pieces about her roots.

In each episode Reddington gives the FBI task force a top criminal from his “blacklist”—as in #65, #141, or #24—no particular order, except as they aid Reddington in his incognito “endgame” that unfolds throughout the seasons. The higher the number, the more dangerous the criminal. As each episode catches a criminal, secrets mount between Reddington and Keen in a season-long plot. Masterful intrigue, secrets, betrayals, and shifting loyalties unfold—and TRUST weaves in and out—as a single secret remains elusive thru *all* the seasons.

¹⁵ Jon Bokenkamp, creator, *The Blacklist, Seventh Season* (Culver City, CA: SONY, 2019-2020), 5 disks, 19 episodes, 817 mins. “Script 7:18” (5-9-2020), <https://blacklistdeclassified.net/2020/05/09/%F0%9F%94%B4-script-718-roy-cain/>, accessed on 9/19-2022.

Trust—who *can* you TRUST? “**Trust is the engine of civilization**” in *The Blacklist*, something I concluded decades before this book and made it a key theme, placing it in the footer of the even-numbered pages.

One should be able to TRUST the warden of a prison and the chairman of the TBCJ: yet **TRUST** was violated repeatedly in the Polunsky Fiasco, a TBCJ chairman conspiring to clean crime scene contraband, and many reported Warden Cain violating at Angola (BOOK 2). Then, TDCJ’s audacious promotion of Marvin Dunbar over its compliance division *after* exposure of his nefariousness.

The Blacklist uses a huge vocabulary on culture and culinary terms. There is no foul language, not even in the prison episodes, which was as nice as it was unusual. Dialogue and character drive the drama. Reddington is an erudite criminal, a connoisseur of the arts with an encyclopedic knowledge of lore, medicine, history, philosophy, ancient wisdom, criminals, and seems to have visited the best places to eat around the world. He is magnetic, easy to like with his personal stories, and a ruthless killer. True to chapter 2 on the psychopath, Reddington is the *sociopath* with deep perceptions and a *very* sly cunning.

Given BOOK 2 below about Angola ex-Warden Burl Cain, imagine my surprise to see *Blacklist* S7-18 reveal corrupt Warden Roy Cain who *used* prisoners to commit crimes! Near the end, Reddington, aka “Red,” confronts Warden Cain, and the Angola connection is revealed! After 60 episodes and Red’s brief time on death row for a few episodes, Red’s confrontation of Cain has an eerie relevance. Even Hollywood knows more than the TBCJ/TDCJ of the *well-published* infamy of Angola. Here below is a penetrating question by a criminal sociopath to a corrupt warden, more penetrating than **any question Dir. Collier or the TBCJ have asked Burl Cain or about Cain** for ten years.

Red: My name is Raymond Reddington, and, as a general rule, *innovative* is not a word I would use to describe a prison warden. The indignities that the men in your charge are subjected to are cruel and often inhumane. But you – you found a way to monetize that cruelty. I imagine your clients pay top dollar for you to commit the perfect crime on their behalf. Street crimes using men who are off the street. I’m curious how you landed on the idea. The light-bulb moment. I love hearing about light-bulb moments. Do tell. [*pause*]

Red: That’s an order, not a request. [*waves his pistol*]

Warden Cain: I inherited the business from my daddy and his daddy before him. My great-great grandpa used to catch freed Blacks and lock ’em up down in Angola. Then he’d lease ’em out to the highest bidder. They’d work people’s fields, timber. There’s no reforming ’em. They come through my gates, they ain’t people. They’re broken. Might as well put ’em to some use.

Red: I guess that just about says it all, doesn’t it?¹⁶

That rocks throughout this book’s revision with eerie portents for the last century of TDCJ’s total apathy to the nature of psychopathic prisoners and staff, and the **effect of the psychopath staff or prisoner upon both officer attrition and**

¹⁶ Jon Bokenkamp ... “Script 7:18” (5-9-2020).

offender recidivism. Read chapter 2 closely; buy Hare’s *Without Conscience*. Amidst my 25 years of documenting, the last three years writing this, and after 160-plus *Blacklist* episodes of penetrating depictions of criminal psychotics and psychopaths—and FBI agents’ dire ethical dilemmas—I was eerily prepared for S7-18 clearly alluding to Angola Warden Burl Cain who was veritably forced to retire in 2015 for financial deals with a prisoner’s family *after* a long list of scandals (Chap 4), and *The Blacklist* character was even named *Roy Cain*.

Cain is Dir. Collier’s & Texas Lt. Gov.’s MODEL!

Gather around and ask yourself how TDCJ Dir. Collier and Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick went to Angola to visit Warden Cain and subsequently walked away in 2010 *inspired* to model TDCJ after the most scandal-ridden prison warden in U.S. history—Cain’s troubles were in the news his *entire* 20 years at Angola.

Gather around—ask how I could be given a falsely contrived disciplinary for exposing all this in 2011 *while* Collier modeled TDCJ after a warden who made a million-dollar deal with a prisoner’s family. What a model! No one in TDCJ could *remain* a warden who did what Cain did, but he became Collier’s model and now a model for 30 other state prisons. Cain’s infamous dealings did not stop Mississippi (itself roiling in civil rights abuses) from making him their DOC commissioner in 2020, ironically near the time *Blacklist* episode S7-18 aired.

This book is filled with such ironies. The Fools’ Parade below is just the short story, linked by QR codes to solid verifications, easily accessible for the astute.

A. Prison Scam Fuels the Fools’ Parade – State-ordered Cultural Fantasies

1. TBCJ’s 25-Year Legacy of Cover Ups – Lately Tied to Bryan Collier

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice’s (TBCJ) **25-year legacy of cover ups** has morphed in the last 10 years into this scam of religion in Texas prisons directly modelling Louisiana’s Angola—the buck stops with the TBCJ. Here also is TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier’s legacy, either thru blindness or collusion, and his legacy is inextricably tied to the legacies of former TBCJ Chairmen Dale Wainwright, Oliver Bell, and former Dir. Brad Livingston. The many documents sent to them could have moved the river current towards honor over a decade ago, especially Wainwright, one of the most legally erudite chairmen in the TBCJ’s history on the penal code. But the rapids of nefariousness continued. TBCJ and TDCJ cannot truly escape this legacy—honestly—until they see TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell as naïve and led along, often played like a fiddle by TDCJ execs, while his part in the Polunsky Fiasco cover up and in weaponizing of OIG remains to be investigated, and why Wainwright aided that cover up, too. I was persecuted for that, my career killed for *whistleblowing*.

In an Errata PDF, I shared 30 of the major updates to the rough First Edition, as well as the 75 leaders and scholars to whom I sent it in the Ides of March 2022. I also sent a detailed card to 400 other leaders, media, and every Texas legislator, and I followed up with a second notice to the 400. Here below are the 75.

Patrick O’Daniel, TBCJ Chair, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, two copies
Allan Polunsky, former TBCJ Chair, Polunsky Beitel Green, LLP

Dale Wainwright, former TBCJ Chair, former judge, partner with GreenbergTraurig
Bryan Collier - Executive Director, TDCJ

Balmer, Randall - John Phillips Professor of Religion, Dartmouth College
Barr, Beth Allison - Professor of History, Baylor University
Bauerlein, Monika - CEO, *Mother Jones*
Beaver, Kevin - Judith Rich Harris Professor of Criminology, Florida State University
Bergeron Jr., Roy L. - Senior Editor, *Louisiana Law Review*
Bergner, Daniel - author of *God of the Rodeo* (1999)
Bernat, Frances P. - Regents Professor of Criminal Justice, Texas A&M International University
Boston, Rob - Editor, *Church and State*, an AU journal
Bridges, John - Editor, *Austin Statesman*
Brown, Joseph - Editor, *Huntsville Item*
Burnside, Jonathan - Professor of Biblical Law, Bristol University
Chammah, Maurice - Staff Writer, The Marshall Project
Clear, Todd R. - Provost, Rutgers University
Cullen, Francis T. - Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus, University of Cincinnati
Dammer, Harry R. - Professor of Criminology, St. Leo's University
Dershowitz, Alan M. - Harvard Law School Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law Emeritus
DeSantis, Ron - Florida Governor
Dionne, E. J. - Senior Fellow, Bookings Institute
Edwards, Chris - Editor, *Tyler County Booster*
Erzen, Tanya - Professor of Religion and Gender Studies, University of Puget Sound
Friedman, Nancy - President, Houston AU
Gabbidon, Shaun - Distinguished Professor of Criminal Justice, Penn State Harrisburg
Goettler, Peter - President, Cato Institute
Greenway, Adam W. - President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Haidt, Jonathan - Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Hankins, James - University Professor of History, Harvard University
Hensley, Christopher - Professor of Sociology, Texas A & M, Commerce
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Ingersoll, Julie J. - Professor of Religious Studies, University of North Florida
Johannigmeier, Tom - Editor, *Fort Worth Star Telegram*
Jones, Andrew Willard - Director of Catholic Studies, Franciscan University, Steubenville
Jones, Robert P. - CEO, Public Research Institute
Keegan, Michael - President, People for the American Way
Kerley, Kent R. - Professor of Criminology, University of Texas at Arlington
Kleinig, John - Professor Emeritus, John Jay College
Kunzel, Regina - Doris Stevens Chair of History, Princeton University
Laser, Rachel K. - President, Americans United for Separation of Church & State
Lau, Maya - Writer, *Baton Rouge Advocate*
Liebling, Alison - Professor of Criminology, Cambridge Institute of Criminology
Lillback, Peter - President, Westminster Theological Seminary
Livingston, Linda A. - President, Baylor University
Lowery, Rich - Editor-in-Chief, *National Review*
Managing Editor, *Texas Observer*
Managing Editor, *Texas Monthly*
Moore, R. Laurence - H. A. Newman Professor of American Studies, Cornell University
Noll, Mark A. - Professor Emeritus of History, University of Notre Dame
Quigley, William P. - Professor Emeritus of Law, Loyola University
Rauch, Jonathan - Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution
Reynolds, Matt - Book Editor, *Christianity Today*
Rideau, Wilbert - author of *In the Place of Justice* (2011)
Roberts, Kevin - President, Heritage Foundation
Romero, Anthony D. - CEO, ACLU
Rove, Karl - President, Karl Rove & Company
Russell, Gordon - Writer, *Baton Rouge Advocate*
Salam, Reihan - President, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research

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Scott, Wayne - retired TDCJ Director
Segers, Mary C. - Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University
Sindelar, Greg - CEO, Texas Public Policy Foundation
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Sundt, Jody - Chair of Criminal Justice, University of North Texas
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Thomas, Cal - Syndicated Columnist
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VanDrunen, David - Robert B. Strimple Professor of Theology, Westminster Seminary
Wartell, Sarah Rosen - President, Urban Institute
Weisburd, David - Distinguished Professor, George Mason University
Whitehead, Andrew L. - Professor of Sociology, Indiana University
Wilson, Mike - Editor, *Dallas Morning News*
Young, Adam - Editor, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*¹⁷

Most of these will
also get a copy of
this Second Edition

A few others also got copies. Above are the “Best of the Best” in their fields, each with a stake in this, Conservative, Liberal, Evangelical, *media*. Except for Collier and Wainwright, none truly support the Fools’ Parade, not yet, not in writing.

I did not get as many responses as I had hoped. At my own expense and thousands of hours, without a grant, without religio-political capital from a major institution—also without fear of tenure track—I was just a chaplain forced out by the nefarious Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, and a few sycophantic wardens for defending TDCJ policy and freedom of religion. I expose TDCJ Dir. Collier’s executive culture of cover ups and how his corrective feedback loop is dead: perhaps, he first heard the term here. Not coming up thru corrections handicaps.

Each of the 75 above and many others have a big stake in this, whether they like it or not, many superbly credentialed scholars that have given their lives to criminology, history, law, and theology. I thank St. Leo’s University **Professor of Criminology Harry R. Dammer** for the following:

The book is clearly one of the most unique and interesting books I have ever read about religion in prison. What is the best part of the book is the extensive research and citation list that is included. It includes probably every legitimate cite about the subject that has been written in the last 50 years. Whether you agree with the major premise of the book or not, any person who cares about the topic would benefit from its contents.¹⁸

Several have religio-political entanglements that prevent comment. Moreover, my exposure of sex abuse in chapter 23 will grate those too pure to talk about it. TDCJ and Professor Byron R. Johnson do not believe chaplains worthy, both having reported *nothing* on chaplaincy for the last 25 years. I argue that Johnson’s work should be audited, and he *should* be excluded from all future in-prison

¹⁷ See www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Errata-80.pdf for the 80-plus to whom this was sent, along with an Errata Section on the major updates with the Second Edition’s completely revised and updated **Preface**. Many dozens of books and articles were added that came to my attention and apply against the Fools’ Parade and TDCJ’s abuse of religion and abuse of the chaplaincy profession. Obviously, QR Codes make validation instantly available to many primary documents.



¹⁸ Harry R. Dammer, formerly Professor Sociology Criminology at University of Scranton, PA, and the author of “Religion in Corrections,” in *The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*, Vol. 3 of 3, edited by Wesley G. Jennings (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016; 1,448 pp.), *Religion in Corrections* (American Correctional Association, 2000; 193 pp.), with Jay S. Albanese, *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems*, 5th Edition (Wadsworth, 2014; 400 pp.), and with Todd R. Clear, *Offender in the Community*, 2nd Edition (Wadsworth, 2003; 493 pp.).

grant-funded study because of his abuses in chapter 24 that span decades.

2. TBCJ's & TDCJ's Ignorance-Based Assault on the Term "*Minister*"

A huge chapter could be given summarizing *thousands of the millions* of volumes written on the term *minister* that TDCJ purposely corrupts in a catch-all duplicitous twisting to degrade its meaning into a vague religious *counselor*—just another lie. The reality is an ignorance-based scam on religion. Over millennia, millions of books have been written on *minister, pastor, priest, imam*, and their respective roles in *church, synagogue, mosque, temple* in Protestantism, Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism, Paganism, and more. **In ALL—no minister was ever chosen solely because he volunteered**, that is, until the arrival of this Fools' Parade that began with the most scandal-ridden warden in history (I'll repeat dozens of times). TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and the TBCJ did not use a single work from history for their "minister," just an odd warden. In ALL religions—the person *lived* the life beforehand. Contrary to the millennia of religions' use of "minister," TDCJ does the opposite with a policy that allows *any prisoner* to be their "minister" without a droplet of concern for the man's character or devotion *prior to* prison or *while in* prison. For favor, the prisoner must *promise* to be a good boy *after* entering TDCJ's Vacation Bible School *while* still in prison. We demolish that beside an extensive exposure of an executive staff culture of cover ups. TBCJ's, TDCJ's, and Dir. Collier's ignorance-based assault on *minister* is sacrilegious, even profane to all religions, as they *deceive* to cover up their Baptist Bible study with the lie of "neutrality" and corrupt vacuous *Cain*ized "moral rehab."

In sum, the **TBCJ & Collier lie about Bible study making counselors!** Worse is the Muslim prisoner faking interest in the Bible for four years to become a TDCJ *minister for Islam* without even the elementary four years in Islam.

All know prisoners have confidantes and *ministers* among their own, just as in the free world, but those confidantes are *never* chosen by the warden, or TDCJ's director, and certainly not by a naïve volunteer. The authenticity of faith is best facilitated with freedom and not government favor, recently proven by Professor Dan Koev's work on 174 states around the world between 1990 and 2010.¹⁹ We could add a chapter on the vast literature on the inequality of "state religions," which now includes TDCJ and 30 other states lying about neutrality.²⁰ We do not touch that literature anymore throughout, yet we show how Christian Dominionism has infected this as a root cause of the Fools' Parade, linked to the error and lies of Christian Nationalism and other fantasizing.

¹⁹ Dan Koev, "The Influence of State Favoritism on Established Religions and Their Competitors," *Politics and Religion*, online by Cambridge University Press (April 29, 2022): 1-31. Koev is a professor and chair of the Government and Criminal Justice Department of Regent University.

²⁰ Nahshon Perez, Jonathan Fox and Jennifer M. McClure, "Unequal State Support of Religion: On Resentment, Equality, and the Separation of Religion and State," *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 18 (2017): 431–448. Perez is a professor at the department of political studies at the Bar Ilan University; Fox is a professor at the School of International Service at the American University; and McClure is a professor of religion and sociology, and congregational research strategist at Samford University. Bouke de Vries, "Five Arguments Against Single State Religions," *Ethnicities* 21 (2021): 192–210. De Vries is postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Zurich whose research is supported by an Ambizione grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation.

3. Primer to Conservative / Liberal / Evangelical War

Some Conservatives will certainly dislike my use of Liberal scholars, and vice versa. Some Evangelicals leaning to Dominionism castigate—or hate—any member of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, of which I am a long-time member, or the ACLU and a dozen others. Some Liberals will disregard—or despise—any Conservative or Evangelical. That is sad and par for the course. This is *not* a conservative or liberal treatise. I give profuse documentation from *both* sides. Good exists in most corners. Further, I defend that any state-paid prison chaplain *should* remain neutral, sincerely respecting all religions. Therefore, this book shows how the Fools' Parade is totally at odds with the state obligation for neutrality. Worse, the Parade forces chaplains and wardens to *lie* as puppets of Dominionism, even coconspirators with Dir. Collier's *lie of neutrality* under a nebulous undefined "moral rehab" nonsense to scam Evangelicals of money for the Norwoods' Baptist proselyting program.

More criminologists should join me in my skinning of Professor Byron Johnson's team's nefariousness in chapter 24, the *single* academic credential for this Fools' Parade, that scammed a million dollars for their lazy work. I have no doubt the few praising *The Angola Prison Seminary* did not fully read it, and too many passed by the flaws out of professional courtesy—errantly TRUSTing Johnson—or, like TDCJ, embraced flaws because they have no honest concern for religion's integrity.²¹ We skin Johnson's *The Angola Prison Seminary* in chapter 24, exposing his *trinities of mutilations*, and we ask criminologists to add to the stinking raw hide. I asked Baylor President Linda A. Livingston to audit Johnson's work, and I ask again, for she has many scholars capable enough. Given the severity, we think a grant-funded study should be initiated to audit *all* of Johnson's and his ISR's work for similar cover ups—*this is very serious!*

Don't miss Chapter 24, "ISR Johnson KISSES a Frog into a Prince," the 11 ailments, and Ailment 8 "Johnson's Quadruple Set of Trinities of Mutilations for Cain." At the end of Chapter 24, we ask, "**What is truly the most disgusting?**" and listed *ten*, including these two: (1) TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell cleaning a crime scene? (2) Or is it Johnson's sets of trinities of mutilations? In the next 25 chapters, there are many more *disgusting* questions.

4. Raison d'être—Golden Thread TRUST Thru the Defense of FAIRNESS

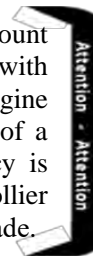
Chaplaincy should be the most trustworthy—**TRUST being another golden thread** woven through all seven volumes, especially volume 3, the 700-page *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* (2013). The first 100 pages document how Michael Upshaw and other were traitors to *everything* TDCJ valued, and the latter 600 pages of appendices document the out-of-control

²¹ Michael Hallett, Joshua Hays, Byron R. Johnson, Sung Joon Jang, and Grant Duwe, *The Angola Prison Seminary: Effects of Faith-Based Ministry on Identity Transformation, Desistance, and Rehabilitation* (Routledge, 2017; 248 pp.). Sung Joon Jang, Byron R. Johnson, Joshua Hays, Michael Hallett, and Grant Duwe, "Prisoners Helping Prisoners Change: A Study of Inmate Field Ministers Within Texas Prisons," *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 64, No. 5 (April 2020; online Sept. 2019): 470–497, see www.BaylorSR.org/wp-content/uploads/Jang-et-al.-IJOTCC-2019.pdf, accessed 11-17-20. See **chapter 24 below**.

Polunsky prison chapel—the Polunsky Fiasco. Chaplain David Collier could not get along with *four* staff chaplains, violating a dozen policies every day, the worst being life-sentenced murderers on contraband computers with color printers and **zero supervision for over six years. TRUST?** When exposed, TBCJ *Chairman* Oliver Bell conspired to clean crime scene contraband coming in for years and **weaponized OIG** to investigate me as a “Terrorist Threat”—the stuff for a *Blacklist* episode—I shall remind many more irritating times throughout. Wardens Richard Alford, Timothy Simmons, and Gary Hunter played cowards as the castrated OIG kept silent. Refusing to read, **TDCJ Dir. Collier still doubts**, as the January 2023 Polunsky chapel prisoners *continue* violating policy 10 years later, *still* no one *knowing* what the prisoners do on computers.

Do not cheapen this book by ignoring the infamy in the *Book of Secrets* and falsified disciplinaries that forced me to retire too early. I am in good company being persecuted for defending religious liberty. Herein, one major exposure shows how Dir. Collier aligned TDCJ with the smallest circle of exclusivity within Dominionism, that includes some radical far-Right wackos and some anti-psychiatry nuts, as he buys a very big pig (CHART 13 in Chapters 7 & 10).

My raison d'être throughout is to give the most comprehensive account on how the **prison chaplaincy profession strives to be non-political** with as purely as possible a strong advocacy of religious liberty as a critical engine to facilitating as much authentic faith as possible in the closed city of a prison, often fighting nefariousness, and how a state-paid chaplaincy is constitutionally **opposite to the Prison Scam’s Dominionism** that Collier and 30 other prisons have naïvely *bought* into as a shameful Fools’ Parade.



5. Democrat Dershowitz & Republican Koffler *PERSECUTED* Too

a. Grand Champion of Fairness Democrat Dershowitz Persecuted

Alan Dershowitz is the world’s Grand Champion of Fairness, peerless, and he has been persecuted for that (see Chap 7.G.4). I have a kindred spirit in Dershowitz’s exquisite 50th book, *The Price of Principles: Why Integrity Is Worth Its Consequences*, that resonates with a kindred persecution he is experiencing professionally side by side with the rise of antisemitism his race is experiencing in some universities.²² I share his feeling. Today, liberty is a hot issue inside the partisan politics of government, education, and religion. I could have used a salient quote from *The Price of Principle* at the beginning of each chapter as I did from Kleinig’s masterful *Correctional Ethics*, so rich is Dershowitz’s defense of principles over politics. Savor this jewel:

²² Alan Dershowitz, *The Price of Principles: Why Integrity Is Worth Its Consequences* (Hot Books, 2022; 168 pp.). He is Harvard Law School Felix Frankfurter Professor of Law, Emeritus, and the most published in Harvard’s history, with 50 books, 1,000-plus articles, accomplishments, and awards that would in itself make a magnificent book. Many of his books apply here, especially *The Case for Color-Blind Equality in an Age of Identity Politics* (2021; 168 pp.), *The Case Against the New Censorship: Protecting Free Speech from Big Tech, Progressives, and Universities* (2021; 192 pp.), *Cancel Culture: The Latest Attack on Free Speech and Due Process* (2020; 168 pp.), *Defending Israel* (2019; 320 pp.), *Trumped Up: How Criminalization of Political Difference Endangers Democracy* (2017; 196 pp.), *Blasphemy: How the Religious Right is Hijacking Our Declaration of Independence* (2008; 208 pp.), and *Rights from Wrongs: A Secular Theory of the Origins of Rights* (2004; 261 pp.).

Liberty for me but not for thee endangers liberty for all.... Pastor Martin Niemöller reminded us shortly after the Holocaust: First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak—because I was not a socialist.... Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. **Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me....** What is not well known is the *reason* he did not speak out for the Jews: he was, as he later acknowledged, an anti-Semite. He learned the painful lesson that failure to defend the rights of the “thee”—even the thee you despise—will eventually cause the denial of the rights for the “me.”²³

Dershowitz is *exquisite*, and I would like to add the rest of his book here. If any TDCJ director or TBCJ chairman had read his small book, the Fools’ Parade would have never been chartered, much less metastasized to other states.

Dershowitz defends himself and the value of *principles* over politics as one of history’s greatest attorneys and legal scholars. He notes at the beginning that not only was this his 50th book but that he has written over 1,000 articles, being the most published in Harvard history—astounding, given Harvard’s plethora of scholarly publications. He documents some of the far Left falsely accusing him, too, and some flatly lied and tried to ruin his reputation. That is, part of *The Price of Principle*’s purpose was to lay out his own defense against several attacks on his standing up for freedom of speech, honest defense, and the right to competent legal counsel. Savor this sad note in the context of a criminal case:

Those who complained about my interview simply didn’t want my point of view to be aired by anyone.... This is a call for censorship and for only one side of a disputed accusation to be heard. It is precisely this censorial attitude that prevailed during McCarthyism, when people were falsely accused of communist affiliation and were denied airtime to defend themselves.²⁴

I left out the *who* of his legal defense to focus upon his expert legal observation on the persecution he and others face today against the often politically incorrect stance of defending freedom of speech. A bit like *The Blacklist*’s Raymond Reddington in ruthlessness, Dershowitz has not winked in 50-plus years of defending freedom of speech and the right to fair counsel for all. I would like to claim Dershowitz as my brother in defending religious liberty, and, again, copy his entire *The Price of Principles* right here—*everyone* should own and savor it!

b. Koffler’s DIA Career Sabotaged by the Nefarious Too

I was mesmerized by Rebekah Koffler’s *Putin’s Playbook: Russia’s Secret Plan to Defeat America*.²⁵ This is an expert look at Putin from a senior top-level

²³ Dershowitz, *Price of Principles* (2022; 168 pp.), 12, bold mine. I wish I could get Dershowitz to defend me.

²⁴ Dershowitz, *Price of Principles* (2022; 168 pp.), 133, underline his. Compare Kate Rosenfield, “Why I Keep Getting Mistaken for a Conservative,” *National Review* (11-7-2022): 30–33, who had similar persecution to Dershowitz and outlines her hold to traditional Liberal views of free speech in this decisively Conservative magazine.

²⁵ Rebekah Koffler, *Putin’s Playbook: Russia’s Secret Plan to Defeat America* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Gateway 2021; 432 pp.). She is a Russian-born U.S. intelligence expert who served as a Russian Doctrine & Strategy specialist in the Defense Intelligence Agency. Working with the DIA and the CIA’s National Clandestine Service, she has led “red” teams during war-games and advised senior Pentagon officials. She has delivered classified briefings to top U.S. military commanders, NATO ministers, the directors of the CIA and DIA, the White House National Security Council, and senior congressional staff. In her post-public service career, Rebekah is a writer and national security [continued on next page]

officer of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) who briefed presidents and heads of states around the world, receiving the highest accolades from peers and heads of state. Yet, she was persecuted and **forced to retire for doing her job honestly**, after false allegations were made by nefarious rotten eggs in the DIA. In this large book, I counted 60 times where she left the tell-tale marks of the redactor, black marks [REDACTED] indicating the words the DIA censors felt were confidential. She had a Top Secret clearance for most of her career. She protested what was redacted, but there was not time to press the Freedom of Information Act issues with the DIA for her publisher's timeline. From the context, you can see some was clearly *politically* redacted. About 97 percent is stunning on Putin's history, his rise, his KGB legacy, his ruthless calculations, and how Putin undermined the 2016 elections and wants to undermine the U.S. and NATO, especially with non-kinetic cyber and misinformation warfare.

She does not *claim* to be a Republican, but her defense of "her boss" General Michael Flynn reveal *why* she was attacked. The first 350-plus pages reveal Putin's Russian mindset. Woven into that exposure is a revelation of the DIA's living bureaucracy, like TDCJ's, where what she calls "bean counters" make often weak-minded decisions based more on *beans* than on national security.

Koffler notes how one supervisor told her to *not* work so hard—why?—because **her hard work was making his evaluations of others too hard!** So apropos here, her book also is a defense of her honor, a service that Deep State scum ignored and then forced her out because she was *good* at her job.

By publishing of *Putin's Playbook* as it is, I am taking a significant risk in incurring the Washington security establishment's wrath. Having witnessed the government unleashing the unlimited power of the state against my former boss, DIA director and American patriot General Michael Flynn, I have no illusions about the level of further destruction that the U.S. government apparatchiks can do to me and my family. It is common knowledge among intelligence and security professionals that the government can find numerous ways to silence and retaliate against former federal employees who are critical of the bureaucracy's incompetence.²⁶

Exactly my story, too. The DIA is responsible for U.S. security, and she was *told* to work less. After exposure of the nefariously incompetent—like Oliver Bell, Michael Upshaw, and Marvin Dunbar *cleaning* contraband—TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's corrupted "corrective feedback loop" promoted all involved in the Polunsky Fiasco. We ask throughout "Is the Rehab Division the most nefarious division in TDCJ?" Or is the compliance division? OIG? Legal?

6. Full Degree of Nefariousness Will Never Be Discovered

With the shameful 20-plus years of silence from TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier, and the previous two TBCJ Chairmen Allan Polunsky and Dale Wainwright—the full degree of nefariousness will never be discovered. The Fools' Parade is marching,

commentator whose work has been published on the Fox News website, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *The Hill*, the *New York Post*, *Real Clear Politics*, *Real Clear Defense*, the *Daily Caller*, and the *Washington Times*. She has appeared on Fox News, Fox Business, Fox Nation, and the Sean Hannity nationally syndicated radio show.

²⁶ Koffler, *Putin's Playbook* (Regnery Gateway 2021; 432 pp.), 307.

and my cold case remains unsolved. What will TBCJ Chairman Patrick O’Daniel’s legacy be?—silence or honor? Listen to my interview yourself and see how Shawn Wallace *thought* I was either a TDCJ lawyer *or* OIG investigator, which tells all that the TDCJ’s legal department was part of the coverup with Chairman Bell cleaning of crime scene contraband, and then after the *Book of Secrets*, Bell weaponized *his* OIG to investigate me as a “Terrorist Threat.”²⁷

Now, from the Ides of March 2022, 75 experts and media know.

7. How Did Texas Contract Such Moral Blindness?

At the beginning, these items of infamy tantalize, with 100s to follow.

- ✦ TDCJ ordained a **child torturer prisoner** a *minister* representing the offices of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the TBCJ, Dir. Bryan Collier, the wardens earning-parole “work time” for preaching the Gospel over all the prison
- ✦ TDCJ destroys **violence statistics** after 7 years, and other vital statistics
- ✦ TDCJ placed Timothy Jones with a high school diploma under Vol. Dir. Lisa Langley while he is **4 pay groups above her after delivery** of my *TDCJ Deep State Report* to 50 state leaders – and I’m the bad guy
- ✦ TDCJ Dir. Collier **supports psychopath** prisoners counseling psychopaths
- ✦ UTMB has **ZERO psych reports** on services to TDCJ’s prisoners
- ✦ Bryan Johnson’s **million-dollar** grant study covered up too much
- ✦ Collier **modeled** after the **most scandal-ridden** warden in U.S. history
- ✦ Collier empowered a **peer program** led by the Norwoods who did not value peerage in their own lives
- ✦ Collier led TDCJ to favor the **smallest religious circle** of exclusivity
- ✦ Polunsky Fiasco ex-warden Richard Alford writes *Tall Walls and High Fences ... Texas Prison Story* without past directors of last 50 years, riddled with glaring cover ups and—shockingly—supporting civil rights abuses in 2020

The Fools’ Parade is TDCJ Dir. Collier’s legacy of an executive culture of cover ups totally opposed to *all we value* in religion, psychology, criminology, philosophy, ethics, and business. Greatest mystery is how Dir. Collier and the TBCJ felt this horde of nefariousness was good for ten years.

How did Warden Burl Cain turn the Evangelical world upside down?

Do not blame it all on Cain, for too many naïve Evangelicals lost their senses. Cain sold it to Lt. Gov. Patrick and Dir. Collier ten years ago, and they *still* think this is God’s will. Fact is Collier’s executive *culture* of cover ups cultivated the ground, and this is just the latest incarnation of fantasies run wild. If Collier is not nefarious, he is the naked King strutting before this Fools’ Parade.

Don’t blame the chaplains, who are the fall guys *ordered* to pretend to

²⁷ See interview of TDCJ Computer Tech Shawn Wallace about a **November 2012** meeting with Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar **ordering crime scene contraband cleaned**, which took Wallace’s team **four weeks** to complete > www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3 > in the *Book of Secrets* sent to Brad Livingston, TDCJ OIG, Texas AG, and in letters sent to successive TBCJ chairmen. **Who conspires to clean contraband?** Then all the violators were cleared *and* promoted, including Upshaw, Dunbar, the wardens, Reg. Chaplain Vance Drum, even Wallace. **Then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell had his OIG investigate me after I exposed this!** →



supervise Collier's child torturers, each one charged at graduations *by* Lt. Gov. Patrick and Dir. Collier as *their* Gospel minister representing *them* and the wardens throughout the prison. Forget not, the freedom of their minister is *totally* at the discretion of the wardens and Collier, not the chaplains.

Fools' Parade is *totally* owned by Dir. Collier, wardens, & TBCJ

Warden Burl Cain has said many times, "**I am not that smart,**" referring to God working in Angola, rarely quoting anyone *while* mocking liberals, lawyers, media exposures, prior wardens, even "tradition," depending upon his almost exclusive naïve Evangelical audiences simply believing him, *while* he pays himself over one-sixth of his Global Prison Seminary's annual donations (BOOK 4).

I declare it *not God's will*, but the *will of Cain*.

I am not that smart either, so I did something totally foreign to TDCJ and referenced 2,948 persons from *over* 1,800 works. Opposition is everywhere. TDCJ's child torturer representing Collier's and wardens' personal faith thru all the prison goes *against everything* we know about life—see **PRINCIPLE 1**:

Child torturer should not be ordained to ministry by the STATE to represent the OFFICES of the governor, director and wardens throughout the prison—almost every movie, song, poem; science of honor, morals, good character; almost every Christian, Jewish, Muslim ministry, theology, history for 2,000 years; almost every psychology, sociology, criminology study, paper, book for the last 200 years; and almost every prison policy, principle, constitutional law, legal analysis for the last 200 years—almost everything comes against TDCJ's treatment of religion for 25 years, now topped with Collier's Field Minister child molesters representing him and the wardens throughout the prison in a Fools' Parade.²⁸

PRINCIPLE 1. Child Torturer Should NOT Represent the Offices of the Governor, Director, and Wardens Throughout Prison

The above is made worse when it is seen *clearly* that Collier's TDCJ ordains

Psychopaths to Counsel Psychopaths *in* their Disorders

made clear in chapter 2, followed by 23 more chapters on nefariousness. That is made exponentially more *absurd* in the light of "The U.S. Needs Five Times as Many Child Psychiatrists," where Lisa Jarvis summed a recent report from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force which *still* has trouble diagnosing Major Depressive Disorders in children under 12, noting the increase in suicides as the second cause of adolescent deaths, and then Jarvis noted that in 2019 the "American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry found that the country needs 47 child psychiatrist for every 100,000 kids, yet only has 9.75 per 100,000."²⁹ You most certainly intuitively know that those are our precious *free-*

²⁸ Michael G. Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (AuthorHouse, 2021), xxv.

²⁹ Lisa Jarvis, "The U.S. Needs Five Times as Many Child Psychiatrists," *Bloomberg* (11-23-33), online, and made many national papers like the *Washington Post* and the *Beaumont Enterprise* (11-23-22): E3. Compare U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, "Depression and Suicide Risk in Children and Adolescents: Screening," (10-11-22), www.USPreventiveServicesTaskForce.org/uspstf/recommendation/screening-depression-suicide-risk-children [continued on next page]

world children, and there are *less* services for prisoners, even for those prisoners *willing* to be treated, except as TDCJ Dir. Collier, Texas Lt. Governor Patrick, and others have *ordered* that indentured prisoners with four years of Bible do that psych job—as you will soon see—that even UTMB cannot reveal!

Warden Cain makes dog turds look like chocolate chip cookies, and it would not surprise many that Cain could get the Girl Scouts to sell them. Texas bought a whole truckload and started its own cookie factory, and recently promoted a retired TDCJ industry director to oversee the factory—yes, appointed an expert in pigs and cattle to oversee religion in TDCJ. The closer one gets and smells, the greater the stink of the dog-turd cookie factory. Hold your nose, because we're gonna blow up the cookie factory's distribution dock.

The greatest mystery we do not solve is how Dir. Collier was duped into believing this was good for Texas, when the entire opposite is the case, that is, if he is innocent with a sick feedback loop and not truly a nefarious Dominionist.

Prison Culture is the Director's Job #1

stop blaming the prisoners—stop the tail wagging the dog!

TDCJ Dir. Collier cannot be this naïve—or the TBCJ—and **if not**, his advisors **(1) lied or (2) he colluded** on the nefariousness, cover ups, violations, and the Polunsky Fiasco. Indenturing prisoners to change the culture is as wrongheaded as using Building Tenders to do the officers' jobs for them. Culture is *not* the prisoner's job—**culture is job #1 of the director**, and TBCJ, rippling down.

Prison systems should not endorse the truth of any faith.

Herein are a horde of categories sandwiched between the 1st and 25th chapters of cover ups and nefarious actions going back decades, perhaps 50 years, blooming in the last 10 years. No one knows how long. Also herein are over 580 sections, charts, principles, excurses, representing only a fraction of what applies to the prison chaplains' *profession*. Over 20 years ago, I put together a list of 3,700 relevant periodicals to complement a working bibliography of books relevant to chaplaincy.³⁰ Not one has been used at a chaplaincy *training*.

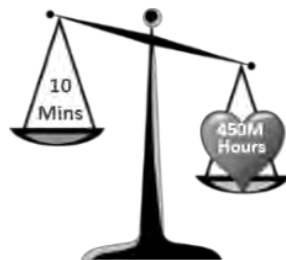
8. Abolition of Prisons verses 1% Certainty in Parole

Abolition of Prisons? I would have never thought about this had I not delved this deep and—if asked for a simple answer—would have thought that the *thought* of abolishing prison absurd. I truly would have. I suspect most would. In the conclusion, I close with a small section on the **value of prison itself**. There are experts who think it is **time to close Angola**. Several make strong cases for the abolition of prisons, except for the most violent. If you read all of this, you will rethink *prison* itself, especially in the light of TDCJ's failures and the recalcitrance of the nefarious staff. **It is time to re-evaluate prison itself**. Is *prison* the best we can do? The restorative justice movement has not gotten much traction (we could have added a chapter). For the very lucrative, like Prison

adolescents, where among other observations, "The USPSTF recommends screening for MDD in all adolescents but notes that several risk factors might help identify patients at higher risk."

³⁰ See www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/Serials.htm and [/chaplaincy/Chaplaincy_Bibliography.htm](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/Chaplaincy_Bibliography.htm).

Fellowship, we gave Chapter 20 on Big Bucks, and PF is the largest, paying huge salaries, its **CEO making \$392,700!** Big Bucks fly everywhere. The mission of TDCJ is noble, and perhaps impossible, even with the best employees. However, when there are nefarious managers in charge of human beings, there seems to be no end to the *using of prisoners* for one's own purpose—that is **the substance of this book!** This book does not debate or defend prison abolition. However, after this—with those who do argue for abolition—there is a great need to look at the whole forest. Until then, I've pushed for over 15 years the **“100,000 Mother 1% Certainty Option”** which would revolutionize the prison culture and save millions by accessing the **400,000,000 hours of the in-prison staff experience** over ten years in a *definitive* way on parole decisions. Today, not a single hour is accessed—**zero!**—while each commissioner spends barely **10 minutes on each decision** by their own stats—a *grave* injustice no one has yet had the courage to see!³¹



See www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf >
seen in **Appendix THE LAST**



9. “Prison Scam/Fools’ Parade” vs Key to Culture Being the Staff

“Prison Scam”—the term refers to the **whole package of scams** in TDCJ, Angola, and now 30 states that fantasize to indenture prisoners to be gospel ministers for the administrators’ faiths while lying about neutrality. *Prison Scam* fuels the *Fools’ Parade*: the two terms are nearly interchangeable, the latter mocking their fantasies. Contradicting Cain’s claim that *moral* prisoners are the greatest assets to prison health—whatever he means by his “moral rehab”—we prove the following:

KEY to prison culture change is the OFFICERS!

Culture is the prison’s job, not the criminal’s—**stop the tail wagging the dog!**

This began as another defense of chaplaincy, volume 7 in the Defense Series, then grew into a defense of freedom of conscience and *fairness*. How time flies. I could not imagine in 2011 the level of dishonor when I sent that Faith-Based Housing Letter, the first employee to expose the unethical orders, and then face persecution for it. I had worked with many honorable people. I TRUSTed too much back then. Now ten years later, I almost regret the work. Only those who have done similar projects can fathom how hard it is to build a book like this, especially without a million-dollar grant and a sabbatical where I could isolate

³¹ See www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf, seen in **Appendix THE LAST**.

and just focus on this. The written mission of TDCJ, the staff, prisoners, volunteers, their families—chaplaincy—and my honor deserve the best.

Prison is a *sympiotic* part of our society, not a separate or absent part. Today most of prison is *invisible* to society at large—as you will see herein—and *society* gives permission for the history of abuses and nefariousness. Collier’s cover-up culture mirrors Angola and most prisons—especially as Collier *models* TDCJ’s religious oversight after the strangest most scandal-ridden warden in history. Prisons cover up because they *can*, and they cover up to *further* alienate the *people’s* prison from the *society* that owns it, legislates it, and pays the director’s salary. As Collier breathes life into religious fantasy of the Fools’ Parade, his part in the Prison Scam contributes to alienating society. Our responsibility—society’s responsibility—to our prisons merit this book as more than a literature review of a thousand critical books linked herein. Until prison is open and honest and seen as *society’s* prison—our responsibility—we will not see real change our prisons’ effectiveness. The documented nefariousness herein indicates *much more* nefariousness behind the scenes, and—if in *TDCJ*—then in the 30 other prisons buying into the Fools’ Parade.

I likely will not live to see appreciable action in my lifetime, or see TDCJ or chaplaincy come of age, but the record is now before you and posterity.

“Prison Scam” furthermore applies beyond the seminaries and colleges that fantasize to indenture prisoner ministers for the spread of the gospel while lying about neutrality. Prisoners are mostly innocent here and are themselves scammed by fast-talking Christian Dominionists who know better and who are to a man—**usually a man** *without* formal religious training. They scammed SWBTS and NOTBS, both my alma maters, but this is much broader, as in December 2022 Cain sent a newsletter about other colleges conned. We saddle the Prison Scam to TDCJ’s horse of nefarious treatment of religion, several staff and volunteers using chaplaincy for selfish ends, repeated again and again, repeated even *after* exposure.

Warden Cain’s Global Prison Seminaries Foundation (dropping “Global” today) held its third annual meeting at SWBTS in October 2021, skipping 2020, having already met in 2019 at Southeastern Baptist Theological and in 2018 at New Orleans Baptist Theological—**three SBC seminaries in a row**—no question about the criticality of SBC Baptists. Note the name: “Prison *Seminaries* Foundation”—plural—*their* target is far from any kind of pluralism in its repeated aggressive dominance of Protestantism with a Baptist hegemony.

Then Norwood pulled his HOTF away from SWBTS in 2021 for his Speedy Gonzales college startup as he starts his own SBC church. The Prison Scam’s primary targets are naïve Baptists with Evangelicals as the nearly exclusive donors. Be nice to have a sociological profile of those scammed, yet—clearly—without Baptists, there would be no Scam. TDCJ aids the Scam by *lying* about neutrality, supporting it financially through logistical support, dedicated staffing, and orders for all staff in all the prisons to specially classify, house, and supervise, even the wardens must help supervise these ministers. TDCJ’s Dir. Bryan Collier

and Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick lead the way in their Christian Dominionism flaunting a multitude of exposed cover ups.

Baylor University has been indirectly, even unwittingly drawn into this Scam. The name *Baylor* has been coopted by several—as in “*Baylor studies*”—to make Professor Byron R. Johnson’s frog-to-prince studies in Texas and Angola appear more legit. So, we use “*ISR Johnson*” hereafter to minimize use of “**Baylor.**” Make no mistake, fault lies with Johnson, not Baylor and other schools. The horde of nefariousness unloaded here after 10 years in TDCJ, 20 years in Angola, is spreading like ants on bread to 30 other state prisons!

Just as September 2021 closed, we saw the FBI itself caught in the shameful cover up of Olympic physician Larry Nassar’s *multiple* sexual abuses of young women athletes, even supreme gold medalist Simone Biles. But Collier still cannot believe it possible in TDCJ even after 2,000-plus pages before this book.

This case study documents a horde of nefarious actions in TDCJ’s Rehab Division that affect **officer attrition** and **offender recidivism**, stemming from Collier’s and Patrick’s cultural Dominionism that *brutalizes* TDCJ’s mission.

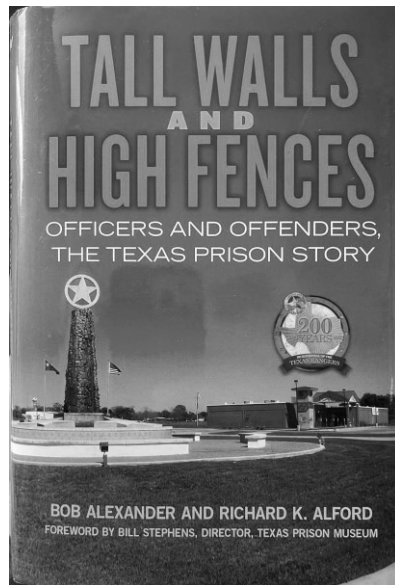
After that, how *many* other TDCJ divisions are *as* nefarious?

How Many?

B. Tall Walls – ex-Texas Warden’s History Covers Up Civil Rights Abuses

Bob Alexander and Richard K. Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences: Officers and Offenders, the Texas Prison Story*, foreword by Bill Stephens, North Texas Crime and Criminal Justice Series, Vol. 12 of 12 (2020; 608 pp.).

Their book highlights the heroism of Texas prison and law officers against evil prisoners. They wrote this at the same time I was writing this, ironically, mine going much further in how the staff inside the prison are not just heroic but proven to be the most critical asset to the entire mission of TDCJ: the *staff* make the largest impact for good or ill upon the prisoners, especially the correctional officers, with respect to rehab, moral example, and recidivism. Read Alexander and Alford and see how sloppily they chided some researchers for questioning prisoners and *not* the correctional officers without even dealing with or citing the *research* they



chided. Later, we chide ISR Johnson’s team for doing just that, ignoring the staff in their studies of Angola and Texas, yet unlike Alford we show you explicitly how ISR Johnson’s team failed (Chapter 24). Throughout, see how Alexander and Alford’s *Tall Walls* and the ISR Johnson team **cover up more than they reveal**. The real story of *Tall Walls* is between the lines that most penal historians will

see immediately. Amid rightful praise of officers, the cover up of the scope of Ruiz and the endorsement of Building Tenders abusing will shock most.

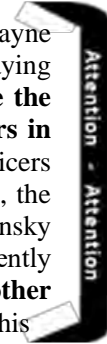
Alford wrote this to *hide*, yet it reveals his and Bill Stephens' infamy.

A few times, Alexander and Alford portray academics as categorically naïve, childish, often clueless about evil criminals, despite referencing several relevant to their history, and then they portray George Beto as more tough than the academic he was. They do show the grit of prison *service* with good prison officers and free-world law officers, honoring those who lost their lives in the line of duty—that, we applaud. **Honoring law officers is their *only* contribution.**

I did not count, but it appears they named more criminals than officers. They included *two* photos of the same beheaded prisoner. From beginning to end, murderers continued evil in prison, reminding all of how dangerous prison is.

Yet they nearly snivel at the prison reformers while they adulate without fault their hero Directors O. B. Ellis, George Beto, and James “Jim” Estelle, with only a scant mention of others. Wayne Scott was only mentioned once as a lieutenant during the Carrasco siege in 1974, leaving out that he rose to director. They left out former TDCJ Directors Andy Collins, Gary Johnson, Brad Livingston, and Bryan Collier, indeed, the directorships of the **last 30-plus years!** They **left out controversies.** Beto was tough, they liked him, and recalled how he was “tagged by the convicts as the man with the Bat in one hand, a Bible in the other,” covering up Beto’s civil rights abuses.³² They covered up for their hero Beto, failing to mention he was under indictment when he retired.

Their raunchiest cover up was their twisting of Judge William Wayne Justice. With snide remarks, they accuse *him* of naïveté. Without saying explicitly—as I heard some old hands in the 1990s—they **insinuate the loss of Building Tenders was a *bad* idea—the only good prisoners in their book!** BTs were tough prisoners *used* to keep the peace *for* the officers on the cellblocks; or, read, instead of the staff controlling the prison, the staff used thug prisoners to run most of the prison—just like in the Polunsky Fiasco (detailed later). They told how one BT saved an officer’s life, apparently justifying all, not mentioning how the BTs were **free to beat other prisoners with the prison’s permission!** They quote Beto reflecting his philosophy that either *they choose the prisoner leaders, or the prisoners will*, and that without any other wisdom. They did not mention—or covered up or hid—how Beto’s biographers (*that they themselves referenced*) defended that if Beto had been involved in the lawsuits that followed his retirement, that Beto himself



³² Bob Alexander and Richard K. Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences: Officers and Offenders, the Texas Prison Story*, foreword by Bill Stephens, North Texas Crime and Criminal Justice Series, Vol. 12 of 12 (Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2020; 608 pp.), 276, quoting David M. Horton and George R. Nielsen, *Walking George: The Life of George John Beto and the Rise of the Modern Texas Prison System*, North Texas Crime and Criminal Justice Series, Vol. 5 of 12 (University of North Texas Press, 2005; 288 pp.), 112. Alexander is a retired U.S. Treasury agent the author of several books on law enforcement and the Texas Rangers. Alford was spent 33 years with TDCJ, rising from CO to warden and retiring as Region 1 Director, and was an integral part of the Polunsky Fiasco. Williams retired as TDCJ Director of the Institutions Division overseeing all the prisons and is now the director of the Texas Prison Museum, and Williams was over Michael Upshaw, Timothy Simmons, and Richard K. Alford as they covered up the Polunsky Fiasco, perhaps in collusion with them in deceiving Brad Livingston and Bryan Collier.

would have done away with the BTs. **That was left out, too!** Their history is not nearly as well done as Beto's biography and is in fact the poorest book of the 12 volumes in the North Texas University series. Truly sad legacy for TDCJ.

They lamented how Judge Justice did not allow a jury trial and lamented how he involved the federal DOJ, almost appearing to cry. A historian would have—and their story *should* have—included Judge Justice's *findings*, that took a full 24 years to finally settle in 2002, so very slow and resistance to change!³³ They do not say Judge Justice was crooked, just a naïve Liberal. Their fatal error was stigmatizing of Judge Justice *without* documenting crookedness. Therein, they supported the vast well-documented civil rights abuses even inside the sources they used but—*again*—did not think the *abuses* worthy enough to quote.

But listen to this—Richard K. Alford retired as Region 1 director, after being a senior warden at the Stiles and Polunsky maximum security prisons, and Bill Stephens retired as his boss as director of the Institutions Division. So, grab this: in 2020, Alford *supported* the civil rights abuses of BTs beating other prisoners. Because of the lack of supervision back then, that also meant some BTs raped some prisoners—to keep the peace—part of the *new* 2020 Texas prison story, jettisoning *all* reform. In covering up the abuses, they veritably *support* civil rights abuses. Much like ISR Johnson's crew does in their studies of Texas and Angola, Alexander and Alford depend upon their institutions' and publishers' reputations more than their substance to convince the naïve, only the later do it much poorer than Johnson. Since officers follow their leaders, this is more the story of how TDCJ directors like Richard K. Alford and Bill Stephens supported Civil Rights abuses, and these two were central in the Polunsky Fiasco.

Alford's *Tall Walls* is critical here, for this book of mine is about many civil rights abuses, too, including those by Alford himself as he was protected by his boss Stephens during the Polunsky Fiasco. *Tall Walls* is Alford's confession.

Alford gave the criminal history of David R. Ruiz, as though Ruiz' rottenness nullified the *prison's* abuses. But conspicuously worse was how they totally covered up the civil rights abuses before, during, and after Ruiz, as though there was never any abuse; that is, the Ruiz reforms are absent, including the increased staffing, training, and improved policies.³⁴ The rodeo had more detail than their twisting of the Ruiz class action! In the end, this was an *us-versus-them* account of heroic officers that face vicious criminals. It was written to pat fellow wardens on the back. On Alford and Alexander's diction, I leave for others to joke about.

***Tall Walls* chucks the reforms of the last decades**, the greatest fault of *their* Texas *prison story* highlighting the good officers. The greatest parts are the reforms, and **Alford covered up all**. Alford might be feeling guilty for the Polunsky Fiasco, himself promoted for covering up, and now we have this massive cover up that will be torn apart by real historians. They did not mention one bad officer or warden in 173 years since the establishment of the penitentiary

³³ Jordan Smith, "Landmark Prison Oversight Case Ends," *Austin Chronicle* (6-21-2002), making all the national papers, www.AustinChronicle.com/news/2002-06-21/95436/, just not worthy of detail in Alford's Texas prison story.

³⁴ Alexander & Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences* (2020; 608 pp.), 297–299, and few other times.

in Texas in 1848.³⁵ In sum, their prison story rightly praises officer heroism with a lot of detail on the minority of evil prisoners while **covering up** the *Ruiz* case that began in 1972 under their hero Beto and taken up under their hero Estelle.

***Ruiz* case affected staff and offenders to a greater extent than any other single item in the last 50 years!**

Not Bob Anderson, but Richard K. Alford and Bill Stephens *knew* what they were doing in covering up; they scammed both Anderson and the University of North Texas Press in their *cancel culture history* to **make foolish the most significant reform in Texas prison history**. Unbelievable, but this book would *not* have happened if OIG had honestly investigated the Polunsky Fiasco under Alford, for Alford would have been caught, the *Book of Secrets* detailing all, and he would have been fired or forced to retire, or in jail! Regardless, Dir. Collier paid no attention to the *Book of Secrets*, for if he had seen their truth, then Alford and Stephens would have both retired much sooner, perhaps with criminal charges. Who cleans crime scene contraband? But Collier's and TBCJ's cover-up culture allowed all that and more.

While we applaud them for this repository of 75 good, brave TDCJ officers, sheriffs, and Texas Rangers, it becomes more an ode to *their* selection than the *story of Texas prisons*. For it took the best officers to discover the bad ones, too. Their 600-page book looks larger than it is, with large type, over an inch of blank space at the bottom, with 35 lines to page, compared to this book's 44 lines to a page. Conspicuously absent are the politics that actually govern the prison that permeated Beto's biography, *Walking George*. The actual Texas prison story is clearly too big for them. Instead of the deceptive subtitle, they could have just said, ***Ode to Brave Officers***, then their personal disgust for criminologists and for the Ruiz case would not have been a cover up.

They used a lot of newspapers articles, which highlighted the criminality of many of the prisoners, something the Baptist presses and ISR Johnson's team covered up in their stories of Angola, of Warden Cain, and of Texas, like the criminal history of their prisoner ministers do not matter. Well, ISR Johnson is *schooled* on that by *non*-professor TDCJ Dir. Alford's *Tall Walls*, for despite its own cover ups, ***Tall Walls supports this book—another irony***—for as Alford outlined, truly psychopathic criminals do hide their evil well.

Why didn't Bryan Collier write their foreword? Did they ask him? I'll bet yah \$20 they did not even ask. Why are many directors not mentioned? In many ways, retired directors Bill Stephens and Richard Alford *played* Bob Alexander, too, in their example of defending civil rights violations in *Tall Walls*, just as they played Collier in their culture in the Polunsky Fiasco that Collier has yet to know.³⁶

³⁵ Among the historians they referenced but did not quote corruption from, and the historians left out—some quoted here—they also left out Sol Chaneles (d. 1990), ed., *Prisons and Prisoners: Historical Documents* (New York: Haworth Press, 1985; 218 pp.), which we quote before each of our book sections herein and in our conclusion.

³⁶ Alexander & Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences*, foreword by Bill Stephens (2020; 608 pp.).

C. Analogies—*The Verdict* and Australia’s Bastard Caste

1. Movie *The Verdict* – Paul Newman – “Capacity to Hear the Truth”

Guilty or innocent? The 1982 movie, *The Verdict*, relates a noble truth worth repeating here on the “*capacity* to hear the truth.” I am an official OIG “Terrorist Threat” for writing “letters and books,” cleared after saying “I’m through” to the question on more books to the OIG investigator—case closed—see the report!³⁷ After I requested a breakout session during his upcoming labor consortium—of which I was a charter member—**TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell weaponized OIG** over my *Book of Secrets* to cover up how he conspired to clean contraband in the Polunsky Fiasco. Bell could not have a breakout session on that! So I was investigated as a “Terrorist Threat”! Next to Alford, that was the second most cowardly thing I observed in 20 years with TDCJ. When the TBCJ did nothing about Bell’s obstruction of justice, I wrote more books, the *Book of Secrets II*, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*, and then in 2019 my lampooning *TDCJ Deep State Report*, volumes 4–6 in the Defense Series. The TBCJ and Collier were all “Silence of the Lambs.” *Listen* to the interview where Chairman Bell *personally* supervised the Polunsky Fiasco cleaning of a crime scene in collusion with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar.³⁸ **OIG did nothing—nothing!** When Inspector General Bruce Toney retired, his man Chris Love who was involved in the Polunsky Fiasco and signed off on the Terrorist Threat investigation of me, *hah*, is promoted to Inspector General. Couple years later, Dunbar is promoted to direct TDCJ’s compliance division—*dizzying!*

The 1982 movie, *The Verdict*, starred Paul Newman and was nominated for five academy awards for its stunning courtroom drama. He played a burned-out alcoholic lawyer defending a poor young woman who became comatose after a botched anesthesia was given to her during pregnancy. He faces the top law firm representing a respected Catholic Diocese hospital. His lead expert witness was a black anesthesiologist with 46 years of experience, and the hospital’s attorneys tricked him. Later, as the black doctor apologizes for not helping. Nuances in the trial show more and more hospital guilt. The black doctor sympathizes with Newman who appears beaten, more stakes into the coffin of his failing career.

The black doctor asks if he needs to stay, and Newman says he can go.

Yet, at a pivotal point in the movie, before the stunning climax, the hospital’s nefarious doctor is exposed in the courtroom battle. Truth comes out in the end. Newman is desperate, frantic, and follows up on a serious lead. He locates the admitting nurse who lives out of town and convinces her to share the truth. The

³⁷ See www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf, read it, see what they wrote. ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

³⁸ ↓ ↓ ↓ TDCJ computer tech Shawn Wallace tells about a Nov. 2012 meeting of Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar ordering **criminal evidence destroyed** that took Wallace’s team **four weeks** to complete, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3, in the *Book of Secrets*, to Brad Livingston, TDCJ OIG, and Texas AG. They conspired to clean crime scene contraband. Who does that? Violators were cleared, and all were promoted after, including the Upshaw, Dunbar, the wardens, Reg. Chaplain Vance Drum, and even Mr. Wallace.



← **Everyone in the world should hear this and ask, *What happened at Polunsky?***

judge has been *favoring* the hospital through the movie, and the judge agrees with the hospital's high-dollar attorneys: the admitting nurse's stunning testimony that the "doctor ordered her to change the time on the admitting form" must be *stricken* from the record. The jurors are *prohibited* from using her testimony that *they heard*. Now, in the movie, we all know the *truth*. Newman appeals to justice in his closing summation, and we wait for the jury's verdict.

The jury sides with the family of the comatose young woman. The cover up by the doctor was bad, and the judge's *striking* of the nurse's words was bad.

Now, back up. Let us backtrack one-third of the way to the scene of Newman's black doctor who was leaving. Newman is alone and helpless after his star medical witness was chopped down. Looking ahead was bleak, nearly hopeless.

Then the black doctor says powerful words, a glimmer of hope, *if, if, if* ...

"I didn't do too well for yah," the black doctor said apologetically.

"You did fine," Newman said softly.

"You *know*, that's not true. You want me to stay until Monday?"

"No. Thank you. You can go home."

"You know, Mr. Gavin [Newman], sometimes people can surprise you.

Sometimes they have a great capacity to hear the truth."

Pause. These poignant words press us. They speak to the better angels of our nature. They speak to the heart of the best of us. To the heart of this book!

"Yeah.... Yes," Newman reflects, nearly hopeless.

"Sure you don't want me to stay on?" the elderly black doctor asks.

"No, thank you." They shake hands. "You go home."

The black doctor backs away. Newman ... pauses.

Systemic Nefariousness. One reason to continue for 10 years, occasionally hoping for restitution, was because for the *prior 20 years* I had worked with **many honorable men and women in TDCJ**. I believed. That belief impelled. I repeat again: this is *not—is not!*—merely about the scamming of the naïve, nor is this about the Scam being against all we know about criminology, psychology, and religion. **Not that simple**. If, if, **IF** you only see the idiocy of the Prison Scam fueling the Fools' Parade alone and miss the worst, you will miss the systemic protracted executive nefariousness. You will miss the **critical link to the Polunsky Fiasco** and the horde of preceding sick antics by Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar for their entire careers and the *careers of several*, working an agenda against TDCJ's best people. **What happened at Polunsky?** A murder, or what? What caused cowardly wardens under Upshaw with TBCJ Chairmen Oliver Bell and Marvin Dunbar to **clean criminal evidence**, clear and promote the violators? **Answering that** will autopsy the TDCJ underbelly beyond Dir. Collier's feedback loop, if, *if* he did not also conspire.

I repeat *Michael Upshaw* and *Marvin Dunbar* many times throughout this to incultate the nuances of the *their* treason to the TDCJ mission—and their sycophants—how what they continued to do for years is an **integral part of the failure** inextricably linked to more cover ups that opened the path for the

Prison Scam fueling the Fools' Parade, a critical element of TDCJ culture, most of which is outside of those directors' ability to see who did not rise through the security ranks. In other words, **Collier has facilitated a culture he is not fully a part of.** This book and the previous six volumes detail policy and ethical violations in selfish impunity run amuck. The Prison Scam of Evangelicals is *maintained* through cover up and lies that predate the mere ten years Norwood has led his part by another 15 years, kept alive through Dir. Collier's cover-up culture embedded in the TDCJ underbelly going back 25 years or more.

I sent this to 75 top stakeholders in criminal justice and spent a year refining this Second Edition. I gave this cause of TRUST my best. Most of the chaplains are innocent. The general staff deserve better honor. The prisoners deserve fair treatment. Not only is the Prison Scam an utter failure filled with and even dependent upon lies, the Scam is filled with cover ups made possible by many unethical oddities and in-your-face Christian Dominionism.

I, too, feel helpless. I am worn out. I pray and hope others

have a great capacity to hear the truth.

Herein, this is an *expansion* on the Polunsky Fiasco and previous six volumes, especially the *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* (2013) and the *TDCJ Deep State Report* (2019). Laugh at the irony of Marvin Dunbar promoted to direct TDCJ's compliance division *after* those Titanic exposures.

Who Is Scamming Whom? Who knows? Who cares?

This and the Polunsky Fiasco alone in the *Book of Secrets* compose over 1,600 pages. All seven volumes of the Defense Series now come to 3,000 pages and are linked to thousands in other documents and letters sent over the last 10 years on the Polunsky Fiasco and the last 25 years on chaplaincy. Herein are referenced another 1,800-plus theologians, psychologists, sociologists, criminologists, chaplains, wardens, DOC directors, prisoners, and ex-prisoners that all come to bare upon the idiocy of the Fools' Parade. They beg the TBCJ to end cover ups, fire violators—Bryan Collier, too, if he is not just ignorant—end the scamming of Evangelicals and hear the clarion call for TDCJ to come of age in honorable integrity. *I hope* we find others who

have a great capacity to hear the truth.

Perhaps among the TBCJ, though they have dodged *all* for 10 years now. If not now, when? If not in Texas, where? If not *you*, who? The *Verdict* awaits.

2. Movie *Australia* ... Prison Scam's New Bastard Caste

In the excellent 2008 movie *Australia*, filmed on location, a rich, beautiful, and prissy socialite from England, affectionately dubbed, "Mrs. Boss" (Nicole Kidman), plans to go to Australia and sell her husband's huge ranch, named Faraway Downs. Nothing is as it seems. After a fist-a-cuffs that messes up her extensive luggage, she meets the man sent to escort her through the outback, "the Drover" (Hugh Jackman). *Not* what she had expected.

In route to Faraway Downs in the Drover's old truck, the two are far apart culturally. All the Drover needs can fit in a saddle bag. No one is his boss. She

despises his rootlessness. They despise each other. Besides, says the Drover, “Most people like to own things,” *hint, hint, hint*, “You know, land, luggage, other people. Makes them feel secure. But all material things can be taken away. And in the end,

“the only thing you really own is, uh—is your story.
Just tryin’ to live a good one.”³⁹

What follows is *my* story, a perilous and costly one, and costs me still. I suffered, for I did not want to continue. I wanted to give up, the previous six volumes taxing enough. I could have refined this further, sent it off to friends to further proofread—oh, if only a million-dollar grant. Some of this should have been done by TDCJ ten years ago, in 2010 before Collier’s vacation to Angola, and 20 years ago before Rehab Dir. Carl Jefferies went rogue.

Was I speaking to the whirlwind? “Never give up,” I told prisoners for 20 years. This is the best I could do. I was not the only one set up for whistleblowing. The ugly dishonor of several sick ones in TDCJ resonate, many retired now, and several enjoying promotions for covering up. There are others hurt, too.

What should one say? Traitors need exposure. White-washed sepulchers need pointing out. The rotten figs pulled. The pearls removed from the pig. A few need to be lashed out of the temple. Several in TDCJ have been deliberately indifferent—worse than lazy—they have been *nefariously* crooked. They *cleaned crime scene contraband*, returned the cleaned contraband to the violators, then promoted the violators while the TBCJ has remained silent like lambs on the Polunsky Fiasco and other scandals to this day, January 1, 2023!

**Dishonorable wardens and managers contribute to
officer attrition AND to offender recidivism.**

PRINCIPLE 2. Staff Honor = Officer Attrition & Offender Recidivism

The movie *Australia* unfolds with a subplot based upon the **true story** of the “lost generation” of children, mostly the bastard offspring of white men’s sex with aborigines, some consensual and some rape. A little boy named Nullah partially narrates the story from his first meeting of “Mrs. Boss” and the “cheeky bulls” they will drive across the Never Never (Australian desert). He laments his sad lineage: “See, I not black fella. I not white fella either. Them white fellas call me mixed-blood.... half-caste. Yea! Creamy.... I belong no one.”

Yes, “half-caste.” Likewise here, in the midst of TDCJ’s abuse of religion and the never-ending hiring fiascos, the habitual cover ups, the promotions of violators, to—now then—TDCJ’s creation of a

new illegitimate prisoner bastard caste,
of highly favored indentured prisoner Field Ministers, lifted above their lower

³⁹ Viktor E. Frankl’s masterpiece, *Man’s Search for Meaning—An Introduction to Logotherapy, from Death-camp to Existentialism*, trans. by Ilse Lasch, preface by Gordon Allport (Boston: Beacon, 1962; 142p.; New York: Washington Square, 1984, 1st published in Austria 1946): 86–87, “Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: *the last of the human freedoms—to choose one’s attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.*”

caste brothers. As King Carney tried to *scam* Mrs. Boss and the Drover in *Australia*, the Prison Scam literally capitalizes—**Big Bucks**—upon the naïve hearts of Evangelical donors. Contrary to the Scam’s advertisers, cheerleading executives, pandering politicians, slurping sycophants, and the ISR Johnson team’s million-dollar mutilations—hear ye—real criminologists agree with me:

**Greatest Influence on Offenders for Ill or Good and Recidivism
Is the In-prison Staff, especially the Correctional Officers.**

PRINCIPLE 3. Staff Are Greatest Influence on Prisoners

Prison culture is *overwhelmingly* influenced by the staff who *run* or *fail* to run the prison, the good, bad, or ugly staff. That is opposite to Warden Burl Cain’s claim that “they changed ... so we changed,”⁴⁰ which is utter **Bullshit!****

Not just my professional opinion, injustice and abuse rile God too.

“**Prison Scam**” refers to *all* the seminary/college programs in prison and those planning to train prisoners to be in-prison *favored* ministers; nearly every part runs against everything we know about prison, criminology, and faith.

“*When Texas Prison Scams Religion*”—the title—really refers to all prisons with TDCJ the case study saddled to Collier’s modelling of Cain. Most of the Prison Scam is rooted in Christian Nationalists and **Dominionists** who wrongly believe America was founded as a Christian nation and **want Christians to rule the nation!—rule the prisons**—see Dir. Bryan Collier follow Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in his Dominionist overreach (Chapter 10). Whether consciously or not—does not matter—their actions betray all, as you will see. Dominionists are under the delusion that no one *lies* or would lie to get an office. The closer one looks at the Prison Scam, the more cover ups one sees, and the clearer the Fools’ Parade becomes. Simply, **prison should not endorse the trust-worthiness of any religion** or aid in the scamming for money from naïve donors. Soon, you will see the Scam has grown into a self-feeding monster, increasingly attached to the Prison Industrial Complex with an ugly twist. The Scam survives solely by feeding off naïve Evangelical donors. This self-feeding monster survives on cover ups and lies over decades of abuse of the prison chaplaincy in many state prisons.

Who Is Scamming Whom?—that will often be clear, other times a mystery.

Prostituting Faith. Worse, as they prostitute faith to scam Evangelical donors, they also prostitute the faith of desperate prisoners through a new kind of prisoner lend-lease program that purchases faith from prisoners with institutional favor—buying Faith with Favor, as detailed below in CHART 24 “Four Faith

⁴⁰ Appendix 1, used by Cain in most speeches, and Grove Norwood quotes Warden Cain too.

**** Bullshit** was hard for me to use, knowing most ministers would prefer not. I do not normally use it, only once in counseling in 30 years, and it worked to wake up the young man in his attempted deceit. Most of my Christian *non-minister* friends would find the time I spent fretting laughable. I had flipped back and forth using *hog-gristle*. There is no better term for Cain’s *Bapticoctal* and the other tricks foisted upon naïve Evangelicals. **Bullshit** declares in a singular vernacular a **triple disgust at the same time**: **1.** Confronts as obvious an attempted deceit; **2.** Fiercely challenges the speaker’s expectation of belief; and **3.** at the *same time* says flatly, “**I do not believe a word of it!**” Those who take offense and stop reading for that are too sensitive for prison and part of the problem. That is the meaning, and I am not alone.

Purchases in the Prison Scam” and CHART 25 “Four Areas that Faith Should Not Buy Faith with Favor.” I was persecuted—believe it or not—for whistleblowing, which is hard to repeat. The Prison Scam is integral to Collier’s executive culture of cover up that wants prisoners to do the officers’ jobs—even the director’s job—that runs against all we know about prison, psychology, sociology, criminology, Christian theology, and against the natures of faith and love. **The Christian Nationalist / Dominionist agendas have no place in TDCJ.** I was alone most of the time, then I realized I was not, as several kept silent for fear, mostly—*they valued their jobs!* Fear is appropriate in prison, playing a huge role that criminologists are still figuring. Prison is no place for staff to be cowards or weak characters—or the nefarious—like Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, and a few others named herein. Perhaps Bryan Collier, too. What does the evidence say? When a staffer is promoted *after* his policy violations are exposed, and *after* his cover up is exposed—for those who see—**that affects like dominos both officer attrition and offender recidivism.**

I was forced by my conscience to do this seventh book, for I had no peace knowing the scamming of my Evangelical brothers and sisters was growing, largely at the expense of their naïveté and TDCJ’s continuation of cover ups.

My life was endangered and still is. Try pissing off wardens who *own* the lives of life-sentenced murderers and their playground. Policy-violating Polunsky Chaplain David Collier’s lead volunteer, Ed Reeves, said to me, **“I think you’re the devil! trying to stop all of what God’s done here!”** My defending policy was tough on the wardens, too. They allowed Chaplain Collier to violate policy for years, an unsolved underbelly mystery to this day. Polunsky Fiasco was so insane, even the prisoners knew. When I told one of the murderers that the warden *must* sign off on this in *writing* for it be okay, the murderer said, “No warden will sign off on that.” He was a *reasonable* murderer and *knew*. Most knew, too.

Religion Valuable? The underbelly of TDCJ is cut open here like never before, but still needs full access to find motives and others in a full autopsy. If religion is the greatest value on earth, then the shenanigans over decades in the Rehab Division over religion *means* there are abuses in other divisions. With the malfeasance documented for a decade, the next two questions are obvious:

- 1. Which division is worse than Rehab division, the *most* nefarious?**
- 2. How many more divisions are *as* nefarious as Rehab Division?**

If anyone believes the promotion of Rehab Division Deputy Marvin Dunbar to director of TDCJ’s compliance division was based upon his ability to *scrutinize* over his ability to *cover up*, I have some ocean-front property in Arizona for sale, too. Truly, who has hired more than Dunbar that were the lowest qualified in the applicant pool? Who else cleaned contraband like Dunbar? Who else promoted others *for covering up* like Dunbar promoted Vance Drum for covering up the Polunsky Fiasco? For Dir. Collier’s cover-up culture, Dunbar is the perfect man for TDCJ’s compliance division. **If Dunbar is the best, imagine what else lurks below the deck.** Too busy to read, Collier is too dependent upon Dunbar’s kin.

Evangelicals have great hearts and are among the most generous in history.

Most of the best people I know are Christians, many are Baptist Evangelicals, and I am one too, and I have friends who are Liberals and from other religions. This is a defense against scamming them, against tricking them to get money because of their good hearts and love for God. Some are too easily fooled. Among the best Evangelicals and best TDCJ employees, therein roam a few wolves in sheep's clothing, and we pull off the mask from many, question others, and question the integrity of TDCJ's director ... or directors.

Therefore, "**Prison Scam**" refers to the *whole enchilada*, from Angola and Texas to 30 other states and whoever else is contemplating the Fools' Parade of seeking donor money to **indenture prisoners for the gospel** under the lie of neutrality. There are gaseous clouds of trickiness, cover up, sleight of hand—and big bucks—that unethically hover like rain clouds over every part. I identify the clouds and some of the acid rain. On Dir. Collier, the Polunsky Fiasco remains to be investigated and implicates Collier and others in the illegal cleaning of a crime scene, obstruction of justice, including a few cowardly wardens. How can the OIG investigate if the TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell himself personally supervises the cleaning of a crime scene and destruction evidence? Each time you see a repetition—as with Bell—recall how TDCJ's mission and *several* employees and prisoners were also stabbed in the back, as they holler, "*Moral Rehab!*"

Moral Rehab? When you hear "Moral Rehabilitation," and no one is explaining what they mean—or what Warden Burl Cain means other than not stealing and assaulting and getting right with God—one should know that moral philosophy is 2,500 years old and moral psychology took off into a discipline of its own in the last 40 years while TDCJ has diligently maintained the anti-academic status quo in most areas. Templeton Prize-winning world-renowned Professor Jonathan Haidt's *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* discerns much on morals. After a tantalizing history of developmental and moral psychology on the *origins* of morality, including the seminal work of Jean Piaget, Lawrence Kohlberg, Elliot Turiel, Antonio Damasio, and Edward O. Wilson in the 1980s and 1990s—the latter he dubs the "prophet of moral psychology"—mark this from a scholar on the frontline:

In 1995 I moved to the University of Virginia to begin my first job as a professor. Moral psychology was still devoted to the study of moral reasoning. But if you looked beyond developmental psychology, Wilson's new synthesis was beginning. A few economists, philosophers, and neuroscientists were quietly constructing an alternative approach to morality, one whose foundation was the emotions, and the emotions were assumed to have been shaped by evolution. These synthesizers were assisted by the rebirth of sociobiology in the 1992 under the new name—evolutionary psychology.⁴¹

While Evangelical friends might oppose any science with *evolution* attached, that

⁴¹ Jonathan Haidt *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* (Vintage, 2012; 460 pp.), 35, footnoting the dated rebirth to Jerome Barkow, Leda Cosmides, and John Tooby, *The Adapted Mind: Evolutionary Psychology and the Generation of Culture* (Oxford University Press, 1992; 688 pp.). Compare Pulitzer winner Edward O. Wilson, *Sociobiology* (Harvard University Press, 1975; 732 pp.). Haidt is the Thomas Cooley Professor of Ethical Leadership, NYU-Stern School of Business, 2001 won the Templeton Prize in Positive Psychology, author of *The Happiness Hypothesis: Finding Modern Truth in Ancient Wisdom* (Basic Books, 2006; 320 pp.).

is also part of the problem that makes some Evangelicals more susceptible to things just like the Prison Scam. Some *only* read choir publications.

For a few freakish reasons outlined below, some Evangelicals doubt all the psychological sciences. Worse, TDCJ helped in giving unprecedented favor to Grove and Brenna Norwood as they lead TDCJ in the Texas anti-psychiatric version. Just a few years prior to its start, and before she met Grove, Brenna anchored her seminary dissertation on Erik Erikson with the father of Christian counseling, Jay Adams, who led the anti-psychiatric movement among Evangelicals. It remains to be seen just how many Evangelicals have come to reject most psychology, and we detail more in chapter 13 on Brenna's role. In many ways, TDCJ has taken sides in scamming Evangelicals like those who venerate the goofball Adams and who undermine the great work in psychology and sociology. Worse, the further Right one goes in Evangelicalism, and in Dominionism, the fewer there be that read the masterpieces. It is no surprise then, that TDCJ's Evangelical-leaning administrators and their sycophants have joined the Fools' Parade and swallowed so much junk hook, line, and stinker bait; some only support it because they know the embarrassment it brings. Most Rehab Division *directors* do not read, have no history in Rehab before they were promoted, have not written a single analysis, hate those who do, and love covering up; that's the history since Carl Jefferies. The longest serving Rehab *manager*, Marvin Dunbar, was the epitome of self-serving sycophancy, often just dumb, his many violations in the *TDCJ Deep State Report* seen by many. As a result, the chaplaincy *profession* in TDCJ has suffered much irreparable damage.

How many others are like Dunbar in TDCJ, promoted for covering up?

No joke or hyperbole. The consistent *pre*-history to this book.

Who Is Scamming Whom? This also defends the prison chaplaincy profession. Throughout, "Who Is Scamming Whom?" is a mystery, but the context gives a clear reason to ask. At times, I imply that even Bryan Collier and Norwood are often naïve themselves—or cunning—and victims of the larger Christian Dominionist agenda in which many often naïve well-meaning Evangelicals get swooned. Make no mistake, all the Prison Scams are dependent upon naïve Evangelical donors being kept in the dark. Actions and inactions by Collier, Cain, and Norwood give ethical pause.

There is a lot of money, sex, and psychopaths scattered upon the road of TDCJ's darker side, an underbelly—perhaps outside of Collier—that hate religion itself. Plus, many in TDCJ truly hate academics, and no better proof is Alford and Stephens' *Tall Walls*, who—again—put their disgust of academics into print, covered up all reform, left out critical directors, even supported civil rights abuses in 2020, and then even fooling an esteemed academic publisher.

D. Polunsky Fiasco—Cover up Precedent to TDCJ Prison Scam

Polunsky Prison in Livingston, Texas, is where they house the most active Death Row in the U.S., and therein was Chaplain David Collier, who ran the most policy-violating department in history and now the longest cover up in TDCJ history—the Polunsky Fiasco. I watched life-sentenced murderers have free

unsupervised control of the chapel with high-end cameras, computers, color laser printers, and a wireless network in the *prisoners'* dark Computer Control Room. *Anyone* denying the severity of the Polunsky Fiasco is like Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas who, when grilled by U.S. Rep. Dan Bishop, said, "Border is secure."⁴² ***Just a bold-faced liar.***

Within days of arriving, I began to correct violations, but the wardens had supported Collier for *six years*. The *prisoners* turned the lights out and covered most of *their* windows to *their office* 15 yards from the chaplain's office; in the dark, they could see us, but we staffers could not see them. Worse, the high-end security cameras could see the windows covered and that Chaplain Collier allowed this for years. Warden Richard K. Alford harassed and mocked me for protesting *security* violations—most cowardly thing in my 20 years with TDCJ.

I mark each time the Polunsky Fiasco relates to a nuance throughout this.

Officer and staff attrition and offender recidivism are directly related to dishonorable staff management. *Inc.* magazine reported its annual 5,000 top companies, listing the top 500 (5k online) with several profiles and answers to a survey. BlockFi was #1 with a three-year growth of 285,616% and Ad Advance was #500 with 1,247% growth.⁴³ The primary way "prison growth" is measured today is with officer/staff retention and prisoner recidivism, and TDCJ is not making good grades, though it is reporting a host of statistics that few read, and on chaplaincy has not reported anything publicly for decades, even for the last century, purposely hiding. Supremely applicable, *Inc.* reported that the "two biggest challenges to growth rarely change from year to year: 65% cite hiring and retaining good staff; 35% cite meeting demand," and CEO founder Aren Kaser of Igor Institute said something **no U.S. prison can say for a single month:** "Retention is almost 100 percent. Finding that sort of talent is the hardest."⁴⁴

I documented several times how TDCJ hired the lowest qualified *by far*, many times lowering the qualifications to hire a favored son, and in the previous six volumes uncounted documented nefariousness—atrocious business ethics for decades, the legacy of the TBCJ and mostly Dir. Bryan Collier. After I exposed the Polunsky Fiasco in a fax to Exec. Dir. Brad Livingston and to OIG, they shut down the chapel. TDCJ computer tech Shawn Wallace spent four weeks cleaning the contraband computers and murderers' two gigabytes of encrypted data.⁴⁵

⁴² Timothy H. J. Nerozzi, "Mayorkas Maintains 'Border Is Secure' Despite Record Crossings; FBI Sees 'Significant Criminal Threats,'" Fox News (11-15-22), www.FoxNews.com/politics/mayorkas-maintains-border-secure-despite-record-crossings-fbi-sees-significant-criminal-threats, accessed 12-15-22.

⁴³ *Inc.* staff, "Portrait of the American Entrepreneur by the Numbers," insert "The 500," *Inc.* (Sept. 2022; 53–65): 55 & 58, see www.Inc.com/inc5000/2022.

⁴⁴ *Inc.* staff, "Portrait of the American Entrepreneur by the Numbers," *Inc.* (Sept. 2022; 53–65): 65.

⁴⁵ The faxed 21-page letter is in Tab 1, Item 6, in Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), 171ff, and then the documented lies by then Warden Richard K. Alford, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf, first 100 pages documented how I was set up, with the hard copies to Livingston, OIG, and Texas AG. Listen to TDCJ Computer Tech Shawn Wallace about a November 2012 meeting with Olive Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar ordering contraband cleaning that took four weeks to complete, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3. I did not realize how crucial the interview was until later. Other interviews of previous staff chaplains told of Chaplain David Collier's lies that the wardens and Upshaw protected and covered up.

TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, CID Dir. Bill Stephens, Reg. 1 Michael Upshaw, and Warden Richard K. Alford did *not* want to decrypt life-sentenced murderers' illegitimately encrypted data on contraband computers!⁴⁶

Why are TDCJ Directors *still* not interested in what murderers encrypted on contraband computers for *years*? Why erase that?

What was on those computers? Soon after evidence was destroyed and other contraband cleaned—justice obstructed!—Upshaw was promoted to deputy director; Polunsky Warden Richard K. Alford to region 1 director, replacing Upshaw; Lewis Prison Warden Gary Hunter to Polunsky, who falsified the last disciplinary on me; my old silent friend, Region 1 Chaplain Vance Drum was promoted to director of chaplains; even computer tech Shawn Wallace was promoted who cleaned the contraband. Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier hid in his office, then was promoted to executive director for supporting the Prison Scam said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick (Appendix 1). OIG's Inspector General Bruce Toney did nothing. When Toney retired, Chris Love was promoted to IG, though Love was a party with Upshaw and signed the terrorist investigation on *me* for “writing books.”⁴⁷ Dunbar was promoted to deputy of the Rehab Division and then over TDCJ's compliance division. The **Polunsky Fiasco remains unsolved today, the longest cover up in TDCJ history**, woven through the six previous volumes in the Defense Series, bedrock to this seventh volume. I did not have the stomach to watch the incompetent Chaplain David Collier be petted like a toy poodle by the wardens, which at the time was so confusing, even impossible to fully grasp.

Revolutionary—it truly would be, if a million-dollar grant-funded study could be done on TDCJ alone to document just how many times directors or managers hired the lowest qualified of the applicant pool, or nearest to the bottom. In the 21st century and after 20 years of exposures, TDCJ hired a high school graduate over its newly created Associate Director of Religious Services (chapter 18). Anyone who might view me as a nemesis should also be indicted for cover up.

What happened at Polunsky that made senior and assistant wardens afraid of Chaplain Collier? What did their boss, Region 1 Dir. Michael Upshaw, have over them? My father would have been proud of me. He taught me to value honor and truth, and, if *right*, to stand my ground, even if alone. I did. It cost me a lot.

The great 1997 movie *Contact* was based on the 1985 novel by Carl Sagan. Jody Foster plays Dr. Eleanor “Ellie” Arroway, an astronomer who searches the stars. From the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico that collapsed in 2020 to the Very Large Array in New Mexico and the Russian *Mir* space station, the movie *Contact* takes us on a journey to a connection with extraterrestrials via far away radio waves that sent construction plans for a “machine.” Once built, it transports Ellie through a wormhole to a place where she meets a being in the form of her

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell **weaponized the OIG** who investigated as a “terrorist threat” a week or so after I asked Bell if I could lead a breakout session at his labor consortium of which I was a charter member on the TDCJ exposure and the *Book of Secrets*: www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf.

father. He explains all. When she returns, she asks how long she had been gone. To those on earth, she simply passed from the top to the bottom of the “machine” and never left. As she testifies before Congress, she is emphatic: she *had* an experience, and the experience went on for hours. No one believes her. She waxes poetic. No one believes her, for everyone saw her! She simply passed from top to bottom. Near the end, one of the investigators asked if anyone can explain the two hours of blank video on Ellie’s GoPro camera.

Seems impossible for many to believe, and that is why I spent over 2,000 hours and great expense building the 700-page *Book of Secrets* with recorded interviews—the Polunsky Fiasco. I gave recordings of the four previous staff chaplains testifying to Chaplain Collier’s lies and policy violations that the wardens allowed, and videos made by the prisoners of their own lack of supervision! I *experienced* what TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier and Oliver Bell hid, and that the TBCJ’s successors refused to believe. Just days before my forced retirement became final, I faxed to Bryan Collier and OIG in late October 2011 a 20-plus page exposure. In a stunning recording—I consciously repeat—Shawn Wallace, the TDCJ computer tech, testifies to the cabal of Oliver Bell, Michael Upshaw, and Marvin Dunbar ordering the cleaning of a crime scene, cleaning contraband, and Wallace spent four weeks destroying criminal evidence.⁴⁸ Now hear this—**Wallace thought I was a TDCJ attorney or OIG!**—familiar as his grandpa! So—hear this—TDCJ’s Legal Department was part of the Polunsky Fiasco cover up!⁴⁹ Unbelievable!—Collier, Upshaw, and the Polunsky wardens (*plural*) were *not* interested in the gigabits of data the life-sentenced murderers and rapists had encrypted! TDCJ *could* have had it deciphered. Instead, again, **they destroyed criminal evidence**—destroyed history—in the Rehab Division that lies about *evidence-based* programs. TDCJ should have paid experts to get the drive decrypted. The reason Upshaw and the wardens did *not* want the murderers’ secret data deciphered is because the murderers had hidden something embarrassing. Then TBCJ *Chairman* Bell, et al, *prevented* OIG from investigating that. What happened at Polunsky under Chairman Oliver Bell’s cover up to cause such a nefarious scramble?

Then, after the exposures, all involved were promoted.

What happened in the Polunsky Fiasco to cause such a cover up?

Is the Rehab Division the most nefarious? How many other careers did Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar and their wardens kill? Until the TBCJ takes ownership of the TDCJ, nefariousness will continue under their noses.

Who Is Scamming Whom? Who believes Bryan Collier knew *nothing*?

⁴⁸ Again—TDCJ Computer Tech **Shawn Wallace** exposes the November 2012 meeting between **TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar ordering Wallace to clean computer contraband** that took his team four weeks to clean, see *Book of Secrets*, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3. They conspired to clean contraband and clear violators, including the wardens and regional Chaplain Vance Drum, and then all were promoted shortly after, including Wallace and Upshaw—even after the exposure.

⁴⁹ Ibid. **Everyone in the world should hear this interview**, clear as sunshine. → → → **When will a major magazine** or newspaper dig out the rest of the story on this interview alone?



I sent many Open Record requests for the OIG investigation and was repeatedly told they had nothing. There was no OIG investigation for the whole Polunsky Fiasco even *after* I mailed hard-copies of the 700-page *Book of Secrets of the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* in 2013, with DVDs of videos and CDs of recorded interviews and a horde of documents, perhaps over 2,500 pages in pdfs. I gave it all. I also sent a copy to the Texas AG's office. When in about 2015 there still had not been an investigation, I asked TDCJ and the AG's office to return to me what I had sent, since they were very expensive and time-consuming to put together. TDCJ could not send back the originals but would make a copy at enormous cost to me. To my amazement, the AG's office had someone copy the whole, just like my original, and they sent me a copy for free. Nice.

Given that degree of cover up, **what did Upshaw and his Wardens Simmons and Alford hide** as they coddled their bumbling Chaplain David Collier that could not get along with *four* state chaplains that worked with him? Again, I gave TDCJ *four* recorded chaplain interviews to OIG *and* dvds of videos of the prisoners. **What were the wardens and Upshaw truly afraid of?** What did Chaplain Collier have on them that kept him so safe and protected and petted through many violations every single day for six years? See the *Book of Secrets* and shake your head, for the Polunsky Fiasco included 75 documented security violations, more violations than all the other 100-plus chaplaincy departments in TDCJ for the last 50 years combined! No staffer in TDCJ has ever been able to get away with so many daily violations of policy for so many years—I *guess*—but do not know for sure. How many others are like Chaplain Collier? Like Dunbar? Was someone *else* violating more than 75 policies a day for years?

Well, was Warden Burl Cain? See BOOK 2. Someone truly needs to do a *real* history of Cain's rule in Angola, and then a history of TDCJ's connections.

Ask Upshaw—surely, he knows! Or **ask why Dir. Collier did not ask!**

During that time, Chaplain Collier was awarded “Chaplain of the Award” from TDCJ Chaplaincy HQ under then Billy Pierce, who was the lowest qualified in penal history when he was hired without an accredited BA degree, until 2018 when they hired Timothy Jones who only had a high school diploma.

Again—I ask, with stab wounds in my back—Is TDCJ's Rehab Division the worst policy-violating division?

Who knows which division is? Not Collier.

Who Is Scamming Whom? *I am going to ask that in many more venues.*

Never has such a systemwide program been put together so hastily or thoughtlessly as the seminary Prison Scam *with* that dark secret of the Polunsky Fiasco so ominous and with no accountability worth the name. The Scam spreads like an Evangelical virus to 30 other states on the back of TDCJ's reputation and by virtue of covering up of a load of history filled with nefarious dealings. Listen to Warden Cain's speeches (Appendix 1 Transcripts) and cornfield catch phrases that mock religion, mock our Texas and U.S. Constitutions, mock previous wardens, mock 100 years of prison advancement, mock the prison's lawyers categorically, and turn “moral rehab” into a Jedi mind-control trick that sways weak minds, all

based upon a model started by the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history: Collier's model.

“Who Is Scamming Whom?” will often be a mystery. Let the world know:

*The Prison Scam cheapens freedom and undermines
faith when state favor purchases faith from prisoners.*

That is the Prison Scam, mocking our Texas and U.S. Constitutions.

Perhaps the premier introduction to prisons is Professors Todd R. Clear, Michael D. Reising, and George F. Cole's *American Corrections*, 12th Edition, a massive refined work and perhaps the best college text for Corrections 101.⁵⁰ Imagine the work that went into that. Glance at the other criminology and sociology Titans quoted herein, including Baylor Professor Byron R. Johnson's proofs of religion's value in his Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR).⁵¹ Of the horde of articles on the *value* of religion, consider Professors Todd R. Clear, Patricia L. Hardyman, Bruce Stout, Karol Lucken, and Harry R. Dammer, “The Value of Religion in Prison: An Inmate Perspective,” wherein they saw the prison's *use of faith* less valuable than fostering the prisoner's *own devotion*:

Moreover, the sustained focus on religion's utility in preventing future criminal conduct diminishes religion's immediate value to the inmate during the term of incarceration. With this latter function in mind, this article reports findings from qualitative inquiries conducted in several prisons nationwide. Designed to reveal the meaning of religion to inmates, the study calls attention to the role of religion in preventing devaluation and fostering survival.⁵²

Then wonder at how TDCJ tried to kill its chaplaincy in 2011 without a single white paper, and the cover-up culture therein, and you have this book, too. When you hear TDCJ claiming to follow “evidence-based” practices—ask them—*Where?* In an OR request, I asked, and you can see their struggling answer in the

⁵⁰ Todd R. Clear, Michael D. Reising, George F. Cole, *American Corrections*, 12th ed., foreword by Todd R. Clear (Boston, MA: Cengage Learning, 2019, 2016, 1st 1986; 624 pp.). Todd R. Clear is the Provost at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey, and editor of the journal *Criminology and Public Policy*, has been elected to national office in the American Society of Criminology and the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. He has served as a programming and policy consultant to public agencies in over 40 states and five nations, and his work has been recognized through several awards, including those of the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, The Rockefeller School of Public Policy, the American Probation and Parole Association, and the International Community Corrections Association. Reising is professor of criminology and criminal justice at Arizona State University, and he was previously at Michigan State University and Florida State University. The late George F. Cole was professor emeritus of political science at the University of Connecticut and in 1995 was named a Fellow of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. A specialist in the administration of criminal justice, Cole published extensively on such topics as prosecution, courts, and corrections and developed and directed the graduate corrections program at the University of Connecticut. Compare Norval Morris and David J. Rothman, eds., *The Oxford History of Prison: The Practice of Punishment in Western Society* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995; 425 pp.) and Adam J. Hirsch, *The Rise of the Penitentiary: Prisons and Punishment in Early America* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992; 243 pp.), and Hirsch was the William & Catherine VanDercreek Professor of Law at Florida State University before becoming a professor of law at the University of San Diego.

⁵¹ See www.BaylorISR.org, an astounding resource with perhaps the largest collection of links to first-rate articles on the *value* of religion to every aspect of life.

⁵² Todd R. Clear, Patricia L. Hardyman, Bruce Stout, Karol Lucken, and Harry R. Dammer, “The Value of Religion in Prison: An Inmate Perspective,” *Journal of Contemporary Criminology* 16, No. 1 (2000): 53–74. See Professor Clear above; Hardyman researched for the Dept. of Justice's National Institute of Corrections; Stout is professor emeritus in criminology at the College of New Jersey; Lucken is a professor of criminal justice at the University of Central Florida; Dammer is a dean and professor of sociology/criminology at the University of Scranton.

footnote link and how they *documented* some programs that had *zero evidence* of progress.⁵³ Look at that! When *asked*, their “evidence” showed several programs made zero difference! How many other divisions destroy evidence with OIG support as did Richard K. Alford, Marvin Dunbar, and TDCJ Chairman Bell?

Certainly, the Polunsky Fiasco was not their first time—*definitely not!*

Two years ago, Texas AG lawyers fought for TDCJ all the way to the Supreme Court to prevent a man on death row from having his spiritual advisor at his side when he was executed. The SC ruled, and TDCJ chose to ban *all* chaplains from the death chamber. Why? Then in 2021, TDCJ backed off and will now *allow* a spiritual advisor to be *with* a man as he is *executed*. We detail this: the point we pound is that TDCJ’s admin in legal counsel did more work on preventing a spiritual advisor than they did for *both* together (1) the attempt to kill chaplaincy in 2010 *and* in (2) the research prior to contracting the Prison Scam with Norwood in 2010. Very seriously—see “*less work*” for the more “*far-reaching*.”

Among the cover ups we undress, realize the two-faced nature between those that foster the cover ups, those who keep covering up, and their longer history of hostility to honor itself, evidence of their *true* low-low value of religion.

Herein, I write as though most readers have little knowledge of prison, very little experience with prisoners *inside* of prison on a daily basis, and for those—even legislators—who have not read much literature in criminology, psychopathy, Conservative or Liberal political theory and history, First Amendment law, theology, religion, Baptist heritage, and the greater number of stakeholders beyond the narrow band of Evangelicals and Baptists who make up the majority of the support for the Fools’ Parade. Many are here.

Some in TDCJ will try to cover up this book, too. I have become the enemy to several in TDCJ for defending TDCJ policy. Some will try to convince that this is another diatribe from a dissatisfied employee, to hide their crimes. I was *not* dissatisfied; I *loved* my job and did more work after hours than many of them did on the job, including three successful legislative efforts: the 2001 first pay-group raise in 40-plus years, the 2007 restoration of 25 new chaplain positions (after the Rehab Dir. Carl Jefferies cut 50 in 2003, in retaliation of the 2001 effort), and led in the 2011 fight that saved the whole chaplaincy.

This would not have been possible had it not been for Marvin Dunbar’s harassment of my 50-page Faith-Based Housing Letter sent in 2011 to Brad Livingston, the Baptist Joint Committee, and Americans United.⁵⁴ Laughably, at the hearing he held for a contrived violation, he revealed he had not even *read* the letter. Then he wrote the disciplinary so incompetently TDCJ’s own disciplinary office rejected it. That began the retaliation for my whistleblowing of the nefariousness within three TDCJ venues radiating outward.

⁵³ See www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/bfd/FY_2022-23_LAR.pdf. Compare 12 years of stats, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Stats-12yrs.pdf, and do notice that a few programs have proven useless. See *TDCJ Legislative Appropriations Request, FY 2022–2023, Submitted to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board* (Huntsville, TX: TDCJ, 3-30-21; 383 pp.), 14, “The Rehabilitation Programs Division integrates strategic evidence-based programs that encompass every division within the agency” and other blather it has *yet* to prove.

⁵⁴ Maness, Faith-Based Housing Letter 2011, www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf.

1. The **Faith-Based Housing orders** to increase Protestant Dominance,
2. The **David Valentine affair** of his splitting Huntsville FBC and TDCJ Dunbar **ordering** all to support the church-splitter's church-starting class that would abuse prisoners on parole in the free world, and
3. The **Prison Scam** with state **orders** to ordain indentured prisoners to represent the director and wardens as Christian missionaries.

All that was exposed in my Faith-Based Housing letter in 2011, exposing **orders to exponentially increase in Protestant dominance with a Baptist hegemony**. The Prison Scam fuels the Fools' Parade led by a Naked King and TBCJ.

I paid heavily. After 20 years of service, I faced a mandatory dismissal and punitive transfer to Polunsky, to the most policy-violating chaplaincy department in TDCJ history. I stood my ground, alone, and Vance Drum betrayed our decades-long profession for crooks and was *ordered* to sit on his butt. Afterward, Drum and the wardens were soon promoted—promoted for covering up.

E. Two Reasons to Kill Chaplaincy: Cover Up & Promote Prison Scam

Never forget that *while* the HOTF was negotiating with TDCJ and meeting SWBTS President Paige Patterson on May 27, 2010, TDCJ was submitting its budget to the LBB before Thanksgiving of 2010 with the entire chaplaincy department zero-budgeted—chaplaincy assassinated, killed, without a single snivel (see chapter 12.A). Kill chaplaincy and replace it with the Prison Scam fueling the Fools' Parade and leave the understaffed prisons to fend for themselves until Rehab could rehire staff as volunteer coordinators. Dir. Collier will deny that, and TDCJ has destroyed the original contract with HOTF too. The horrid fact is TDCJ approved *both* the Prison Scam and death of chaplaincy *at the very same time!* All in veritable secrecy, because they knew most would not like either.

Thanks to the good soul who leaked their nefarious plan to kill chaplaincy late in December 2010, for without that leak we would not have succeeded. They knew that if they could keep it secret for two months through February's end in Austin, then there would be no TDCJ chaplaincy today—I wrote that book too.⁵⁵ No one in TDCJ admits the killing was a ploy, like they covered up other nefarious dealings for a decade before 2010 and continuing through 2023. Dir. Collier's cover-up culture appears recalcitrant.

Some want to kill TDCJ chaplaincy again. This needs to be clear.

Bryan Collier Is Not Stupid, so he *must* be either duped or in collusion. Collier *knew* in 2010, and *knows today* that no legal department would concede to the constitutionality of the Prison Scam, and Collier never asked.⁵⁶ Ask Allan Polunsky and Dale Wainwright, for it is *inconceivable* that Collier did not exchange *words* with someone *prior* to his 2010 vacation to Angola and fireside chat with **Warden Burl Cain who brags about not asking lawyers**.

⁵⁵ Maness, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011—Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers, and Their Chaplains*, with four forewords, including Jerry A. Madden, then chair of the Texas House Committee on Corrections (AuthorHouse, 2015; 394 pp.). www.preciousheart.net/Saved.

⁵⁶ Via OR request, I asked if there had been any legal opinion sought of TDCJ's legal department or from the Texas AG, and there was none: www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-No-Memo.pdf.

Two Reasons to Kill Chaplaincy. Rehab Dir. Madeline Ortiz sanctioned the killing of chaplaincy in 2010 for two reasons, a confidential source revealed:

ONE, to cover up and clean the slate of her predecessors Carl Jefferies and Debbie Roberts in their nefarious dealing and antics of Rehab managers from Don Kiel to Marvin Dunbar that have devastated chaplaincy with unethical hiring practices for 25 years; and

TWO, to replace chaplaincy with the Prison Scam that would allow the Rehab to re-bloat itself with cheaper volunteer coordinators *not* dedicated to religion and more dedicated to cattle driving TDCJ's 20,000-plus religious volunteers.

Ortiz had zero concern for the understaffed prisons that would force them to use of correctional rank to supervise the religious volunteers. Collier's cover-up culture that he inherited—and floats upon—is just the tip of the iceberg.

F. Science Builds on Science—Socrates & Astrophysicists

The inimitable investigative journalist I. F. Stone returned to college after retirement, learned Greek, and then penned his masterpiece, *The Trial of Socrates*, a best-seller translated into 18 languages, culminating his life as it was finished just a year before his death in 1988. Therein, Stone argues for what Socrates *should* have said at his trial, a defense of free speech that may have helped, and so listen to how Stone gives a new voice to Socrates.

Your freedom of speech is based on the assumption that every man's opinion is of value, and that many are better guides than the few. But how can you boast of **your free speech if you suppress mine?** How can you listen to the shoemaker's or the tanner's views when you debate justice in the assembly, but shut me up when I express mine, though my life has been devoted to the search for truth while you have tended to your own private affairs? ... The test of truly free speech is not whether what is said or taught conforms to any rule or ruler, few or many. Even under the worst dictator, it is not forbidden to agree with him. **It is the freedom to disagree that is freedom of speech.** This has been the Athenian rule until now, the pride of the city, the glory on which our orators dwell. Will you turn your backs on it now? ... Ideas are not as fragile as men. They cannot be made to drink hemlock. My ideas—and my example—will survive me. But the good name of Athens will wear a stain forever, if you violate its traditions by convicting me. The shame will be yours, not mine.⁵⁷

I pray I live long after this, though some mentioned here certainly wish my demise sooner. Among fine employees, do *not* underestimate the few without honor and the extent of nefariousness exposed herein mixed with a dash of cowardice.

In their magnificent book, *Welcome to the Universe* (2016), Director of the Hayden Planetarium, New York, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Princeton

⁵⁷ I. F. Stone (1907–1989) *The Trial of Socrates* (Little, Brown, 1988; Anchor, 1989; 304 pp.), 212–214, bold mine. Stone wrote for the *New York Post*, *The Nation*, and exposed a lot of international issues, and is best known for his *I. F. Stone's Weekly* (1953–71) that was ranked 16th among the top hundred works of journalism by the New York University journalism department. He wrote several books on world politics and on Israel including *Underground to Palestine* (Pantheon, 1946; 260 pp.), *This is Israel* (Boni and Gaer 1948; 128 pp.), and *The Killings at Kent State: How Murder Went Unpublished* (Random House, 1971; 158 pp.). In 1970, Stone received the George Polk Award, ten years before Angola lifer Wilbert Rideau would win the George Polk Award in 1908 for his "Sexual Jungle" (chapter 23), and in 1976 Stone received the Conscience-in-Media Award from the American Society of Journalists and Authors. We expand later on how remarkable it was that Rideau won.

astrophysicists Professors Michael Strauss and Richard Gott take us on a tour of the universe, essentially where we are today in the science of the stars, and they close with where we could be going. These three are world-renowned scholars among a host of geniuses that include Isaac Newton, Johannes Kepler, Albert Einstein, and Stephen Hawking, and we have come a long way in just the last 100 years. At the end, one felt very small. Tyson, Strauss, and Gott taught this class together to a packed classroom at Princeton University. The book is large, expensive, and wonderfully laid out with illustrations, photos, equations—just fascinating—and revealed to me just how much of an *amateur* amateur astronomer I was and how incomprehensibly huge is the universe.

The edge our “observable universe” is about 13 billion lightyears away, and the light we see came from a distant time in the past. Given the expansion of the universe, it is projected that the 13-billion-year-old edge we see today is now 40-plus billion lightyears away. There are 100 billion galaxies in our observable universe—independent like our Milky Way—each one containing about 300 billion stars or more. We have had the capacity to know this for only 100 years, and our radio astronomy is half that old—*miniscule* compared to the distances.

In the last 50 years, what progress has TDCJ made? 100 years? Who will write it? No one today in TDCJ is even interested in an honest history, or capable of writing one. How much *other* history has been deleted along with the criminal evidence in the Polunsky Fiasco? Will the TBCJ even ask? How badly did Rehab Division Dir. Madeline Ortiz wish I had not written my book, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*—ask her! I saw it in Ortiz’ eyes at the funeral of Gertha Rogers: she hated me for persisting in exposing her cover ups. How much does Bryan Collier wish *this* book is not read by the TBCJ? Indeed, who else has documented the hiring fiascos since the 1990s? Outside of this book, how much more is critical to Collier’s cover-up culture? Just how clueless is Collier of the subculture that *handles* him? **To insure no one can write an honest history**, God help us, but for *untold decades* sociologically and criminologically *critical* statistics are destroyed in a Draconian retention schedule insuring cover up for a century to come. Chaplaincy is worse off than 25 years ago when we had 150-plus chaplains and several chaplains had full-time secretaries.

No one cares. Least of all the TBCJ, if they even know, for their feedback loop is assuredly deader than Dir. Bryan Collier’s loop and his predecessors.

Top-flight world-renowned scientists in *Welcome to the Universe* (2016) outlined a brief history of the Zodiac, and they showed how absurd astrology is from the facts of the sky, facts we have known a long time. Over 2,000 years ago Claudius Ptolemy laid out the twelve constellations of the Zodiac which are the star collections that our sun appears to move through as the earth revolves around the sun. As the earth rotates around the sun, the background of the sun—as viewed from earth—changes throughout the year, and the sun passes through thirteen constellations. Almost hilarious, the earth wobbles on its axis once every 26,000 years, and 2,000 years is just about 1/13th of that; therefore—*haha*—the

astrologers are off by an entire month! Hear the experts in their own words:

Every single zodiacal constellation that has been assigned to the dates identified in the newspapers is off by an entire month. So, Scorpios ... are currently Librans. **Therein lies the greatest value of education.** You gain an independent knowledge of how the universe works. ***If you don't know enough to evaluate whether or not others know what they're talking about, there goes your money*** [in paying for prediction based upon your horoscope]. Social anthropologists say that state lotteries are a tax on the poor. Not really. It's a tax on all those people who didn't learn about mathematics, because if they did, they would understand that the probabilities are against them, and they wouldn't spend a dime of their hard-earned money buying lottery tickets.

Education is what this book is all about. Plus a dose of cosmic enlightenment.⁵⁸

Most of the world appreciates where we have come in understanding the universe. It is marvelous to have books that bring expertise down in language regular folks can understand. Cecil B. DeMille's fantastic 1956 epic *Ten Commandments* starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yule Brynner as Ramses ran for 3:40 hours. In the original, DeMille himself steps on stage to introduce it as the "beginning of freedom." He notes the scarcity of documents they followed, like Philo (20 B.C.–A.D. 50) who wrote in Jesus' day and Josephus (37–100) who wrote in the generation after. Most relevant, DeMille said historians have lamented for thousands of years that Philo and Josephus had access to documents that have long since perished. But TDCJ destroys *critical* sociological and violence *history* by a schedule.

Professor Carl Sagan said in *Cosmos* that the brain's complication is in the 100 billion neurons' electrical switching, as many as the stars in the Milky Way, each with 1,000s of connections: "like a hundred trillion, 10^{14} , such connections in the human cerebral cortex." He quotes Charles Sherrington's astonishment.

Information would fill some twenty million volumes, as many as in the world's largest libraries. The equivalent of twenty million books is inside the heads of every one of us. The brain is a very big place in a very small space.⁵⁹

Sagan illustrated this beautifully from the Alexandrian Library 2,000 years ago. *Learning* is precious, and we are the only species to keep information *outside* of our body for later use, and he laments the few books he can read in his lifetime.

The library connects us with the insights and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were ... drawn from the entire planet and from all of our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. Public libraries depend

⁵⁸ Neil deGrasse Tyson, Michael Strauss, and Richard Gott, *Welcome to the Universe: An Astrophysical Tour* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016; 480 pp.), 33, bold & bold italics mine. A *New York Times* bestseller, it won *Men's Journal's* 40 Best Books of 2016, *Symmetry Magazine's* Physics Books of 2016, *Ars Technica's* 12 engrossing nonfiction books from 2016, and *Forbes.com's* 10 Best Popular Science Books of 2016. Tyson is the director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History, Strauss and Gott are professors of astrophysics at Princeton. They are among the world's top astrophysicists with many awards, books, and articles to their credit. They taught this class together to a packed classroom at Princeton University. The book is large and expensive and wonderfully laid out with photos—just fascinating—and revealed to me just how much of an *amateur* amateur astronomer I was and how much more than I realized how incomprehensibly huge is the universe.

⁵⁹ Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*, new foreword by Neil deGrasse Tyson, introduction by Ann Druyan (New York: Ballantine, 2013, 1st 1980; 396 pp.), 292.

on voluntary contributions. I think **the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.**⁶⁰

A few works a thousand of years old—we cherish—and historians have lamented for over 2,000 years the burning of the Alexandrian Library. Yet TDCJ destroys the records on violence after seven years to *prevent* the tracking of violence—to *prevent learning*—a crime against the “health of our civilization.”⁶¹ TDCJ needs a History Division tasked with *preservation* in such a way that *facilitates* historians for the future. Until then, the TBCJ and Collier’s cover-up culture destroys *critical* cultural history, destroys evidence in the Polunsky Fiasco, and then they have the gall to advertise their lie about “evidence-based” programs. A Fools’ Parade ... to any close observer.

But Dir. Collier thinks all’s well ... strutting even, the king with no clothes.

G. Quotes from *20,000 Years in Sing Sing* & Top Criminologists

1. *20,000 Years in Sing Sing*—Wisdom of Warden Lawes

Throughout, I insert text blocks in succession from Warden Lewis E. Lawes’ masterful and 100-year-old *20,000 Years in Sing Sing*, his wisdom on the frontline of reform of New York’s infamous Sing Sing Prison in 1920.⁶³ Therein, you will see the **heartbeat of what we want in all wardens**,

Like the housewife who “cleans” house by sweeping the rubbish under the bed or in hidden corners, so modern society complacently “rids” itself of misfits by hiding them from public view, regardless of moral filth lurking in those dark recesses.⁶²

someone who took his awesome oversight seriously—who *owned* the culture—doing the hard work of getting to know those over which he has mastery. His insights radiate. Lawes is peerless, for no warden has yet to write anything with so many illuminating stories of great psychological depth unique to prison, to overseeing prison, and to prisoners.⁶⁴ There are very

⁶⁰ Carl Sagan, *Cosmos* (2013, 1st 1980; 396 pp.), 292, bold mine.

⁶¹ See Chart 32 for Darrington violence stats kept only seven years. From Open Records response from Tammy Houser, TDCJ Executive Services (3-23-21) on the number of violent incidences reported to the Emergency Action Center from Darrington Prison where the seminary is run, and they destroy the records after seven years.

⁶² Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 2.

⁶³ Warden Lewis E. Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (New Home Library, 1932; 412 pp.). Lawes’ other books made into movies include, *Over the Wall* (1938) on one of his inmates, *Invisible Stripes* (1939) starring George Raft, and *You Can’t Get Away with Murder* (1939) starring Humphrey Bogart. Compare John Luckey, *Life in Sing Sing State Prison as Seen in a Twelve Years’ Chaplaincy* (N. Tibbals, 1860; 376 pp.).

⁶⁴ Compare Sanford Bates (1884–1972), *Prisons and Beyond* (New York: Macmillan, 1936; 334 pp.; reprinted in Freeport, Books for Libraries Press, 1971; then North Stratford, NH: Ayer Co Pub, 1988), first director of Federal Bureau of Prisons details his experiences and the then *new* idea of rehabilitation; James V. Bennett (1894–1978), *I Chose Prison* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1970; 229 pp.), longest director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons 1937–1964, of whom on the cover it said, “The autobiography of the man who ran the federal prison system for twenty-seven years and led the revolution in prison reform”; Jim Willett and Ron Rozelle’s *Warden: Texas Prison Life and Death from the Inside Out* (Houston, TX: Bright Sky Press, 2005; 232 pp.); Clemens Bartollas’ *A Model of Correctional Leadership: Career of N. A. Carlson* (Alexandria, VA: American Correctional Association, 2010; 252 pp.); Bartollas is professor of criminology at University of Northern Iowa. Norman A. Carlson (1933–2020) was the fourth director of the FBOP (1970–87), and Carlson was director emeritus of GEO Group, a private prison company based in Boca Raton, Florida, president of the American Correctional Association 1978–80 and adjunct professor for Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, 1987–98; Adria L. Libolt, *A Deputy Warden’s Reflections on Prison Work*, with [continued on next page]

few wardens like him in TDCJ today. Who knows? Who is looking? And not so much by choice, because TDCJ and most prisons are compartmentalized with many policies refined from the experience of those like Lawes. Today, wardens cannot make up *very many* of their own rules, honestly anyway. As a sad result, some TDCJ senior wardens can nearly work without contact with a prisoner, and most near retirement do. Some wardens run a prison without talking to a prisoner for months, except for those who shine his shoes. Often not even that, for some simply *leave* their shoes to be shined.

During his years over the Sing Sing Prison, Warden Lawes supervised the executions of 303 prisoners, and his book was made into a 1932-movie starring Spencer Tracy, and again in 1940 as *Castle on the Hudson*. Warden Lawes learned as he went. When the New York governor asked him to take Sing Sing, he consented *if* he could handle it his way and without any interference. Fortunately, Lawes took the time to write his story. See his heart's concern for his officers *and* his "wards."



Lawes owned and changed the prison culture—his Job #1.

When will we ever see Brad Livingston's and Bryan Collier's memoirs? Their Hearts? Warden Burl Cain chuckles as he tells huge audiences any "teacher could run a prison," demeaning fellow wardens. To the contrary, a warden is like a captain of a ship at sea, which takes many years of skill learned on the sea, and *longer* the larger the ship. Peerless Warden Lawes' heart is laid bare—captain of his ship—in New York's infamous Sing Sing Prison 100 years ago, taking his responsibility seriously for *his* prison's culture.

2,500 hundred men saddled with an aggregate of 20,000 years. Within such cycles worlds are born, die and are reborn. That span has witnessed the evolution of the intelligence of mortal man. And we know that 20,000 years have seen nations run their courses, perish and give way to their successors. **20,000 years in my keeping. What will they evolve?** Will they bring life and purpose to any of our 2,500 men who are sharing in that tremendous burden? It is hard to say. Only by observing each man as he meets his intimate problems is it possible to understand whether those years are for him worthwhile or carrying him further into void and uncertainty.... Seen in perspective, they give us a sober impression of what this vast aggregation of years is accomplishing for the men who are threading their way through its enormous span.⁶⁵

Of all the wardens I knew, I only met a couple who could have written those great thoughts. A few *lived* those thoughts. Several were just happy to leave.

A TDCJ Region 1 Director in the mid-1990s addressed a group of us during an annual in-service in Huntsville (TX) and said, "**The prison is the toilet that**

foreword by former Dir. of the Michigan DOC Robert Brown Jr. (Eugene, OR: Resource Publications, 2012; 174 pp.), and she spent over 20 years in corrections, and now works with ex-offenders and writes, and takes people off guard as a small unprepossessing woman, not the normal image of a prison warden; and Warden Gideon Haynes (1815–1892), *Pictures from Prison Life: An Historical Sketch of the Massachusetts State Prison. With Narratives and Incidents, and Suggestions on Discipline* (Boston: Lee, Shepard, and Dillingham, 1871; reprint of original in the University of California Libraries by HP; 334 pp.).

⁶⁵ Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 239, bold mine.

society flushed its shit through.” His view is shared by several today, for several still have no feeling for the vision of TDCJ’s written mission. No better recent proof is retired TDCJ prison director Richard K. Alford’s *Tall Walls* that views the Texas prison story essentially as a “toilet” that is flushed by heroic officers—the classic example size does not always matter, for such a big book with so little depth, *expect* in proving our point about the number of psychopaths with which heroic officers must contend.

Read Warden Lawes’ text-blocks throughout and become a better person for the exercise, a depth unseen in Collier and most TDCJ executives, the Polunsky Fiasco a premier case study. See the heart of what we want from all wardens, a 100 years ago, exemplifying principles of the best leadership experts.⁶⁶

2. Kleinig’s Exquisite *Correctional Ethics* Inserts

I add a quote at the top of each chapter from the intro and 25 chapters of Professor Emeritus John Kleinig’s exquisite *Correctional Ethics*, which is one of 13 volumes in the International Library of Essays in Public and Professional Ethics published by Ashgate, a Routledge imprint under the Taylor & Francis Group (T&F).⁶⁷ They are quoted in succession and may or may not apply to that chapter’s context. I chose a quote on the *nature* of the prison culture or the *darkness*, or *effect*, of the prison culture upon staff or upon the prisoner, something on the *heart* of the prison from an esteemed international expert.

As with all such compilations, Routledge’s Ashgate chose a senior worldwide respected scholar as editor. Some of the other volumes in the series include *Computer Ethics*, *Business Ethics* (two vols.), *Academic Ethics*, *Engineering Ethics*, *Military Ethics*, and so forth, for 13 masterful compilations of experts in their fields—all about ethics. Ethics—ethics are important.

Furthermore, T&F is one of the largest publishers in the world churning out about 2,700 professional journals and about 7,000 new books each year with a backlist of over 140,000 titles.⁶⁸ Routledge is owned by T&F under the Informa conglomerate, and Routledge’s imprints, like Ashgate, have put together several volumes that collect works from the experts in their fields. A “Routledge Handbook” shares a sterling and authoritative reputation within the greatest compilations of world-class handbooks and encyclopedias, like those put out by

⁶⁶ See James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner, *The Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done in Organizations* (Jossey-Bass, 1987). More substantive than Stephen Covey’s *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People; Powerful Lessons in Personal Change* (Fireside, 1990; 381 pp.) which in the 1990s was in vogue in TDCJ, and many of went through the course including me, and by 2004 sold over 15 million copies and turned into an industry. Kouzes and Posner began in 1983 with surveys collected from 780 managers. Those were compared to 42 in-depth interviews, and then all of that was collated into an inventory given to 3,000 managers and subordinates. Kouzes was president of Tom Peters Group Learning Systems, made famous by Tom Peters and Robert H. Waterman’s best-selling *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America’s Best-run Companies* (1st Ed.; Harper & Row, 1982; 360p.; so popular, it was reprinted in 2004 by HarperBusiness Essentials). Then Kouzes and Posner followed with *Credibility—How Leaders Gain and Lose It, Why People Demand It* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1993).

⁶⁷ John Kleinig, ed., *Correctional Ethics*, The International Library of Essays in Public and Professional Ethics (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, a Routledge imprint under Informa’s Taylor & Francis, 2006; 618 pp.). Kleinig is professor emeritus of philosophy in the Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and research professor at Charles Sturt University, Australia; From 1987-2011 he was director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Ethics, City University of New York, and editor of *Criminal Justice Ethics*.

⁶⁸ See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_%26_Francis, accessed 6-20-20.

Princeton, Cambridge, Chicago, Norton, Wiley, and a few others. Truly, the time is very ripe for a handbook of the many handbooks/encyclopedias that categorizes all the journals available (and those ceased) on prisons. Many might be amazed, as I was years ago; the amount of criminology literature churned out every year in professional journals alone is galactic. It is time for a massive handbook—or website—that lists the journals and top introductions to criminology and other landmark works like those by Donald Clemmer and others.

The 25 chapters in *Correctional Ethics* are printed in the format of the articles' original publication, so the reader sees on each page *two sets* of page numbers, the place of the article among the whole and the original pagination of the article's first publication. Nifty, and helpful in cross referencing. A few articles go back to the 1960s, and most are from the late 1990s and 2000s. Each author is distinguished in his or her field of criminology, and—save one—all are fully credentialed university professors, with several being professors emeriti. That is, they are among best of the best, and each article is crystal clear in its ethical case.

What contribution has TDCJ made to criminology? Seriously.

Caveat—each quote from Kleinig's *Correctional Ethics* does *not* couch the essence of the article; e.g., the quote on the death penalty does *not* mean the author endorsed the death penalty, for he did not, though his article honorably gave *more* on his opposition's side (never seen in TDCJ). The 25 are among the best in the world on *correctional* ethics, and direct relevance to this book is how much TDCJ has ignored from the *best in the world*. Just a couple decades ago, TDCJ raised the bar on promotion asking all wardens to have at least a bachelor's degree—equal to Dir. Collier's prisoner Field Ministers. See the two-faced problem: TDCJ is the biggest and wants to be cutting edge, yet it falsely claims "evidence-based" with no real evidence of such, *while* the history of the Polunsky Fiasco and the Prison Scam document the opposite—the *opposite*—and then this book.

Old TDCJ saying applies: "if it is not written, it did not happen."

Top-Flight Criminologists. I *guess* there are about 300 *professors* that could be titled top-flight criminologists in the world today by their peers. I do not know. Who is qualified to rank those who have given their *lives* to criminology? Among them are a few that all recognize as tops, like Donald Clemmer, H. L. A. Hart, and Gilbert Geis. There are at least 300 that stand out from maybe 10,000 full professors of criminology in the world—I *guess*. Looking at *Correctional Ethics*, and of top-flight scholarly articles, each referenced dozens. In that book's 25 articles alone, there are about 500-plus references to other experts.

Criminological literature is profound, prolific, and growing. From the rooftops, I say it is an utter mystery how they impact TDCJ that *claims* "evidence-based" practices while destroying evidence on a Draconian retention schedule, as they destroyed in the Polunsky Fiasco, and as they ignored in the many hiring fiascos under Marvin Dunbar and others. When you ask for the "evidence," TDCJ cannot produce it.⁶⁹ TDCJ has not even written a single page in 25 years

⁶⁹ I asked. See 12 years of stats, www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Stats-12yrs.pdf, and notice that a few programs have proven useless and TDCJ could not rank the best, or would not, in the 21st century.

explaining what *evidence* they used to start any program. Where is Rehab’s research? Instead, Rehab Division *tries* to make research difficult or impossible.

Kleinig chose experts for his *Correctional Ethics* from a wide spectrum of specialties in criminology. The article that impelled me to buy *Correctional Ethics* was Francis T. Cullen, Jody L. Sundt, John F. Wozniak’s “The Virtuous Prison: Toward a Restorative Rehabilitation,” that also appeared in three prior books.⁷⁰ I have always had a third eye on anything *ethics*, for I spent two decades writing of my magnum opus, *Would You Lie to Save a Life?*, that dealt with the conflict between God’s foreknowledge, providence, and the issue of free will in crises, even in the most perilous times of a living hell on earth.⁷¹

Perhaps the hottest new book on the pursuit of excellence is Vivek Ramaswamy’s *Nation of Victims: Identity Politics, the Death of Merit, and the Path Back to Excellence*, his own life a grand example; compare Ryan Hawk’s new *The Pursuit of Excellence* and Thomas Peters and Robert Waterman’s now classic *In Search of Excellence*, which are among a host of books like Kouzes and Posner’s magnificent *The Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done*, as we touch later (Chapter 8.E).⁷² In contrast to those and hundreds more, you will see the **opposite of the pursuit of excellence in TDCJ** in the 700 pages that follow, full of the nefarious, and more between the lines for the astute.

This is the most comprehensive look at *nefariousness* in prison, with a special focus on religion, my expertise, and if so extensive with religion in prison, then

⁷⁰ Francis T. Cullen, Jody L. Sundt, John F. Wozniak’s “The Virtuous Prison: Toward a Restorative Rehabilitation,” chapter 19, *Correctional Ethics*, ed. by John Kleinig (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006; 618 pp.), 466 and 478, originally chapter 15 of 23 in Henry N. Pontell and David Shichor, editors, *Contemporary Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice: Essays in Honor of Gilbert Geis* (Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall, 2000; 418 pp.), 265–286, it honored preeminent criminologist Gilbert Geis (1925–2012) for his seventy-fifth birthday; Geis helped establish the department of criminology in the School of Social Ecology at the University of California, president of several entities, author of over 500 articles, book chapters, 28 books. Cullen’s article appeared as chapter 19 of 25 in *Correctional Ethics* edited by John Kleinig (London: Routledge, 2006; 614 pp.), 463–484; and chapter 4 of 13 in *The American Prison: Imagining a Different Future* edited by Francis T. Cullen, Cheryl Lero Jonson, and Mary K. Stohr (Los Angeles: SAGE, 2013; 314 pp.), 61–84. Cullen is distinguished research professor emeritus in the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati, Sundt is professor of public and environmental affairs at the University of Indiana Purdue, and Wozniak is professor of sociology at Western Illinois University. All have written many books and articles.

⁷¹ Maness, *Would You Lie To Save a Life? A Theology on the Ethics of Love* (Bloomington: AuthorHouse, 1990; rev. 2007; 432 pp.), www.PreciousHeart.net/love/. Compare Michael Maness’ *Heart of the Living God* (Bloomington: AuthorHouse, 2005; 706p.); William Lane Craig, *God, Time and Eternity* (New York: Kluwer Academic, 2001; 272 pp.) and Craig’s *The Only Wise God—The Compatibility of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1987; 157p.); Millard J. Erickson’s *What Did He Know and When Did He Know it?* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003; 272 pp.); Clark Pinnock’s *Most Moved Mover—a Theology of God’s Openness* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001; 202p.); William Hasker, *God, Time, and Knowledge* (Ithaca, Cornell University Press, 1989; 244 pp.); William Ockham’s (1285-?1349) *Predestination, God’s Foreknowledge, and Future Contingents* (Appleton, MN: Appleton, 1969; 136p.); Alvin Plantinga’s *God, Freedom and Evil* (New York: Harper, 1974; 112p.), and Dallas Willard, *The Divine Conspiracy—Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1998; 448 pp.).

⁷² Vivek Ramaswamy, *Nation of Victims: Identity Politics, the Death of Merit, and the Path Back to Excellence* (Center Street, Hatchett imprint, 2022; 288 pp.) He is a best-selling author who founded several companies, including Roivant Sciences in 2014 and led the largest biotech IPOs of 2015 and 2016, and in 2022 launched Strive Asset Management, a new firm focused on restoring the voices of everyday citizens in the American economy by leading companies to focus on excellence over politics. He graduated *summa cum laude* in biology from Harvard in 2007 and then earned a law degree from Yale. His *Woke, Inc.: Inside Corporate America’s Social Justice Scam* (Center Street, 2021; 368 pp.) became a best seller arguing that politics has no place in business.

Ryan Hawk, *The Pursuit of Excellence: The Uncommon Behaviors of the World’s Most Productive Achievers* (McGraw Hill, 2022; 240 pp.). Thomas J. Peters and Robert H. Waterman’s *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America’s Best-run Companies* (Harper & Row, 1982; 360 pp.; 2004 edition by HarperBusiness Essentials).

you can bet other divisions are as infected. Sometimes, when not nefarious, there is simple selfishness, or laziness; yet even that laziness—as with Professor Byron Johnson in Chapter 24—*becomes* nefarious, because this has to do with venerable prisoners who were *used* in a million-dollar study filled with mutilations.

Some claim to be *men* of honor but are far from it, and that drastically affects both officer attrition and offender recidivism and general morale: which morale is hurt, ironically, with a lying “moral rehab” program. I have not hid my disgust, though it is drastically reduced in this Second Edition. Criminologists would do better to allow a little feeling in their great works, too. Yet, as a chaplain, I deal feelings most of all, and so I share some here—this book is personal.

Research tonnage next to culture, mockery, and passionate rhetoric are used to persuade, even inflame, and then hopefully to enlighten and motivate the best.

I close my preface with Kipling’s poem, **IF**, which has been considered Britain’s poem and a favorite of Ayn Rand (1905–1982). Kipling won the Noble Prize in Literature in 1907, the youngest recipient. He wrote **IF** as a tribute to Leander Starr Jameson’s disciplined character, the poem being 13th of 23 woven into a fantasy of contemporary life in his 1920 book, *Rewards and Fairies*. How apropos **IF** is here *almost* defies imagination, reflecting upon the host herein, and many staff of today and yesteryear, and for the bold souls of Wilbert Rideau, Daniel Bergner, and James Ridgeway, and—unlike a few TDCJ rascals—for at least 20,000 *good* TDCJ in-prison staff and officers that will *not* be compromised.

“IF” by Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936)

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can TRUST yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don’t deal in lies,
Or being hated, don’t give way to hating,
And yet don’t look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build ‘em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew

IF

To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son! ⁷³

IF

“We hold these truths to be self-evident” and pray TDCJ will catch up, though it will *not* of its own accord—Dir. Collier and his executive cover-up culture are too resistant, perhaps recalcitrant. This will get clearer as we expose 25 years of nefariousness through 25 chapters of hard labor that Collier’s staff refused to do, *refused* after exposure upon exposure. TDCJ will not catch up of its own accord ... unless the TBCJ wakes up ... or is replaced with leaders that ...

or the TBCJ is forced by society or ... *if, if, if, IF* ...



Bravery?! Near the end of the last episode of season one of *Reacher* (2022), perhaps too rough for the very holy, the mother of Major Jack Reacher, a retired military police officer, is having a heart-to-heart with her big strong son. She hands him his grandfather’s French war medal, saying, “For bravery in the face of danger.” She is on her deathbed. Then she said,

“It takes bravery to do what’s right.”⁷⁴

I am not as skilled a fighter as Achilles, nor as brave as King David, and certainly not as fearless as Major Jack Reacher. Yet, I grabbed my courage, stood my ground—as my late father would have wanted—and I did right in 2011 thru 2023. Herein, several TBCJ chairmen have not been brave *lawyers*, not yet, not in the slightest—that is *their* legacy. **Will TBCJ Chairman O’Daniel be brave?** Or continue the TBCJ legacy of Silence of the Lambs? Who else will ask them?

Michael G. Maness, 2023



⁷³ “If” in Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), *Rewards and Fairies* (Doubleday, 1916, 1st 1910; 356 pp.), 181–182. Do see Christopher Benfey’s exquisite *IF: The Untold Story of Kipling’s American Years* (New York: Penguin, 2019; 256 pp.), on Kipling’s ten years in America 1889–1899, “IF” being one Kipling’s most quoted. Benfey is Mellon Professor of English at Mount Holyoke College, a contributor to *The New York Review of Books*, has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the American Council of Learned Societies, and has written four books about the American Gilded Age.

⁷⁴ *Reacher* (Jack), Season One (Amazon, 2022), based on Lee Child, *Killing Floor* (NY: Putnam, 1997).

Private Treptow Pledge & the TBCJ

On July 29, 1918, Private Martin A. Treptow was on the Western Front with Company M, 168th Infantry, 42nd “Rainbow Division,” in the “thickest of the fight” of WWI. Treptow, 24, volunteered to deliver a message and was cut down by machine gun fire. On the first page of his diary, he wrote “**My Pledge**” that others in his company would copy into their diaries—and for a century has inspired:



America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the issue of the whole struggle depended on me *alone*.⁷⁵

This book is the *capstone* of over 30 years of work, how much the prison chaplaincy meant to me—so personal—for **I’ve seen the value of faith in prison**, next to the nefarious, so I worked like a madman, using all my powers of research, rhetoric, and sarcasm to make *clear* that **value** amid the nefarious rascals’ chaos.

Texas Board of Criminal Justice

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice is made up of men and women appointed by the governor. By and large, they are all successful, accomplished, admired, moral, and—as far as I can tell—religiously devote—mostly, the best in Texas. Some are *extremely* successful and wealthy. They are good folks, good neighbors, trying to be good persons. More than any other profession, the greatest number in the TBCJ have been lawyers, yah know, experts in the *law*.

How did they miss the nefariousness? I task the TBCJ throughout, sometimes sarcastically, for they have a heavy responsibility. Buck stops with them! If only one scandal was exposed, this book is worthless. Yet there are Titanic exposures spanning 25 years, many violations repeated *after* exposure, and not a one chairman or board member has responded to a single letter—now this book.

How can so many **lawyers** miss the legal entanglements? Worse, how could any TBCJ board member *miss* the cleaning of crime scene contraband? Worse still, how can any of them fail to see the ramifications of widespread cover up of the Polunsky Fiasco as it ripples throughout the entire prison? Worse still, how can any member pretend to think it good for TDCJ to model the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history? Worst of all—*why* did it take ten years to see the “modelling of the most scandal-ridden” only *after* this book came out in the Ides of March 2022? There are many more ironic travesties and pitiful ironies below.

FAIRNESS breeds TRUST, and TRUST is the *engine* of civilization, and hanging in the balance are employees, prisoners, volunteers, and their families, including the **TBCJ’s own legacy**, that so far is a charter in Silence of the Lambs.



⁷⁵ See <https://militaryhallofhonor.com/honoree-record.php>, used by 1,000 sites and quoted by as many luminaries.

Miscellaneous Caveats

Child Torturer? Part of the problem in offensiveness is psychological, philosophical, existential. You will see in the Historical Introduction *nine* of the prisoner Field Ministers that made the press, the first a child torturer. **TDCJ keeps the names secret—too many secrets—so I could not provide a study of that too.** Why does “child torture” seems more hideous than murder? Psychologists could help. There is an existential pain that “child torture” conjures, a combination of innocence and protracted pain that wrecks havoc with our consciences as *exceedingly* evil. The reality is that though physically scared *the child lived*, and so *torture* is less than *murder*. We pound this throughout, lest one get caught up in other offenses. The Fools’ Parade is **TDCJ ordaining a child torturer** and murderers to the Gospel Ministry to **represent the offices** of Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier, and the wardens all over the Texas prison system. The TBCJ has praised that reversal of morality for ten years, and their lazy indifference reveals much more nefariousness, *if not calculated*.

Repetition—one criticism will be that I repeat a few things, like the above and how TDCJ approved the Prison Scam at the *same time* it tried to kill the chaplaincy in 2010. They are greatly reduced in this Second Edition. I was impelled to connect the old with the new exposés, and to **express our pain**, what many honorable employees and volunteers have had to deal with regarding the protracted nefariousness in impunity for 25 years, which has *hurt many*, like the Polunsky Fiasco that the TBCJ *still* hides and the magnitude of a TBCJ chairman overseeing the cleaning of crime scene contraband and promoting the violators.

Series—this 7th volume in the Defense Against Killing Professional Chaplaincy Series came by hard work after the TBCJ and TDCJ refused to deal with violations even *after* repeated exposure, never intending to become a series.

The Good, the Bad, the Ugly—do not for a split-second misconstrue this as an indictment of all TDCJ employees, for I worked with many honorable men and women. I defended TDCJ policies against a few scoundrels that I name, including a few wardens and directors, and they are not all. Know this: the exposures of Rehab Division nefariousness indicate more inside of Dir. Bryan Collier’s executive cover-up culture, crossing only God knows how many other divisions, and beg the question as to *which division* is in fact the most nefarious.

In the First Edition, we placed a “*Remember*” quote at the end of each of the seven books to inculcate how easy it would be to focus upon one or two offenses—in speed reading—and miss the horde of nefarious actions that have accumulated. In editing consultation, those were removed as overkill, leaving this as sufficient: **do not miss the old-growth forest for the single rotten trees!**



Finally, despite their significant deficiencies as deliberative articulations of ethical concerns, professional codes of ethics identify many of the **recurring** ethical issues encountered by those who work in various forms of correctional practice.⁷⁶

Professor Emeritus John Kleinig



Historical Introduction: TDCJ's Vengeance, Cover Ups, Fairness, TRUST

As I finished first edition, *Texas Monthly* published “Who Killed Criminal Justice Reform?” by Christopher Hooks, whose hook was, “Texas was once a model of how to safely and economically move away from mass incarceration. Now the old politics of ‘law and order’ are back.” He outlined the backward drift.

Reformers have watched with a mixture of disbelief and dismay as the bipartisan consensus has crumbled. “This year [2021] it became evident that police reform of even the smallest sort cannot occur in Texas while Greg Abbott and Dan Patrick remain in office,” Austin writer Scott Henson recently noted on his criminal justice blog, *Grits for Breakfast*.⁷⁷

That sums the quagmire of today’s TDCJ in prison reform.

A. Vengeance & Criminological Retardation for the Foreseeable Future

Vengeance is strong with the nefarious. After we won our first pay-group raise in 40 years in 2001, Rehab Dir. Carl Jefferies’ vengeance cut chaplaincy by 33% in 2003, killing 50 chaplains’ careers. After I won 25 chaplains back in 2007 and exposed more nefariousness, Rehab Dir. Madeline Ortiz’ vengeance tried to kill the entire chaplaincy in 2010 *at the same time* they contracted with Norwood’s Heart of Texas Foundation—the Fools’ Parade modeled after the most scandal-ridden Warden Cain *while Angola medical malpractice wreaked havoc* on prisoner civil rights. We fought in Austin from January thru March of 2011 and won. Then Marvin Dunbar’s vengeance ordered all prisons to start Faith-Based Housing without any help—make more *Protestant* bricks with no more straw. After my 50-page Faith-Based Housing Letter in late 2011—in wicked vengeance—Michael Upshaw led wardens to falsify disciplinarys, ending my 20-year career at the Gib Lewis Prison, forcing me to Polunsky. I blew the whistle again, and Warden Richard Alford scrambled to cover up contraband for Upshaw.

Polunsky Fiasco was a nightmare *I lived* in the face of cowardly wardens—there is no other term than *coward* for those wardens—and is a titanium key to

⁷⁶ John Kleinig, ed., *Correctional Ethics*, The International Library of Essays in Public and Professional Ethics, “Introduction,” (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006; 618 pp.), xviii. Kleinig is professor emeritus of philosophy in the Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and research professor at Charles Sturt University, Australia; From 1987-2011 he was director of the Institute for Criminal Justice Ethics, City University of New York, and editor of *Criminal Justice Ethics*.

⁷⁷ Christopher Hooks, “Who Killed Criminal Justice Reform?” *Texas Monthly* (10-23-21, 49–54): 50. Hooks joined *Texas Monthly* in 2020, raised in Austin, has been writing about Texas since 2013 for many including the *Atlantic*, *Gawker*, *GQ*, *Rolling Stone*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Texas Observer*, and *Washington Post*.

unlocking Dir. Bryan Collier's executive cover-up culture. Although this 7-in-1 book can stand alone, its fuller credibility rises from the previous six volumes.

Three Critical Questions on Nefariousness in TDCJ Divisions!

1. With Rehab Division *clearly* guilty, how many divisions are *as* nefarious?
2. How many TDCJ divisions are *worse*? OIG? Maintenance? Logistics?
3. With ex-Rehab Deputy Dunbar directing the compliance division, it is not a matter of "*if*," but rather how seriously extensive *is* the nefariousness?

Don't miss the forest for the trees—definitely redundant, repeated, inculcated, hammered! See 100s of nefarious dealings revealing 1,000 between the lines, all affecting both officer attrition and offender recidivism for 100s of millions of dollars lost in training of officers and more in crime as these Rehab Division failures indict other divisions. Then the Rehab *fantasy* uses psychopaths to counsel psychopaths and other prisoners with unchecked personality disorders.

We wage war today for the best ways to rehabilitate prisoners, a task that has beset America since its founding, from the barbarism of whipping posts, silence, and forced penance to the Fools' Parade. The intelligentsia in criminology has grown mostly in the last 75 years, analyzing every facet, yet rarely been a part of the nitty-gritty of overseeing the prison. The **gulf** between the experts who study and the administrators is still **wide**, and politicians and industry play no small role in administrative obfuscation, in hiring, and in more yet to be exposed. As often and the rule over the exception, politicians hire managers more than they hire the intelligentsia that have spent their lives evaluating "what works."

U.S. Navy War College Professor Andrew R. Wilson introduced how Napoleon routed the Prussians at the Battle of Jena–Auerstedt in 1806. French forces were much better than the Prussian Army for *specific* reasons.

There were other challenges in poor training and technological problems with early gunpowder weapons.... At the top [Prussian Army] you have officers drawn almost **exclusively from the aristocracy. Isn't that same privileged but incompetent class** of training amateurs that [Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*] so roundly denounced? There were some efforts at tactical technological reforms ... [like] Frederick the Great.... the Prussian regime army was a slow ... and unwieldy mess of disgruntled and terrorized soldiers led by **untrained and unimaginative aristocrats**.... 18th century wars tended to be frequent ... indecisive.... [on the other hand] French military transforms the officer corps into an innovative meritocracy.... divided command structure put a premium on individual initiatives to their commanding multiple armies at the same time on multiple different fronts.... the ancient Athenians prefer the prudence of Pericles ... modern French were producing a generation of Cleons and Alcibiades. Or to paraphrase the [Sun Tzu's *The Art of War*], revolutionary France made the military the most vital affair in the state.... It proved the savior of the revolution and the French nation. Nowhere was this more the case than with Napoleon Bonaparte.⁷⁸

⁷⁸ Andrew R. Wilson, *Masters of War: History's Greatest Strategic Thinkers* (Chantilly, VA: The Great Courses, 2002; 2 CDs, 24 lectures), disk 4, lecture 8, bold mine. Wilson is a professor of strategy and policy at the U.S. Navy War college and the John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, has lectured all over the world in two dozen
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That era precisely describes TDCJ in the 21st century as the Prussians were a spoiled aristocracy promoting friends over competence. They believed their fantasies. Sitting in a Prussian castle, the king wonders why TDCJ has such bad officer attrition and offender recidivism while the sycophants say, “Everything is so good,” as nefariousness repeats for decades.

Every warden felt as did the bard of old when he affirmed that “I am forbid to tell the secrets of my prison house.” And so it came to pass that executions ... were carried out in ... cells or houses. No longer the public display.⁷⁹

Is the Rehab Division the worst division? Which division is the worst?

B. What Is the “PRISON SCAM”? – Summary of TRUST’s Abuse

TDCJ’s June 2019 *Criminal Justice Connections* online newsletter summarized the essence of the seminary program on the graduation of 34 more Field Ministers with a bit of history. The newsletter rarely reports any news and is essentially a public relations tool and “birthday” morale booster. They quoted Dir. Bryan Collier, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and TBCJ Member E. F. DeAyala. Here is a clip of the article with bold highlighting some of the ethical problems of *purchasing faith from prisoners with favor* and some of the bold followed with my commentary in bracketed italics.

In May [2019], a class of 34 TDCJ offenders graduated from the ... Seminary Darrington Extension ... in Rosharon.... Established in 2011.... The program accepts a new class of around 40 offender-students every year, and trains them to serve as field ministers for other offenders.... provide grief counseling....

[TDCJ Exec. Dir.] Bryan Collier thanked.... Senior Warden Stephen Bryant, his officers and unit staff.... [*Quite costly.*] Collier pointed out that these field ministers possess a unique advantage when working with offenders, noting that **“I don’t have it, our chaplains don’t have it, a lot of our volunteers don’t have it. You’ve got credibility with your peers in the system, and that’s what matters. You’ve walked in their shoes, you’ve been where they are, you know that path, and you’ve seen a different path.”** [*Warden Cain’s most cunning selling point of all that we unpack below, even psychopaths counseling psychopaths in a Christian fantasy.*] He concluded by assuring the new field ministers ...: “As you walk the path, I want you to hear this from me directly: **I absolutely fully support your mission. At TDCJ we fully support what you’re doing, our wardens fully support what you’re doing, and we are on the same team. We’re excited about the changes that your work is going to bring.**” [*With Collier supporting, the wardens must too, so it cannot fail, as no warden is dumb enough to betray his true feelings and will cover up too.*]

[Texas Lt. Gov.] Dan Patrick ... **“What a powerful victory for the Lord and what a great accomplishment for you.** [*thoroughly Christian intentions.*] ... To qualify ... clean disciplinary record ... **at least 10 years remaining.**....

[TBCJ] Member E.F. “Mano” DeAyala ... **“I can’t think of any act or commitment that’s more conducive to public safety than to give your lives to Jesus**

countries on six continents in military colleges and civilian universities on military history, strategic theory, and international security and has been on NPR and the History Channel. He is the author of many books and articles on Chinese military history, Chinese sea power and Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War*.

⁷⁹ Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 3.

Christ, and then taking the next step to bring others to give their lives to Jesus Christ.” [Again, a thoroughly Christian program]....

No taxpayer money is spent in support of the seminary program; private donations and grants pay faculty salaries and provide computers, books.... [Because TDCJ covers up cost of prison staff and utilities—just another lie.]⁸⁰

That has been the missionary agenda since 2010 when politicians compelled TDCJ executives to visit Angola in the worst way to start any systemwide program on religion and *while* Angola was rife with medical malpractice abusing prisoner rights resulting in a horrendous class action that came to a head in 2021 (see chapter 4 and conclusion). **What else did TDCJ not see when visiting?** *Credibility* strains fool’s gold where there is more fantasy than coinage.

C. Who Are the Field Ministers? ... Why Keep Names Top Secret?

1. Field Ministers ... Child Torturer, Murderers, Assaulters

The prisoners that graduate from the Prison Scam are called **Field Ministers** and sent out in two- and four-man teams throughout TDCJ to *minister* (?) with whatever freedom that local wardens will allow, representing the wardens, not truly the chaplains (except on paper). Appearing in two newspapers, here are nine, a child torturer, five murderers, attempted murderer, and two serious assaulters.

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| 1. John D. Montana , #01564999 | INJURY to a CHILD | 30 years |
| placed 10-month-old girl in scalding 140-degree water <i>while</i> under CPS supervision | | |
| 2. Scott Copeland , #01435458 | MURDER | Life Sentence |
| 3. Warren Craig Bishop , #00866635 | MURDER | 70 years |
| 4. Terry O’Nell Hall , #01704033 | AGGRAVATED ROBBERY | 25 Years |
| 5. Mark Douglas Staley , #01566532 | MURDER | 60 Years |
| 6. Troup Foster , #unavailable | MURDER | Life Sentence |
| 7. Calvin Small , #01014715 | AGGRAVATED ASSAULT | Life Sentence |
| 8. Rene Joe DeLaRosa , #01038911 | MURDERS | 2 Life Sentences |
| 9. Jason Gibson , #01470253 | ATTEMPTED MURDER | 99 years |
| burglarized his parents’ home, shot stepfather who survived | | |

CHART 1. Nine TDCJ Field Ministers, Crimes, Sentences

It never occurred to anyone to ask *What disqualifies a minister in the free world from ministry?* But **these qualify because they want to!** Worse, while under a pretense of supervision, the wardens and chaplains do not have any ability to *truly* supervise; there is no *real* supervision, just another lie. The statewide program *mandates* a favored status for these chosen ones that places extra duty upon staff—taxpayer expense—and creates a new caste of prisoners explained below.

Prisoner editor Jim Nguyen reported for *The Angolite* in 2021 how Louisiana’s Grace Baptist Church with the Baptist Associations of Southeast

⁸⁰ TDCJ, *Criminal Justice Connections* (June 2019), www.TDCJ.texas.gov/connections/-articles/20190600_darrington.html, accessed 6-8-21, an article on the May 2019 commencement of “34 TDCJ offenders graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Darrington Extension of the J. Dalton Havard School for Theological Studies, located at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice’s Darrington Unit in Rosharon.” There were three photos attached, one of a row of prisoner graduates in gowns, SWBTS President Adam W. Greenway presenting a degree to a prisoner, and TBCJ member E. F. “Mano” DeAyala at the podium.

Louisiana *ordained* its “newest pastor,” Angola prisoner Theodore Genter. Nguyen noted Genter’s testimony, how he turned from Mormonism to Paganism and became a Christian after coming to prison. The article did *not* mention how in 2001 Genter murdered in cold blood 21-year-old Caryn Beth Capps by suffocating her with a pillow while his roommate held her legs, then Genter stuffed her body in a trash bag and dumped her in school dumpster; Genter was sentenced to life in prison without parole.⁸¹

In 2022, if he is not a part of the Polunsky Fiasco, too, Polunsky Warden Daniel Dickerson said precisely what we defend, “We have amazing people behind the walls giving it their all day to day to provide public safety, which is not only keeping those incarcerated inside, but rebuilding them to enter into society in which they can be productive,” indicative, if indirectly, supporting our book’s contention that the **staff are the most significant forces** for change in the prisoners, though here in the context of state-religious indenturing of prisoners.⁸² Yet, the article did not touch the scandals of its founder in BOOK 2 below.

Several Open Records (OR) requests for the graduates’ names were ignored, then denied. On appeal, the Texas AG’s office supported TDCJ, though open by law. Both Norwood and SWBTS refused to give the names.

In their penetrating book, *Damaged*, Professors Robert Maunder, MD, and Jonathan Hunter, MD, make the case that “Childhood adversity that is severe enough to be harmful throughout life is one of the biggest public health issues of our time, yet health care systems struggle to even acknowledge the problem,” and therefore one must “find the love in a patient ... our colleagues would label ‘difficult.’” The SBTC gave \$116,200 to the program ten years ago and devoted most of their January 2022 *Southern Baptist Texan* to mental health, highlighting free-world pastors and church leaders—none a convicted child *torturer*—proving again how if respected Baptist pastors struggle with mental health issues, then *totally* ignoring the *severe* disorders most prisoners deny is worse.⁸³

Disorders *denied* wreak havoc on the Christian fantasies in the Scam.

TDCJ Minister Caste. I support teaching prisoners the Bible. If prisoners were given education and returned as *normal* prisoners—minus favor—would the

⁸¹ Jim Nguyen, “Religion in Prison: Testable, Measurable, and Verifiable; Genter Ordained as Baptist Associations of Southeast Louisiana’s Newest Pastor.” *The Angolite* 46, No. 5 (Sept-Oct, 2021), 50–51, www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/2021-Angolite-Genter-Ordination.pdf.

⁸² Ken Camp, “From Death Row to Life Row,” *Common Call* 10, No. 3 (Summer 2022; 14-19); 19. Camp is managing editor of the *Common Call*, a *Baptist Standard* magazine. Great reporting minus any hint of the long controversy, supporting the Baptist mission in that the indentured “Field Ministers” spread the gospel.

⁸³ Robert Maunder and Jonathan Hunter, *Damaged: Childhood Trauma, Adult Illness, and the Need for a Health Care Revolution* (Toronto: Aevo UTP, 2021; 232 pp.), quote from jacket cover; both are MDs, and Maunder is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and holds the Chair in Health and Behaviour at Sinai Health; Hunter is a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and holds the Pencer Family Chair in Applied General Psychiatry at Sinai Health. Email from SBTC Julie Harris (12-9-19) gave the only donation of \$116,200. The *Southern Baptist Texan* Vol. 21, No. 1 (January 2022) cover “Renew Your Mind” had several articles on mental health including one by Gary Ledbetter and the struggles of two prominent Texas pastors, Danny Forshee in Austin and Byron McWilliams in Odessa: see www.TexanOnline.net/print-archive/ where they post all the volumes. Mike Schumacher of Sagemont in Houston gave another on Christian counseling of church leaders. The latter portion was added late in production and thus missed being indexed or included in the book’s bibliography.