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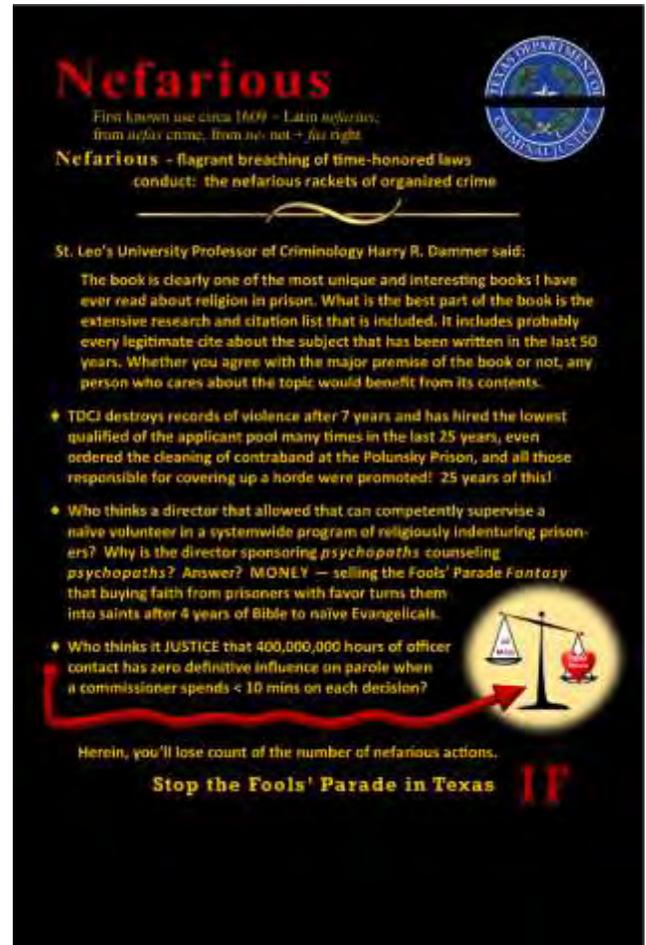
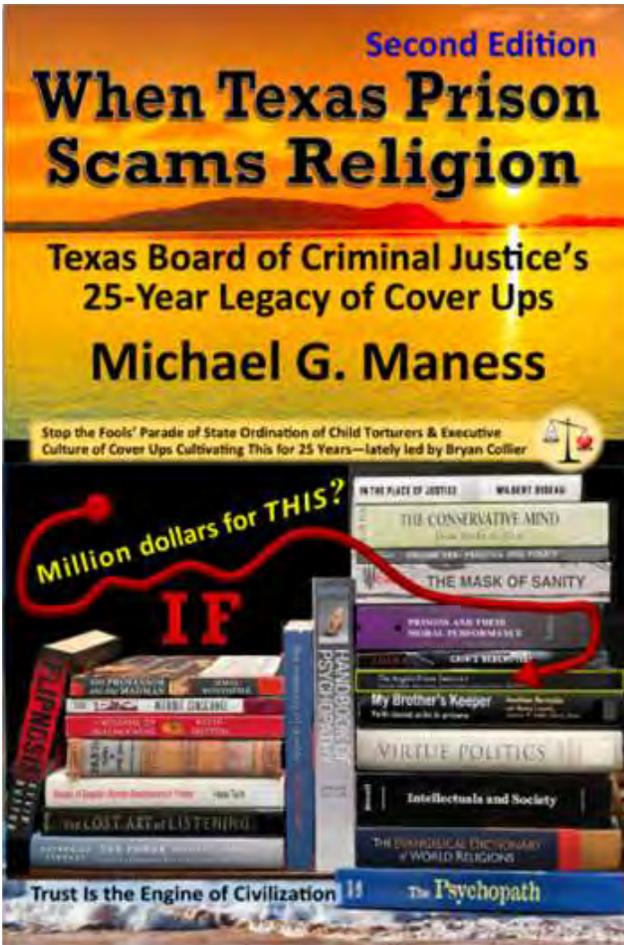
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***Nefarious* ... defined**

First use circa 1609 ~ Latin *nefarious*, *nefas* crime, *ne-* not + *fas* right

***Nefarious* - flagrant breaching of time-honored laws and traditions of conduct: the nefarious rackets of organized crime**

Synonyms for ***Nefarious***: Vicious, Villainous, Iniquitous, Corrupt, Degenerate

**Vicious** - oppose virtuous in implying moral depravity, connote malignancy, cruelty, or destructive violence: a vicious gangster

**Villainous** - applies to any evil, depraved, or vile conduct or characteristic: a villainous assault

**Iniquitous** - implies absence of all signs of justice or fairness: an iniquitous system of taxation

**Corrupt** - loss of moral integrity causing betrayal of principle or sworn obligations: city hall was rife with corrupt politicians

**Degenerate** - sunk to an especially vicious or enervated condition: a degenerate regime propped up by foreign powers <sup>1</sup>

**Trust Is the Engine of Civilization, and Prison Efficacy Depends upon Trust.**

Michael G. Maness, 2021



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<sup>1</sup> *Webster's New World College Dictionary*, 6th Ed. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, iPhone app, 2018).

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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 more great light.

*Thanks*—I thank my long-time friend Virginia Haynes and new friend Jill Norwood for proofing *selected* chapters. They knew nothing of several chapters, including *that* one that hopefully will wake up the sleeping. I wish I had time to share this with several and another year to edit. I am thankful I survived long enough to finish.



## cabeat emptor

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 Judge Dale Wainwright. If they had vetted the previous letters, they could have avoided much, though the Prison Scam might have been beyond them, too, given its origin in part from Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. I ask them: How strangely obstructive of justice was TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell’s conspiring with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar to cover up and clean contraband? <sup>2</sup> Why did the TBCJ chairman **personally supervise the cleaning of contraband?** For years, the Polunsky Prison chapel was the most dangerously policy-violating, even when Polunsky himself presented the Administrator of the Year Award to Warden Timothy Simmons in 2012. The 2013 *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* exposed **the Polunsky Fiasco**, and then Bell had *me* investigated as a terrorist threat! **This book builds upon that exposure.** If O’Daniel opens the door, Polunsky and Wainwright *should* help, for their own honor. OIG is proven inept or is proven a co-conspirator. If O’Daniel does, the staff, prisoners, volunteers, and families will thank them, for clearing will increase *fairness* in TDCJ—a word with profound implications throughout—and reduce staff attrition and offender recidivism. For the truth to set free and honor to prevail, the truth *must* be seen.

Until the TBCJ takes responsibility, they own this, especially the last ten years, a child torturer prisoner minister **representing them in the prisons**, and they too ride the float in the Fools’ Parade led by the Naked King, a parade going national.



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<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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)<sup>3</sup>  
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*<sup>4</sup>

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

George Orwell (1903–1950)<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> 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](http://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 was a professor of criminal justice at the University of Southwestern Louisiana Lafayette, [www.BurkFoster.net](http://www.BurkFoster.net).



<sup>4</sup> 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](http://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.

<sup>5</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf),



first 100 pp. on my persecution for whistleblowing with falsified disciplinary, then horde of policy violations in the Polunsky Prison and Michael Upshaw's cleaning of contraband, clearing of violators, followed by promotions, sent to Livingston, OIG, Texas AG, and emailed. 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](http://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 in RPD, likely in all TDCJ. Beside all that, religion is still a right.

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



[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf](http://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](http://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*:

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf) >



**How extensive** are the violations in TDCJ? If so extensive in RPD, then in how many other divisions are as nefarious or worse? Is there another TDCJ division with more violations of policy, more racist hirings, and more cover ups than RPD? 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 Seminars Foundation**, est. 2017, started by Angola Warden Burl Cain after he retired, lately shortened to **Prison Seminars 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  
CDOCR ..... 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, nor for TDCJ—**ZERO!**

“Attention”  
brackets indicate  
paragraphs  
no one  
should miss.

Attention - Attention

### What we do in this life echoes in eternity.

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



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7. TDCJ’s Ugly *HOSTILITY* to History & Analysis

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1. TRUST Is the *Engine* of Civilization, and  
    Prison Efficacy Depends upon *TRUST*.
- 2... Betraying *TRUST* Seeds Criminality.
- 3... Faking *TRUST* for Religion Corrupts Both.
- 4... Naïve *TRUST* Delays Maturity.
- 5... Misplaced *TRUST* Confounds Mentoring.
- 6... Compromised *TRUST* Inhibits Honesty.
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**~ How to Read in a Single Night ~**

- ✦ **Reading the Outline & bold text**, you can finish in an evening. Do not miss **Appendix THE LAST** for a way access the **400,000,000 hours** (in 10 years) of **in-prison staff experience to revolutionize the prison culture**.
- ✦ **Notice** the **TBCJ** supervises the director who leads the **TDCJ**: if confused, the meaning in 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* love one another. What of one *depends* upon love to scam you?—here’s the story. Six months after this was sent to 75 leaders and notes to 400, Grove Norwood sent a fundraising email in August 2022 and letter in September 2022 declaring **10 years in row his use of prisoners for the gospel**, depending upon TDCJ covering up its cost and lie of neutrality.<sup>7</sup>



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

### **Primer on Dir. Bryan Collier's Refusal to Make Things Right**

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 K. Alford forced my retirement as he protected his prisoners violating policy every day for years—the *Book of Secrets*. Yet, **if Alford had been honorable, I would have never dug this deep**. Like Joseph, what Alford and his master Michael Upshaw had meant for evil for me turned into a ten-year odyssey of discovery. How can it be that at the same time I was enduring the Polunsky violations that Collier had already been duped by Angola Warden Burl Cain and agreed to the Fools' Parade that has now metastasized into 30 other state prison systems? *After* multiple exposures over ten years, violations continue.

When will the TBCJ investigate the obstruction of justice by former Chairman Oliver Bell? The cleaning of contraband by Bell, Michael Upshaw, and Marvin Dunbar? The several Polunsky wardens that allowed violations for years? The promotions of all involved in the Polunsky Fiasco? The OIG silence? The many times RPD hired the lowest qualified? Will any of the media?

**Too Big?**—this might be for some, certainly for those who think religion in prison an easy affair or for those who like to coerce faith. Most prison volunteers are in the dark about prison history. Most criminologists have no idea the scope of chaplaincy affairs, or much religious history, and several do not care, like Bryon Johnson in chapter 24. Most of those know very little about the divide of Texas Baptists, though without Baptists Dir. Collier's Fools' Parade would have failed. Most people are on one side of the Liberal vs. Conservative war in politics—similar in theology—and rarely read the other side, especially Christian Conservatives; and ignorance of the war plays havoc on religion in prison, especially when one side is administratively favored. Those who hate religion no interest in this book, no matter how facts of nefariousness are exposed. Make no mistake, there are **prison staff and academics who have no use for any religion**. This is truly a **literature review of the best in all those venues**, almost 25 unique venues in the 25 chapters. Specialists, like a few of the criminologists and historians mentioned below, could add to their respective sections, just as those schooled in religion and constitutional law add some—this is not complete!

In that light, this is really a short book exposes *the degree* of TDCJ's nefarious ways. I read Leo Tolstoy's *War and Peace* one summer in the mid-1980s, and my not-so-well-read heart marveled at his exquisitely detailed Russian characters, philosophy, and culture. Never forgot that journey. Herein, we journey into the culture of prison, real and imagined, some frighteningly fantasized—seven books in one—the **TBCJ's 25-year legacy of executive culture of cover up, in particular the legacies of Brad Livingston, Oliver Bell, Dale Wainwright, and especially TDCJ Director Bryan Collier**, each with specific roles.

See *Amsterdam* (2022), based upon the "Business Plot" in the 1930s, where three friends entrapped in a murder find a cabal. General Gil Dillenbeck (Robert DeNiro) *helps* the innocents and police catch the dastardly "Council of Five" during his speech supporting veterans and America. That *could* have been Collier

in TDCJ a decade ago, *if* he had sought wise counsel instead of a naïve volunteer, a politician, and the most controversial warden in U.S. history.

**I lost.** For 25 years I have fought for the integrity of prison chaplaincy and the last ten for my honor against the nefarious in TDCJ. Though I worked with *many* great employees, many have used chaplaincy as their personal play toy, and the whistleblowing cost me my career. **No one helped.** Yet I am in good company, for some of the best tactical analyses in battlefield history were written by losers, like **Thucydides** and **Clausewitz**, still studied today in military colleges of the world.<sup>8</sup> Both were *realists*. In this context supremely ironic, Clausewitz stressed the “moral” aspects in waging war, where “moral rehab” has been corrupted by **TDCJ’s modelling of Warden Burl Cain** in the lie of neutrality to cover up its Protestant Dominionism—a *lying use of “morals”!*

How can it be that Collier continued to refuse to make things right as I repeatedly exposed nefariousness for 10 years, lastly in the *TDCJ Deep State Report—How?* Until this book’s first edition in January 2022, **Collier still believed** Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, Timothy Simmons, and Alford **honorable kids**, ex-Angola Warden Burl Cain his model, and me the errant nemesis. Collier must hate to read. Yet, someone read the *Report*, for after it hit 50 state leaders, RPD square-danced with innocent patsy Timothy Jones, moving him under Lisa Langley, **as he remained four pay groups above her**—I shall remind you of this a few times, the ugliness an in-your-face proof that a few nefarious executives in TDCJ *will* do what they please. **Honor—no!**

This Second Edition of blood, sweat, and tears has more work in one of its 25 chapters than any division director has given to RPD or chaplaincy in writing in the last 25 years, even all together. What have the **RPD directors written?**—a needed grant-funded study! The covered ups exposed here are linked to a horde that point to a **wilderness of still undiscovered nefarious territory**. Seriously, given how **we give you 60-plus untouched** weak areas in *dire need* of grant-funded study in prison, do *not* forget that TDCJ and most state prisons have **no vehicle for truly assimilating** the thousands of papers and books written every year by hard-working criminologists, and that, too, is another need: a grant-funded study determining which states access *any* of the thousands.

Collier and the TBCJ have not yet even addressed habitually violating executives. Well—*what papers have any read? Books?* Collier’s list? Look at what was sent prior to this. A bold grant-funded study *that* would be: **Determine, 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* O’Daniel read?

None *must* read. Scary—it is likely *most* only read what the director feeds.

Not a single paper was written *before* Collier modelled TDCJ after the uber-

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<sup>8</sup> 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).

controversial Warden Cain—Book 2 below. Did Collier even *know* that Cain was uber-controversial *during* his visit? **Did Collier know?** What was the state of TDCJ ignorance in 2010 vs. today? Here’s the seventh book on TDCJ ignorance exposing several rotten roots in each chapter that reveal still more rottenness yet to be unearthed—waiting on the TBCJ or a truly thoughtful director.

Why am I the *only* reporting on TDCJ? Asking? Where are the *Texas Monthly*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Austin Statesmen*, and the host of news and watch-dog advocacy groups the last ten years? The term “Fools’ Parade” hardly captures the infamy herein, and then the audacity of the nefarious to claim competence in *religiously* indenturing prisoners. **Whatever the TBCJ has read—or not—is in fact the state of affairs of our prisons.** 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 that will never see light is the *making* of this book, the tedium, rejections, appeals to the Texas AG against the TDCJ’s refusals—most of which I won in Open Record requests—TDCJ attorney delays, and then all that side by side the hundreds of books and discoveries, which led to other questions down the detective’s path. My heart, too, fought, knowing this was a tacking against the winds, against my own desire to quit, against academics’ general lack of interest prison chaplaincy—though there are a few—against Baylor’s expert Johnson’s total decades-long failure, and against TDCJ executives and the TBCJ committed to cover up and to the promotions of scoundrels. How can Collier and several TBCJ chairmen be this deep into the dark about the nefariousness?

As we progress, we **point out over 60 gaps in the criminological literature** in great need of **grant-funded studies**, a few mentioned above, and we list them in the Bibliography’s first section. For instance, has anyone else in prison history looked at more employee applications and documented how often TDCJ hired the lowest qualified of the applicant pool? The **total absence in the literature of looking at “how/who the prisons hire” is gravely inexcusable**—a *needed* study—especially since such was exposed in TDCJ, and the TBCJ did nothing.

Trust is the engine of civilization, and prison efficacy depends upon trust.

**This Second Edition**, scrubbed of most typos, has 200-plus refinements, including several new resources to 2022 and 2023 books. With the previous six volumes in the Defense Against Killing Professional Chaplaincy Series, there hardly exists a greater exposure of nefariousness in a single prison system:

**Bryan Collier is either oblivious or a co-conspirator in cover up.**

OIG protected the guilty, *not* the innocent. How many times? **Elon Musk** at the fifth World Government Summit 2017 in Dubai—more in the **“LAST WORD”** at the end of this book—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.<sup>9</sup>

On that TDCJ, Louisiana, Florida, and 30 other states have utterly failed.

### ***The Blacklist's* Warden Cain—Even Hollywood Knows**

**Imagine my utter surprise** to see *The Blacklist's* penultimate episode #18 of Season Seven (S7-18) about corrupt prison **Warden Roy Cain** bragging about connections to Angola as he *made* his prisoners commit crimes!—as clear an **allusion to Warden Burl Cain** as can be—*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 supervising the cleaning of contraband computers 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 the influence is of the prisoner and staff psychopath are to all aspects of prison life. As the revision of this book approached the winter of 2022, I finished watching *The Blacklist's* nine seasons in 196 episodes.<sup>10</sup> Fortunately, after a few episodes, I bought the whole shebang. I had no idea how important that was, for I would not have been seen nearly as well the intricate nuances watching only one episode a week. Each episode's **tightly woven threads** of trust, ethics, mounting secrets, and exposures are linked from each fast-paced episode to the next. I watched two or three every evening for over three months—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 (chap 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 (played by Megan Boone). Their relationship is the nexus for the intrigue throughout the seasons amidst Russian, American, Mossad, MI6 spy craft, revealing pieces about her parents in endless intrigue.

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

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<sup>9</sup> See [https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ\\_8Yo](https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo), bold mine, accessed 2-4-2021, see LAST WORD for more context.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

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.

*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 even-numbered pages.

**One should be able to trust the warden** of a prison and the chairman of the TBCJ, a trust violated repeatedly during the Polunsky Fiasco—the TBCJ chairman ordering the cleaning of contraband—and many reported how Warden Cain violated at Angola (BOOK 2). Then TDCJ had the audacity to promote Marvin Dunbar over TDCJ’s compliance division *after* exposure of nefariousness.

*The Blacklist* uses the **largest 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 a depth of perceptions and sly cunning.

Unlike TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier, those of us with decades of daily in-prison interactions have met a few as cunning and several psychopaths.

**Given BOOK 2 below about Angola ex-Warden Burl Cain, imagine my surprise** to see S7-18 reveal **Warden Roy Cain** as Blacklist #150, a corrupt prison warden who *uses* his prisoners to commit crimes! Just another intriguing episode until near the end when Warden Cain was confronted by Reddington, and the **Angola connection is revealed!** After 60 episodes and Reddington’s brief time on death row for a few episodes, Reddington’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 Collier or Patrick asked of Burl Cain** for the last 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?<sup>11</sup>

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 offender recidivism**. Read chapter 2 closely; buy the authoritative books. 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 and long list of controversies (chap 4), and *The Blacklist* character was even named *Roy Cain*.

#### **Cain is Dir. Collier's, Texas Lt. Gov.'s & NOBTS's MODEL!**

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

Gather around and **ask how** I could be given a falsely contrived disciplinary for first exposing all this in 2011 *while Collier modelled 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 likewise for 30 other state prisons** (4.E). Cain's well-published infamous dealings did not stop Mississippi from making him their DOC commissioner in 2020, ironically about the time *Blacklist* episode S7-18 aired.

This book is filled with such ironies. The Fools' Parade below is just the short story, linked to QR codes making verification of the worst easy 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—buck stops with the TBCJ. Here also is **TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's legacy in an executive culture of cover ups**, either thru blindness or collusion, and his legacy is inextricably tied to the legacies of from former TBCJ Chairman Judge Dale Wainwright and former TDCJ Dir. Brad Livingston. The many documents sent to them could have moved the river current toward honor over a decade ago, especially Wainwright, one of the most legally erudite chairmen the TBCJ's history, but the rapids of nefariousness continue. TBCJ and TDCJ will not 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

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<sup>11</sup> "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.

remains to be investigated, and why Wainwright aided that cover up, too. I was persecuted for exposing this, killing my career.

In an **Errata PDF**, I share the major updates to the first volume with the list below of the **75 leaders and scholars** to whom I sent this in Ides of March 2022, along with a detailed card to 400 other leaders, media, and every Texas legislator, and I followed up with a second notice to the 400. See the 75 below.

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  
Dione, E. J. - Senior Fellow, Bookings Institute  
Editor, *Texas Observer*  
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  
Hollman, Holly - General Counsel, Baptist Joint Committee  
House, H. Wayne - Distinguished Professor of Theology, International University and Seminary  
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 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  
Scott, Wayne - retired TDCJ Director  
Segers, Mary C. - Professor of Political Science, Rutgers University  
Sindelar, Greg - CEO, Texas Public Policy Foundation  
Skotnicki, Andrew - Professor of Religious Studies, Manhattan College  
Spohn, Cassia - Foundation Professor & Director School of Criminology, Arizona State University  
Stout, Bruce - Professor Emeritus, College of New Jersey  
Sundt, Jody - Chair of Criminal Justice, University of North Texas  
Terzotis, Judi - Publisher, Baton Rouge *Advocate*  
Thomas, Cal - Syndicated Columnist  
Tyler, Amanda - Executive Director, Baptist Joint Committee  
VanDrunun, David - Robert B. Strimple Professor of Theology, Westminster Seminary  
Wartell, Sarah Rosen - President, Urban Institute  
Weisburd, David - Distinguished Professor, George Mason University  
Whitehead, Andrew I. - Professor of Sociology, Indiana University  
Wilson, Mike - Editor, *Dallas Morning News*  
Young, Adam - Editor, *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*<sup>12</sup>

A few others also got copies. Above are the “Best of the Best” in their fields, each with a stake in this Fools’ Parade, Conservative and Liberal, some Evangelical—no Dominionist. None support the Fools’ Parade. Certainly **none** have written any kind of endorsement for the Parade akin to TDCJ Dir. Collier’s and Lt. Gov. Patrick’s effusive praises, and **most would vigorously oppose Patrick’s and Cain’s view of the Parade as God’s way to change the world!** After receiving my book, maybe a few will write their own Parade protest.

I have no illusion of holding the 75 accountable. Without a grant, at my own expense, thousands of hours, without any religio-political capital from a major institution or rich sponsor or wide social media audience—I was just a chaplain forced out by the nefarious Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar and their sycophants for defending freedom of religion. **I vigorously expose in detail and oppose TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier’s executive culture of cover ups**, and I show how if not in collusion Collier **might be naïve to the degree of nefariousness**.

I did not send a copy to Grove Norwood or Burl Cain. That would have been a waste: Norwood and Cain *talk and talk* and often mesmerize their naïve almost exclusively Evangelical audiences—significant portion of this book—just as they hoodwinked Bryan Collier and a few needy politicians. In unprecedented detail, we document Collier’s pulling TDCJ into the smallest circle of Evangelical exclusivity while embracing like a mistress the ugly lie of neutrality (CHART 16).

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<sup>12</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Errata-80.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Errata-80.pdf) for the 75-plus to whom this was sent, along with an Errata Section on the major updates. Over two dozen books were added at several places that came to my attention and apply to the overall argument against the Fools’ Parade and TDCJ’s abuse of religion and abuse of the chaplaincy profession. Obviously, QR Codes have placed throughout to make validation instantly available to many primary documents.

Each of the **75 above** and many others have a **big stake in this**—especially the media—whether they like it or not, many superbly credentialed scholars that have given their lives to criminology and law. I have read a lot of their fine works, quote 100s below, and reference over 1,600. So far, only one responded, St. Leo’s University **Professor of Criminology Harry R. Dammer**, who 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 bibliography 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 or not, any person who cares about the topic would benefit from its content



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 Bryon 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 grant-funded study because of his long-time nefariousness in chapter 24.

## 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 controversy-ridden warden in history. 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 side by side 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 nebulously undefined “moral rehab.”

**In sum, the TBCJ & Collier lie about Bible study! Their legacy.**

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<sup>13</sup> 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.).

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 a naïve volunteer. Truly, as we inculcate throughout, **trust is the engine of civilization**, a case made in tantum with a defense of freedom conscience. The authenticity of faith is best facilitated with freedom not government favor, even recently proven by Professor Dan Koev's work on 174 states around the world between 1990 and 2010.<sup>14</sup> We **could add a chapter on the vast literature on the inequality of "state religions,"** which now includes TDCJ, Angola, and 30 other states lying about neutrality.<sup>15</sup> 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 of Christian Nationalism and other fantasizing or simple scamming.

### 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. Some Liberals will disregard—or despise—any Conservative or Evangelical. That is sad, yet par for the course. While I lean Conservative, this is *not* a conservative or liberal treatise. Herein, I give **profuse documentation from both sides** that is meant to show that **saints exist in all camps**, yet most of all 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** and worse as the Parade forces chaplains and wardens to lie and be puppets of Christian Dominionism, even coconspirators with **Dir. Collier's** lie of neutrality under a bogus nebulous undefined "moral rehab" nonsense to **scam Evangelicals of money for the Norwoods' Baptist proselyting program**.

Some criminologists—especially those not yet tenured—will not make a peep on 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 lazy work in which a high school student could find holes. I have no doubt the few praising *The Angola Prison Seminary* did **not fully read it**, and the few who did passed by the flaws out of professional courtesy—errantly *trusting* Johnson—or as TDCJ has passed by flaws because they have no honest concern

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<sup>14</sup> 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.

<sup>15</sup> 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.

for religion's integrity or efficacy.<sup>16</sup> We skin *The Angola Prison Seminary* in **chapter 24**, and then we ask real criminologists to add to the stinking raw hide. I even asked Baylor **President Linda A. Livingston to audit Johnson's work**, too; she has the scholars and statisticians capable enough. Furthermore, 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—'tis that serious!

We inculcate this notice at the end of each of the seven books below: **remember**, more than the horde of cover ups and nefariousness exposed in TDCJ throughout is the concern for Bryan Collier's **culture of cover ups** that allowed all this to happen and even *parade* through 2022—

do not miss the thickety old-growth forest for the single rotten trees!

#### **4. Democrat Dershowitz & Republican Koffler PERSECUTED Too**

##### **a. Persecuting Me for Defending Religious Liberty**

A thin line runs through this book on my persecution that was documented in volume 3, the 700-page *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* (2013), wherein the first 100 pages documents how Michael Upshaw and others committed treason to everything TDCJ valued. Do not cheapen this book by ignoring that, for false disciplinaries forced me to retire too early, perhaps in the collusion of Bryan Collier. The remaining 600 pages in appendices of the *Book of Secrets* document the out-of-control Polunsky prison chapel, Chaplain David Collier violating a dozen policies every day, including life-sentenced murderers on contraband computers with laser printers and **zero supervision for over six years**. Then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell personally supervised the cleaning of contraband and weaponizing OIG to investigate me as a "Terrorist Threat" for exposing—'tis the stuff for movies, or a *Blacklist* episode. Polunsky Warden Richard Alford played the coward with Wardens Timothy Simmons and Gary Hunter as OIG kept silent. Painful to this day—I **was not the only one**. Perhaps the worst is that TDCJ Dir. Collier *still* thinks the Polunsky Fiasco wardens and Upshaw were saints, perhaps never knowing what Bell did, even as of **November 2022 the Polunsky chapel prisoners continue violating policy 10 years later**, *still* no one *knowing* all of what they do on computers.

I am in good company being persecuted for defending religious liberty. A major exposure in this book shows how Dir. Collier aligned TDCJ with the smallest circle of exclusivity within Dominionism that includes the many radical far-Right wackos, a source of legitimate ridiculing jokes from the Left, and makes TDCJ fools for swallowing such a big pig (CHART 13 in Chapters 7 & 10).

My *raison d'être* throughout is to give the most comprehensive document on how the **profession prison chaplaincy strives to be non-political** with as purely

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<sup>16</sup> Michael Hallett, Joshua Hays, Bryon 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.BaylorISR.org/wp-content/uploads/Jang-et-al.-IJOTCC-2019.pdf](http://www.BaylorISR.org/wp-content/uploads/Jang-et-al.-IJOTCC-2019.pdf), accessed 11-17-20. See **chapter 24** below.

a neutral focus advocating religious liberty, a critical component to facilitating authentic faith in the closed city of a prison, and how the only constitutional state-paid chaplaincy is the **opposite to the Prison Scam dominance** that Collier and 30 other state prisons have naïvely bought into, truly a Fools' Parade.

**b. 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.<sup>17</sup> I share his feeling. Today, liberty is a hot issue inside the partisan politics of both government 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:

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.”<sup>18</sup>

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.

In his book, 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. He documents how some in the far Left falsely accused him, too, and some have lied and tried to ruin his reputation but dare not face him in court. That is, part of *The Price of Principle's* purpose was to lay out his defense against several attacks on his standing for freedom of speech, honest defense, and the right to competent legal counsel. Savor this sad note in the context of a criminal case:

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<sup>17</sup> 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.).

<sup>18</sup> Dershowitz, *Price of Principles* (2022; 168 pp.), 12. I wish I could get Dershowitz to defend me.

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.<sup>19</sup>

I purposely 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. Dershowitz is my brother in defending religious liberty, and, again, I would like to copy his entire *The Price of Principles* right here—*everyone* should own it!

### c. 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*.<sup>20</sup> This is an expert look at Putin from a senior top-level 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 ■■■■■ 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, yet 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 and Russia's mindset assessing Russian threats. Woven into that expert exposure is a revelation of the DIA's and the international intelligence community's bureaucracy, not unlike TDCJ's, where some clueless "bean counters" make 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

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<sup>19</sup> Dershowitz, *Price of Principles* (2022; 168 pp.), 133, underline his.

<sup>20</sup> 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 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.

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.<sup>21</sup>

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?

#### **5. 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, 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 attorney or OIG investigator—boldly nefarious—**which tells the world that the TDCJ's **legal department was part of the coverup with then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell**, cleaning of contraband, and then after the *Book of Secrets*, Bell weaponized *his* OIG to investigate me as a "Terrorist Threat."<sup>22</sup> Now 75 experts and major news outlets have the facts on Dir. Collier's psychopaths counseling psychopaths.

#### **6. 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, TBCJ, Dir. Bryan Collier, the wardens earning parole 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

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<sup>21</sup> Koffler, *Putin's Playbook* (Regnery Gateway 2021; 432 pp.), 307.

<sup>22</sup> See my interview of TDCJ Computer Tech Shawn Wallace 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](http://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!**

- ✦ 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 **modelled** after the most controversy-ridden warden in U.S. history
- ✦ Collier empowered a **peer program** led by the Norwoods who did not value peerage in their own lives
- ✦ Polunsky Fiasco ex-warden Richard Alford writes *Tall Walls and High Fences ... Texas Prison Story* without directors of last 50 years and riddled with glaring cover ups and—shockingly—supporting civil rights abuses in 2020

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



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

**Do not blame** it all on Cain, for several naïve Evangelicals lost their senses. Cain sold it the 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 this which the latest incarnation of fantasies running off the cliff of sanity. If Collier is not nefarious, then **he is the naked King strutting before this Fools' Parade.**

Don't blame the chaplains, who are merely the fall guys *ordered* to pretend to supervise Collier's child torturers and rapists, each commissioned at graduations *by* Lt. Gov. Patrick, Dir. Collier, Sen. John Whitmire charging *their* torturer as **their Gospel minister** representing *them* and the wardens throughout the prison to the world. Make no mistake, the freedom of the child torturer 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 to transform its culture, and he rarely quotes anyone and depends upon his almost exclusive Evangelical audiences simply *believing* him.

I declare it **not God's will with all my heart**, but the *will* of Cain.

I am not so smart, so I reference over 2,600 persons from over 1,600 works, and I quote 100s. Opposition is everywhere. Simpler—TDCJ ordaining a child torturer to represent Collier and the wardens to spread their personal Christian **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 religion for 25 years, now topped with Collier's Field Minister child molesters**

representing him and wardens throughout the prison in a Fools' Parade.<sup>23</sup>

**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.

**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 over religion in TDCJ. The closer one gets and smells, the greater the stink of the dog-turd cookie factory. Hold your nose, because we are going to 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 and simply duped 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 25 categories in 25 chapters of cover ups and nefarious actions going back 25 years, many in the last 10 years. No one knows how long before that, and no one has looked. Also, the 25 chapters with over 580 sections, charts, principles, excurses, and the 1,600-plus sources **represent only a small number of the items** that apply to the prison chaplains' *profession*. Over 20 years ago, I put together a bibliography of 3,700 periodicals that are relevant to chaplains to complement a working bibliography of books.<sup>24</sup> Over 99 percent have *never* been addressed at a chaplaincy *training* in the last 25 years.

**7. 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

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<sup>23</sup> Michael G. Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (AuthorHouse, 2021), xxv.

<sup>24</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/Serials.htm](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/Serials.htm) and [/chaplaincy/Chaplaincy\\_Bibliography.htm](http://chaplaincy/Chaplaincy_Bibliography.htm).

rethink *prison* itself, especially in the light of TDCJ's failures these last 25 years 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, and we had no need for a chapter. For the very lucrative, like Prison 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 temptation to use 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 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 the average commissioner only spends 10 minutes on each decision by their own stats—a grave injustice.<sup>25</sup>



#### 8. "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 other states that **fantasize to indenture prisoners** to be gospel ministers for the **administrators' faiths** while lying about neutrality.

*Prison Scam* or *Fools' Parade* are the same thing, the latter merely mocking, and throughout we make the most extended case that:

#### **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 image 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 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 symbiotic part of our society**, not a separate or auxiliary or absent part. The fact is that 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

<sup>25</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf), seen in **Appendix The Last**.

nefariousness. Collier's cover-up culture mirrors Angola and most prisons—especially as Collier *models* TDCJ's religious oversight after the strangest most controversy-ridden warden in history. **Prison covers up because they can**, and 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, the **Prison Scam contributes to alienating society that is in a symbiotic relationship with the prisons**. Our responsibility—society's responsibility—to our prisons merit this book as more than a literature review of 1,000-plus critical books linked herein. **Until prison is open and honest and seen as society's prison**, our responsibility, **we will not see real change in the prison culture**. Clearly, the documented nefariousness for the last 25 years indicates much more nefariousness behind the scenes in TDCJ, and so in at least the 30 other prisons that have bought into 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 innocent, mostly, and scammed and conned 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. We saddle the Prison Scam to TDCJ's horse of **25 years of nefarious treatment to religion**, many using the chaplaincy for selfish ends, unbelievable and—as we build—repeated nefariousness time and again *after* exposure.

Warden Burl Cain's Global Prison Seminaries Foundation Fantasy Land 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 importance of **SBC Baptists**. Note their very name: Global Prison **Seminaries Foundation—plural—their target** is far from any kind of pluralism in its repeated public 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 nefarious cover ups for ten years.

**Baylor University** has been 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 SWBTS, for the horde of nefariousness we unload here after 10 years of the Prison Scam in TDCJ, 20 years in Angola, and spreading like ants on bread to 30 other states.

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 how a horde of nefarious actions in RPD and other divisions affect **officer attrition** and **offender recidivism** and more, including how Collier’s and Patrick’s cultural Dominionism *brutalize* TDCJ’s mission.

If in RPD, how *many* TDCJ divisions are *as* nefarious? **How Many?**

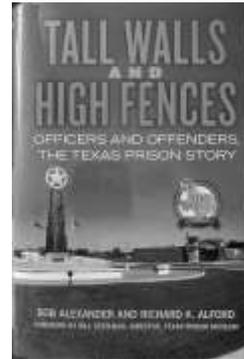
After the *Book of Secrets* in 2013, TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell weaponized OIG to investigate *me* as “Terrorist Threat” for blowing the whistle on **HIS cleaning of contraband** coming into the Polunsky Prison for six years **with the wardens’ full knowledge**.<sup>26</sup> The Polunsky Fiasco could be a movie, even a Divine Comedy of incredulity, and—yes—certainly another *Blacklist* episode.

#### **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*, walls to keep people out and from knowing the truth, walls to shield the nefarious like Alford’s violations during the Polunsky Fiasco in the *Book of Secrets*.

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



\*\* “Coward” used carefully, seriously, my observation, though most also did much *worse* in impunity: see Excursus 7.

<sup>26</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), and documented lies by then Warden Richard K. Alford, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).

A few times, Alexander and Alford show academics as categorically naïve, childish, and 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 the officers IS their 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 and remind the public of how dangerous prison is. Texas and TDCJ have many fine courageous officers, and I've known many.

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.<sup>27</sup> They covered up for their hero Beto, failing to mention he was under indictment when he retired.

**Their clearest and most significant cover up is their twisting of Judge William Wayne Judge Justice.** They make snide remarks, accuse of naïveté, and quote only Justice’s critics. Without saying explicitly—as I heard some old hands in the 1990s—they **insinuate the loss of Building Tenders was a bad idea.** 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—how Beto’s biographer (that they used) defended that if Beto had been involved in the lawsuits that followed his retirement, that Beto himself 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 of the 12 volumes in the North Texas University series.

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<sup>27</sup> 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.

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*. They do not say or insinuate that Judge Justice was crooked, just that he was a naïve Liberal. With that, they made another fatal error that will be obvious to readers: **in their stigmatizing of Judge Justice without** documenting crookedness, **they also supported the vast civil rights violations** that were well-documented pieces of Texas prison history even in the sources they used but—again—did not think worthy enough to quote.

Richard K. Alford and Bill Stephens’ *Tall Walls* is critical here, for this book of mine is about many civil rights abuses, including those by Alford himself as he was protected by his boss Stephens during the Polunsky Fiasco.

They gave the criminal history of David R. Ruiz, as though his 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.<sup>28</sup> The rodeo had more details than their twisting of the Ruiz class action! In the end, this was an *us-versus-them* account on heroic officers that face vicious criminals. It was written to pat fellow wardens on the back. On their diction, I leave for others to joke about.

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 the leaders of TDCJ—like Richard K. Alford and Bill Stephens—supported Civil Rights abuses. And Alford and Stephens were central in the Polunsky Fiasco.

***Tall Walls* chucks the reforms of the last decades**, the greatest fault of *their* Texas *prison story*, highlighting the good officers. The greatest parts of all prison histories are the reforms, and **Alford covered up all of them.** 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 in Texas in 1848.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Alexander & Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences* (2020; 608 pp.), 297–299, and few other times.

<sup>29</sup> Among the historians they referenced but did not quote corruption from, and the historians left out—some  
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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. That is, the

***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 forced to retire instead of me. 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 contraband? But Collier's and the TBCJ's cover-up culture allowed all.

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 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 corrected on that note in Alford's *Tall Walls***, for despite its cover ups, *Tall Walls supports me*—another sick irony—for as Alford outlined, truly **psychopathic and psychotic criminals do hide their evil well.**

Why didn't Bryan Collier write their foreword? Did they ask him? Why are Collier and several other directors not mentioned? Intriguing. In many ways, retired directors Bill Stephens and Richard K. Alford played Bob Alexander in their outstanding example of **defending civil rights violations in *Tall Walls***, just as they **played Collier in their culture that Collier has yet to know.**<sup>30</sup>

**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

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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.

<sup>30</sup> Alexander & Alford, *Tall Walls and High Fences*, foreword by Bill Stephens (2020; 608 pp.).

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!<sup>31</sup> 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 at 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 cleaning of contraband** and a host of policy violations, I wrote more books, the *Book of Secrets II*, the formidable *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*, and then the 2019 lampoon *TDCJ Deep State Report*, volumes 4–6 in the Defense Series. Collier and *his* TBCJ were all silence of the lambs.

**Listen to the interview** where **Chairman Bell personally supervised the Polunsky Fiasco contraband cleaning** in collusion with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar.<sup>32</sup> OIG did nothing, and when Inspector General Bruce Toney retired, his man Chris Love involved in the Polunsky Fiasco and signing off on the Terrorist Threat investigation is promoted to Inspector General. And years later, Dunbar is promoted to director of 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 being able to help, through nuances in the trial, we see more and more the guilt of the hospital. The black doctor sympathizes with Newman who appears beaten, with this almost certain loss nailing more stakes into the coffin of his already 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 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 judge has been *favoring* the hospital defendants 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*

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<sup>31</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf).

<sup>32</sup> TDCJ computer tech Shawn Wallace tells about a Nov. 2012 meeting of Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar ordering **contraband cleaned** that took Wallace’s team **four weeks** to complete, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/08-Shawn-Wallace-TDCJ-Info-Officer-08-16-2013.MP3](http://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 contraband. Who cleans contraband? Violators were cleared, and all were promoted after, including the Upshaw, Dunbar, the wardens, Reg. Chaplain Vance Drum, and Wallace.

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

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

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

"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.** The only reason to continue for 10 years, sometimes hoping for restitution or repatriation, was because for 20 years I had worked with many courageous and honorable men and women in TDCJ. I believed. That belief impelled. I repeat again: this is *not—is not!*—merely about the Prison Scam scamming Evangelicals, about the Scam being against all we know about corrections and psychology and religion. **Not that simple.** If, if, *if* you dear reader only see the heinous elements of the Scam's Fools' Parade alone and miss the worst, you will have failed to grasp the depth of the protracted nefariousness. You will miss the critical link to the **Polunsky Fiasco** and the horde of preceding **nefarious actions 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, a staff raping a prisoner, or what? What caused cowardly wardens under Upshaw with TBCJ Chairmen Oliver Bell and Marvin Dunbar to **clean contraband**, clear all, and then Bryan Collier supported their promotions.

I repeat *Michael Upshaw* and *Marvin Dunbar* many times throughout this to inculcate the nuances of the *their* nefariousness upon the TDCJ mission—and their sycophants—how what they continued to do for years is an **integral part of the systemic failure** inextricably linked to more cover ups that opened the path for the Prison Scam in Collier's cover-up culture within the underbelly of TDCJ, most of which is outside of Collier's ability to see. In other words, **Collier has facilitated a culture he is not fully a part of.** The Polunsky Fiasco and the previous six volumes are clear *facts* of a systemic nefariousness and

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 nefariousness embedded in the TDCJ underbelly culture going back at least 25 years.

In other words, if I was stronger and younger, I could have spent another year refining this. But this is the best as I could do. Most of the chaplains are innocent. The general staff deserve better honor. The prisoners deserve fair treatment. Not only is the Prison Scam a failure filled with cover ups that others *saw* and kept quiet about, 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 of the **longest cover up in TDCJ history**. And Marvin Dunbar was lastly promoted to director of TDCJ's compliance division to keep the horde of cover ups secret. Missing that will be another great failure of the TBCJ in the Fools' Parade.

Who Is Scamming Whom? Who knows? Who cares?

This and the Polunsky Fiasco alone in the *Book of Secret* compose 1,600 pages. All seven volumes of the Defense Series now come to 3,000 pages in them alone and are linked to many other documents and letters I sent over the last 10 years on the Fiasco and the last 25 years on chaplaincy. Herein are referenced another 1,600-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 truly ignorant—end the scamming of Evangelicals and hear the clarion call for TDCJ to come of age in honor and 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*, then 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, 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.”<sup>33</sup>

**What follows is my story**, a perilous and costly one, and cost 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 RPD Dir. Carl Jefferies went rogue and nefarious.

Was I speaking to the whirlwind? “Never give up” I told prisoners for 20 years. This is the best I could do in the time I had. Alone. I was set up for whistleblowing. The ugly nefarious dishonor of several sick ones in TDCJ resonate, many retired now, and several enjoying promotions for covering up.

**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 not been merely deliberately indifferent—worse than lazy—they have been *nefariously* crooked and selfish. They *cleaned contraband*, returned the cleaned contraband to the violators, then promoted the violators while the TBCJ has remained silent like baby lambs on the Polunsky Fiasco and other nefariousness to this day!

**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 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 flop study—hear ye—real criminologists agree with me:

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<sup>33</sup> 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.”

**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 *primarily* influenced by the staff who *run* or *fail* to run the prison, the good, the bad, or the ugly staff. That is opposite to Warden Burl Cain's assertion that "they changed ... so we changed,"<sup>34</sup> which is utter ***Bullshit!***\*\*

That is 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.

**Title "When Prison Scams Religion"** refers to all prisons with TDCJ *the* case study saddled to Collier's model of Cain at Angola. Most of this is rooted in Christian Nationalists and **Dominionists** who wrongly believe America was founded as a Christian nation and **want Christians to rule the nation!**—leading TDCJ are Bryan Collier and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick in their Dominionist overreach. Whether consciously or not—does not matter—their actions and speeches 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, the **prison should not endorse the truth of any religion** or aid in scamming Evangelicals for money. Soon, you will see the Scam has grown into a self-feeding monster and 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 that span 25 years of abuse of the prison chaplaincy profession.

**Who Is Scamming Whom?**—sometimes 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 23 "Four Faith Purchases in the Prison Scam" and CHART 24 "Four Areas that Faith Should Not Affect." I was persecuted for being the first TDCJ employee to blow the whistle and was forced to retire early. **The Prison Scam is an integral part of Collier's executive culture of cover up that wants prisoners to do the officers' jobs—to do the director's job—that runs against all we know about prison,**

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<sup>34</sup> Appendix I, used by Cain in most speeches, and Grove Norwood quotes Warden Cain there too.

\*\* ***Bullshit*** was hard for me to use, knowing many 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.

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, which hurt a lot. Then I realized I was not as others kept silent for fear, mostly. Fear is appropriate in prison and plays a huge role that criminologists are still figuring. Prison is no place for staff to be cowards or of weak characters—especially the nefarious, like Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, and a few others in TDCJ named herein. Perhaps Bryan Collier, too: judge the data. When a staffer is promoted *after* his nefarious affairs are exposed, and even *after* his cover up is exposed, **that affects both officer attrition and offender recidivism**.

I was forced by my conscience to do this, a 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, unsolved mystery to this day. Polunsky Fiasco was so insane, even the prisoners knew. When I said to one of the murderers that the warden *must* sign off on *all* of this in *writing* for it be okay, the murderer said, "No warden will sign off on that." He was a *reasonable* murderer and *knew*.

**Religion Valuable?** The underbelly of TDCJ is cut open here. If religion is the greatest value on earth and in Texas, with Christianity in the majority, then the multitude of documented nefarious dealings for 25 years in RPD over religion *means* there are **abuses of policies in other divisions** of TDCJ. With the nefariousness documented in RPD, the next two questions are obvious:

1. **Which division is worse, the *most* nefarious?**
2. **How many more divisions are *as* nefarious as RPD?**

If anyone believes the promotion of RPD 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.** Collier is too busy to read, 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.

**"Prison Scam"** refers throughout to the *whole enchilada*, from Angola and Texas to other states and whoever else is contemplating the Fools' Parade of seeking donor money to train prisoner preachers 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 contraband, destruction of evidence, obstruction of justice, and that includes how a cowardly warden forced me to retire. And **how can the OIG investigate** if the TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell himself personally supervises the cleaning of contraband, that included the destruction evidence—the life-sentenced murderers' encrypted hard drive—then watch Upshaw get promoted?

**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.<sup>35</sup>

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

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<sup>35</sup> 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.).

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 RPD directors of RPD do not read, have no history in rehab before they were promoted, have not written an analysis, hate those who do**, and love covering up—that's the history since Carl Jefferies—and the longest serving RPD *manager* Marvin Dunbar was the epitome of self-serving sycophancy, often just dumb, his many violations in the *TDCJ Deep State Report*. 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, cover up violators of policy**, and have many times given promotions to those who violated policy. Plus, **many in TDCJ hate academics**, and no better proof is Alford and Stephens' *Tall Walls*, who put their disgust of academics into print for all to see, ironically fooling an esteemed academic publisher too.

#### **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*. Within days of arriving, I began to correct many 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 wardens with high-security cameras could see the windows covered and that Chaplain Collier allowed this for years. In July 2012, I tried to see *then* Dep. Exec. Dir. Bryan Collier. Warden Richard K. Alford harassed and mocked me for protesting security violations, as he protected his policy-violating Chaplain David Collier, the most cowardly thing I observed in my 20 years with TDCJ.

**I mark each time the Polunsky Fiasco relates to a nuance throughout this book, 100s of times, in related nefariousness and cover ups.**

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.<sup>36</sup> 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 25 years—purposely hiding. Interestingly and 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 and founder of Igor Institute Aren Kaser said something *no prison* in U.S. can say for a single month: “Retention is almost 100 percent. Finding that sort of talent is the hardest.”<sup>37</sup>

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 25-plus years, the legacy of the TBCJ** and of late 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.<sup>38</sup> TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, CID Dir. Bill Stephens, Reg. I Michael Upshaw, and Warden Richard K. Alford did *not* want to decrypt life-sentenced murderers’ illegitimately encrypted data on contraband computers!<sup>39</sup>

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

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<sup>36</sup> *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](http://www.Inc.com/inc5000/2022).

<sup>37</sup> *Inc.* staff, “Portrait of the American Entrepreneur by the Numbers,” *Inc.* (Sept. 2022; 53–65): 65.

<sup>38</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*

What was on those computers? Soon after the evidence was destroyed and other contraband cleaned, Upshaw was promoted to deputy director; Polunsky Warden Richard K. Alford to region 1 director, replacing Upshaw; Lewis Prison Warden Gary Hunter who falsified the last disciplinary on me was promoted to Polunsky; my old silent friend, Region 1 Chaplain Vance Drum was promoted to director of chaplains; even computer tech Shawn Wallace who cleaned the contraband was promoted. 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."<sup>40</sup> Dunbar was promoted to deputy of the RPD and then over TDCJ's compliance division. **Polunsky Fiasco remains unsolved today, the longest cover up in TDCJ history**, woven through all the six previous volumes in the Defense Series, bedrock to this seventh volume. **I was forced to retire early** because I did not have the fortitude to endure harassment and watch the lying incompetent Chaplain David Collier be protected by the wardens like a pet.

Revolutionary—it truly would be, if a million-dollar grant-funded study could be done in 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 wardens and their bosses so 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 hurt.

**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 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.

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<sup>40</sup> 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](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf).

**Seems impossible for many to believe**, and that is why I spent over a 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 hid, 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, Shawn Wallace, the TDCJ computer tech, **testifies to the cabal of Oliver Bell, Michael Upshaw, and Marvin Dunbar** ordering the cleaning of contraband, and Wallace spent four weeks cleaning the contraband.<sup>41</sup> **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!**<sup>42</sup> 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 evidence**—destroyed history—in the **RPD 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? And kill my career?

Then, after the exposures, all involved were promoted, Upshaw to deputy director, Alford to Upshaw’s place as region 1 director, the Gib Lewis Warden Gary Hunter who falsified the previous disciplinary on me to Polunsky, Region 1 Chaplain Vance Drum to director of chaplains, the Polunsky assistant wardens to senior wardens, Dunbar to RPD deputy, and even the lead computer tech Shawn Wallace tasked with supervising the contraband cleaning was promoted. Couple years later, after OIG Bruce Toney retired, Chris Love who was involved in the “terrorist” investigation of *me* was promoted to full Inspector General. **Former TBCJ Chairmen Allan Polunsky and Dale Wainwright did nothing.** Then Dunbar is promoted to director of TDCJ’s entire compliance division.

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

Who Is Scamming Whom? Who believes Bryan Collier knew *nothing*? That is a critical link to the depth of the TDCJ underbelly.

I pursued open record requests for the OIG investigation, and was repeatedly

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<sup>41</sup> 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](http://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.

<sup>42</sup> Ibid. ^^ Everyone in the world should hear this interview, the underbelly is clear as sunshine.



told nothing was responsive; finally, 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 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 there someone violating more than 75 policies a day for years?

**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. Is RPD the worst policy-violating division? **Who knows which division is? Not Collier.**

**Who Is Scamming Whom?** 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 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 cover up of a load of history **filled with nefarious dealings** and stupidity. 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 controversy-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. Reisig, and George F. Cole's *American Corrections*, 12th Edition, a massive refined work and perhaps the best college text for Corrections 101.<sup>43</sup> Imagine the work that went into that. Glance at the other criminology and sociology Titans quoted herein, including Baylor Professor Byron R. Johnson proving the value of religion in his Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR).<sup>44</sup> Of 100s 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 of less value 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.<sup>45</sup>

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 footnote links and how they *documented* some programs had *zero evidence* of progress.<sup>46</sup> Look at that! When *asked*, their "evidence" showed several programs made zero difference! How many other divisions destroy evidence with OIG

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<sup>43</sup> Todd R. Clear, Michael D. Reisig, 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. Reisig is professor of criminology and criminal justice at Arizona State University, and he was previously he 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.

<sup>44</sup> See [www.BaylorISR.org](http://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.

<sup>45</sup> 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.

<sup>46</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/bfd/FY\\_2022-23\\_LAR.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/bfd/FY_2022-23_LAR.pdf). Compare 12 years of stats, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Stats-12yrs.pdf](http://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.

support as did Richard K. Alford, Marvin Dunbar, and TBCJ 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? Just this year, 2021, TDCJ backed off and will now *allow* a spiritual advisor to be *with* a man as he is *executed*. We give the details later. The point we pound here is that TDCJ's admin in legal counsel did more work on preventing a spiritual advisor than they did for *both* (1) the attempt to kill chaplaincy *and* in (2) the contracting the Prison Scam with the Norwood in 2010. Grab a hold of that.

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 RPD 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.**<sup>47</sup> Dunbar chose to contrive a disciplinary. In that disciplinary hearing over an old email, he *harassed* me for my letter. Laughably, he had not even read it as we sat. Then he wrote the disciplinary so incompetently TDCJ's own disciplinary office rejected it. That was the beginning of retaliation for exposing the nefariousness within the

1. The Faith-Based Housing,
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 of seeking Evangelical donors to indenture prisoners to represent the director and wardens as Christian missionaries.

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<sup>47</sup> Maness, Faith-Based Housing Letter 2011, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf).

All that was exposed in my Faith-Based Housing letter in 2011, as I exposed the **ordered exponential increase in Protestant dominance with a Baptist hegemony in chaplaincy affairs**. It has continued in the Fools' Parade led by a Naked King. Chaplaincy was being exploited to forward Baptist dominance, and I—as a longtime Baptist with degrees from the all the institutions involved—saw my own alma maters duped with the slaying of the chaplaincy.

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 to support crooks, *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, ended without so much as a snivel (see chapter 12.A). Kill chaplaincy and replace it with the Prison Scam fueling the Fools' Parade and leave understaffed prisons to fend for themselves until RPD could rehire volunteer coordinators. Dir. Collier will deny that, and TDCJ has destroyed the original contract with HOTF too. **The horrid fact is that at the very same time TDCJ approved both the Prison Scam and the death of chaplaincy!** All in veritable secrecy, because they knew many would not like either: the Scam because of it *is* a scam, filled with problems, and the killing of chaplaincy because it supports honest freedom of religion.

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.<sup>48</sup> No one in TDCJ admits the killing was a ploy, like they cover up other nefarious dealings for a decade before 2010 and continuing to 2022. Dir. Collier's cover-up culture is recalcitrant.

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

**Bryan Collier Cannot Not Be Stupid.** So, he must be either duped or in collusion with the nefarious ones. In the light of this book, Collier *knew* in 2010 and *knows today* no legal department would concede to the constitutionality of the Prison Scam, and Collier never asked.<sup>49</sup> Ask Allan Polunsky and Dale Wainwright, for it is *inconceivable* that Collier did not exchange *words* with his legal department *prior* to his 2010 paid vacation to Angola and fireside chat with Warden Burl Cain who brags about *not* asking lawyers.

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<sup>48</sup> 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](http://www.preciousheart.net/Saved).

<sup>49</sup> 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](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-No-Memo.pdf).

**Two Reasons to Kill Chaplaincy.** RPD Director Madeline Ortiz sanctioned the killing of chaplaincy in 2010 for two reasons said a confidential source revealed: **ONE**, to cover up and clean the slate of her predecessors Carl Jefferies and Debbie Roberts in their nefarious dealings and their hiring of managers from Don Kiel to Marvin Dunbar that have devastated chaplaincy with unethical hiring practices and often self-serving decisions; and **TWO**, to replace it with the Prison Scam that would allow the RPD to again bloat with volunteer coordinators not dedicated to religion and more dedicated to cattle driving TDCJ's 20,000-plus religious volunteers. They zero concern for the understaffed prisons that would force the use of correctional rank to supervise volunteers. Collier's cover-up culture that he inherited—and floats upon—is just the tip of the iceberg, the underbelly subculture that runs Collier.

#### **F. Science Builds on Science—Socrates & Astrophysicists**

The inimitable and powerful 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. This amazing piece culminated his life as it was finished and published 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 him, and for these reasons.

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.<sup>50</sup>

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

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<sup>50</sup> I. F. Stone (1907–1989) *The Trial of Socrates* (Little, Brown, 1988; Anchor, 1989; 304 pp.), 212–214, bold mine, a best-seller translated into 18 languages. 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 1980 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 fifty years, what progress has TDCJ made? Who will write? No one today is even interested in an honest history, or capable of writing** the true history of chaplaincy. How much *other* data and history is deleted along with the contraband cleaning history of the Polunsky Fiasco? How badly did RPD Director 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. 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 runs him? **To all and *insure* no one can write an honest history, God help us, but the sociologically *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.

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.<sup>51</sup>

Like most of the world, I can appreciate where we have come in understanding the universe. It is nice to have books like theirs that bring their expertise down in language regular folks can understand, appreciate, and marvel. TDCJ has not valued education in RPD in 25 years, perhaps 50, not since Beto.

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 the story as the beginning of "freedom" itself. He notes the scarcity of the documents they followed, including Philo (20 B.C.–A.D. 50) who DeMille said wrote at the time of Jesus and Josephus (37–100) who wrote in the generation after Jesus. What is extraordinarily relevant here and very sad is that DeMille mentioned what historians have lamented for thousands of years, that Philo and Josephus had access to **documents that have long since perished**. Thankfully, we *do have* Philo and Josephus. But TDCJ destroys critical history by a schedule.

Professor Carl Sagan said in *Cosmos* the brain's complication is in the 100 billion neurons' electrical switching, as many 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 elegant description.

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.<sup>52</sup>

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 on voluntary contributions. I think **the health of our civilization, the depth**

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<sup>51</sup> 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.

<sup>52</sup> Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*, new foreword by Neil deGrasse Tyson, introduction by Ann Druyan (New York: Ballantine, 2013, 1st 1980; 396 pp.), 292.

**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.<sup>53</sup>**

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.”<sup>54</sup>** TDCJ needs a History Division tasked with *preservation* in such a way that *facilitates* historians for the future. Until then, TDCJ and Collier’s cover-up culture destroys critical cultural history, destroys evidence as in the Polunsky Fiasco, and then has the gall to advertise its lie about utilizing “evidence-based” programs for decades. A Fools’ Parade ... to any 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.<sup>56</sup> Therein, you will see the **heartbeat of what we want in all**

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.<sup>55</sup>

**wardens**, 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.<sup>57</sup> There are very few wardens like him in

<sup>53</sup> Carl Sagan, *Cosmos* (2013, 1st 1980; 396 pp.), 292, bold mine.

<sup>54</sup> 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.

<sup>55</sup> Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 2.

<sup>56</sup> 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.).

<sup>57</sup> 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]

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 anymore, honestly anyway. As a sad result, some TDCJ senior wardens can nearly administrate without contact with a prisoner, and most near retirement do. Some wardens can 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 *ordered* shined and picked up later. Neat.

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 changed the culture—the prison culture was his Job #1.**

When will we see Brad Livingston's and Bryan Collier's memoirs? Their Hearts? **Responsibility of prison culture is the director's job #1**, enormous, more than most free-world persons can conceive. The attraction of Warden Burl Cain is that he made Angola seem like child's play: he even told 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.<sup>58</sup>

Of all the wardens I knew, I only met few who could have written those great

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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.).

<sup>58</sup> Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 239, bold mine.

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 society flushed its shit through.**” His view was shared by several, some today, for several still have no feeling for the vision of TDCJ’s written mission. No better recent proof of that attitude can be found than hot-off-the-press recently retired TDCJ prison directors Richard K. Alford and Bill Stephens’s *Tall Walls* that views the Texas prison story essentially as a “toilet” that is flushed by honorable and 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 prisoner 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 leadership experts.<sup>59</sup>

## 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).<sup>60</sup> 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—they 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.<sup>61</sup> Routledge is owned by T&F under the Informa

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<sup>59</sup> 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).

<sup>60</sup> 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*.

<sup>61</sup> See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor\\_%26\\_Francis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taylor_%26_Francis), accessed 6-20-20.

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 Princeton, Cambridge, Chicago, Norton, Wiley, and a few others. Truly, the time is very ripe for a handbook of the many handbooks/encyclopedias that gives an overview and an update on all of the specialized journals available (and those ceased) in criminology and the sociology of 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 would 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? Even a ranking may be unethical. Among them are a few that all the others 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 typical of top-flight scholarly articles, each expert has referenced dozens of sources. In that book's 25 articles alone, there are about 500-plus references to other experts.

Criminological literature is profound and prolific and growing. I broadcast that from the rooftops, because 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.<sup>62</sup> TDCJ has not even written a single page in 25 years *explaining* what *evidence* they used to start any program. Where is RPD’s research? Instead, they try to hide the *evidence*, and RPD goes to great lengths to make research difficult or impossible.

Kleinig chose for his *Correctional Ethics* a manifold 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.<sup>63</sup> This exquisite article articulates a lot of the chaplain’s purview, and I had studied “character” in depth for another book I wrote in 2010.<sup>64</sup> I came across Kleinig’s *Correctional Ethics* in preparation for this book. It captivated me, for ethics itself has held a special interest to me. I gave two decades to the writing of my magnum opus, *Would You Lie to Save a Life?*, that dealt with the conflict between God’s foreknowledge, providence, and that issue of free will in crises and even in the most perilous times of a living hell on earth.<sup>65</sup>

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, and Ryan Hawk’s new *The Pursuit of Excellence* and Thomas J. Peters and Robert H. Waterman’s now

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<sup>62</sup> I asked. See 12 years of stats, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Stats-12yrs.pdf](http://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.

<sup>63</sup> 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.

<sup>64</sup> Maness, *Character Counts: Freemasonry Is a National Treasure and a Source of Our Founders’ Constitutional Original Intent* (2010: 448pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/). For that, I assembled a list of 31 lists of character traits/virtues from 31 leaders or orgs, [www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/Character.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/Character.pdf). Leading the way today is the Josephson Institute, [www.JosephsonInstitute.org](http://www.JosephsonInstitute.org) and its [www.CharacterCounts.org](http://www.CharacterCounts.org). The most stunning work on character is without doubt Christopher Peterson and Martin E. P. Seligman, *Character Strengths and Virtues: A Handbook and Classification* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004; 816p.).

<sup>65</sup> 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/](http://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.).

classic *In Search of Excellence*—among a vast host of *such* books like Kouzes and Posner’s magnificent *The Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done* we touch later (Chap 8.E).<sup>66</sup> In contrast to those and 100 like them, you will see the **opposite of the pursuit of excellence in TDCJ** in the 800 pages below, full of the nefarious, and much more between the lines.

This is most comprehensive look at the *nefarious* use of religion in prison.

I close my preface with Kipling’s poem, **IF**, which has been considered Britain’s poem and a favorite of the 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 of the scholars 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 15,000 good TDCJ 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

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<sup>66</sup> 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).

And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
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! <sup>67</sup>

**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 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 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* ...

Michael G. Maness, 2022



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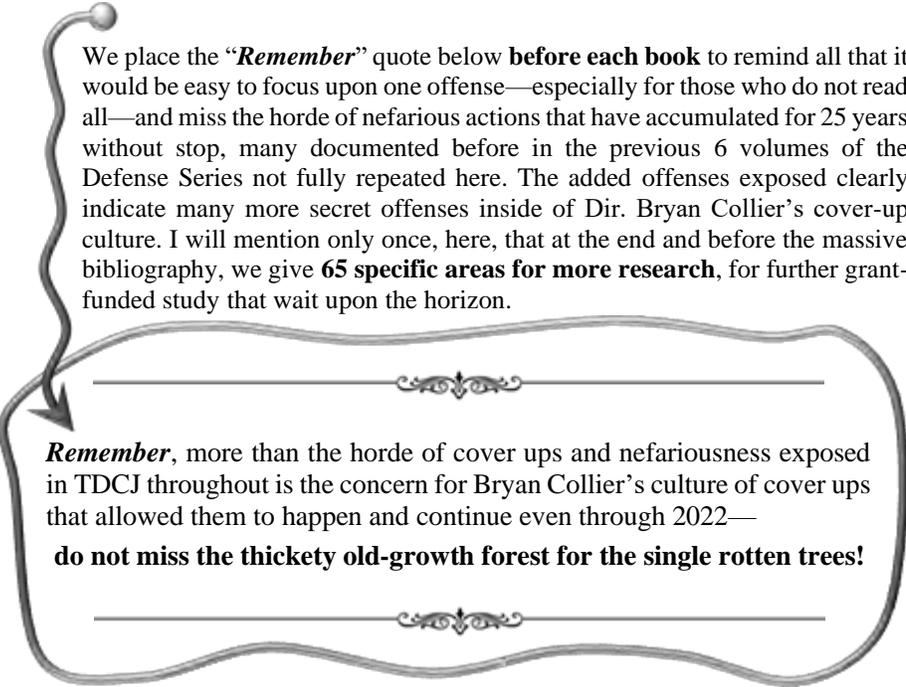
<sup>67</sup> “If” in Rudyard Kipling (1865–1936), *Rewards and Fairies* (Doubleday, 1916, 1st 1910; 356 pp.), 181–182. Do see Christopher Benfey’s exquisite *IF: The Untold Story of Kipling’s American Years* (New York: Penguin, 2019; 256 pp.), on Kipling’s ten years in America 1889–1899, “If” being one is 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.

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### Miscellaneous Caveats

**Child Torturer?** Part of the problem of offense 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, so I could not provide a study of that too. Why does child torture seem more hideous than murder? I shall leave that for the psychologists and philosophers to diagnose. There is an existential pain that a child torturer conjures, as in a combination of innocence and protracted pain that wreaks havoc with our consciences as *exceedingly* evil. The reality is that though physically scared *the child lived*, and so the *torture* was less than *murder*. Let this sit well: we pound and inculcate this throughout, lest one get caught up in the other offenses or lines of thought. This Fools' Parade includes the fact that **TDCJ has ordained the 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 prison in Texas. We explain other problems, but note that for ten years the executive office has praised this reversal of morality.

**Repeat.** One criticism could 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. Those do not add much space to the horde of exposés, and I felt impelled to connect them to fresh exposés. Also, since few will read all, those emphasize the infamy of *repeated* nefariousness. Whoever does read all, I trust they will see the relevance of inculcating the protracted nefariousness in impunity for 25 years.



We place the “**Remember**” quote below **before each book** to remind all that it would be easy to focus upon one offense—especially for those who do not read all—and miss the horde of nefarious actions that have accumulated for 25 years without stop, many documented before in the previous 6 volumes of the Defense Series not fully repeated here. The added offenses exposed clearly indicate many more secret offenses inside of Dir. Bryan Collier’s cover-up culture. I will mention only once, here, that at the end and before the massive bibliography, we give **65 specific areas for more research**, for further grant-funded study that wait upon the horizon.

**Remember**, more than the horde of cover ups and nefariousness exposed in TDCJ throughout is the concern for Bryan Collier’s culture of cover ups that allowed them to happen and continue even through 2022—

**do not miss the thickety 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.<sup>68</sup>

Professor Emeritus John Kleinig

### **Historical Introduction: TDCJ's Vengeance, Cover Ups, and Fairness**

As I finished this book, *Texas Monthly* published “Who Killed Criminal Justice Reform?” by Christopher Hooks, whose lead sentence or 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 of free-world reform, including this observation.

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*.<sup>69</sup>

That very well sums the quagmire in TDCJ today 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 2001, RPD Dir. Carl Jefferies’ vengeance cut chaplaincy by a third in 2003, killing 50 chaplains’ careers. After I won 25 chaplains back in 2007, and exposed more nefariousness along way, in vengeance RPD Dir. Madeline Ortiz attempted to kill the entire chaplaincy in 2010 zero-budgeting it *at the same time* they signed contracts with Grove Norwood for the Prison Scam modelled on Cain’s Angola *while* Angola medical malpractice wreaked havoc on prisoner civil rights. We fought in Austin from January thru March of 2011 and won. Then in a vengeful spirit, Marvin Dunbar ordered all prisons to start Faith-Based Housing without any help and short-staffed—make more **Protestant bricks** with no more straw. After my 50-page Faith-Based Housing letter in late 2011, Michael Upshaw in vengeance pursued me with disciplinaries, ending my 20-year career at the Gib Lewis Prison, forcing me to Polunsky. When I blew the whistle, Warden Richard Alford’s vengeance forced me to retire way too early. I documented madly.

The **Polunsky Fiasco** was a nightmare *I lived* in the face of cowardly wardens and remains the greatest credentialing key to unraveling many mysteries

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<sup>68</sup> 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*.

<sup>69</sup> 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*.

of the cover-up culture in TDCJ. Though *this* book's credibility can stand alone, it stands upon the previous six volumes, capping over 25 years of abuse of power.

### Three Critical Questions on Nefariousness in TDCJ Divisions!

1. With RPD proven guilty for 25 years, how many divisions are *as* nefarious?
2. How many TDCJ divisions are *worse*? OIG? Maintenance? Logistics?
3. With ex-RPD 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—see how the totality of the 100s of nefarious dealings documented herein reveal 1,000s more between the lines, and how all affect both **officer attrition** and **offender recidivism** to the tune of 100s of millions of dollars lost on training of officers and in more crime in RPD failures in rehab. Add to this the *fantasy of ministry* in using psychopaths to counsel psychopaths and other prisoners with unchecked personality disorders.

We are in a war today for the best ways to rehabilitate prisoners, a task the best of us have been working at for two centuries in America, from the times of complete silence and forced penance to today. The intelligentsia in criminology has grown mostly in the last 75 years analyzing every facet, yet rarely been a part of the nitty-gritty overseeing the prison. The gulf between the experts studying 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, the rule over the exception, we have politicians hiring administrators more than hiring 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 ... likes of Frederick the Great. But in general, the Prussian regime army was a slow and unwieldy mess of disgruntled and terrorized soldiers led by **untrained and unimaginative aristocrats**. Not surprisingly, 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.<sup>70</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> Andrew R. Wilson, *Masters of War: History's Greatest Strategic Thinkers* (Chantilly, VA: The Great Courses, 2002; 2 CDs, 24 lectures), desk 4, lecture 8, bold mine. Wilson is a professor of strategy and policy at the U.S. Navy [continued on next page]

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.<sup>71</sup>

If in RPD, then is RPD the worst division? Which division is the worst?

### B. What Is It? – Summary of the Prison Scam

TDCJ’s June 2019 *Criminal Justice Connections* online newsletter gave an informative small article summing the essence of the seminary program on the graduation of 34 more Field Ministers with key points in the history. The newsletter rarely reports any news and is essentially a public relations tool and 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**

War college and the John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, has lectured all over the world in two dozen 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*.

<sup>71</sup> Warden Lawes (1883–1947), *Twenty Thousand Years in Sing Sing* (1932; 412 pp.), 3.

**Jesus 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.*]<sup>72</sup>

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 and chaplains. In order of appearance in two newspapers, here are nine, one child torturer, five murderers, an attempted murderer, and two serious assaulters.

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

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

<sup>72</sup> TDCJ, *Criminal Justice Connections* (June 2019), [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/connections/-articles/20190600\\_darrington.html](http://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.

**In Fiscal Year 2011 ... nearly the same stats for last 30 years**

**125 TDCJ Chaplains Facilitated, facilitated 99.8% of  
20,000 Volunteers in their 418,000 visits with  
500,000 hours donated with an astounding  
4,000,000 prisoners in attendance—PLUS  
19,602 Critical Illness/Death Notices, and more**<sup>1925</sup>

2011, at the *same time* and mostly *in secret* TDCJ started the Prison Scam and attempted to kill the entire chaplaincy department, the chaplains facilitated all of the above and very much more—hidden for 25 years—contributing to every mission-critical function of the agency more than any other RPD program, and perhaps contributes more than all the other programs in RPD combined. For ten years now, the Prison Scam has scammed both Evangelical donors and the vulnerable prisoners involved, while at the same time TDCJ allowed a horde of nefarious abuse to many to go unchecked. Who cleans contraband?



1926



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<sup>1925</sup> Maness, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011: Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers and Their Chaplains*, forewords by Jerry A. Madden, former chair of the Texas House Committee on Corrections 2011, Carol S. Vance, former chair of TBCJ and Harris County District Attorney 1966–79, and two others (2015; 440 pp.), with many statistics not published by TDCJ in 25 years, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved).

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## LAST WORD—Fantasies Die Hard!

Especially religious fantasies, *the* darker history of the church, scattered with dangerous delusions for 2,000 years side by side the good Gospel. The dark history TDCJ directors have had no clue about or ability to see.

The Norwoods are mostly innocent.  
TDCJ *should* have protected them. Should have protected many. My life is in danger too.

Bryan Collier might be innocent too. Regardless, he is chiefly responsible as the Naked King leading much of this which has caused so much pain for so many. Ending the Fools' Parade will hurt many more, including the Norwoods, Lt. Gov. Patrick, donors, certainly the prisoners conned into this, and untold others in other states following Texas—hurt many, including the compromised wardens—excepting the psychopaths that will move on.<sup>1927</sup>

How will TDCJ even find all the ... ?  
Will they even try? How will the TBCJ ... ?

*If* not in 25 years ... if not now, *when?*  
*If* not Texas, *where?* *If* not us, *who?*

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The 1969 song *One Tin Soldier* comes to mind ...

At the fifth World Government Summit 2017 in Dubai, UAE Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Chairman of the Summit Mohammad Al-Gergawi asked Elon Musk, “So what was your biggest challenge in life?” Musk’s exquisite answer challenges us *all*: “I was thinking about how to spend time. One of the biggest challenges, I think, is making sure you have a corrective feed-back loop and **maintaining that corrective feed-back loop over time** even when people want to tell you exactly what you want to hear. That’s very difficult.”<sup>1928</sup> By 2022, Musk became the richest man in history.

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<sup>1927</sup> For a perfect example of conning spiritual fantasies in prison—in exquisite line with all the nefariousness outlined above—see Margalit Fox’s *The Confidence Men: How Two Prisoners of War Engineered the Most Remarkable Escape in History* (NY: Random House, 2021; 329 pp.), based upon the true story of how Cedric Hill and Lt. E. H. Jones (1883–1942) used an Ouija board and a “spook” to gain the confidence of their Turkish captors and warden in 1918 and escape, researched from Jones’ *The Road to En-Dor, Being an Account of How Two Prisoners of War at Yozgad in Turkey Won Their Way to Freedom* (NY: John Lane, 1920; 351 pp.) and other memoirs. In the preface, Jones gives this jewel: “If this book saves one widow from lightly trusting the exponents of a creed that is crass and vulgar and in truth nothing better than a confused materialism, or one bereaved mother from preferring the unwholesome excitement of a séance and the trivial babble of a hired trickster to the healing power of moral and religious reflexion on the truths that give human life its stability and worth—then the miseries and sufferings through which we passed in our struggle for freedom will indeed have had a most ample reward” (ix). Fox is a senior writer for *The New York Times* and won the William Saroyan Prize for Literature.

<sup>1928</sup> See [https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ\\_8Yo](https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo), bold mine, accessed 2-4-2021.

## Ode to the Oddities of Outing a Few Ornerly TDCJ Outlaws

Michael G. Maness, August 2019

First in *TDCJ Deep State Report*, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf), sent to 50 state leaders, after which TDCJ *again* repeated nefariousness as detailed above.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Finding Fun in Unfolding Felonious Failings by Forcing  
Funny Puns, Furling Forfeitures of Honor, and  
Fearlessly Foraging Unsolved Mysteries  
Foretells a Fantastic Future for the Finest of Fair Dealers.

Perhaps this PUNishment will Provide the Perspicacious with  
a Potency to Persuade and Propel the Powerful to PROPERLY  
and Passionately PURSUE Unperturbed their Purported Purposes.

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

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

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



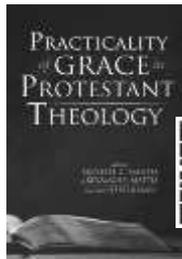
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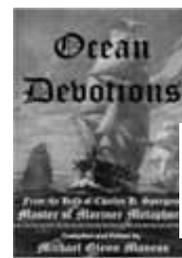
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