

# TDCJ's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Must Die—

## Case of TDCJ Lying Cowardly Wardens versus TBCJ Top-Tier Attorneys' *Cover-Up Culture*

The Road Less Travelled—Closest Look of a State Prison *Culture*  
since *Ruiz vs. Estelle* (TX 1974) and *Gates v. Collier* (MS 1974)

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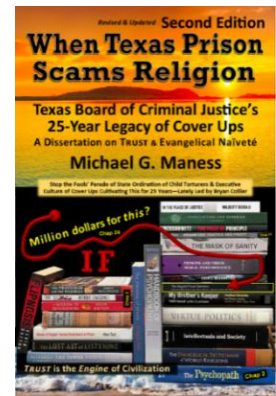
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*Four powerful questions for all Texas & U.S. citizens:*

- ✓ Why has the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) hidden from blatant, nasty, **reoccurring nefariousness** in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) for over 25 years?
- ✓ Why has the TBCJ endorsed the ugliest **Christian Nationalist Frankenstein** in penal history, rooted in the most scandal-ridden Louisiana ex-warden in penal history, sponsored by Dir. Bryan Collier the most under read and most hoodwinked director in penal history for 13 years running?
- ✓ When will the TBCJ **begin** to deal with psychopaths in prison?
- ✓ When will TDCJ, TBCJ, and Texas **value the in-prison staff** in the **100,000 Mothers’ 1% Certainty Parole Option?**

The following is my sincere *belief*, my opinion, my confident conviction, and studious conclusion backed by too much work that should have been done by several TDCJ directors over the last 20 years, even a revised short summary of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* >>

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how Evangelicalism is forced in the prisons in Texas with  
**18+ Naïve University Presidents suckered**  
into the wackiest of religious delusions following  
the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history,  
doubtlessly revealing the quality of their institutions' education



## > TBCJ's Existential Failure to Correct OIG Failures

Within these few pages is a book begging for a criminology professor's sabbatical or an industrious well-healed PhD student's dissertation on any prison board's *ability* to supervise.

See Item 3.b and laugh—TDCJ fights to keep **SECRET** the **HISTORY** of its **VISION**, refusing basic questions on its “2030 Vision”! **Welcome to TDCJ's cover-up culture.**

Also within these few pages is the Christian Nationalist Prisoner Field Minister Frankenstein decimated below and how I was abused by the weaponization of the TBCJ's Office of Inspector General (OIG), and therefore another indisputable exposure of the OIG being severely compromised, likely beyond repair, begging to be thoroughly researched. There is no way for the TBCJ's OIG to escape its culpability, made all the worse in how years the TBCJ has essentially sanctioned the OIG's failures. Worse, these OIG failures beg the question of how many other failures have been covered up the last 30 years.

First, in the Polunsky Fiasco, OIG clearly aided then TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell and two others who *ordered* the destruction of crime scene evidence and cleaned contraband that had been coming into the Polunsky Prison for six years, and then OIG failed to investigate *how* and *why* the wardens knowingly allowed all of that to grow for six years prior to 2012.

Secondly, after two years of Open Records requests, OIG had not done a single investigation of the Polunsky Fiasco (or violated the law by not giving their reports).

Thirdly, when Bell ordered a “Terrorist Threat” investigation on me, the two investigators revealed to another level of soiled structure. The supervisor had been with OIG for two years after retiring as a sergeant Trooper with DPS, meaning he had beat 10-year veteran officers in making supervisor! Everyone knows what that means: the level of LEO prison specialization has not increased enough to where a 10-year veteran OIG officer could easily beat a new DPS hire in a promotion. There is much more to that OIG LEO stagnation.

What is clear in the following docs is the TBCJ and chairmen for the 13 have now aided in **covering up its own OIG's multitude of failures**, making the TBCJ's own supervision weak, if not totally impotent—if not criminal. Read that again. That is the story the following the docs tell, load and clear, questioning the very value of having a TBCJ. The TBCJ's failure to get the OIG to do its job questions to high heaven that the OIG ought to be totally dissolved, defunded, and all the **“in-prison LEO operations” moved to the Texas Rangers.**

Truly, 13 years of gross negligence is enough, begging the question: **HOW many other times has the OIG aided lying cowardly wardens** in destroying crime scene evidence, cleaning contraband, and hurting others? And if to staff, where else has OIG failed in covering up staff crimes to prisoners? Is that why Michael Upshaw *ordered* the life-sentenced prisoners' illegally encrypted gigabytes of data on contraband computers **ERASED?**

Regardless, within these few pages and horde of documents linked, there is **no question the OIG was compromised in 2013**, and continued to be compromised to 2025, as its current chief, Chris Love, signed off on my “Terrorist Threat” investigation that ended with the investigators concluding that I would not write any more books! Nor was OIG involved in the contrived disciplinary in Item 1 below, where a warden created a policy never encoded! Therefore, there is **no question that the TBCJ is compromised in covering up OIG failures for 13 years running.** The TBCJ has done *nothing*—zero, zilch, nada—about those injustices and crimes for 13 years, nor about the horde nefariousness in TDCJ going back 25 years.

The following **cries a great need** to assess the utility of the TBCJ's very existence.

Also perturbingly revealed is the cover up of cowardice where courage was needed most.



## > Maness the “Terrorist Threat” for Writing Books

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—I took the one less travelled by,  
and that made all the difference.”

Robert Frost (1874–1963), in *Mountain Interval* (1916), 9, and in *Collected Poems* (1923), 103  
only poet to receive four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry, 1924, 1931, 1937, 1943

I sure took the road *less travelled*, in study and defense of good staff, in chronicling, exposing time and again repeated nefariousness, and that did make “all the difference,” for all the world can now see how top tier TBCJ attorneys have failed Texas in a myriad of ways.

After I sent my huge arduous “Discover File” in the 700-page *Book of Secrets* (2013) with two CDs of docs, MP3s of interviews, a DVD with *prisoner*-created photos and videos to TDCJ Exec. Dir. Brad Livingston, TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, OIG Chief Bruce Toney, and to the Texas AG, **I got NO response**. Then I emailed Oliver Bell, with whom I had had an amical relationship as a charter member of his labor consortium, and I asked about doing a “break-out session” on the Polunsky Fiasco at the next consortium. **Bell never responded**. OIG called *me!* After my “interview” and after *over another year* of Open Record requests and OIG hiding, I finally got the OIG report, revealing that Bell had me investigated as a “Terrorist Threat,” *closing* their report that I had promised *not to write* any more books!<sup>1</sup>

**Offensive to my core, most disgusting, and so I kept on writing** exposures of nefarious dealings. Which state penal system is the worst in chronicling its own history? Know this—it is now documented that OIG helped cover up the Polunsky Fiasco, which destroyed crime scene evidence, aided in clearing violating staff, while failing to help the innocent.

As of today, TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier still cannot see how he was lied to on three gargantuan fronts: **(1)** the directors and wardens involved in falsifying disciplinaries forcing me to retire early, **(2)** the wardens and directors involved in destroying crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband in the Polunsky Fiasco, and **(3)** in Collier being totally swooned off his feet by Warden Burl Cain in 2010, the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.

Therefore, the **TBCJ is now indicted on their support of lying cowardly wardens**. How am I wrong? The evidence says CID Dir. Bill Stephens, Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, Senior Wardens Timothy Simmons, Richard Alford, Gary Hunter, all their assistant wardens, current Dir. Marvin Dunbar, and others lied and covered up for a long time. And Dir. Collier *appears* to be a felonious co-conspirator in the cover up of nefariousness these last 13 years running.

This small book was very hard to start. But as I finished and—as a few know—after dozens of edits, it became fun. Maybe a last “hurrah” for me. After these letters and books, both the TBCJ and its OIG have revealed themselves uninterested in ongoing nefarious violations, and that silence calls into serious question both their honor and their usefulness. This is a defense of the good staff against a few lying cowardly wardens who need a good D.O.G.E. to weed out, for there is no question—to scrupulous persons looking—that a nefarious underbelly has been silently manipulating the TDCJ’s executive director’s office for the last 15 or 20 years.

With the proof of Dir. Collier being hoodwinked in the Polunsky Fiasco and Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein, tentacles of nefariousness clearly cross several TDCJ divisions—well documented—certainly CID, Programs, Legal, OIG, and the Compliance Division begging the question the TBCJ has dodged: *which division is the most nefarious?* Or a more ominous question: *how has the TBCJ been fooled for so long by such easy-to-vet lies?*

Most important of all is: *What is Dir. Collier’s role in a 13-year roiling cesspool of lies?*



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<sup>1</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf) (2014), PDF p. 18. >>



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Upton Sinclair described Victor Hugo’s masterpiece as “one of the half-dozen greatest novels of the world,” noting that Hugo set forth the purpose of his preface:

So long as there shall exist, by virtue of law and custom, decrees of damnation pronounced by society, artificially creating hells amid the civilization of earth, and adding the element of human fate to divine destiny; so long as the three great problems of the century—the degradation of man through pauperism, the corruption of woman through hunger, the crippling of children through lack of light—are unsolved; so long as social asphyxia is possible in any part of the world;—in other words, and with a still wider significance, so long as ignorance and poverty exist on earth, books of the nature of *Les Misérables* cannot fail to be of use.

— Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*  
Hauteville House, 1862  
Trans. by Isabel F. Hapgood



**“I live in mortal fear of a convict-run prison,”**  
said George J. Beto (1916–1991), TDC Director in 1947<sup>2</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Max Skelton, “Long-Range Program Planned to Make Prison System Best,” *Austin Statesman* (12-12-1947): 17; *Novak v. Beto*, 320 F. Supp. 1206, 1209 (1970); in Robert Perkinson, *Texas Tough: The Rise of America’s Prison Empire* (NY: Metropolitan, 2010; 484 pp.), 218, quote at beginning of chapter 6, “Best in the Nation.” Perkinson is a professor of American studies at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, and his *Texas Tough* won the PASS Award of the National Council of Crime and Delinquency and the PEN American Center’s John Kenneth Galbraith Award for best book of non-fiction published in 2009 and 2010.

## To Whom It May Concern—for All Time to Come

Dear Eric Nichols, Chief Justice Blacklock, and 115+ others,

Eric and Judge Blacklock, should we “Do the Right Thing” and stand up against evil? This letter should *not be possible* to write in the 21st century. In fact, the following documents over the last 25 years reveal the TBCJ not only *will not, has not even tried*, but *cannot* properly supervise TDCJ.

Also, **18 university presidents** are also hoodwinked, certainly subsidiary victims from the TBCJ’s and other state prison boards’ inability to supervise their prison systems, who like the TBCJ in those states lack any interest in truly learning criminology, religion, and their respective prisons’ cultures.

Few things illustrate that lack of supervision better than the first two months of 2025 where we have seen a multitude of exposures of federal abuse of expenditures that would have **remained secret** without the aggressive honest digging of D.O.G.E., and some are hating the one exposing instead of hating the theft! That is my case here, now 25 years old!

I worked with some of the finest wardens, staff, and volunteers for 20 years in the prime of my life, so here is my defense of that good staff against a few rascals, lying cowardly wardens, and a lethargic director.

Eric, this is so simple it *should* insult your legal acumen and offend your honor. As the dusk of my life sets, after another TBCJ chairman, **this is my opinion**. After 20 years inside the prison and counseling 1,000s, I feel pitiful in repeating some of this—rewrote this first section a few dozen times—hard to persevere after so much has been given. I *was* innocent, and my whistleblowing cost me! After the last 13 years of hard pursuit, if, *if* I set aside cowardice and cold-heartedness, your and your predecessors’ silence mean to me that you have not yet been convinced—or you did not care enough to read and do your job. That also means TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier convinced you I am a fool.

Reality is, **Eric**, you and your predecessors have **failed TDCJ’s in-prison staff** in two huge ways: (1) utterly failed to prove the 25-year horde of exposures and (2) utterly failed to see how fully Dir. Collier was hoodwinked. Your failures have widened the scale of nefarious deceit in TDCJ. The facts are cold and clear to any astute person **if** their erudite acumen was utilized. The **nefarious in TDCJ hope you continue not to read**, taking their lying word that this is merely another mudslinging—they do pray. Having so royally hoodwinked Dir. Bryan Collier, their rottenness *prays* you are like Collier, too, and will avoid the hard work the duty of your position statutorily and morally requires—*like obey the law!*

**Opposite the nefarious scums’ lies**—as with previous letters, books, and my opus *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*—**this letter is actually a defense of TDCJ policy**, a defense for which I was persecuted for whistleblowing, and **a tight defense for the honor of most of the in-prison staff** against a weak “2030 Vision” and wake up call for the honorable.

**My opinion**—we now expose your dishonor, Eric, along with the dishonor of all members of the TBCJ and your predecessors, including Judge Dale Wainwright, Patrick

- ✓ AFTER *Chaplain Professional Equity and Market Study w Ethical Violations Timeline* (2002, 100 pp.)
- ✓ AFTER *Faith-Based Housing Letter* (2012, 50 pp.) on unconstitutionality of Faith-based housing & Field Minister Frankenstein
- ✓ AFTER *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013, 700 pp.) on vast exposures for 6 yrs at Polunsky Prison
- ✓ AFTER *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011—Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers, and Their Chaplains* (2015, 394 pp.)
- ✓ AFTER *Book of Secrets, Part II, on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History—Goodman Unit Hiring Violations, Least Qualified by Far Chosen AGAIN* (2017, 180 pp.)
- ✓ AFTER *TDCJ Deep State Report—Case of the Collared Fox* (2019; 177 pp.) lampoon of hiring scandals repeated after exposures, the latest the most absurd
- ✓ AFTER *When Texas Prison Scams Religion—TBCJ’s 25-year Legacy of Cover Ups* (2022, 1st ed., 2023, 2nd ed. 824 pp.) on long history of cover ups
- ✓ AFTER *16 Killings Letter* (2023, 3 pp.) how 16 prisoners were killed in a short time
- ✓ AFTER *TDCJ Delusion Deposition Letter* (2024, 24 pp.) on history major docs in *When Texas Prison Scams*
- ✓ AFTER *TDCJ Delusion Letter II—Collier Special* (2024, 4 pp.) on Dir. Collier’s imminent retirement under delusion of honor

AFTER hordes of exposures of nefariousness in perhaps 100 other documents linked to the above, raw data, other letters, from 100s of Open Record requests and several audio-recorded interviews. Now then this,

### *Case of Lying Cowardly Wardens vs. TBCJ Top Tier Attorneys’ SILENCE.*

**TBCJ & Dir. Collier do not want to know about nefariousness under their watch!**

▲ Just a few on prison chaplaincy, not adding my other books like my ethics magnum opus *Would You Lie to Save a Life?*, or massive work on free will *Heart of the Living God*, or my *Ocean Devotions* from Spurgeon’s first 30 volumes 366 daily Christian metaphors from the ocean, or my 15 years as editor of *Testamentum Imperium* that published over 300 scholars’ articles from around the world and from which the scholarly imprimatur Wipf & Stock published three volumes.

O'Daniel, Oliver Bell, and Alan Polunsky. Along the timeline, all of you had an increasing moral duty to intervene and did not, and over the last 13 years have done nothing, zero, about the hideous nefariousness in TDCJ. **Shame on all of you!**

When the TBCJ-member-related law firms come before Judge Blacklock, in the ether, there will be this letter and my books on TDCJ nefariousness that all of you hid from and **by your silence** aided in obstruction of justice. On that day **I pray Judge Blacklock charges his fellow justices to pause and latch that infamy to all of you top tier attorneys' dishonor** as resolute parties to condoning long-running criminal nefariousness in TDCJ.

Following up on previous letters, I begin with a question on **Lawsuit Viability**. After that, I outline how TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's Field Minister program is a **nasty Christian Nationalist Frankenstein monster** that was illegitimately birthed amidst 25 years of TDCJ covering up nefariousness *repeatedly* exposed again and again. I defended policy, the in-prison staff, and our precious volunteers. Anyone who reads this and *fails* to see my defense of policy and defense of staff is certainly a co-conspiring scumbag or mentally deficient.

Because of the silence, I approach this from the defense of my smitten honor and simply declare Dir. Collier grossly negligent in failing to prove just how cowardly crooked Warden Richard Alford, Warden Gary Hunter, and scumbag Michael Upshaw were in documents clear to any top tier lawyer worth his or her spit. **The largest question of integrity** that you, Eric, and the TBCJ have hidden from, dodged, ran from these last 13 years (or that you saw and chose to aid obstruction with silence) centers around TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier. **Very clearly, incontrovertibly, even absolutely, Dir. Collier** was either "**1 and 2,**" **or** "**3 and 4**":

1. Innocent and hoodwinked 13 years ago by Warden Burl Cain's wacko **Bullshit** as the most **SCANDAL-RIDDEN warden in penal history** and Collier's model *with* 18 universities,<sup>3</sup> &
2. Hoodwinked by scumbag psychopath Michael Upshaw and his lying cowardly wardens;

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**fn. 3** The following is in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, fn. 40, page lii, for "bullshit" is so un-chaplain-like, but *the* word for Burl Cain's blathering rhetoric: "**Bullshit**" was hard for me to use, knowing most ministers would prefer not. I do not normally use it, only once in counseling in 30 years, and it worked to wake up the young man in his self-deceit. Most of my Christian *non-minister* friends would find the time I spent fretting here laughable. I had flipped back and forth which term to use. Yet there is no better term for Cain's use of "*Bapticostal*" mocking both Baptists and Pentecostals and other mockeries than **Bullshit** which declares in a single **triple-disgust** vernacular that **at the same time**: **1.** Confronts as *obvious* the 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!'** Whoever stops reading for that is too sensitive for prison and part of the problem.

On "**most SCANDAL-RIDDEN in U.S. penal history,**" I have asked you to correct me, and see my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, **Appendix 2**, which is Russell and Lau's whole article, "**Fall of Burl Cain: How 1 Last Side Deal Led to Angola Warden Undoing,**" *Advocate* (12-15-15; updated 5-20-20), [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article\\_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html), **which after years Dir. Collier still has not read. Compare** James Ridgeway, "**God's Own Warden,**" *Mother Jones* (July/August 2011), [www.MotherJones.com/politics/2011/07/burl-cain-angola-prison/](http://www.MotherJones.com/politics/2011/07/burl-cain-angola-prison/), quote, "If you ever find yourself inside Louisiana's Angola prison, Burl Cain will make sure you find Jesus—or regret ever crossing his path." Cain slammed this article and *Mother Jones* as well as other authors in speeches. **No warden in history has more scandals published by more reputable persons.**

Compare James Gill, "For Ex-Angola Warden Burl Cain: It Was His Buddies Assessing His Job Performance," *Advocate* (April 3, 2016). And do not miss **Daniel Bergner, God of the Rodeo: The Quest for Redemption in Louisiana's Angola Prison** (Ballantine, imprint of Random House, 1999; 297 pp.) wherein Bergner documents how Cain tried to extort him and other infamies. Lastly and exquisitely, no one's criminological education is complete without **Wilbert Rideau's In the Place of Justice: Story of Punishment and Deliverance** (2011; 366 pp.) about his decades as a prisoner in Angola, an important book, made even more crucial in what happened when Warden Cain arrived at Angola, the infamies Cain initiated, and more. These and other articles mark **Burl Cain as the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history**, and still Cain is TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's swooning mentor for an ugly Frankenstein.



### OR Collier was “3 and 4”

3. Collier *knew* Cain was the most scandal-ridden and covered up, lying to the TBCJ, and
4. Collier was a co-conspirator in feloniously **covering up two infamies**:
  - 4a. Covering up the Polunsky Fiasco that destroyed crime scene evidence, cleaned contraband, promoted violating staff, and much more;
  - 4b. Covering up how cowardly Warden Gary Hunter made up a rule never encoded, how cowardly Polunsky Warden Richard Alford forced me to retire, and how scumbag Michael Upshaw weaseled Chairman Oliver Bell into his nasty web of cover up in the Polunsky Fiasco.

Eric, you’ve been lax in your duty to vet this! There is no way around the infamy of you and your predecessors’ dishonor in avoidance. At this stage, **silence IS collusion**, for you are in *the* position of heavy buck-stops-here responsibility. The other 115 cc’d and the academics now have fodder for deeper investigations into prison cultures. The **18 naïve university presidents** caught up as subsidiary dupes reveal the quality of education in their schools.

In sum, Dir. Collier swallowed a lot of **Bullshit** and kept swallowing for 13 years, or Collier is **Guilty as Hell** for covering up Cain and for colluding with scumbags like Upshaw in obstruction in the Polunsky Fiasco destruction of crime scene evidence and more. You, Eric, have failed in your job thus far.

The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in periods of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality  
Dante Alighieri (1265–1321)  
author of *Divine Comedy* (1321)

**Whatever Collier’s moral state**, the horde of documented cover up of nefariousness affects every facet of TDCJ’s in-prison staff, and Collier’s enchantment with corn pop Burl Cain alone nullifies Collier’s nasty Christian National Frankenstein Field Minister program.

Eric, do the “Right Thing” by *using* your acumen instead of sitting on your butt twiddling your heretofore respected thumbs! I am 68, your senior, and challenge you to debate on the rectitude of these facts, even in the austere office of Judge Blacklock—*if you dare!* Then you would have to actually read this. I have nothing to lose but my life, should scumbag Michael Upshaw and his cowardly wardens retaliate again, and have a thug put me in the hospital, yet the **TDCJ in-prison staff have a lot to gain if you**, Eric, do your job properly.

### Lawsuit on “Discovery File”—*Whatcha Think?*

I consulted a few lawyers in January of 2013, but without a federal certification of a civil rights violation, no attorney would take my case, even before I began the Titanic work in my *Book of Secrets* (2013). TDCJ has many lawyers and is poorly supervised by a TBCJ rubber stamp full of top tier lawyers from billion-dollar law firms—quite intimidating.

So, Eric, are you man enough to face me honorably? Or are you a coward outside of the courtroom and—like many in-prison gang members—just unable to deal straight *without* your “billion-dollar office gang” behind you? Though I doubt I can intimidate you. So far, you and your predecessors have been unable to deal with radically extensive exposures of TDCJ executives repeatedly violating policies, ethics, and the law for 25 years, so “cowardly” is not an unreasonable appellation. **Hope your ire awakens your acumen to read further.** This is very personal.

**There comes a time when  
silence is betrayal.**

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929–1968)  
religious leader and one of the most powerful  
orators of the Civil Rights movement

And after a few amicable calls with TDCJ Chairman Oliver Bell, and sending him a copy of my *Book of Secrets*, I emailed him in 2013 and asked him as a charter member of his labor consortium if I could lead a breakout session on the horde of violations exposed in the TDCJ Polunsky Prison in Livingston, Texas. Yes sirs—instead of being a man of honor and *calling* me, he had his OIG investigate me as a “Terrorist Threat” as pointed out above. So, Eric, your predecessors and successors, all—*tell me what that is?*

So, Eric—in your official capacity as both the TBCJ chairman *and* as a top tier lawyer for



a billion-dollar law firm—What is the **value of a lawsuit for a falsified disciplinary** with a dismissal by a lying cowardly warden after 13 years of exposures of blatant injustices and continually repeated violations of ethics and policies, with some going back 25 years?

After so many “Discovery Files” sent and honor hiding?

**Most of the 115 cc'd** are not asked to do *anything* on this lawsuit thingy but should know this is the result of a long and well-connected series of abuses capped by TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's **Christian Nationalist Frankenstein** that has grown from an infamous illegitimate birth into a monster empowering psychopaths, mocking religious freedom, mocking the psychological and criminological professions, mocking our constitution, and mocking more.

**First**, Eric—I ask you a question as a top lawyer and chairman of the TBCJ. **Is there a statute of limitations on filing a lawsuit 13 years** after a cowardly warden dismissed me for **violating a policy never on the books?** My own delusion was the belief that honor would prevail, kept me working, rooted in the *honor* of the good staff I had worked with for 20 years.

**Secondly**, Eric, see **Item 1** below (p. 61), the single page by cowardly Warden Gary Hunter below and the QR Code to see the whole “Discovery File.”<sup>4</sup> That single page indisputably reveals Hunter's violations of the law to any top tier lawyer, to any real warden, and to any knowledgeable executive director. In that single page, **Item 1**, see how Hunter rightly noted my securing permission to take photos. See how Hunter covered up the rest of the “Discovery File” where *also according to policy* I secured TDCJ lawyer-created media releases signed by all the prisoners, giving me permission to use the photos for *any purpose!* Therefore, cowardly Warden Hunter violated a dozen TDCJ policies in four glaring ways:

1. Cowardly Warden Hunter nullified TDCJ's own lawyers' **media releases**;
2. Cowardly Warden Hunter violated TDCJ policy in creating his own policy out of thin air, certainly under the aegis of then scumbag Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw;
3. Cowardly Hunter “dismissed” me for violating his fly-by-night nefarious policy that was never encoded, which breaks a lot policies if not a federal law too.
4. **OIG is nowhere to be found in two-fold disciplinary:** (1) improper relationship with a prisoner which Hunter dismissed cause there was *nothing* there, (2) Hunter's creating a policy never encoded would wake up OIG—**both corrupt!**

Hey—**isn't “improper relationship” OIG's job & not an inexperienced warden's?**—**READ IT!**<sup>5</sup>

**What is a TDCJ lawyer media release?**—first question to the jury before Judge Blacklock and his esteemed court. That is, **TDCJ has never encoded such an idiotic a policy** requiring *anyone* to ask permission again and again *after* permission was signed and *after* media releases were secured! Do you, Eric, understand “*never encoded such an idiotic policy*”? If Hunter's

<sup>4</sup> **Item 1 attached below (p. 61)** from Hunter File linked (PDF page 36 or **TAB 17** p. 530),

Everyone ^^ should see this >>>> [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf) >>>  
This is PDF contains all the documents of the sloppiest “investigation” that cowardly Warden Gary Hunter used in his slimy making-up-his-own-rule never encoded by TDCJ to charge me—**nasty!**

**TAB 17** was in my *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), “**TAB 17. Disciplinary 3 - Dismissal?**” (507–535): >>> [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf). That is, **TAB 17** of 23 TABS of “discovery” all totally ignored by OIG as they investigated me as a “Terrorist Threat” for “writing books.” >>>

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.*, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf), read it all!

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—

Michael G. Maness (1956–)

1st stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below



rule did exist, no one would take a single photo, *ever!*<sup>6</sup> Therein, treasonously *against* TDCJ policy, nefariously, nastily, Hunter violated worse policies than he created against me. **Lawsuit viability should increase** when it is shown that TDCJ's lawyers defended cowardly Hunter and not my innocence. 0

Therefore, Eric, TDCJ's lawyers did one of three things:

1. TDCJ's lawyers nefariously colluded with cowardly Hunter & scumbag Upshaw, or
2. TDCJ's lawyers supported Hunter out of pure lazy sickening ignorance, or
3. TDCJ's lawyers just lazily avoided looking at TDCJ's policies *trusting* Hunter.

Likely the first, yet still, TDCJ's lawyers and Dir. Collier abysmally failed to see how severely and wickedly cowardly **Warden Hunter violated common sense** in his absurdly insane notion that *anyone* should repeatedly ask for permission for every successive use of a photo *after* that person followed the written policy in securing permission and obtaining media releases. Furthermore, lying cowardly Hunter did a greater insane evil in pulling three other wardens *in writing* into his vile orbit on his made-up rule never encoded in **Item 1.**<sup>7</sup> You see, Hunter did not want to be alone in his lying. Then Dir. Collier supported Hunter making up a policy that was never encoded—*begging* the question: How many other times did Collier do that? *Conned* into that? Or, if Collier never knew the policy—what a deep pit.

**The trust of the innocent is the liar's most useful tool.**

Stephen King (1947–)  
American mega fiction author,  
considered the "King of Horror"

**So, what would have been the MERIT OF A LAWSUIT** against TDCJ, Dir. Bryan Collier, and Warden Hunter back then in 2012? **Did Dir. Collier merely shamefully not know that there was NO POLICY encoded?** I suspect a lawsuit today should include the entire TBCJ and you, too, Eric, and your predecessors. Could that lawsuit now include all the TBCJ, TDCJ's legal division, and other executives that I have laboriously tediously irritatingly written to, who have authority, legal expertise, and alleged acuity?

Judge Blacklock and Judge Wainwright, just from the above would I have *standing*?

I'm no lawyer, yet like many, I am amazed at the legal acuity in the *Lincoln Lawyer* series, whose Mickey Haller masters the court, of which Texas courts you, Eric, most certainly Judge Wainwright, and other top tier legal eagles *know well*. Those like yourself Eric, and Judge Blacklock and Judge Wainwright—if *you've seen the series*—then doubtlessly **all of you see between the fiction and the reality**, and you have fun criticizing, joking, and jabbing over lunch with your fellow super-lawyer peers. You, Eric, Wainwright, and Judge Blacklock can tell if a lawyer is a novice in 15 minutes of banter. I have had a few lawyer friends over the decades, too, one specializing in maritime law, a few former Texas prosecutors, and their world is as far from me as my *professional* in-prison chaplain world is from you and them.

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### **EXCURSUS—On Faulty Prison Management**

Though the *Lincoln Lawyer* appears real to me, I know better in a small part. In Season 3, Haller visits a California prison and ends up in the kitchen alone with a life-sentenced cartel boss. Yeah—the authors did not consult the California prison for *that* scene.

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<sup>6</sup> Ironically, TDCJ's Gib Lewis Prison just started its own Facebook page on 9-19-2024 (accessed 1-15-25), probably the last unit in TDCJ to do so, given that many Units have been photos of prisoners and staff.

<sup>7</sup> Be very careful to see the evil, graduated, expanded in this way. Cowardly Hunter wrote under the support of previous wardens, who Hunter said the three did not give me permission to post on Facebook, as though *that* was the policy violated. **See the evil clearly**—that is, cowardly Hunter tied three other wardens into his *Bullshit*, those three either ignorant that no policy was ever encoded or those three too were cowardly and knowingly colluded with Hunter under the auspices of scumbag psychopath Michael Upshaw!

Even with your limited knowledge of in-prison life, Eric, your legal acumen would see through most of that in-prison scene, but you also know very, very well that you do *NOT* see as well as the 10- or 15-year seasoned in-prison employee or warden. Except at the Polunsky Unit in 2012 and some of Angola under Warden Burl Cain, no prison is run that sloppily, especially not the kitchen, and certainly not for the long period of time *implied* in the episode where several officers were veritable servants of an imprisoned cartel boss!<sup>8</sup>

At the Polunsky Unit in 2012, the chapel was run mostly by prisoners under Chaplain David Collier violating a dozen policies a day, serious security policies, and all under the *knowing eyes* of the senior wardens under hi-res cameras—detailed in my *Book of Secrets*.

*end of this excursus on lying cowardly wardens*

That said, after 13 years of supplying “Discovery Files” in my novice way, with a horde of documented nefariousness preceding cowardly Warden Hunter’s “made-up policy” and the nefariousness the last 13 years—surely—that makes the simple “dismissal” by Hunter via his “made-up policy” an **illegal act worthy of a lawsuit**. Tack on to that illegality the last 25 years of TDCJ documented nefariousness and folks like Dir. Collier’s failure to discipline worse violations, and add more violations of policy *after* exposure.

Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices.  
Voltaire (1694–1778)  
philosophy, author, critic of established church, advocate of freedom of speech, freedom of religion

Eric, **is it true** that after 13 years that you, and Judge Wainwright, O’Daniel, Oliver Bell, cowardly Hunter, and Dir. Collier can be “deposed”—*is that the term?*—called as witnesses for interrogation by a Mickey Haller-acute-like legal eagle to substantiate Hunter’s “dismissal” as *absurdly evil and illegal*? Are not you, Eric, a party to be deposed on your support of Dir. Collier’s errancy? Are not several TBCJ chairmen partners to be deposed in allegations of collusion *or* at least in cover up or deliberate indifference to my dismissal’s illegality after these last 13 years?

I *again* officially ask for your opinion, Eric, or you successor’s opinion.

**IF there is NO statute of limitations** on that rather easy lawsuit, what if I began to divert this Titanic energy and Alexandrian horde of “Discovery Files” toward securing representation? I ask for your opinion, Eric, in writing—many want to know.

Where is your honor now, Eric? I am asking for your **professional opinion**, sir—again—as chairman of the TBCJ that works for little ol’ me, a legal taxpayer? As I had asked Chairmen O’Daniel, Judge Wainwright, and labor expert Bell for their opinions before you.

Would **Alan Polunsky** represent me, given his name is soiled in the Polunsky Fiasco and deserves to have his name separated from those who nefariously hoodwinked him in 2012? Really, why would Polunsky *not* want to help? TDCJ Polunsky Prison Senior Warden Tim Simmons hoodwinked Alan Polunsky on the Polunsky Prison during Simmons’ retirement party in July 2012 **as the Polunsky Fiasco was violating policies** the previous six years with Simmons’ full knowledge as Alan Polunsky himself awarded Simmons with the “Administrator of the Year Award”?<sup>9</sup> I shook Alan Polunsky’s hand that day, remember it vividly, a rather

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.  
Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
2nd stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

<sup>8</sup> If you have seen the documentary of drug lord El Chapa, you will see the one Mexican high security prisons was just like that, for Chapa had oodles of bribed officers and unusual access before he escaped.

<sup>9</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* (2013; 700 pp.), **“SNAPSHOT – Polunsky Fiasco Condensed Version” (p. xiii) appellation “Polunsky Fiasco”** detailed in my huge “Discovery File,” *Book of Secrets* [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).



short man with an aura of intense scruples and acumen.

So, Eric, I am one more time asking for your advice. Can you see the evil that Warden Hunter did? **Yes or No, sir!** If you cannot, you should resign. How should I proceed. If you choose to continue to do nothing, and Polunsky cannot help, do you know of another Mickey Haller-type super lawyer that can advise me further? Seriously. I think Dir. Collier needs instructions on this, for he either colluded or was hoodwinked again, and it would be good to find the names of the persons—perhaps then CID Dir. Bill Stephens—who lied to Collier in saying that what Hunter did was appropriate instead of **evil and illegal as hell**.

Regardless, cowardly Warden Hunter killed my career with his made-up policy that was never encoded. Yet the reality is deeper and more nefariously pernicious, for Hunter would **NEVER have done that alone**, by his crooked self—no sir, no ma'am—for Hunter was working for Michael Upshaw and through Upshaw also likely for Madeline Ortiz determined to punish me for four Titanic efforts revealing nefariousness going back to 1999:

1. My previous 20 years of whistle blowing, including the pay grade win in Austin in 2001 that first exposed the Programs Division's hiring the lowest qualified;
2. My work in 2007 that regained 25 chaplains after Programs Division Dir. Carl Jeffries fired 50 chaplains in 2003 in retaliation for our 2001 win in Austin;
3. My leadership in Austin that helped save the entire chaplaincy from zero-budgeting in January through April of 2011; and
4. My the 50-page "Faith-Based Housing Letter" I wrote in December of 2011 that was the last straw for Ortiz and began their persecution by her incompetent lackey Marvin Dunbar, hence the need for Michael Upshaw's cowardly wardens.

Oh—Eric, just how good of a lawyer are you? I suspect very good, and good enough to see through all of the **bullshit**. That certainly makes you a star witness to depose, sir.

**KISS—Keeping It Simple Stupid**—the simplest side of the lawsuit can merely focus upon Hunter's nefarious contrivance of a policy from thin air that was never encoded by TDCJ. In depositions on how Collier missed that, could several TBCJ chairmen top-tier super lawyers be deposed too? Could labor expert Chairman Bell be deposed who had me investigated as a "Terrorist Threat" for "writing books" *right after* I emailed the amical Bell on a breakout session at his upcoming labor consortium of which I was a charter member? Seems the simple side of **KISS!** With my "Discovery Files" over 13 years and a super-lawyer, could we elevate that lawsuit damage for how many supported Hunter's "made-up policy never encoded"? Could such a lawsuit override any TBCJ immunity? Could all that be elevated more to retaliation for my whistleblowing? Eric, is not Dir. Collier's culpable for failing his duty in this **lawsuit viability**? Can Collier's missing the horde of violations at Polunsky lower his credibility? Can Warden Cain's fooling Collier lower Collier's credibility more?

That is, **IF there is NO statute of limitations** and no amical resolution can be found.

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### **EXCURSUS—What IS a "Lying Cowardly Warden"?**

Glad you asked. **First**, when Warden Gary Hunter *lies* that I violated a policy that he made up—**lying**? When Warden Richard Alford *lied* in writing claiming he investigated the violations at the Polunsky Unit—**lying**? When Warden Timothy Simmons pretended that he had "tried" to talk to Chaplain David Collier—**lying**? Were all three **lying** when they pretended innocence to six years of contraband? When Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw did my mediation and he *tried* to convince me I violated Hunter's made-up policy—**lying**? When CID Dir. Bill Stephens said he sent a warden to investigate Polunsky violations and he already

**The only thing for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.**

Edmund Burke (1729–1797)  
statesman and philosopher, member of British  
Parliament between 1766–1794 and author of  
*Reflections on the Revolution in France* (1790)

knew—*lying*? When both Alford and Simmons and CID Dir. Stephens trivialized the seriousness of the Polunsky Fiasco security violations that had been going on daily for six full years—were they *lying* like little school girls? When Upshaw and manager Marvin Dunbar sat before TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell and hoodwinked Bell into believing that destroying crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband was *okay*—*were they lying? Yes—liars!*

**Second**, when all three senior wardens, their asst. wardens and majors **all kept silent** like baby kittens afraid of the dark; when those two directors protected Hunter and Alford to hide the truth of the danger I exposed; when all of those *protected* life-sentenced prisoners violating policy daily for years, *hid* my whistleblowing, *denied* the horde of violations every day Polunsky to Dir. Bryan Collier—when those wardens *protected prisoners* violating policy over staff—and when all of them and their unit majors and captains all refused to “Do the Right Thing” and stand up like men for what was right—were all of them girly stinkingly **COWARDLY**? And when Dir. Collier refused to read and prove this mass of documents, was he scared of the truth and cowardly too? Or just lazy? That is, if, *if* Dir. Collier was not a conscience part of all the lies and knowingly aided in vast cover ups.

**Ask this—not “if,” but how many others?** Given the horde documented nefariousness crossing the Programs Division, OIG, CID wardens, and legal. **How many other divisions are as nefarious?** How many other employees have been likewise screwed? How many wardens have been turned out like Hunter and Alford, who also turned out their assistant wardens that were soon promoted to senior wardens? “How many?” is serious. When turned out like that, *they are in a debt-trap!* Who’s on top? **Here cowardly is also treasonous!**

*end of this excursus on lying cowardly wardens*

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## **1. Before Dir. Collier Retires in His Delusion of Honor**

Dir. Collier needs to be held accountable before he escapes and retires, for likely his deputy (successor) is more ignorant of this history and must claim innocence: then a double evil unfolds under you watch, Eric, for having to hold **another accountable**. Eric and Judge Blacklock, you know Locke’s *Two Treatises on Government*. Don’t you think it is time that the executive office with its awesome almost impossible scope of responsibility for one of the largest prisons in the civilized world be held by a director who has a great interest in human nature and a semblance of reading the avant-garde literature on criminology instead of the none that Dir. Collier has subscribed to: no one subscribes to any criminology journal, dishonorable there too, and a disservice to Texas citizens!<sup>10</sup> **Nothing is read?!?** Oh, see section 13 below, where TDCJ’s “2030 Vision” claims itself “unmatched,” though in hiding from the hard work of the world’s best criminologists is, truly, in TDCJ *unmatched*.

Truly, the in-prison employees and Texans for whom the director works deserve the best thinkers who are truly trying to fulfill TDCJ’s published mission to “provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime.” However, the *evidence* is clear, and we should go back to the basics, as

*No man in civil society can be exempted from the laws of it: for if any man do what he thinks fit, and there be no appeal on earth, for redress or security against any harm he shall do; I ask, whether he be not perfectly still in the state of nature, and so can be no part or member of that civil society; unless any one will say, the state of nature and civil society are one and the same thing, which I have never yet found one so great a patron*

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<sup>10</sup> See below **Item 3.c “Dir. Collier’s, Carter’s, & Hazelwood’s Subscriptions ZERO Journal Subscriptions”** where TDCJ’s Exec. Dir. Bryan Collier, Programs Division Dir. Chris Carter, and Asst. Dir. for Religious Services Dir. C. F. Hazelwood do not get any subscription for any criminology journal.

of anarchy as to affirm.<sup>11</sup>

When will TDCJ address the evil of lying cowardly wardens making up *their own rules* in violation of the law and TDCJ policy? Only a true unhinged fool would believe my case was the only one. Moreover, when will the TBCJ top tier attorneys hold the TDCJ executive director accountable for learning the prison culture that allowed that evil to penetrate so deep and for so long? Eric, it is your turn, your job now, and then to your successor if you follow your predecessors and give up on justice and run and hide behind your billion-dollar law firms. My guess is that Dir. Collier never heard of Locke or most of the sources in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. That offensive? It's just the facts, and likely Collier did not know that George Beto was known as one of the most versed and well-read directors in TDCJ history, not just for his civil rights violating quote that Evangelicals still love to quote today, "preacher with the baseball bat."<sup>12</sup> Likely, sadly, probably, even "I'll bet yah a \$1,000" that Dir. Collier *still* has not read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and almost certainly had to reread that paragraph from Locke more than once, *if* he got this far.

**The greatness of a society is measured by its commitment to justice.**

John Locke (1632–1704)

philosopher and physician, his

*Two Treatises of Government* (1689), 1st against scriptural support for hereditary monarchy, 2nd on natural rights and social contract influenced Jefferson's Declaration of "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness"

Nefariousness needs addressed *before Dir. Collier retires under a delusion of honor*, for he should have seen this illegal "dismissal" among the horde of cover ups: Collier either (1) colluded in covering up the illegality of the "dismissal" or (2) did not know his own policy well. If the latter, Collier was lied to again. For 13 years **Collier has failed to read the *Book of Secrets*** and its **23 TABs** bulging with violations of policy by a host in the Polunsky Fiasco, the largest "Discovery File" ever created by a single employee in international prison history, and, that also documents how **OIG helped cover up the wardens' nefariousness.**<sup>13</sup> Worse still, religiously, all of the violations and cover ups aided in Collier's illegitimately birthing his Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Field Minister delusions rooted in the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history that we decimate below in a mere summary my book sent to you last year, *When Texas Prisons Scam Religion* (2023).

## 2. IF "2 of 3" Are False—Is that Typical in TDCJ?

This gets more complicated if the above was a **typical** agency wide mistake or a conscious nefarious collusion. For if two of three disciplinaries were contrived, that is a **66% failure**. The first one that Collier well remembers he dismissed was first filed by Marvin Dunbar and the disciplinary officials cancelled it because Dunbar did not write it properly, and now Collier misses the illegality of cowardly Warden Hunter's creation of a policy never encoded.

**Is that typical?** Among all the horde of nefariousness already documented, if we say just 25% are *mistakes* or are *crooked*, then that means of the 86,775 disciplinaries over a 10-year period, well then, that means **21,693 disciplinaries were likewise mistakes or crooked** like

<sup>11</sup> John Locke (1632–1704) *Two Treatises of Government* (1779 [1st 1689]), 221–222, italics his (old English "f" replaced with "s"), [www.google.com/books/edition/Two\\_Treatises\\_of\\_Government/fA\\_2wnl4Dd0C](http://www.google.com/books/edition/Two_Treatises_of_Government/fA_2wnl4Dd0C). On his *Two Treatises*, first against Filmer's scriptural support for hereditary monarchy as horrendous, and second was on natural rights and social contract that influenced Jefferson's of "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness."

<sup>12</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Historical Introduction D.7. "George Beto's Civil Rights Abuses Still Covered Up" (pp. 25–30).

<sup>13</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.). See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf). The above and some of the following being the short story detailed in the first 100 pages of my 700-page *Book of Secrets*, documented Warden Hunter as a cowardly lackey for Upshaw, revealing just how deep the under belly went as the Polunsky Fiasco was revealed in its voluminous violations to this day covered up.



mine. Yet, for those 21,693 poor souls, there was no initiative to dig like a wild mole, that is, the poor souls had not impetus to find a clean “Discovery File” like I have given to you all in **TAB 17** in the massive *Book of Secrets* in 2013 and referenced ad nauseum since then.<sup>14</sup>

**Is that typical?** TDCJ has presented an authorless “2025 Vision” full of departmental fledgling and even fawning fluff, the stuff the divisions would normally do, and missed how the exposure of those disciplinary *mistakes* or *nefarious collusions* of grand magnitude affect both the prison culture and officer morale, negatively impacting both officer attrition and offender recidivism (more on the “2030 Vision” to come).<sup>15</sup>

**Is that typical?** Dir. Collier? Eric? Am I being generous at 25%? Or is it lower or higher, like 66% in my case? Oh, who is studying disciplinary integrity? No one? I mean to say and vehemently ask: since my first exposure that TDCJ's Programs Division hired the lowest qualified in the applicant pool in 1999 and many times since, and then again as lampooned in my *TDCJ Deep State Report* (2019), where a high school grad was shamelessly preferred—hear ye, hear ye—even *after* exposure, dummies like Marvin Dunbar *continued* to shame TDCJ's honor and violate policies of fairness.<sup>16</sup> Criminy, I should not be the sole publisher of these two sets of exposures: (1) multiple analyses of applicant pools *and* (2) a semblance of analyses of disciplinaries in the last 50 years. Those **two deviations** on hiring and disciplinaries from common business ethics and apparent illegalities are seen by staff, my friends, and **should be addressed in the “2030 Vision,”** that is, **IF** you truly value the staff, wish to lower staff attrition, build staff morale and comradery, and positively affect the prison culture.<sup>17</sup>

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.  
Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790)  
U.S. Founding Father, statesman, scientist, philosophy, moralist, religion unknown

To the academics and their million-dollar grants: Who else is studying disciplinary ratios and pools of applicants? **Why haven't others?** The key to the prison culture is the in-prison staff and especially the correctional officers, and when governed by a rogue warden—**well?**

**3. Dovetailing 3 SETS of Discovery Files**

### 3. Dovetailing 3 SETS of Discovery Files

Eric, is it truly possible the TBCJ has no comment, no interest, and no sense of responsibility for the über-documented exposures of ongoing nefariousness given to you and to the TBCJ over the last 13 years? Some letters with QR-coded docs going back **25 years** documenting a repeated pattern of nefariousness with an audacious disregard for the law!

Justice Blacklock, here is your copy of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* which I sent to your predecessor, Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, over a year ago. That was hard to finish.

**“To Whom It May Concern”** refers to whoever follows, as I cannot keep creating new letters, exhausting as they have been. I think this sums the best, therefore, this is planned to be a **“to whomever”** letter that shall be passed to successors. Though most know the work it takes to write a letter like this, perhaps most do not know how hard it was to put together *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, a book that your position demands you, Eric, read thoroughly for your honor, TBCJ's honor, your successors' honor, Texas' honor, and for

<sup>14</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls), my “TDCJ 10-Year Disciplinary Report 7-25-2003 to 7-25-2013,” first in TDCJ History on 86,775 disciplinaries, and >> not a single disciplinary for a Polunsky warden, Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, or Chaplain Collier for hordes of violations everyday at the Polunsky Chapel for 6 years. Fairness flew the coup at Polunsky, named after super-attorney Alan Polunsky.

<sup>15</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024), accessed 12-29-25.

<sup>16</sup> Maness, *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019, 177 pp.), lampoon on the >> lies of another lowest-of-applicant-pool hiring, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf).

<sup>17</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024), accessed 12-29-25.



God's sake too. As the 18 university presidents continue their abstinence, this letter may be sent onto their various chancellors and boards of trustees and funding foundations. Not sure, but Judge Blacklock, as Gov Abbott's former legal counsel, you know who else this needs to go to. Accountability for nefariousness for so long should not be hard to accomplish.

This is to you, Eric, and Judge Blacklock who are top-tier experts in the law and 115 others. Herein, I dovetail **three cases of concern** that are tied together, two hazards to the TDCJ written mission and to good sense, and one that can revolutionize prison outcomes:

1. **Polunsky Unit Fiasco** detailed in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and backed up by my vast "Discover File" in the 700-page *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History*, from which exposures of nefariousness I was forced to retire early by cowardly Warden Richard Alford and by deliberately indifferent Dir. Collier for whistleblowing and defending TDCJ's policy and staff, for doing my job;
2. **Field Minister program as a Christian Nationalist Frankenstein** conceived and illegitimately birthed under the most nefarious dealings, a hideous monster in the light, footnoted throughout this letter to a host of original research exposures; and
3. **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option** to revolutionize the prison culture, reduce both officer attrition and offender recidivism, and correct two horrible long-lived injustices.

This was so very hard to write after so many rejections of justice, a story unto itself, except that one of my own delusions of honor thought so much better of so many for so long—too long. The facts are clear and immutable, for those who care about people and honor.

Though appearing long, this is merely the short story of a complicated compounding of nefariousness, the discovery of which was not intentional in 1999, when I began to defend the prison chaplaincy *profession*. Long story short, the greatest challenge for you, Eric, and the TBCJ is threefold:

1. Find out *whether* TDCJ Dir. Byran Collier was a collaborator in the obstruction of justice and destruction of crime-scene evidence in the Polunsky Fiasco—and my persecution—or an innocent deceived by several nefarious madmen herein named;
2. Find out *how* Collier *could* be deceived for 13 years after multiple exposures of a *horde* of violations in the Polunsky Fiasco and promotion of all the violators; and
3. Find out *how* Collier was totally deceived by Burl Cain's **Bullshit**, totally missing how Cain was the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.<sup>18</sup>

These many exposures should make us quiver, and all of you lividly indignant, and the exposures seriously beg the question of several of Texas' top law firms' top-tier attorneys: **if**

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

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
3rd stanza of "Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws" (2019), Item 4 below

Some people have no idea what  
they're doing, and lot of them are  
really good at it.

George Carlin (1937–2008)  
American stand-up comedian, social critic,  
satirist, actor and author

<sup>18</sup> Op. cit. **fn. 3**. See my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Appendix 2, contains Russell and Lau's article, "Fall of Burl Cain: How 1 Last Side Deal Led to Angola Warden Undoing," >> *The Advocate* (Dec. 15, 2015; updated May 20, 2020), [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article/987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article/987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html), used with permission. Compare James Ridgeway, "God's Own Warden," *Mother Jones* (July/August 2011), [www.MotherJones.com/politics/2011/07/burl-cain-angola-prison/](http://www.MotherJones.com/politics/2011/07/burl-cain-angola-prison/); Daniel Bergner, *God of the Rodeo: The Quest for Redemption in Louisiana's Angola Prison* (New York: Ballantine, 1999; 297 pp.); and Wilbert Rideau's masterful *In the Place of Justice: A Story of Punishment and Deliverance* (2011; 366 pp.).





**all this is so clear, what *more* nefariousness lurks underneath the belly of TDCJ?** Or worse, how can so many exposures pass the acuity of the top legal minds in Texas? **How can these pass by you, Eric, or Judge Wainwright?** While you cannot be full collaborators, still, you have authority and resources, and your heavy responsibility tamed into silence make you and your fellow top-tier legal eagles **still culpable**. Gentlemen and ladies of the Texas Bar, this is the mere tip of a very large cold-case iceberg, that if a former senior chaplain can dig up and repeatedly expose for 25 years, what if you had gotten to and turned out a deep-seated TDCJ kingpin? Find an informant close to the top that has been shielding the truth from Dir. Byran Collier, much as we watched Joe Biden *handled* during his term.

Folks, I worked with 1,000s of honorable TDCJ employees and volunteers for 20 years as a senior clinical chaplain. Not until I started to defend the *profession* of prison chaplaincy with real research did I expose nefariousness, first in 1999, and that then exposed a few unscrupulous leaders, working harder and getting more concrete help for chaplains than anyone else in TDCJ history.<sup>19</sup> No one is helping the chaplains as they help a *multitude* as they have worked so hard with so little for so long.

Bear in mind that the “2030 Vision” boasts about building chapels.<sup>20</sup> An obvious question arises: is TDCJ building the Protestant-with-Baptist-hegemony chapels or are Baptists building the chapels? If the latter, the “Vision” is taking false credit. Regardless and therefore, the “Vision” itself is promoting sectarianism in another cover up and another lie to its readers under the pretense appealing to Protestants. If Protestants are building the chapels, then the vision is bragging incognito about Dir. Collier’s Christian Nationalist Frankenstein. (Yes, I know that’s picky, but still apropos.)

What about TDCJ’s “2030 Vision” claim of “unmatched” when certainly the secret authors did not know that just two decades ago TDCJ was allowing volunteers to build chapels at great cost to volunteer networking—**WHY?**—because up until just two decades ago the “unmatched” TDCJ had allowed its best chapels to completely deteriorate into condemned buildings, some with literally bats in the belfries.<sup>21</sup> Now TDCJ may want to build chapels where none are needed, for the profusion Dir. Collier’s Field Minister Frankensteins need places to inhabit unsupervised, many psychopaths, instead of truly networking with the volunteer community to get authentic experienced law-abiding mostly retired free-world men of incorruptible esteem to come in. **There’s a “vision” worth something.**

Oh, there is a *reason* why I was persecuted, forced to retire early. I cannot and do not expect most of the recipients to empathize with my plight, defense of my honor, though I do

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<sup>19</sup> In 1999 I led the TDCJ, MHMR, and TYC chaplains to the Texas legislator like the 1939 movie *Mr. Roberts Goes to Washington*, learning how a bill is filled, the calendar, committees, writing a flyer summing the vast TDCJ chaplaincy statistics—first in TDCJ history—and publishing a 100-page **> >** *Chaplain Professional Equity* market study proving how chaplains recover their cost at least 3x over, in this monumental work, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain Pt 1 Proposal 2000.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain_Pt_1_Proposal_2000.pdf), used in securing our **first pay group raise in 40+ years in 2001**. Then Program Dir. Carl Jefferies retaliated and fired 33%, fired 50 chaplains, not spreading his 10% cut over the division or among programs vastly less effective. In 2007, I led another push that secured the return of 25 chaplains, though I wanted 50 and raises for the most senior, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Letter McReynolds.jpg](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Letter_McReynolds.jpg). **> >**

In 2011, TDCJ killed the entire chaplaincy department in veritable secrecy, without a single white paper, while at the same contracting with Grove Norwood for the Field Minister Frankenstein rooted in the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history. Fortunately, a whistle-blower got to me to December of 2010, wherein I again tapped my network, and we went to work republishing my flyers—one volunteer made 2,000 copies for two dozen to pass out in Austin—and we fought and won the entire budget back, again exposing the nefariousness in Program’s Division.

<sup>20</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 13, accessed 12-29-25.

<sup>21</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 1.



expect the TBCJ to come to bear upon the honor of their former Chairman Oliver Bell, who was certainly hoodwinked by a least the madman then Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, if not also deceived by Dir. Bryan Collier.

Getting answers to these crimes is the only honorable path.

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Getting answers to these crimes is the only honorable path.

Not getting answers is dishonorable, if not lazy, cowardly, or just as nefarious.

**“Who then is that faithful and wise steward? ...  
For unto whomsoever much is given,  
of him shall be much required.”**

Jesus, c. A.D. 32, Luke 12:42–48

When will the 18+ university presidents cc'd herein, the TBCJ,  
Dir. Collier, or successors take this verse seriously?

When I found pure nefariousness, I took this verse seriously, several times  
over the last 25 years, and stood up against several scoundrels.

**Who else is doing anything close to these pages? *OIG is not!***

- ✓ Is it truly *true* that all the TBCJ chairmen and all or most of the board have no interest in ongoing TDCJ nefariousness? For 25+ years?
- ✓ If in huge Texas, you must *bet* similar is par in most state prison systems, where the governing boards just will not or *cannot* truly supervise, *demanding* scholars research leadership deeper than ever before!
- ✓ Ask again and again and again—*How* can so many top tier lawyer TBCJ chairmen and members turn away from clearly indisputably documented nefariousness for 25 years? A needed study itself.
- ✓ Then the TBCJ *delusion* “buys faith from prisoners with favor” to support a naïve elderly Baptist in a Christian Nationalist Prisoner Field Minister Frankenstein—criminy—that is *rooted* in the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history. Insanity on steroids!
- ✓ To the scrupulous, TBCJ has lost credibility, questioning the *utility* of their very existence: TBCJ did not even make actionable ONE SINGLE public comment to their board during a 12-year period, revealing a total lack of concern or total lack of accountability or worse.<sup>22</sup> Who cares?



<sup>22</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TBCJ\\_2007-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TBCJ_2007-2019.pdf), TBCJ No Action on Public Comments in 12 Years & Word-frequency Analysis in 70 Board Meeting Minutes 2007–2019, chaplaincy nearly absent, and more, first such analysis in TDCJ history.



#### 4. Three-Fold Face of Dir. Collier's Field Minister Christian Nationalist Frankenstein

In January 2011, TDCJ killed its entire prison chaplaincy, zero-budgeting, and I led the chaplains and a core of volunteers in Austin to save it, quickly networking, and soon had several legislators and three non-profit advocates with us. However, believe it or not—and not a point labored here—the real reason for zero-budgeting chaplaincy in 2011 was to **bury 20 years** of repeated abuse, nefarious favoritism, the division repeatedly hiring the lowest qualified, and a **purposed incompetency** repeatedly exposed. After we won, Dir. Bryan Collier *still* force-fed his Christian Nationalist Field Minister Frankenstein institutionalization by executive order naked of any white paper and naked of any justification worth the name. Collier's admin does not like justifying itself to anyone, even *after* exposures of nefariousness.

Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein monster was birthed in veritable secrecy in 2010, while Collier met with the LLB killing chaplaincy in the budget, and an insider revealed the killing in December 2010—we chaplains came to Austin, fought, and won back chaplaincy. Read that again. We won back chaplaincy and were immediately ordered to expand without additional resources—callously, heartlessly, brainlessly. In other words, right after we won back the entire budget in April of 2011—almost immediately after and despite repeatedly exposed nefariousness—manager Marvin Dunbar **ordered all state chaplains to exponentially increase** Protestant programing with a demonstrable Baptist hegemony in three unconstitutional programs:

1. Start Faith-based Housing sections on all prisons, all at first Protestant,
2. Send our Best Chapel Prisoners, like cattle, to participate in Baptist church-splitter looney David Valentine's prisoner church starting program, and
3. Be the Unit Coordinator to help the elderly naïve Grover Norwood's vast state-wide "prisoner" Field Minister program.<sup>23</sup>

On those three callous and unconstitutional *orders*—even several wardens resented, Warden Cody Ginsel saying to me, “not until we are *ordered* to”—we drudged along. I documented. Then I took a stand, I did “the Right Thing,” and I wrote the most substantial critique to date in December of 2011 in a 50-page “Faith-Based Housing Letter” that began TDCJ's fierce persecution against me.<sup>24</sup> Yes, without any help, right after we were zero-budgeted and fought hard to save chaplaincy—we are **ordered to make more bricks without any more straw**.<sup>25</sup> Who cares for the chaplains? From the attempted assassination of the whole chaplaincy in January to the overloading of the already understaffed chaplains *and* overloading the already understaffed prison units—BAM—just exponentially increase Protestant programming without any thought of logistics or assessment of resources, even without ... brains.

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<sup>23</sup> The damage to TDCJ chaplaincy under Marvin Dunbar almost certainly will never be repaired, his antics among the most thoughtless, sycophantic, condescending in the history of the Programs Division, who supported racist hirings, managed the hiring several times of the lowest qualified of the applicant pool, then also part of the triad with Oliver Bell and Michael Upshaw who destroyed Polunsky Unit crime scene evidence and contraband, and was rewarded for the Polunsky Fiasco cover up with a promotion to director of TDCJ's compliance division *after* all this was well-documented and exposed repeatedly over the last 15 years.

<sup>24</sup> Maness, “Faith-Based Housing Letter” (Dec. 2011, 50 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf), sent to then TDCJ Dir. Brad Livingston and AU's Barry Lynn with cc. >> to BJC's Dir. Brent Walker. Marvin Dunbar contrived a disciplinary hearing over nothing so he spent 70% of time trying to humiliate me over this letter that, then he got ashamed as he revealed he had not read the letter! Later, he wrote the disciplinary so incompetently TDCJ's own processes rejected it.

<sup>25</sup> Michael G. Maness, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011—Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers and Their Chaplains* (AuthorHouse, 2015; 414 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved/).



**No agency has been *worse* at recording its critical history than TDCJ—I guess. Yet, seriously, *WHO* will study and find which state prison is actually worse than TDCJ?**

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***EXCURSUS*—“No” to TDCJ Staff Chaplains  
Pastoring Free-World Churches**

Those over the staff chaplains in the last 30-plus years have **failed** to see how chaplains that pastor free-world churches kill their ability to network in their community’s churches, that used to be a part of their job description. TDCJ staff chaplains have *enough* to do inside the prisons that should consume their vigor, and since most are Protestants and most of the prisons have Sunday services—well, the staff Protestant staff chaplain should be their for most of those services too. Furthermore, no TDCJ chaplain pastoring a local free-world church can visit other churches for volunteers and **not be perceived as stealing members**.

**The past was erased, the erasure was forgotten, the lie became the truth.**

George Orwell (1903–1950)  
British journalist and author best known for his dystopian novels *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which are considered two of the 20th century's most famous novels

Worse, when the TDCJ “managers” ran chaplaincy, it was the blind, unnetworked, religiously naïve, each one reinventing the “wheel” and reading the manual for the first time *after* they were promoted to *lead*. **TDCJ chaplaincy almost certainly will never recover from the time of Marvin Dunbar’s host of nefarious antics**, even if one wrongly overlooks the horrid Polunsky Fiasco in which he was center stage in destroying crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband. After the retirement of Emmett Solomon in the 1990s, we never got a chief chaplain truly dedicated, and the chaplaincy supervisors themselves *never* got involved in the ministerial alliance in Huntsville! And the current “Asst. Dir. for Religious Services” C. F. Hazelwood has not gotten involved today, or during his time as a TDCJ Division Director, or during the last 30 years he has pastored a church in Huntsville.

A TDCJ staff chaplain **cannot** do a good job *while* pastoring a free-world church, because volunteers are greatly needed much more than that chaplain has come to see. In other words and in fact, the chaplain who *does* pastor a free-world church is telling everyone in the free world and telling all of the prisoners in his prison that the prisoners are *not* that important. Part of the reason for my removal from the Gib Lewis Prison was because **I did follow policy** and was almost certainly the most community-involved chaplain in all of TDCJ’s prisons. That would make a good study. Upshaw and Madeline Ortiz had to kill my network, too, that helped save chaplaincy from zero-budgeting in early 2011. TDCJ has not supported the American Correctional Chaplains Association at all, has not hired a chaplaincy supervisor that would qualify as a certified chaplain, except one, and—as documented—hired the lowest qualified, least networked, and with the least experience **many times** in the last 25 years.

Once I spoke up, they found out just what a good chaplain was doing. I coordinated our local ministerial alliance for 20 years, visited almost all the churches in my county, the Mormon church, the Kingdom Hall of our Jehovah’s Witnesses, our Indian reservation, and my Muslim volunteer’s mosque in Beaumont. I visited our Catholic church many times and spoke at one priest’s 50-year anniversary in the ministry. My volunteer banquet saw our Muslim and JW volunteers come, something unheard of in most *if not all* of TDCJ’s prisons.

*End of excursus on “No” to TDCJ Staff Chaplains Pastoring Free-World Churches*

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See the history of our great fight in Austin in my *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2015), with a foreword by Jerry Madden, then chair of the Texas House’s Corrections Committee, and a foreword from Carol Vance, former Harris County DA and former TBCJ chairman, and two other forewords by influential persons similarly aghast at TDCJ Programs

Division's mindless paperless assassination of the benign chaplaincy. The amount of chaplaincy data TDCJ covered up is unimaginable, much of it shocking legislators who were sympathetic to religion—many of them devote in their faiths—as **TDCJ has never published most of the chaplaincy data and have never used the data to logistically aid the chaplains.**

In 2010-2011, I published summaries in flyers for our fight in Austin: to TDCJ's shame, several legislators of which remembered my data-sheets in my previous foray to Austin with 50-plus chaplains widely disseminated by me in 1999 in Austin and then again with a smaller contingent in 2007 in Austin.<sup>26</sup> My book, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*, documented **our hard work** in January thru April 2011 and exposed Dir.

Collier's dereliction or how his eyes were covered up by others. Collier has minimized that work since 2011, even denying the work of several legislators who were pleased to defend chaplaincy. Even the chairman of the House's Criminal Justice Committee was on our side and wrote a forward to my book.

**How can you**, Eric, your successors, the 115 cc'd, and others in the decades to come *not* be fully aghast at TDCJ covering up chaplaincy's vast statistics that were exposed to them and to Austin legislators several times (1999 & 2007) and then watch TDCJ *still* kill the entire chaplaincy in 2011 without a single white paper or justification even 13 years later?<sup>27</sup>

Though said in several letters, I also documented in both books, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* and *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, that the *only* justification in Austin by the Programs Division was "the volunteers can do it all," and documented how our volunteers said in Austin, "No, we cannot." Good God!—our precious volunteers should *not* have to had to say that. Too often in the Programs Division, the *manager* treated our volunteers like so much cattle to be herded rather than some of the best citizens in Texas that most of them actually are. Added to the shame was that there was no decrease in cost to killing the chaplaincy, for everyone knew—*everyone!*—that some staff would *still* have to manage 20,000 volunteers, if even an already over-taxed lieutenant—or an angry sergeant—so believe it, the best and most active volunteers *wanted* us chaplains, for they knew we truly cared for them and resonated with them in their faith devotion. That is true even when the wardens *liked* the volunteers coming in, which was and is today not always the case.

As detailed in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, there are no volunteers as favored as the Norwoods, giving naïve guidance to Dir. Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein. The Norwoods have a status above *all others*, the units do not even log in the Norwoods' hours like the rest of the peasant volunteer hours. Much more on that in my chapters 12–14.

Callous is an understatement, yet the reality was nastier, because in 2010-2011 Div. Dir. Madeline Ortiz was wanting to kill chaplaincy to hide the multitude of nefariousness clearly documented. She never said that, though a confident implied that to me in 2011 in Austin, and

There are three classes of people:  
those who see,  
those who see when they are shown,  
those who do not see.  
Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)  
scientist and artist

<sup>26</sup> Maness, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2015), wherein I documented the networking we did to accomplish the re-funding of chaplaincy and how the Programs Division neglected its duty and tried to kill chaplaincy with the least thought—no thinking—zero white papers, zero access of senior chaplains, repeated avoidance of advocates like Americans United, the Baptist Joint Committee, and the latter's foundation upon the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. history.

<sup>27</sup> See the **Chaplain Equity Fact Sheet** [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf). > > See many of the accumulated stats for 2013-2016, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx), never before published for anyone in TDCJ, much less even *thought* about for logistically helping the chaplains. See [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/) for the largest collection of prison chaplaincy docs, studies, and raw research in the U.S. penal history.



Ortiz' actions spoke loud and clear. Ortiz tried to kill chaplaincy at the same time, in secrecy, she knew that Dir. Collier had already become enchanted with Warden Burl Cain's **bullshit** in 2010. If the chaplains could be cut, they could rehire volunteer coordinators with no religious training, no commitment to "care," and further rid the prison of quality incorruptible volunteers. Sound strange, you say, but it is the truth. It was just a fact in 2011—Programs Dir. Ortiz did not care about the overburdened chaplains and did not care about the understaffed prisons, not in the slightest. There is much more on that in *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*.

The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.

George Orwell (1903–1950)

British journalist and author best known for his dystopian novels *Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which are considered two of the 20th century's most famous novels

These letters are getting harder to write, each one repeating some of the basics of nefariousness *still unaddressed* yet also each one adding more unique exposures, and in some cases, as with this one, to new and important addressees—as with you, Judge Blacklock.

So hard, yet still no one wants to help. Last year, I had to work through the loss of a dear loved one, heartbreaking, and all I had to endure during the writing of the book, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, the First Edition, then the laborious and much refined Second Edition, and then sending it, too, to 115+ of the major stakeholders. That is, many of them received both editions, and no one returned their copies, except former Chairman Oliver Bell, who returned all correspondence from his many addresses—I really tried to get a copy to Bell. Perhaps I can send it to his new post as vice chair of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. I really don't blame him for hiding, or for trusting hoodwinked Dir. Collier, such is the famously notorious persuasive skills of criminal psychopaths, like I believe Michael Upshaw almost certainly is, kingpin in the Polunsky Fiasco, at least he is a rotting lower-than-parasite-eaten-fly-dung conman. There is no one else in TDCJ this work, which many *should* do.

If the cancer of silence continues, it will be this letter sent out in the future, if I am able and still alive. I face a few health issues and do not want to give up. What would you do? Who will continue this?

## 5. **ACADEMICS!—See 85 Topics in Great Need of Scholarly Papers & Dissertations**

Academics—Front and Center! Look inside *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and into the back matter section "**Bibliography & Resources**" on page 735 for

### 1. **Further Research – 85 Needs for More Grant-Funded Study.**

Therein are 85 more topics and questions in great need of deeper-dive research into all state prison operations from the only 20-year in-prison employee who has initiated more Open Record requests than almost any other single person in penal history. There are a host of questions that academics need to dive into with a rigor and fearlessness in order to help tilt the prison systems toward more honor than TDCJ has exhibited these last 25 years. Notice the questions for the various boards pretending to govern the prisons. Goodness, encourage your PhD students to evaluate various application pools and the prison's choices. It is unbelievable, but TDCJ has many times selected the least qualified of the applicant pool, and they have done that many times in the last 25 years, since 1999, and **after exposure continued their nefarious ways**. Bear in mind—a caveat—the nefarious choices were not between those similarly qualified: the choices were nastily made to find the most ignorant, least educated, least networked, and more. There are 85 topics that most academics in our best criminology schools have yet to even begin to study. In

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

Michael G. Maness (1956–)

4th stanza of "Ode to the Oddities of Outing a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws" (2019), Item 4 below+

getting our best professors to lead their PhD students into these areas will help the prisons to rise in their integrity.

Oh, these **85 areas are fields ripe for harvest** by academics hungry to advance and help justice!

## 6. Polunsky Fiasco on Electrical Grid Fire Hazards

**For instance**—another unique exposure—the Polunsky Unit electrical grid, oddly one of recent online goals posted by TDCJ on its home page, along with other nice *sounding* goals like support for military veterans, when the documented reality is “if it meets with the hiring person’s okay,” then—*only* then—the nefarious ones will follow policy, as they refused to do in the *Goodman Unit Hiring Scam*, the most comprehensive hiring audit in TDCJ history.<sup>28</sup>

**Another Unique Lawsuit Exposure.** Eric and Judge Blacklock, what could the family of a prisoner in TDCJ expect to win in a lawsuit if the prisoner was electrocuted by a frayed extension cord? Is it true that the extension cord is *still* run from the life-sentenced prisoners’ computer control room—unsupervised—underneath the CARPET of the only entrance into the Gym-Chapel to the make-believe sound board in the Audio Cave exposed in my 2013 *Book of Secrets*.<sup>29</sup> That is, before I was *forced* to retire in October of 2012, as punishment for the contrived disciplinaries, I was removed from the Gib Lewis Unit after 20 years of sterling service and sent to the Polunsky Unit, who’s chaplaincy was violating dozens of policies every single day with the wardens’ full knowledge (über-documented in my *Book of Secrets*).

Cowardly Polunsky Prison Warden Richard Alford got visibly angry for my repeating the violations to him, two times in writing. The clear **electrical hazard** of the extension cord running under a carpet—a rug—was trampled daily by hundreds prisoners for years prior to my coming and—really—years after even to today in January 2025! That, in itself, might be an infinitesimally small item for you Judge Blacklock and even you, Eric, but another exposure is this **lawsuit question**: Not “if,” but when will that cord finally fray and shock someone, staff or prisoner, after years of feet and carts trampling it? What is the lawsuit value of a simple electrical execution or maiming? What is the graduated value when such has been ignored *after* repeated, consistent, coherent, documented exposures of nefariousness *accumulating* for 13+ years? Even *accumulating* for the last 25 years?

In other words, what is the “lawsuit value” to an 8-Billion-Dollar-Funded TDCJ *after* 13 solid years of exposures of nefariousness in the Polunsky chapel, the documented cover up of the destruction of crime evidence, the clearing of all the staff violators, and even the exposure of the former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell conspiring with Michael Upshaw and Marvin Dunbar to destroy all the evidence and—after repeated exposure of that, too—yes, top billion-

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<sup>28</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov) (accessed 1-10-25), one of the several flashes on the home page of “Upcoming Projects,” another on how TDCJ hires veterans, like the United States Postal Service, that gives preference to veterans, though TDCJ did not when it hired the lowest qualified career TDCJ laundry man at the Goodman Unit in 2017, when a grossly obese burned-out newly minted white warden of the tiny prison chose his white retired laundry man over a black career combat Army chaplain, detailed in the only and most detailed hiring audit in TDCJ history: my *TDCJ Book of Secrets Part 2, Goodman Unit Hiring >>> Violations*, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf) (180 pp.), documented multiple violations, and racism just one of many—nothing like has been published in TDCJ history, perhaps in U.S. penal history. Yes, a black retired career combat veteran U.S. Army chaplain with a masters degree was snubbed for a retired career TDCJ laundry man who just finished his online bachelors Bible degree. Get angry! You should. Just this one unrivaled audit merits dozens more, but—again—*after* exposure, not even a “thank you” or any response by those claiming to be honorably responsible. But that in your “2030 Vision,” Eric, many in-prison unit staff have seen that and worse.

<sup>29</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.). See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf). >>>



dollar law firms whose members make up the chairmanships these last 13 years? Yes sirs, what is the value of a lawsuit AFTER such was repeatedly exposed and TDCJ Dir. Collier and Chairmen Dale Wainright, Patrick O’Neil, and Eric Nichols all ignored this? Goodness, Eric and Judge Blacklock, the witness list now includes a Who’s Who of the top legal minds in Texas from the top law firms in the *entire world!* What of the witness list, the prisoner-created videos, and the audio-recorded testimony I supplied to Dir. Brad Livingston, your OIG, and then TDCJ CID Dir. Rick Thaller on three CDs with the hardcopy of the 700-page *Book of Secrets*, yes, video and audio recorded testimony?<sup>30</sup>

Eric, you are now *second* on that growing witness list, right after Dir. Bryan Collier!

Does not repeated negligence increase the value of a lawsuit? And I am the bad guy?

To date, I’ve not even gotten a “thank you” for the exposures, to say nothing of an offer of redressing the wrongs and persecutions of me for whistleblowing—and killing my career.

If you look at the *Book of Secrets*, there is a section in there where I had to get the Texas Fire Marshall to investigate in July of 2013.<sup>31</sup> An extension cord was run through the attic, against code, which forced TDCJ maintenance to fix it.

Furthermore, given that the same Polunsky Gym-Chapel was the staging site of a crafty yet failed prisoner escape attempt, and the security report on that was well below that of the thoroughness of the Texas Seven Escape! **WHY** is it, Eric, that *no one* to date has discovered *how* the prisoners got that extension cord into and strung through the locked attic portal in the Polunsky Gym-Chapel to power spot lights for the prisoner-run games? Why am I the only one asking, then and now? Only one caring about the origin of such a serious security violation? Oh, who bothers with those things?

Recall this: the Polunsky Unit security camera computer servers are in a locked closet in that very same Polunsky Gym-Chapel. Now how does the nefariousness of madman Michael Upshaw look who conned, hoodwinked, coerced ex-TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell and manager Marvin Dunbar to destroy crime scene evidence of life-sentenced prisoners’ contraband computers and *clean* those computers and erase the murderers’ gigabytes of *encrypted* data? **Upshaw ordered the erasure** without getting an expert to decrypt and find out what convicted life-sentenced murderers were encrypting on contraband computer—Judge Blacklock!—**serious crime scene evidence was destroyed**, and more, well-documented in my *Book of Secrets*, and repeated for 13 years.

One would think former TBCJ Chairmen Bell’s honor was worth more than that! That is, unless Bell was *not* hoodwinked by Upshaw and was a *conscious* party to obstruction of justice. Yet Bell was not a top tier lawyer, just a good man trying to help.

Maybe the prisoners did not access the Polunsky’s camera servers, but the prisoners did have a wireless computer network set up in secret—until I exposed them. After all the exposures to July of 2013, the Polunsky wardens *still* had not secured the Polunsky Gym-Chapel. Yet, shortly after, Michael Upshaw was promoted, Polunsky Warden Richard Alford promoted to Upshaw’s regional directorate, and the Gib Lewis Unit cowardly Warden Gary Hunter who falsely accused me was promoted to Polunsky. Yeah, nothing to see there 😊—hide and cover up and promote the violating staff. Oh, TDCJ flashed on its homepage that one its goals is to improve electrical.<sup>32</sup> Well then—do I need to do an Open Records request

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<sup>30</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), see the 32 witnesses listed in Tab 3, 223–250, several >>> accessible online from the audio recording I took of my interview with them—I did OIG’s work for them! See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).

<sup>31</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.), 245. See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf). ^^^

<sup>32</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov) (accessed 1-10-25), in a series with a flash and link to the “2030 Vision.”





to see just what they are planning, Eric and Judge Blacklock? Does TDCJ's website *flash* advertisement contradict the secret authors of the "2030 Vision" in its "unmatched" fluffing where TDCJ actually *does have* electrical problems not up to code? Who will investigate that?<sup>33</sup> Not me. I cannot do all of the wardens' and directors' work for them.

Hear ye this: to this day, there is no record of each and every time the Polunsky Unit Gym-Chapel blows an electrical breaker from an overload from the prisoners' play time that no one is truly supervising, even with the high-resolution cameras with a monitor in the warden's office. Or the adjacent over-burdened over-populated crammed-like-sardines craft shop next door—yeah!—almost certainly another fire hazard with chemicals not stored to OSHA standards, the last I heard. Everyone knew then, and many sterling volunteers too, even these 13 years later that the blown circuit breaker was from too many chapel prisoners turning on spotlights, some from the now-fixed extension cord in the attic. Sad when the prisoners are determining how many spotlights will blow a breaker. Nor how many times that breaker needs to break before it finally fails and blows a transformer or ignites a fire. Who cares? Not the wardens then that allowed the contraband in the chapel and forced me to retire for whistleblowing. Oh, but enough on the small things.

How much truth does a spirit *endure*,  
how much truth does it *dare*? More  
and more that became for me the real  
measure of value.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844–1900)  
prolific German philologist, philosopher, poet,  
who challenged morality and Christianity

Never fear, the *prisoners* helped the *volunteers* and new staff chaplains find and turn the breakers back on. Got to get the unsupervised play time and unsupervised use of paints and unsupervised use of computers going again. I tried to get cowardly Warden Richard Alford to upgrade the electrical panel, even if volunteers donated the extra wire, but he refused and was already increasingly hostile at my continued exposures, the man who forced me to retire early—nasty cowardly man?—and how the Polunsky Gym-Chapel has for nearly 20 YEARS now violated the capacity fire code with one single exit for the per-capita square feet for the hundreds occupying on Sundays. That was so when the current Dir. of Religious Services was coming into the Polunsky chapel with his church on a regular basis WHILE he was then TDCJ Transportation Division Director and *not seeing the host of violations*—a division director preacher, outlined in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* that was so very willingly blind as he watched violations not acceptable in his prison box factory.<sup>34</sup> The chapel was documented over capacity many times, with no concern for safety, and likely the posted capacity would have been lower than 275 if it was known there was only one single exit, the other exit useless and continuously locked with no key easily accessible, for it led to the perimeter fence.<sup>35</sup>

Eric and successors—the Polunsky Gym-Chapel never heard of fire drills for 20 years!

As documented in my book, *Book of Secrets*, the unit safety man was told to leave the Gym-Chapel alone, he told me that personally in the ODR, shaking his head—"Nothing I can

<sup>33</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 1.

<sup>34</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), Book 6. "Prison Rehabilitation Culture vs. Big Bucks," Chapter 18. "Compromised TBCJ Pastor Larry Miles & Rehab Sleight of Hand *Again*" (484–499), section H. "USMC Veteran Pastor C. F. Hazlewood ... New Chief Chaplain?" (492–499). Any reasonable person can see the constitutional compromises.

<sup>35</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.), Tab 9, "Vast Programs a Hodgepodge – Volunteer Weekly Scary" (311–340, esp. the very record on 333–334). Looked impressive to the uninitiated, but there was no *real* supervision worth the name, even when policy was followed. When I vetted Chaplain Collier's extensive volunteer list that his prisoners printed for him every week, I found a few volunteers banned by TDCJ and few that had no training, and Chaplain Collier did not know what several of them did—insanely sloppy and dangerous. See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).



do,” he said.<sup>36</sup> Then they were using part-time CO’s for their “lesser concerned” places, and often in the summer of 2012 the chapel prisoners helped with count, oh yeah—*prisoners helped with count*—under the high-resolution cameras with a monitor in the warden’s office. And that was in the *same* chapel under the same Chaplain David Collier under which an escape attempt was foiled. Every day in the Polunsky Gym-Chapel under then Chaplain Collier there were a dozen more serious policy violations than the made-up policy against me by cowardly Warden Gary Hunter at the Gib Lewis Unit in 2012, now proven to be a lackey for madman Michael Upshaw, who somehow swooned and bullshitted into his snake pit the good man TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell while at the same time hoodwinking Dir. Bryan Collier.

## **7. ORDERED to Exponentially Increase Protestant Dominance with a Baptist Hegemony**

In fact, Dir. Collier remembers well—as I have repeated for 13 years—that I tried to see him in about June of 2011 with a flash drive of the vast violations at Polunsky, again chronicled in the *Book of Secrets*, something still not addressed. Collier refused to see. I tried to see CID Dir. Rick Thaller, too, and I recorded my brief conversations with both of their secretaries. Soon after, conveniently or *wisely* Thaller retired, though he might not have if he had known that even OIG was aiding the covering up the Polunsky Fiasco violations.

Please bear with me—I repeat in other words—almost immediately after we won in April of the 2011 legislature and got the chaplaincy fully funded again—after TDCJ tried to kill it—we chaplains were *ordered* without extra help to start Faith-based Dorms, support looney Baptist David Valentine’s Prisoner Free-world Church Starting fiasco, and—of course—the insanely compromised Collier’s Field Minister Program—all exposed clearly in a letter in late 2011, my 50-page Faith-Based Housing Letter.<sup>37</sup> **Yes—in other more clear words**—right after we saved TDCJ chaplaincy, we were *ordered* to **exponentially increase Protestant programs with a huge Baptist hegemony**—first time this was exposed—with the crazy Field Minister program ballooning into **TDCJ’s greatest Christian Nationalist Frankenstein monster**. All this is contrary to all we know about law, penology, psychology, and the ethics of all the major religions, and the *ordered* increase totally disrespected the statewide staffing shortage and disrespected the already overburdened staff chaplains. Staff chaplains were *ordered* to be biased without even the thought of logistical support or of pay equity.

Exposing that cost me my career, yet these 13 years yielded several unprecedented books demonstrably exposing cowardly wardens, an evil scumbag Michael Upshaw, a TBCJ chairman hoodwinked, and a TDCJ Dir. Collier shamefully hoodwinked if he has not been a pro-active part in the obstruction of justice and other infamies, to say nothing of how wholly Collier swallowed Warden Cain’s *bullshit*. And Collier still sells all to the TBCJ.

See the TDCJ chaplains’ *vast* statistics that have been hidden for 25+ years.<sup>38</sup>

While I hope this letter isn’t too long—though I am weary and cannot continue these

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<sup>36</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.), Tab 8, “**Texas Fire Marshal’s Report**” (311–329) > and see my email exchanges with the Texas Fire Marshall’s office, lastly with Texas Deputy Fire Marshall Richard L. Bishop in their Inspection Office concurring and so forth, just Tab 8 of 23 Tabs > of documented violations and cover ups, that the OIG has yet to have investigated, per OR responses.

See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).

<sup>37</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf).

<sup>38</sup> See the **Chaplain Equity Fact Sheet**, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf). > > See many of the accumulated stats for 2013-2016, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx), never before published for anyone in TDCJ, much less even *thought* about for logistically helping the chaplains. See [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/) for the largest collection of prison chaplaincy docs, studies, and raw research in the U.S. penal history.



creations—it is hard to get this spread of evil clear. Yet, to those like yourself, this should be easy to digest and verify with QR codes easy to follow. Hard to write again to someone who likely has not yet read my monumental *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

## 8. Help In-prison Employees & Musk's "Corrective Feed-back Loop"

The research, rhetoric, reason, proofs, many recorded interviews of relevant staff and volunteer witnesses, even the lampoons, the poem, analogies and metaphors, and host of esteemed criminology, psychology, and legal sources combine with the fruit of hundreds of open records requests over 25 years to support me and offer TDCJ a chance to really weed out the nefarious and truly support our state and U.S. Constitutions—your job Judge Blacklock—and most of all help the 36,000 employees, 130,000 prisoners under their care, our precious volunteers, and truly the precious families of all three. This is also the reason to find the next director who has been a warden and spent time rising through the ranks, for no other can truly discern the *culture* of the prison that the naïve "2030 Vision" pretends to want to "change" so badly—without a single definition—or have an honest ear to the wardens and to whom the wardens feel safe in saying what they really think.

Elon Musk called it a "**corrective feed-back loop**." I used this four times in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, leading to the "Final Word" at the end. 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 on how to facilitate systemic TRUST:**

I was thinking about how to spend time. One of the biggest challenges, I think, is making sure you have a corrective feed-back loop and **maintaining that corrective feed-back loop over time** even when people want to tell you exactly what you want to hear. That's *very* difficult.<sup>39</sup>

Unless Dir. Collier was co-conspiring in the cover ups, while buying all of Cain's *bullshit*, then this has been Collier's greatest failure, innocent though he may be. A director is totally dependent upon his/her senior staff if that director did not have substantial in-prison experience—just a sociological and organizational fact! When you see photos of Musk in the shop with one of his Raptor jet engines, you have a real-world example, and all in TDCJ that work inside the prison almost immediately know the vast unparalleled difference between the wardens who actually walk the unit regularly and those who rarely get out off their butts. A new officer might as well wear a purple hat with a propeller spinning; for all know he or she is a new boot, especially the prisoners. That is true in all professions, as it is in yours, Eric, and in your Superior Courthouse, too, Judge Blacklock. That's why Judge Dale Wainwright is such an asset to GreenbergTraurig's Texas legal teams. Prison is a unique environment *impossible* to truly comprehend by anyone who has not spent at least five years working full-time with prisoners, at the least, but those who have worked with the in-prison staff and prisoners for 15-plus years *know*! Same in your law firms and in the Texas courts—everyone *knows* the novice from the networked, the fool or braggart from the street wise!

## 9. JUSTICE—100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option

As I was composing this letter, Texas Chief Justice Judge Hecht retired, and you, Judge Blacklock, were appointed. Though 75 is an honorable age, the law should allow our judges whose acuity, honesty, and concern for justice and for the poor are still as strong as ever, if not at the peak of their strength and acuity. Judge Hecht was noted for his concern for the poor

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<sup>39</sup> See [https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ\\_8Yo](https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo), bold mine, accessed 2-4-2021. Quoted in Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), xxxviii, 184, 293, and 817, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/).

and for quality representation for the poor (also a life-long concern of distinguished Prof. Emeritus Alan Dershowitz, the most published professor in Harvard University's history).

"If justice were food, too many would be starving," Hecht told lawmakers in 2017....  
"Some people call it the justice gap. I call it the justice chasm," Hecht said. "Because it's just a huge gulf between the people that need legal help and the ability to provide it."

Hecht said he's glad this has been taken up as a bipartisan issue, and he's hopeful that the same attention will be paid even after he leaves the court.

"No judge wants to give his life's energy to a work that mocks the justice that he's trying to provide," he said. "For the judiciary, this is an important issue, because when the promise of equal justice under law is denied because you're too poor, there's no such thing as equal justice under the law."<sup>40</sup>

I plead with you, Judge Blacklock, as you assume Hecht's big shoes, to help me in the most significant cost-saving option in Texas penal history: help Texas, TDCJ, and the law-abiding Texas mothers of prisoners in the **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option**, which can revolutionize the prison culture, be a formidable reality-based influence upon prisoners, save millions of dollars, and correct two blatantly grave injustices.<sup>41</sup>

"Vision"—Value in-prison staff? See **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option** that is now 15+ years old as a real means to revolutionize the prison culture, potentially save taxpayers millions of dollars, and at the same time correct two blatantly grave injustices:

- 1. **Total 100% Uncertainty in Parole** for as long as we can recall,
- 2. **Staff Experience Totally Ignored** in *definitive* parole decision. } **Two Grave Injustices**

Those two blatant injustices are addressed in part with at least two correctives:

- 1. **Adding 1% of Certainty** with the in-prison staff having a *definitive* parole vote,
- 2. **Accessing Staff Experience**—*key* here is to *definitively* access of staff.<sup>42</sup>

Do you understand "*definitively*" as the **KEY** to a real "2030 Vision"? So far as I can tell as the only one doing extensive research, not only is there *nothing* in the "2030 Vision" of about truly accessing the in-prison staff, as I have pushed for 15 years now, but **there is no one even thinking about it**. The value of that 10- and 15-year career CO is immeasurable, and that CO has the wisdom to stay out of the way of a cowardly warden like Gary Hunter, easily seeing him for what he was, just a ruthless career peg, and in my case Michael Upshaw's sloppy career hitman. **Do you understand "*definitively*" as the **KEY** to a real investment in the in-prison staff as a **KEY** to TDCJ's future?**



The two injustices and two correctives above **have been ignored for 15+ years** despite several copies sent to 100+ Texas legislators during several terms, paper and email, and been on several county Republican election platforms—with QR Coded postcards to over 400,

<sup>40</sup> Eleanor Klivanoff, "As Texas Chief Justice Nathan Hecht prepares to retire, he reflects on the Supreme Court he helped change," *Texas Tribune* [and *Beaumont Enterprise*] (12-23-24): [www.TexasTribune.org/2024/12/23/texas-supreme-court-chief-justice-nathan-hecht-retires/](http://www.TexasTribune.org/2024/12/23/texas-supreme-court-chief-justice-nathan-hecht-retires/).

<sup>41</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/), **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option**, >> by "definitively," I mean to order in-prison staff (CO's, factory, laundry, medical, maintenance, chaplaincy, etc.) to as a part of their job to choose 1% of the parole-eligible prisoners in their prisons, not merely and uselessly "ask" their opinion for the parole commissioners who cannot truly know the prisoners to decide—only true empowerment of our precious in-prison state employees will revolutionize. That means a big step in ceding 1% to in-prison employees' trust.

<sup>42</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/), **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option**.



every Texas legislator and a host of key staff. Please, *please* listen closely. The **two corrections are here expanded a little:**

1. **Adding 1% of *Certainty* to the 100% uncertainty** to the freedom of parole-eligible offenders helps the parole commissioners who by their own statistics do not give more than 10 minutes to each of their 10,000+ decisions each year, and
2. **Accessing Staff Experience** of over 100,000 years of in-prison daily *face-to-face* time with offenders, or about 45,000,000 hours of face-to-face experience in 10 years, valuing the in-prison staff with ***Trust***.

In other words—valuing the in-prison staff—surely you can see this as clearly formidable: **100,000 years of daily *face-to-face* experience by the in-prison staff is a treasure** that for the last 100 years has not been touched, even thought about, has not been used, not a droplet, not a single “second” or “minute” has been used in determining the viability for a parole-eligible prisoner—nothing, nada, zilch, absolute zero! After my 15 years of forwarding and defending this, no one has yet to date offered a credible challenge to this waste of that treasure chest of knowledge by the in-prison staff of the actual prisoners and the prisoners’ actual participation in their culture. That is, no one—***no one***—knows the prisoners better than the in-prison staff, especially not an elderly naïve privileged volunteer!

Take two parole-eligible prisoners’ folders, say they are identical in crimes, time served, zero disciplinaries, education, similar home support, etc. The parole commissioner has not a clue, not a hair’s width, even if the commissioner does a rare interview for 15 minutes with both—he has no clue at the difference. Yet the in-prison staff ***know*** which one is still a conniving devil smart enough to stay out of trouble from the one who has learned and has truly been trying to live right. Multiply that by 400,000,000 hours of in-prison staff observation over ten years and, Eric, try to tell me that *totally* ignoring that treasure is anything but a grave injustice. Again, without making the in-prison staff have a *definitive* vote, as part of their duty to state employment, then this “option” means nothing.

**Do you value the in-prison staff?** Prove it by giving the in-prison staff “trust” with 1% of the votes for the parole-eligible prisoner that the staff observe 24/7. Instead of a useless infantile “2030 Vision,” give the in-prison **staff authentic value**, give the in-prison staff a critical place in the life of the prisoners they supervise 24/7, and give the **prisoners a real chance at proving** themselves to those that watch them 24/7. That is not merely a vision, but an easy-to-see way to introduce a reality-based element unseen to date in any prison in U.S. history. Believe it—the in-prison staff are not any less talented or educated, or less human or less humane than any parole commissioner, and most staff with over a decade of in-prison experience with prisoners are much more street wise than *any* commissioner. Of course, once pointed out, Eric and Judge Blacklock, your erudite acumen immediately resonates well with the reasonableness of this.

That’s a big step in ceding **1% *Certainty* in Voting to In-Prison Employees’ TRUST—truly valuing them!** Something the “2030 Vision” does not *definitively* do for the in-prison staff in the slightest smallest infinitesimally squeakiest of a measure.



## 100,000 Mothers’ 1% ***Certainty*** Parole Option

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Let me repeat, this will *insert* a true reality-based structure into the prison culture, decrease in-prison staff attrition by increasing the staff's *value* to the process, decrease prisoner recidivism by adding a 1% certainty to the current 100% uncertainty in parole, and thereby also save Texas millions in the long haul.

**“The man who does not read has no advantage  
over the man who cannot read.”**

Mark Twain

**You can also commit an injustice  
by doing nothing.**

Marcus Aurelius (A.D. 121–180)  
Stoic philosopher and last of five good Roman  
emperors and last emperor of Pax Romana

No criminologist's education is complete without considering the ramifications of this proposal, the **100,000 Mothers' 1% or 3% *Certainty Parole Option*** that truly values the in-prison staff and grants the first and perhaps only truly reality-based program to the prison culture, with reciprocal benefits to both the in-prison staff and prisoner rehab.



### 10. Lacking Constitutionality—No Top Tier Lawyer Can FAIL to See

Judge Blacklock, please encourage your fellow justices on the esteemed Texas Supreme Court to give this letter and the books linked herein on the documented nefariousness a thorough hearing. The impact of this **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option**, of this letter, and my books—importantly my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*—is made all-the-more serious as TDCJ has now published its “2030 Vision” that claims itself “unmatched” after 25 years of exposures of nefariousness!<sup>43</sup>

All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course if wrong. The crime is pride.

Sophocles (495–405 B.C.)  
Greek tragedian dramatist

Judge Blackrock, as Gov. Abbott's former counsel, does Abbott even know of the nefarious now 25 years old and running in TDCJ? As you said, Judge Blackrock,

The Supreme Court of Texas belongs to the People of Texas, not to the judges or the lawyers. Our job at the Court is to apply the law fairly and impartially to every case that comes before us. My colleagues and I are committed to defending the rule of law and to defending our Texas and United States Constitutions.<sup>44</sup>

Well said, your honor. **I am now sending you, too, a copy** of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. Please note in the back of this letter the few Open Requests (OR). Among the 100s of ORs received the last 25 years, oh please, see how I expose that TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier **did not ask TDCJ's own legal department** or ask the Texas AG's office for a legal brief, white paper, or an amicus curia on the constitutionality of the Collier's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein embodied in his Field Minister coercion that **buys faith with favor**, lies about cost to TDCJ, lies about religious neutrality, lies about the competence of mentally disturbed prisoners “counseling” with credentials from four years of Vacation Bible School, and totally denies the reality of psychopathy. On my first OR request, TDCJ and TBCJ did not have a single report from UTMB on any psych care, and Collier's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein is proudly rooted in the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.<sup>45</sup>

Oh, *Texas Monthly* needs to look closer, for a great investigative article.

Yet, *constitutionality* conflicts pale in comparison to the *manner* in which Dir. Collier was deceived and participated in deceit in 2010 and since then, especially after a multitude of well-documented exposures of Burl Cain by major publications.<sup>46</sup> If Collier is truly innocent, then **discovering “HOW” Collier was so fully and continuously duped for so long is the TBCJ's greatest challenge**, especially urgent in the

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.

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
5th stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

<sup>43</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 1.

<sup>44</sup> Eleanor Klibanoff, “Jimmy Blacklock Named Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court,” *Beaumont Enterprise* (1-8-25): A6, first in the *Texas Tribune*.

<sup>45</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), Chapter 2.C.4. “TDCJ Has Nothing on >> Psychopaths—Zero UTMB Reports for \$314M!” [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf), TDCJ and UTMB had *no reports then, zero*, and UTMB's senior OR person struggled. On 12-28-24, I did a follow-up OR, and UTMB balked again, seeking Texas AG's approval and **even refused the names of the reports; yet TDCJ properly gave the report names**, see here for the full >> package that will be updated after this letter, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf). >>

<sup>46</sup> Op. cit. **fn. 3**, especially Gordon Russell and Maya Lau, “Fall of Burl Cain: How 1 Last Side Deal Led to Angola Warden Undoing,” *The Advocate* (Dec. 15, 2015; updated May 20, 2020), [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article\\_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html), the whole of which is in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, **Appendix 2**, with permission from *The Advocate*.



light of Collier’s soon dash to retirement in feigned honor, perhaps right after Collier gets this formidable piece of work, more work on religion in TDCJ than anyone in TDCJ has written in a 100 years.

A lot of research opportunities exist here for historians and for the TBCJ to find an authentic link to what really is going on inside TDCJ. Precisely “How”—precisely, as in a thoroughly vetted top-tier billion-dollar law firm lawyer would conduct a **high value deposition**—**HOW** did Collier *believe* Warden Burl Cain’s *bullshit* and *continue* to believe naïve elderly volunteer Grover Norwood’s delusions of grandeur? I cannot think of anything more *thoughtlessly* or more *vacant* of much needed research than **H O W** Collier came to the conclusion to give executive orders for his Field Minister Frankenstein and continues to do so after my humungous erudite expensive tiring *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

What about you, Eric? You are a top-tier lawyer and know a good deposition when you see one. Have you asked Collier? That is your job, sir!

Very serious, Judge Blacklock, you and your colleagues well know the Texas Constitution explicitly states no funds for a “seminary,” yet that is *exactly* how Collier started it, in a team work with Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (SWBTS) in Fort Worth, until Grover Norwood wanted SWBTS to cross its ethical lines and Norwood had TDCJ cut ties.<sup>47</sup> An elderly naïve volunteer directs TDCJ, oh my, the tail wagging the Dog.

I haven’t thought of asking yet, but who thought of the term “Field Minister”? Like a TDCJ “Field Boss” that refers to the horse-riding Correctional Officers that supervise prisoners outside the prison in “fields”? Oh, “minister” is a proper Protestant term, now used by the few other religions represented that got their “training” under Baptists. Why not “Field Monk” for the Buddhist? Tried to be generic, did they? Or just lie about neutrality again?

**PLEASE**, give this letter your diligent acumen that it deserves. Of all people, you Texas SC judges *know* the work herein, having read and written in the highest legal hand in Texas, and compare what TDCJ has abstained from writing to see the utter failure of simple **Texas constitutional** muster of Dir. Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein that lies about taxpayer “no cost” and lies about “religious neutrality” even after repeated exposure for over a decade.<sup>48</sup> You, Judge Blacklock and your fellow good judges know by heart how the Texas Constitution “Bill of Rights” Sec. 6 is clear and Sec. 7 has been clear since 1876 in its prohibition:

No money shall be appropriated, or drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any sect, or religious society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall poperty belonging to

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<sup>47</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), Historical Introduction, D.2. “TDCJ & HOTF Sever Ties with SWBTS – Solo Dominance” (pages 13–19) which dovetails sadly with Chapter 14. “Norwood’s Old-Young Marriage versus SBC Baptist Standards,” esp. H. “Sex, SWBTS, Foundation Money, and Dominance Codified” (pp. 410ff), and do not forget the horde of reports by Louisiana’s *Advocate* on Collier’s model, Warden Cain, that Collier and his entire staff hid, secreted, or just nonchalantly ignored, one article with links to a host of which I secured copyright permission to reprint entirely, in Appendix 2. “**Fall of Burl Cain ... Last Side Deal Led to Undoing**” —the Whole Article, >> which you can read here: [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article\\_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html). No warden has had more scandal reported by more reputable persons.



<sup>48</sup> Perhaps easy to miss, but to clarify, I have now documented how nefarious has continually repeated *after* exposure: i.e., exposure, repeat of violation, another exposure, again violation repeated—many times since 1999, and after my *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019, 177 pp.), a lampoon on the lies that went into another lowest-of-applicant-pool hiring, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf), again they tried to cover up by lateralling the poor high school soul to volunteer services retaining his pay at four grades above his female supervisor—part of the reason for *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.



the State be appropriated for any such purposes.<sup>49</sup>

TDCJ or Collier did not even attempt to address the spirit of this nearly 150-year-old piece of law. Sheese, bet you and most of the Texas Supreme Justices have the entire Texas Constitution memorized and have read 1,000-plus pages on every article. You and your colleagues have likely written top legal hand mumbo jumbo most of us could not care less to see, except perhaps me, and clearly TDCJ's legal was not asked.<sup>50</sup>

### 11. \$2.5 Million TDCJ Supermax Monastery *Grows* the LIE of “No Cost”

Right now, today in January of 2025, on the Gib Lewis Unit in Woodville, Texas—my hometown and on which unit I spent the prime 20 young years of my life that was stolen from me by corrupt lying cowardly Warden Hunter for whistleblowing—on the Gib Lewis Unit *today*, the Field Ministers on the High Security Supermax side are supervised by the correctional officer affectionally called the “Church Lady,” demeaning not only the officer's status but TDCJ corrections. That is a small almost nothing dust-in-the-wind offense no one takes seriously, but that also reflects *another* lack of appreciation for religion by the state.

Worse, I was told around 2000 (can't remember when they finished) that the Gib Lewis High Security Supermax cost TDCJ \$25-30 million to build, that is about \$2.5 million a wing, each one sally-ported with double locking electronic doors. Each cell with a shower to avoid the extra manpower of shower escorts for the worst of the worst prisoners in Texas.

TDCJ “High Security” Supermax title was euphemized shortly after opening to “Expansion Cellblock”—that is, just lie to make it “sound” less than it is, the highest level of electronically controlled prison cells in Texas. Sadly, many of the officers had *already* purchased hats with “High Security” above the duckbill, truly sad, yet, small—like “church lady”—reflecting the need to scrap comradery and the truth for some outside appearance.

Today—one of the ten wings is a **monastery**, where the doors are open during the day for the Field Minister Frankensteins to live and interact with others in the tightest most secure Christian monastery in the world. In other words, that \$2.5 million-dollar wing is not used as intended. And as pointed out ad nauseum in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*—you better hear this Eric and your successor—this is the most expensive prison wing in TDCJ, making the “lie of no cost” grow Pinnocchio's nose another foot. We cannot even trust these men to live in general population, every single one with the severest of mental personality disorders, but we now have them caged together for STATE-FORCED Christian monastic service.

There is no supervision of “pastoral care” or even the pretense of “counseling.” See *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* on the need for senior volunteers. Cost? Understaffed Gib Lewis prison is *ordered* to maintain a Protestant Christian Monastery in the most expensive building per square foot in Texas, lying that it is a *mere* Expansion Cellblock, lying that Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein does not cost the state, mocking religion all the while. Though not allowed for decades, that is precisely where sterling senior volunteers are needed the most: therein do not miss **Principle 14. “Prison Wardens’ Double Fear”** and, oh yeah by golly, read chapter 23, on H.2 “Wardens FEAR Sterling Volunteers MORE than Religious

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<sup>49</sup> Texas Constitution (revised 11-7-2023), <https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/TxConst.pdf>. Compare Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), chapter 11, “U.S. & Texas Constitutions Against the Heart of Texas Foundation,” pp. 335ff. When asked by official Open Records request, both TDCJ, its legal department, and the Texas AG's office has “no response” to the question of any kind of legal brief or memo justifying the constitutionality of the Faith-Based Program, looney David Valentine's Prisoner Church Starting Program, or especially the now infamously and incompetently run Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein program. No “unmatched” here by any standard of excellence or even an *attempt* to make “unmatched” reasonable or credible for a the \$8B-dollar agency.

<sup>50</sup> See my OR, and TDCJ had nothing, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-No-Memo.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-No-Memo.pdf). >>



Slaves” for a long overdue enlightenment of the real culture of the prison and my friend David Rust, ex-WWII Flying Tiger and his work.<sup>51</sup> Eric, have you *still* not read that chapter!

TDCJ has indentured religious slaves in a Supermax Monastery!—where it is impossible for any astute person of faith to fail to see the prisoner’s own faith forcefully compromised in many ways, the **most obvious being TDCJ buying faith with favor!** TDCJ is running a locked-up Christian monastery, though the monks *cannot* be trusted to go into town! Worse, I am the only one exposing, though if word got out, over 1,000 referenced would support me.

**What is the use of a TBCJ if justice is so hard achieve after two decades of exposures?**

## 12. Nasty “Buying of Faith with Favor” from Prisoners by Dir. Collier

Eric, TBCJ members, and venerable Texas SC justices, the Field Minister Frankenstein **buys faith with favor from desperate prisoners to extort them into Baptist evangelists disregarding their mental disorders** as TDCJ helps to fund a “seminary” converted into now a fly-by-night newly started college with a Baptist mission, with Baptist teachers, by an elderly Baptist man who just started his own Baptist church in Texas.<sup>52</sup> Oh, they let Muslims go through the four-year Baptist Vacation Bible School, too, to prop up the lie of neutrality, covering up that they want to win the Muslims to Christ, then as a token to cover up their lies to credential the Bible-trained Muslim to be a Muslim “minister”—you cannot hide the infamy or the insanity of th Christian Nationalist Frankenstein reasoning. In using Protestant term “minister” for the highest religious office, TDCJ colludes to corrupt the title of Islam’s religious leaders! *Infantile* reasoning. But that is the title of a few of Dir. Collier’s Muslims, “Field Minister,” in an official parole-time-earning state job now 13 years after exposure of its insanity.

As mentioned in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, if Baptists are allowed such a dominant hegemony, why not an Iranian- or Arabian-funded Islamic college, or a Chinese-funded Communist College? Oh, *those* would be unconstitutional 😊. Still, it is hard to imagine after 13 years and—I haven’t counted—yet after about 25 letters and postcards to 100s of stakeholders and at great cost to myself sending 115 copies of my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* to so many that TDCJ Dir. Byran Collier *still* cannot see, refuses to see, or rather simply believes himself above the law and—seriously—exempt from the consequences for colluding with the nefarious. If Collier was hoodwinked, then he still participated in collusion with blinders on his eyes and recalcitrantly refused himself a peek these last 13 years at now over 3,000 pages of exposures not even including the host of other newspapers, criminologists, and more indicting Collier’s Frankenstein and his cover up of the Polunsky Fiasco. The ugly menacing fact remains, all the staff and wardens involved in the Polunsky Gym-Chapel cover up were promoted, and I was forced to retire early for whistleblowing!

**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>51</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/)

See, oh read Chapter 23. “Rape, Sex, Masturbating Ministers, & the Madman” and especially section 23.H. “Immeasurable Value of Senior Volunteers vs. Fool’s Gold” (624ff) with subsections 1. “Flying Tiger Vol. Chaplain David Rust” (624) and 2. “Wardens FEAR Sterling Volunteers MORE than Religious Slaves” (628), must-see **Principle 14. “Prison Wardens’ Double Fear”** (p. 631). I spent a lot time outlining the tragedy of the wardens prohibiting distinguished senior volunteers from visiting the wings of the Gib Lewis Unit’s High Security side, among those reason was that the senior volunteers were *sterling* and that *sterlingness* was tied to their character fearlessness which scared the wardens who could not convince those volunteers to be cover up nefariousness like the wardens could Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein “counselors” and the *certainty* of Collier’s Field Minister duplicity.

<sup>52</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), Chapter 12. “Norwood’s Message & Dog that Didn’t Bark,” section K. “Ten Years Later ... Norwood Turns Full Southern Baptist” (pp. 379–380).



In abusing the TDCJ chaplaincy department and prison chaplaincy *profession*—especially Dir. Bryan Collier, perhaps by collusion—herein, TDCJ has been exploiting poor prisoners with a total unaccountable disregard for their mental disorders for over 25 years. Truly, reversing the progress of 50 years of criminology—as though no criminologists exist, without one citation of any in any TDCJ publication widely dispersed—and in blindly following the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history, Dir. Collier has force-fed to life a humongous strawman in an infamously well-documented and nefarious Christian Nationalist Frankenstein monster. And Collier's is the worst and ugliest Frankenstein in U.S. penal history, the ugliest among the 18 other Frankensteins sponsored by **18 naïve university presidents**, and ugly even if the other 18 did not force-feed their Christian Nationalist monster through 1/100th of the nefariousness and unethical twists documented in TDCJ Programs Division. And TDCJ had me uncovering since the start in 2011, even uncovering nefariousness back to 1999!

Nothing is more despicable than respect based on fear.

Albertt Camus (1913–1960)

French novelist, essayist, playwright,  
1957 Nobel Prize for Literature, best known for novels  
*L'Étranger* (1942, *The Stranger*), *La Peste* (1947, *The Plague*), and *La Chute* (1956, *The Fall*)

There is a nefariously evil reason Judge William Wayne Justice was hated by some TDCJ wardens for upsetting their system of systemic civil rights violations, so poorly documented by none other than the cowardly Polunsky Warden Richard Alford in his *Tall Walls and High Fences: Officers and Offenders, the Texas Prison Story* (2020).<sup>53</sup> The “*Texas Prison Story*” covered up more than it revealed, lambasting *Ruiz v. Estelle* and mocking Judge Justice, and not mentioning any TDCJ directors for the previous 30 years. Alford lauded his hero George Beto while covering up Beto's civil rights abuses. For a real history of both Beto and David Ruiz, see Professor Robert Perkinson's *Texas Tough* that chronicles the history up to 2010, same year Dir. Collier facilitated the killing of the entire chaplaincy department while at the same time finagling his Field Minister Frankenstein into TDCJ after being swooned by Warden Burl Cain, the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.<sup>54</sup>

See TDCJ's long history of *claiming* itself “unmatched,” as civil rights abuses led to the most sweeping class action in *Ruiz v. Estelle*, with “thousands of pieces of contested evidence,” an expert witness “pronounced TDC “superior to any other state system,” while an expert for the plaintiff called “the best example of slavery remaining in the country.”<sup>55</sup>

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<sup>53</sup> Bob Alexander and Warden Richard K. Alford, foreword by William L. Stephens, *Tall Walls and High Fences: Officers and Offenders, the Texas Prison Story* (Texas A&M University Press, 2020; 608 pp.). Alford was Polunsky senior warden at the height of the Polunsky Fiasco cover up, and promoted to regional director for covering up then CID Dir. Bill Stephens, who supported the promotion of madman Michael Upshaw to a division director. And now, after all these exposures, and my *Book of Secrets*, and **no investigation by OIG** and **no investigation of OIG's role in cover up**, and now Stephens is back with TDCJ double-dipping after his lucrative retirement. It's a family affair for a moderate thriller novel on cowardly wardens and their pitiful handlers like Stephens and scumbag Michael Upshaw.

<sup>54</sup> Robert Perkinson, *Texas Tough: The Rise of America's Prison Empire* (NY: Metropolitan, 2010; 484 pp.), 218, quote at beginning of chapter 6, “Best in the Nation.” Perkinson is a professor of American studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and his *Texas Tough* won the PASS Award of the National Council of Crime and Delinquency and the PEN American Center's John Kenneth Galbraith Award for best book of non-fiction published in 2009 and 2010.

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 272–273, quoting Steve J. Martin and Sheldon Ekland-Olson, *Texas Prisons: The Walls Come Tumbling Down* (Texas Monthly, 1987; 289 pp.), 106–107 (definitive history of *Ruiz v. Estelle*); Ben M. Crouch and James R. Marquart, *Appeal to Justice: Litigated Reform of Texas* (University of Texas Press, 1989; 296 pp.), 125 (which received the Outstanding Book Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice for 1991). Martin was an ex-special assistant state attorney general and Ekland-Olson a University of Texas sociology

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### 13. TDCJ's Infantile "2030 Vision" Cover Ups MORE than Envisions!

Eric and Judge Blacklock—you see the cheap rhetoric, perhaps innocent encouragement, but clearly bogus to anyone wanting an authentic "2030 Vision," which begins with a dreamy lie: "For 175 years ... TDCJ ... has *cemented* itself as a *leader* in corrections with ... a standard of excellence *unmatched* anywhere else."<sup>56</sup> You *know* "unmatched anywhere" is not based on any honest comparison. If not merely woolly rhetoric to prop up the weak-minded, then it marks the *Vision* itself as *already* accomplished in the secret author's own eyes. You, Eric, Judge Blacklock and many saw the soiled chicken liver stuffing, immediately—yes!—immediately, all of you top tier lawyers saw that. And you *still* let it ride.

The to-date *secret* authors of the "2030 Vision" were apparently ignorant of 20-plus years of Fed oversight because of terrible civil rights abuses that TDCJ often fought to keep and that took TDCJ two decades to correct. Or, the secret authors simply lied and continued to cover up what has been so well exposed by several major Texas newspapers these last 75 years.<sup>57</sup> Therefore, I initiated more **OR requests** to find the authors and history of the "2030 Vision," described in **Item 3.b below**, and after three months TDCJ's legal team did **not feel competent enough to declare the Vision's authors public info**, so they appealed to the Texas AG. Hence, the struggle for history in TDCJ. Eric and Judge Blacklock. TDCJ has done this many times, rather than work, they shove it to the Texas AG, and I believe I won more than not with the Texas AG legal eagles. **Here they want to keep authors secret!? Lawyers want to keep the history of the "2030 Vision" SECRET!**—hilariously sad! 😊

Again, ironic in the light of the last 13 years of exposures, the secret "2030 Vision" authors did not read former TDCJ Polunsky Unit cowardly Warden Richard Alford's *Tall Walls and High Fences: Officers and Offenders, the Texas Prison Story* (2020; 608 pp.) who in that book knowingly covered up the long era of civil rights abuses and **trashed Judge Justice** and—believe it—defended the use of Building Tenders, strong thug inmates used to keep control, doing the **nasty work for the wardens**—see how Alford misses those days when civil rights abuses were how Alford ran his prison (like Alford thought he could get away with running Polunsky Prison before he skedaddled in retirement to escape charges the *thought* OIG might bring after my *Book of Secrets*).<sup>58</sup> Has Collier or you, Eric, read Warden Alford's *Tall Walls and High Fences ... Texas Prison Story*? **Bet yah a \$100** Judge Blacklock and you, Eric, that Collier has a copy on his shelf and **has not read a single chapter—bet yah both!** Let's never forget that Alford was a key player in the vast policy violations covered up at the Polunsky Prison, the destruction of crime scene evidence in 2012, cleaning of contraband, and

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professor. Prof. Marquart directed Crime & Justice Studies Program, University of Texas at Dallas, was president on The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the author of *The Rope, The Chair, and the Needle: Patterns of Capital Punishment in Texas, 1923-1990* (1998) and *The Keepers: Prison Guards and Contemporary Corrections* (1980), among many papers, none cited by TDCJ in any work I've seen.

<sup>56</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 1, italics mine.

<sup>57</sup> Do I really need to dig those up? You know many of them, not the least of which was TDCJ getting the Texas AG's office to fight a prisoner wanting to have his spiritual advisor present during his execution, and *after* a lengthy court drama over months—a real waste of time—TDCJ finally just says, "okay," (Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, lxi) wherein that case TDCJ devoted more *legal* time than they did for Dir. Collier's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein under the elderly naïve Norwood with his young bride.

<sup>58</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), Preface, "B. *Tall Walls* – ex-Texas Warden's History Covers Up Civil Rights Abuses," xlv. Alford wrote to praise good officers, good in itself—Alford had a collection of LEO badges in prison office—yet his "history" is pathetic, wrong-headed, and covers up more than it reveals. Alford leaves out the executive directors of the previous 30 years! The foreword was *not* by any executive director or a historian but by his previous boss boss Bill Stephens, co-collaborator in the Polunsky cover up and in persecuting me for whistleblowing (his role in aiding Upshaw destroy crime scene evidence is still a mystery)

was promoted for hiding—*the Polunsky Fiasco*.

Did the secret authors of the “2030 Vision” read a single criminologist? Bet yah both none of the secret authors even *thought* of actual documentation. As pointed out in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, it is not just TDCJ but most state prisons in which there is a huge gap between their practice and the prisons’ actual utilization of the *billions of dollars* of criminology and criminal psychology research by the best minds on the planet. Oh, “best minds”? TDCJ “unmatched” compared in what? TDCJ has not promoted a Programs Services Director with any “programs” expertise since that division was started, just experts in bureaucratic finagling, sycophancy, and in cover up, “unmatched” anywhere in cover up.

As I have repeatedly documented for 25 years, TDCJ has repeatedly hired the lowest qualified of the applicant pool, the most shameful as recent at 2017, when they promoted a man without a bachelor’s degree, only a high school diploma, to be the first Asst. Director of Religious Services;

and that fiasco was made worse when I exposed that in my lampoon, *TDCJ Deep State Report*, after which they lateralled the poor ignorant soul to Volunteer Services retaining his same paygrade *four* grades above his female supervisor, a woman—oh yes, you heard that right—that nice woman Lisa Langley had to sign off his timesheet, though he—her subordinate—was four grades above her, another reason for my writing *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.<sup>59</sup> **Yes, the secret authors got “unmatched” right.**

The “2030 Vision” claims “TDCJ has an opportunity to ... make changes in our *culture* and our system,” which begs the question: What *is* the current “culture” they wish to change or update or downgrade or refine or calibrate or whatever?<sup>60</sup> Oh, did they mean the “prisoner” or “in-prison staff” culture? Both? How about morale? Ask the authors what they mean by “culture” and the “change” they portend. The term “prisonization” has a history, but their “culture” has only one source, the hearsay from Dir. Collier’s office related to his mentor and model in delusions, Warden Cain, the must scandal-ridden in U.S. penal history.<sup>61</sup> Most of the people reading the “2030 Vision” will not know what the authors truly meant by “culture,” whatever they secret authors meant, and none of the goals even hint at how each goal will upgrade whatever they meant by “culture” in their seminal pretense of an overview.

Listen up, likely and a wild educated guess, my bet is that the secret Vision authors had no significant time in prison with prisoners over the last ten years, maybe a little in the past, but nothing like a tenured 10-year veteran CO knows of the “culture.” What the secret authors do have, though, is the YouTube rollicking corn pop speeches by the veritably forced-to-retire Angola Warden Burl Cain, the loved mentor of Dir. Collier.<sup>62</sup> You and your justices, Judge Blacklock, would do well to listen to three or six of Cain’s corn husk speeches—the more you watch, the more you will hear him repeat his canned **bullshit**—then read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and especially Book 2, chapters 4–6. For therein and for all the world

It is usually futile to try to talk facts and analysis to people who are enjoying a sense of moral superiority in their ignorance

Thomas Sowell (1930–)  
economist, historian, social philosopher, and  
Rose and Milton Friedman Senior Fellow at The  
Hoover Institution, prolific author of two dozen  
deep books like, *Intellectuals and Society* (2009)

<sup>59</sup> Maness, *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019, 177 pp.), a lampoon >> on the lies that went into *another* lowest-of-applicant-pool hiring, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf), PDF p. 18. When I found that out, I *had to write* *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

<sup>60</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf) (4-15-2024): 1, italics mine.

<sup>61</sup> Op. cit. **fn. 3**, Russell and Lau, “Fall of Burl Cain,” *The Advocate* (12-15-15, updated 5-20-20).

<sup>62</sup> See *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Appendix 1. “Speaker Transcripts of Norwood, Dir. Collier, Burl Cain, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Prof. Bryon Johnson, Prisoners,” pages 712ff, with >> links to YouTube pages: See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf). >>



to see—the more you watch—you will see Cain’s bloated rhetoric evangelizing in lucrative speaking deals across the U.S. with his most famous “change the culture” **bullshit** hoodwinking applauding crowds of naïve Evangelicals, many far right wingers who relish Constantinian dominance.<sup>63</sup>

Cain hoodwinked Dir. Collier and hoodwinked 18 naïve university presidents, which are among Cain’s almost exclusively Evangelical audiences that are also—and importantly, even critically—Cain’s major source of funding. You will never get an audit of that money, and Cain has made a lot on his Frankenstein-touting speaking tours. Make no mistake, Cain is still today Dir. Bryan Collier’s and the Norwoods’ sick model for TDCJ as Collier refuses a horde of history documenting Cain as the most scandal-ridden and lying warden in U.S. penal history.<sup>64</sup> Really, **18 naïve university presidents**, too—shockingly naïveté!—forcing one to question the quality of all their schools’ academic standing.

In TDCJ, Dir. Collier’s Field Minister Frankensteins and their naïve elderly volunteer lead a Fools’ Parade, as so well outlined.<sup>65</sup>

Eric? Judge Blacklock? Academics looking for good PhD dissertation materials?

Listen closely—the “2030 Vision” uses “change the culture” in undocumented rhetoric with roots in Dir. Collier’s scandal-ridden warden, and the “Vision” does so even without knowing that Warden Cain would never have

survived as a TDCJ warden with just one of his many scandals, including the million-dollar deal with the family of a prisoner and Cain’s attempted extortion of the author of *God of the Rodeo*.<sup>66</sup> And, Eric, *that* is both Dir. Collier’s model and your model—the TBCJ’s model as chief endorser—even now in writing in TDCJ’s “2030 Vision” in its own perturbing argot of hidden indefinable “culture” meanings by secret authors.

What about my documented exposures of TDCJ hiring the lowest qualified from an application pool many times for the last 25 years—how can the “2030 Vision” address that? The only other area TDCJ is truly “unmatched” in is the growth of Collier’s Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Field Ministers, that prisoner higher class, or “Bastard Class” as I expose in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, unparalleled in the U.S. and sickly, where **TDCJ buys faith with favor** from desperate prisoners, especially favorable to the psychopath

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

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
6th stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

<sup>63</sup> Op. cit., **fn. 3**, Russell and Lau, “Fall of Burl Cain,” *The Advocate* (12-15-15, updated 5-20-20).

<sup>64</sup> Op. cit., **fn. 3**. See *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Book 2, chapters 4–6, and Louisiana’s Gordon Russell and Maya Lau’s research in *Advocate*, “**Fall of Burl Cain: How one last side deal led to longtime Angola warden’s undoing—Legacy of controversy follows Burl Cain as he steps out**” (12-15-2015): [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article\\_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html). **Why has Dir. Collier not read this or the linked articles therein?**

<sup>65</sup> See *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Preface, A. “**Prison Scam Fuels the Fools’ Parade – State-ordered Cultural Fantasies**” (xxxii) sections 1–9, esp. 9. “**Prison Scam/Fools’ Parade**” vs **Key to Culture Being the Staff**” (xlii). The TBCJ should be ashamed of itself for hosting a float in this parade.

<sup>66</sup> Op. cit., **fn. 3**. See esp. *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Book 2, chapters 5, Daniel Bergner, *God of the Rodeo: The Search for Hope, Faith, and a Six-Second Ride in Louisiana’s Angola Prison* (1998; 297 pp.). Compare Bergner, “**God Bless This Rodeo: Louisiana Prison Inmates Illustrate a Warden’s Bible Lessons**,” *Harper’s* (Feb. 1998): 33–46, [www.Harpers.org/archive/1998/02/god-bless-this-rodeo](http://www.Harpers.org/archive/1998/02/god-bless-this-rodeo); and [www.DanielBergner.com](http://www.DanielBergner.com), and this book was a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year.

Bergner’s novel *Sing for Your Life* was a *New York Times* bestseller and a *New York Times* and *Washington Post* Notable Book of the Year. *In the Land of Magic Soldiers* received an Overseas Press Club Award for international reporting and a Lettre-Ulysses Award for the Art of Reportage and was named a *Los Angeles Times* Best Book of the Year. He has written for the *New York Times*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Atlantic*, *Granta*, *Harper’s*, and *Mother Jones*.



“Mr. Talks-a-lot” faux counselor, and in disregard to all of the myriads of disorders.

Every which way one looks at this insanity, it is an illegitimate Frankenstein, a creature made from dead body parts, many **criminal body parts**, then washed in four years of Baptist Vacation Bible School by a naïve elderly Baptist who came late to his faith and delusions.

If the “2030 Vision” does not touch the in-prison correctional officers and rank that *see this* for the last two decades—the honorable staff *in the prison*—it is a useless infantile vision. Eric and Judge Blacklock, read the “2030 Vision” now. With your meager knowledge of in-prison employee culture, see for yourself that the “2030 Vision” means nearly *nothing*, if not **absolutely nothing** to the most important people in TDCJ, the in-prison staff. Much more could be said here, and I do believe that you, Eric, most of the TBCJ, and certainly you, Judge Blacklock could write it.

When will TDCJ come of age and offer a realistic vision, instead of more blather of unsubstantiated self-congratulatory nothings? Who was the “2030 Vision” *really* written to, if not for a subpar attempt at showboating? And will you, Eric, and the TBCJ continue do nothing about what you and so many see: TDCJ again hired naïve writers for their “2030 Vision”—see the Open Record response below—that begins with TDCJ at the “unmatched” pinnacle of expertise even before the goals are stated! In other words, how does one improve upon “unmatched”? Please, don’t tell me TDCJ farmed off the writing to former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell’s PR company for a big wad of cash, for that would make you, Eric, and your successors more obligated to defend Bell, skew honesty, and continue the cover up.

#### **14. TDCJ LIES to Employers while Covering Up *Real* RECIDIVISM**

Of the few specific items in the “2030 Vision,” to the informed, there is the **lying to employers** that will be required to get 95 percent of the released prisoners employed by 2030. Even if you buy TDCJ’s claim of recidivism of 14.7% in its 2024 Reentry Report, that too is deceitful, on purpose, and false—again—another division covering up after exposures 25 years and running.<sup>67</sup> TDCJ’s info came from Texas Legislative Budget Board (LBB) that the Reentry Report faithfully linked, but apparently did not read how the LBB and the rest of the world define “recidivism” as “The rate is calculated as the number in the group who recidivate (i.e., **return to criminal or delinquent activity**) within the specified period divided by the total number in the group.”<sup>68</sup>

TDCJ’s deceitful 14.7% is merely the *return-to-prison* rate within three years of release, just a portion of the larger picture, which in the light of so many TDCJ division already covering up, indicts another division within the cloudy orbit of the “2030 Vision” claim to TDCJ being “unmatched.” And then, to this day, the TBCJ refuses to see or vet or truly supervise according to its statutorily awesome charge.

The by-far most important *recidivism* rate for TDCJ by the LBB is worse, 46.5%, seen in Figure 2 below.

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<sup>67</sup> TDCJ, “RID Reentry Biennial Report 2024” (2024, 21 pp.), [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/rid/RID\\_Reentry\\_Biennial\\_Report\\_09\\_2024.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/rid/RID_Reentry_Biennial_Report_09_2024.pdf), Figure 3 (p. 3) and Figure 8 (p. 7), which indicated that TDCJ’s 3-year *return-to-prison* rates went from 2009 at 22.3% to 14.7% in 2019.

Furthermore, pg. 3, “For any adult ... who had more than one subsequent incarceration during the three-year follow-up period, only the first incarceration was counted in the calculation of the incarceration rate.”

<sup>68</sup> LBB, “Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates,” under the bold type section “What Is Recidivism” (Feb. 2023, 45 pp.): 1, [www.LBB.texas.gov/Documents/Publications/Policy\\_Report/7689\\_Recidivism-Revocation\\_Feb2023.pdf](http://www.LBB.texas.gov/Documents/Publications/Policy_Report/7689_Recidivism-Revocation_Feb2023.pdf).

**FIGURE 2**  
**ARREST RATES WITHIN THREE YEARS OF RELEASE OR START OF SUPERVISION, FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 COHORTS**

POPULATION	PERCENTAGE ARRESTED WITHIN THREE YEARS	
	2018	2019
<b>Adult</b>		
Felony Community Supervision	39.9%	38.9%
Prison	47.0%	46.5%
State Jail	62.2%	60.1%
Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility	44.2%	42.8%
In-prison Therapeutic Community	44.2%	44.5%
Intermediate Sanction Facility	56.5%	55.4%
Parole Supervision	44.9%	44.2%

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If not purposely deceitful, trying to cover up as so many other divisions have, then perhaps they were like the Programs Division that for 25 years has purposely hired the lowest qualified of the applicant pool. That is moot at this point, just extra for you, Eric and your successors. What is clear is that the LBB did the research, defined recidivism, and almost one of every two released by TDCJ were rearrested, for a TDCJ recidivism of “**return to criminal or delinquent activity**” rate of **46.5%**, and—clearly—the LBB and the rest of us know there is much more to this “rearrest” indicators. I suppose *none* of the 115 sent this letter have even gotten a traffic ticket in the last 10 years, and *none* have been “arrested”! No one comes to TDCJ for a misdemeanor, only serious crimes—we all know that—and most know that many if not most of those coming to TDCJ have long rap sheets or were given multiple chances. Many got probation or a fine for their first minor offenses. Moreover—you judges know this well—many felons coming into to TDCJ are serving time for *lesser crimes* through plea deals to save money and legal work. So, after release from prison, their mindset was *still* criminally focused, whether they went to chapel or not—at 46.5%!

And since TDCJ refused to give me the names and TDCJ numbers of the prisoners in Dir. Collier’s Frankenstein Field Minister program, I cannot give you a study of their crimes and sentences, except those published by newspapers, like a **child torturer** who after four years of Dir. Collier’s Baptist Vacation Bible School is *now counseling youthful offender*.<sup>70</sup>

Let’s not get too distracted from TDCJ’s true recidivism of 46.5% and its direct bearing and critical relevance upon TDCJ’s “2030 Vision” and that vision’s almost single specific goal. Now that we all know what “recidivism” is, look again. The “2030 Vision” has after its own claim to months of reviews and ostensibly months of TDCJ executives reviewing, that TDCJ will be trying to get 95% of released and paroled prisoners employed by 2030.

Therefore, with a 46.5% rearrest record by TDCJ’s own authority—the venerable LLB—that does in fact mean that **TDCJ will have to lie to employers or hide from employers** the well-known undisputed absolute fact that **46.5% percent of their “Vision” prisoners**—at best—will still be criminally minded and dishonest on release. Eric, are you seeing this? Did Dir. Collier *miss* this, too? That is, Eric

**You can’t use reason to convince anyone out of an argument that they didn’t use reason to get into.**

Neil deGrasse Tyson (1958–)  
 astrophysicist, prolific science author, director of Hayden Planetarium in Rose Center for Earth and Space in NYC, dynamic speaker

<sup>69</sup> Ibid., Figure 2 (p. 3) and graphed in Figure 9 (p. 7).

<sup>70</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/) 4 & 7, > in “Historical Introduction ...” sec. C.1. “1. Field Ministers ... Child Torturer, Murderers, Assaulters” > and section C.3. “3. TDCJ’s Minister Montana Tortured 10-Month-Old Girl.” Recall that TDCJ has > refused to release the names of its Field Ministers, and for some crazy reason the Texas AG concurred > on my appeal for that public information—so, Dir. Collier’s Field Minister **Frankenstein is a Top Secret program**, unless as seen here where reporters from the *LA Times* are allowed to come and report.





and your successors, in 2025 TDCJ will be lying to employers in some degree, for one of two released are almost certainly to be criminally minded when *sold* to Texas employers.

That is, to obtain 95 percent, the **TDCJ staff brokers** must lie for the next five years, as they travel the state *selling prisoners* to employers. That selling to naïve Texas employers is one of two infamies:

1. Nefarious Selling knowing the near 50% of criminality, or
2. Ignorant Delusional Selling by those who failed to read their own sources.

Regardless which one, Eric and your successors, worse is that the “2030 Vision” was passed through perhaps two dozen TDCJ executives, that is, executives who were like several of the cowardly wardens who persecuted me that were “nefarious” or just “ignorant” as they approve the various stages of the “2030 Vision” all they up to the Exec. Dir. Collier’s office.

That *lying* is something that comes natural for several who have been very good at lying for the last 25 years and extremely good at the last 13 years, among others who have chosen *ignorance*—like Dir. Collier, if he is innocent of nefariousness, and merely guilty of refusing to read what he had a duty to read.

Moreover, after lying to employers, perhaps 95 percent of the rest of the “2030 Vision” is a regurgitation of merely following TDCJ’s vast and good policies. Every good manager wants to upgrade, refine, and increase efficiency.

Did you see the “2030 Vision” increase in Field Ministers and Faith-Based Housing without distinction? That was exposed by me a long time ago in late 2011 as an “exponential increase in Protestant programming with a Baptist hegemony”?<sup>71</sup> All of which are solidly anchored in Protestant expansion with tokens to few other faiths with a Baptist hegemony.

Eric and your successors, that is **Christian Nationalist Frankenstein “2030 Vision”** lies about the conflicts, hides infamies, and covers up that likely 95% of both Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein and Faith-Based Housing are Protestant overreach with a Baptist hegemony—a true Frankenstein delusion.

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.

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
7th stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

**RECIDIVISM?** How do you reduce it? Be nice if the “2030 Vision” had just one time considered a criminology expert, other than Baylor Prof. Byron Johnson wasting a million-dollar grant for fluffing a work with at least 11 identifiable ailments.<sup>72</sup> Instead of all of the executives over months of viewing, or rather months of sanding and softening and glossing—placing an apple of prospective improvements on Dir. Collier’s desk certainly tied to previous budget requests—the secret authors could have done some research. Please, tell me Collier did not farm this out to Oliver Bell’s PR firm, which I hope is just my own cynical sickness.

What is the real cause of recidivism? Paul H. Robinson and Jeffrey Seaman offered a real analysis and some educated answers in their superb article, “The Myth of Mass Incarceration,” noting correctional institutions “do very little correcting” and noting the national average of

<sup>71</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf), a 50-page letter to Brad Livingston and Americans United Barry Lynn, addressing three unconstitutional programs in TDCJ: (1) Faith-Based Housing, (2) Church-starting program by David Valentine who’s *first* church start was the splitting of historic First Baptist Church Huntsville, and (3) the Field Minister Frankenstein program. >>

<sup>72</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), chapter 24, “ISR Johnson KISSES a Frog into a Prince—*Twice*” and after Johnson mutilated three authors’ meanings (pp. 638–681).



how “70 percent of the released prisoners are rearrested within three years.”<sup>73</sup> One of the reasons for recidivism today is better law enforcement than in the past, not necessarily more crime. Unlike TDCJ in just about any document, after real research and even European comparisons, documenting the “myth” of mass incarceration as a solution, they closed with several poignant observations, not unlike some of what the “2030 Vision” loosely and rather vaguely may have meant to say.

The key to justly reducing the prison population while not letting more crimes go unpunished is to recognize that prison is not the only possible punishment: There are equally punitive, less expensive options that are also likely to be more effective. Studies show that ordinary people and criminals alike think that a combination of the right non-prison sanctions can match the punitive bite of many prison sentences.

Modern technology would allow us to build an “electronic-prison system” in which offenders were monitored via location trackers and body cameras. This would allow authorities to restrict an offender’s liberties, as in a physical prison, and to enforce additional sanctions such as mandatory treatment, training, and community service.<sup>74</sup>

Do not think that TDCJ is alone in lethargic work, for many of the state prisons do exactly what TDCJ has done here, and at least 18 have followed Warden Cain’s **bullshit** with **18 university presidents** joining the Fools’ Parade. Unlike the 18, though, TDCJ had one chaplain heralding for the last 25 years, trying to defend the *profession* of chaplaincy against Frankenstein monsters and their naïve delusional sponsors.

One more, just for fun. The Neal Davis Law Firm, with what looks like a dozen offices in four Texas counties, published a great article on recidivism. At the outset, they too defined recidivism more like what we all know and broader than TDCJ’s Reentry attempted:

A repeat offender, also known as a recidivist, is an individual who repeatedly commits crimes and is convicted multiple times. The term “recidivism” is used to describe the act of a person reoffending, especially in the context of criminal behavior and subsequent convictions.

Recidivism rates are often used as a measure of the effectiveness of criminal justice systems, rehabilitation programs, and other interventions aimed at preventing crime.<sup>75</sup>

They used the 9-year study by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published in 2018 that revealed “recidivism rates across 30 states, including Texas, approximately **68% of people released from prison were rearrested within 3 years**. That number increased to 79% within

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<sup>73</sup> Paul H. Robinson and Jeffrey Seaman, “The Myth of Mass Incarceration,” *National Review* (Nov. 2025; pp. 20–27): 26, [www.NationalReview.com/magazine/2025/01/the-myth-of-mass-incarceration/](http://www.NationalReview.com/magazine/2025/01/the-myth-of-mass-incarceration/).

<sup>74</sup> Ibid. **Paul H. Robinson** is the University of Pennsylvania’s Colin S. Diver Professor of Law, the university site saying he is “one of the world’s leading criminal law scholars.... published articles in virtually all of the top law reviews, lectured in more than 100 cities in 34 states and 27 countries, and had his writings appear in 15 languages. He is a former federal prosecutor and counsel for the US Senate Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures. He is the author or editor of 20 books, including the standard lawyer’s reference on criminal law defenses, three Oxford monographs on criminal law theory, a highly regarded criminal law treatise, and an innovative case studies course book.... the lead editor of *Criminal Law Conversations* (Oxford), with contributions from more than 100 scholars around the world, and the author of *Confronting Failures of Justice: Getting Away with Murder and Rape*” and many other seminal books.

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<sup>75</sup> Neal Davis Law Firm, “Recidivism, Reentry and Criminal Justice Reform in Texas: Examining why people become repeat offenders and what can be done to help them successfully reintegrate after their release” (Houston, no date), [www.NealDavisLaw.com/recidivism-causes-and-solutions/](http://www.NealDavisLaw.com/recidivism-causes-and-solutions/), accessed 1-15-25.

They also quoted from Texas House Committee on Criminal Justice Reform, “Interim Report to the 88th Texas Legislature” (Jan. 2023, 42 pp.), [www.House.texas.gov/pdfs/committees/reports/interim/87interim/Criminal-Justice-Reform-Committee-Interim-Report-2022.pdf](http://www.House.texas.gov/pdfs/committees/reports/interim/87interim/Criminal-Justice-Reform-Committee-Interim-Report-2022.pdf), which used the LBB definition of “recidivism.”

6 years and a whopping 83% within 9 years.”<sup>76</sup> That means the TDCJ will have to lie to employers that up to possible 83% will be criminal minded upon release.

As properly reflected in the “2030 Vision,” though by inference, all the Texas LLB and Texas House and DOJ reports reflect the need for prisoner employment, education, and mental health—nothing new there—just old news for decades, and almost universal common sense. One problem is easy, we all know it, and that is “how to make a prisoner a good employee *before* he leaves.” Well, **buying faith with favor** in Dir. Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein **does not work**, and the last 10 years have not shown any indication if *proper recidivism* is honestly looked at, except by hearsay of a naïve elderly volunteer and sycophancy to a director who refuses to read.

“Recidivism” is one clear measure of success, broad in scope, and most of the prisons are not doing well—the consensus—with TDCJ fudging to sound better, with a few still bent on cover up after 25 years of exposures, even today’s TBCJ unapologetically colluding.

Yet, we also know—I know—there are many 1,000s of good honorable employees and wardens in all of our state prisons, and the in-prison employees are the greatest assets to changing the prisoners. And my **100,000 Mothers’ 1% Certainty Parole Option** is one formidable way to introduce a reality-based “culture” which can improve both officer attrition and prison recidivism, and save Texas millions of dollars. If TDCJ and Texas will invest into the in-prison employees that vital ingredient of “**truly valuing them**” with a measure of “**Trust**” with granting them vote on 1% of the parole-eligible prisoner’s freedom.<sup>77</sup>

## 15. Which TDCJ Division Is the Most Nefarious?

The “2030 Vision” admits no failures or even shortcomings to overcome, so there is no starting point or defined “culture” from which to truly track improvement. How about a true analysis of all the applicant pools. Surely the Programs Division is not the only division caught red-handed purposely hiring the lowest qualified. Now we must ask about the Reentry Division too, given its skewing of “recidivism” to look better than it is and revealing either a shortcoming on education or a simpler nefarious cover up.

As forcefully pointed out in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, is the Programs Division the most nefarious? Is OIG? Any top tier lawyer reading the *Book of Secrets* (2013) or *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2015) or *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023) cannot fail to see that OIG was a part of the cover up of the Polunsky Fiasco and failed to defend me against the lying cowardly Warden Hunter’s concocting a policy never encoded. So, if that is so obvious in how OIG, CID, and Programs Division all failed and then failed again in overlooking the 23 TABS in the *Book of Secrets*, **what else has OIG overlooked or turned an eye or chose cowardice over the last 13 or 25 years?** With Marvin Dunbar promoted to direct the compliance division after so much nefariousness so very well documented under his watch in my *TDCJ Deep State Report*, well then, determining **which division is the most nefarious** is a great and much needed challenge, just like Elon Musk’s D.O.G.E. found USAID to be for decades. It is likely too big a task for the TBCJ volunteer board members who hardly visit the inside of any prison, much less sit down with division directors, but answering that is a task their awesome charge requires; the TBCJ will need to substantially fund a neutral outside sourced billion-dollar law firm to accomplish that, for their

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<sup>76</sup> Ibid., Neal Davis Law Firm, bold theirs. From Mariel Alper, Matthew R. Durose, and Joshua Markman, “2018 Update on Prisoner Recidivism: A 9-Year Follow-up Period (2005-2014)” U.S. Department of Justice (May 2018; 24 pp.): <https://bjs.ojp.gov/content/pub/pdf/18upr9yfup0514.pdf>.

<sup>77</sup> Section 9 above, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/) & [www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf). >



OIG cannot be trusted to evaluate itself, and that law firm will need someone with substantial in-prison experience. The ideal candidate would be an experienced criminal lawyer who had a previous life and rose to become a warden in TDCJ—*that person* would know how to distinguish between the lies and bullshit.

## 16. First Analysis of Disciplinary in TDCJ History

Sadly, it appears that I am the only one in the U.S. that has published the statistics with a modicum of analysis of 86,775 disciplinary in any state prison.<sup>78</sup> Seriously, while impractical for public consumption, I do ask: **Has anyone even suggested a real analysis of the employee disciplinary process** and how an employee has to “grieve” a charge to appeal it? I am the only one in the last 20 years to even look at the disciplinary. Not just for my own slighted honor, but I looked for others too. Not always, but as with me, you must know the process is used to punish good folks for “Doing the Right Thing” rather than “to correct,” and at times used to punish from animus rather than violation. Eric and your successor, did you know that once charged an employee must “grieve” the supervisor—yes—not “appeal” the charge, which in itself is a negative morale-sapping methodology?

Regarding the Polunsky Fiasco of 2012, see the record for yourself: NO ONE, not a single employee or warden was “disciplined” after I exposed the Polunsky Fiasco with its horde of violations every day for six years prior to my arrival in the *Book of Secrets*, and from a dozen of Open Record requests **OIG never investigated** any of the many violations nor my list of witnesses.

The measure of a man  
is what he does with power.  
Plato (c. 428–348 B.C.)  
Greek philosopher of the Classical period  
and a foundation of Western philosophy

Those aberrances stand out next to the oft-repeated exposure of how TBCJ Chair Oliver Bell was hoodwinked by the madman Michael Upshaw into destroying crime scene evidence and cleaning contraband. Who “cleans” contraband? Most of the Polunsky staff saw the wardens’ nasty favor of policy-violating Chaplain David Collier, and a few staff still to this day in 2025 reel from Collier’s antics so very well known. Nearly every department head disliked Chaplain Collier’s violations, and the Property/Supply Department especially loathed his hoarding of supplies.<sup>79</sup>

Retired Polunsky Warden Mike Butcher intimated to me he felt glad to be gone around 2021, even got bit upset and did not want talk about his Polunsky time, for **he remembered well in 2012** as assistant warden telling me if he came to the Polunsky Gym/Chapel, “**I’d have to fix too many things.**”<sup>80</sup> Butcher knew and kept silent. Having failed to get help in 2012 from then Polunsky Asst. Warden Donald Muniz, I sat in Asst. Warden Butcher’s office in 2012 and he, too, refused to help—silence on daily security violations in the Polunsky Chapel. A few years later Butcher made senior at Polunsky and in 2019 was awarded Admin

<sup>78</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls), my “TDCJ 10-Year >> Disciplinary Report 7-25-2003 to 7-25-2013,” first in TDCJ History on 86,775 disciplinarys, and not a single disciplinary for a Polunsky warden or major, Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, or Chaplain Collier for the multitude of violations everyday at the Polunsky Chapel for 6 years. Fairness flew the coup at the Polunsky Prison, named after top tier attorney Alan Polunsky.



<sup>79</sup> I even did a few OR requests on Property/Supply Dept. usages in chaplaincy departments to compare what I saw at the Polunsky Prison, for Chaplain Collier was given carte blanche and certainly was spending about 7x more than any other unit chaplaincy in TDCJ, mostly violating the rules in sharing with prisoners.

<sup>80</sup> I caught up with Butcher two years ago, on Facebook messenger, and seemed ashamed. See Maness, *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.), TAB 3, “OIG Witness List with Suggestions Items,” Items 14 and 19 where I call then Asst. Warden Butcher to OIG’s notice. I did not know until later, that Butcher, too, was ostensibly rewarded with a promotion for his silence, though back then I thought him a good man; he never came into the chapel, as I quoted him in TAB 14 in 2013, “If I do, I’d have to fix too many things.” All the senior staff knew how Chaplain Collier was protected by the cowardly senior wardens, and Butcher was promoted not long after.

of the Year at Polunsky by the Texas Correctional Association whose board is made up mostly of TDCJ executives and does not publish any journal (see more on the TSA struggle for legitimacy in Item 3.a below). Both Muniz and Butcher know well that they were promoted for joining the others in covering up the Polunsky Fiasco, in a way certified as “cooperative” with Upshaw or whoever against honor and policy. Even the Shawn Wallace was promoted for covering up, not long after he followed Upshaw’s orders to destroy crime scene evidence and clean contraband computers. However, I do believe Butcher the most honorable, from our brief conversation, for it seemed to me the *he still feels somewhat ashamed* for not being a strong man in 2012 when we needed his help the most. Of course, he was listed as one of the key witnesses with others in the *Book of Secrets* that OIG refused to interview, clearly making OIG an accessory if not a guide in the cover up and destruction of criminal evidence.<sup>81</sup>

Sincerely—a real “2030 Vision” would do well to find all the staff who left early and interview them. **For all the academics**, digging that deep and deeper would make for good dissertations on any state prison, a good honest analysis of departures.

### 17. Real “Vision” Has Honest Assessments & Touches In-prison Staff

A meaningful “Vision” must start with an honest assessment of faults, openness to true employee feedback without fear of persecution (as I was persecuted repeatedly), and a sincere effort to find out who is in fact the best in the business. Hint—ACA does not truly know.<sup>82</sup> One honest step will be to recognize Dir. Byran Collier’s modelling TDCJ after **Burl Cain’s bullshit as one of the biggest scams in TDCJ history**—in fact, a forcing of TDCJ to empower a very ugly Christian Nationalist Frankenstein from the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.

The Second Edition of my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* is divided into Seven Books, starting with the *greatest need* and then highlighting six more severe shortcomings:

- Book 1 - Greatest Need: Love, Seeing Psychopaths, Fairness
- Book 2 - TDCJ’s *WORST* Model from *MOST* Scandal-Ridden
- Book 3 - TDCJ Favors *SMALLEST* Segment of Society in *SMALLEST* Circle of Exclusivity
- Book 4 - TDCJ’s *WORST* Peer Program
- Book 5 - TDCJ’s *ASSAULT* on Authentic Faith
- Book 6 - TDCJ’s *WORST* Integrity Compromises
- Book 7 - TDCJ’s Ugly *HOSTILITY* to History & Analysis

Until TDCJ can competently address these, there will be no “vision” worth the name, even if they get a competent author who can feign a scintilla of real research to make statements like “unmatched” have credibility instead of a ghoulish comedy to astute ears. **Eric**, when you first read that in the “2030 Vision,” with your erudition and experience, how could you avoid a Chesire grin? **You know!**

Innocent, certainly the “2030 Vision” is, but not up to any known standard of excellence if you want TDCJ to approach a first class rating, cutting edge, avant-garde, and even approach truth in outcomes and excellence in progress in its auspicious written

Nothing strengthens authority as much as *silence*.

Leonardo da Vinci (1452–1519)  
scientist and artist, *bold mine*

<sup>81</sup> Ibid., *Book of Secrets* (2013), so very well documented, both Muniz and Butcher were under first Senior Wardens Timothy Simmons then Richard Alford, all under Michael Upshaw, begging the question of how all of them could not find the strength to “Do the Right Thing” and buckle under Upshaw’s reign.

<sup>82</sup> See *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, chapter 21, “Marketers vs. True Reformers in Prison Rehabilitation History,” especially section “E. Prisons Rarely Change without Big Bucks & a Federal Spanking” and “CHART 34. ACA Director Gondles’s *Offensive Salary*” (pp. 551–555).

mission statement.<sup>83</sup> TDCJ has come a long way in policy refinement, and I defended policy from the start to finish, and paid for it heavily—doing my job—and after being forced to retire 13 years ago revealed in explicit terms that several executives were scumbags and a few wardens were cowardly sycophants with a long history of nefariousness with several in the Programs Division.

Oh, Eric—and your successor chairpersons—if you cared at all about the awesome charge given to you in chairing the TBCJ, you, too, must feel a needle in your erudite spine. That is, if, if, if I can presume the TBCJ wants a credible vision instead of another thoughtless rubber stamping. You know that most of the “2030 Vision” is mere departmental structures, nothing out of the ordinary course of what they have been doing, nothing *visionary*.

A few are **new to this list**, like Pete Flores, chair of the Texas Senate Criminal Justice Committee, Steve Benesh, president of the Texas State Bar, and Tom Fordyce, member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. Your collective roles are no less. If this is the first you have heard of TDCJ’s extended cover up, that is sadder, that such nefariousness exposed repeatedly and in increasing measure for 25-plus years is still in rather private quarters. I sent copies of the book to all the others over a year ago.

Silence like a cancer spreads fast among the heartlessly unconcerned.

No “vision” is *truly credible* unless it authentically taps into TDCJ’s greatest resource, the in-prison staff that walk the wings and supervise prisoners *daily*. Though the “2030 Vision” does give a token to employee value as every statement in TDCJ ought to, mentions “mentoring,” but the in-prison CO always has one or two—always—and appointing a dolt as mentor does not help: Eric, mentoring happens naturally inside, a given in the interpersonally hostile world of the prison, a city under constant siege, part of the staff social economy, and—dare I say it—staff culture the “2030 Vision” has yet to know.

Only those who will risk going too far can find out how far one can go.

T. S. Eliot (1888–1965)

U.S. poet, essayist, playwright,

Nobel Prize in Literature 1948

some of the best-known poems in English, “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock” (1915)

“The Waste Land” (1932), “The Hollow Men” (1,925), and “Ash Wednesday” (1930)

Where *precisely* is that employee value exhibited in the “2030 Vision”? Hit pay, benefits, advancement, and pride as a *Texas* employee in a precise fashion, and *then* the “Vision” might mean something to the in-prison staff. On the Gib Lewis Unit, our Windham schoolhouse gave good GED training to prisoners and had **two school “counselors”** making more than the asst. warden, and those who knew that shook their heads in the vast diversity of responsibility as nearly all the in-prison staff entered the compound passing those counselors’ offices with them sitting there all day. The distinction was hidden from most who did not seek Open Record requests and because the school’s paychecks and timesheets did not come from through the unit personnel office.<sup>84</sup> Yet the distinction was seen every day from those knew, and more wardens knew than not, and seen as unjust in many concretely specific ways when comparing workloads, scope of responsibilities, and scope of impact of major decisions of wardens and majors compared to two school counselors sequestered in their offices all day.

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<sup>83</sup> See [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/), website header, “TDCJ mission is to provide public safety, help victims of crime, and reintegrate offenders into society.”

<sup>84</sup> Maness, *Chaplain Professional Equity and Market Study w Ethical Violations Timeline* (2001), compared Windham ISD salaries and stats with the stats of the Chaplaincy, how Windham got >>> 10x the funding for less than 10% of the Chaplaincy stats and responsibilities, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain Pt 2 Timeline 2001.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/01-Chaplain_Pt_2_Timeline_2001.pdf). The “Pt 1” version was given the 2001 Legislature that won all state chaplains their first pay group raise in 40+ years and did not have the ethical violations timeline of “Pt 2” which was given privately to Dir. Gary Johnson with four other senior chaplains accompanying me.



The warden sets the tone of leadership. When Warden Gary Hunter was sent to the Gib Lewis Unit to set me up—which is fairly clear in my *Book of Secrets*—at his first unit staff meeting, he was lazy and even had the gall to say he was keeping the warden’s house to “take naps,” for he had no interest in investing in the Lewis Unit or in the local community—and he did not. In fact, within a week, he promoted a newly minted sergeant (from another unit, likely because of something nefarious that CO had done for him) to supervise the Gib Lewis Prison tracking dogs, displacing a 10-year *local* veteran dog sergeant who also had experience with dog training in the free world. Everyone saw that guile and crazy favoritism for the less competent over a true expert. That hit the morale of the prison in a heavy hand made worse by Warden Hunter’s lazy demeanor, rarely visiting inside the prison except to get a bite to eat, an unapproachable oaf. Of course, his “made-up policy” that was never encoded, and his other snubs to honor, gave away his hand as one who looked down on the staff and did not care about anything other than himself. That Hunter’s nefariousness was supported by the Reg. Director, CID Director, and OIG confirmed at the time in 2012 that rascals were in charge of that region.

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.

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
8th stanza of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

**VALUE the in-prison staff?** Where in the “2030 Vision” do they address the quality of wardens and senior staff? Yeah—the wardens as captains of the ship rally their crew within a fleet for a common purpose. While the other logistical divisions play a critical role in supply, the in-prison staff are the frontline actually accomplishing the brunt of the “TDCJ mission” in the lives of the prisoners they supervise 24/7. As made crystal clear in my book, only the in-prison staff truly know the culture of the prison. TDCJ claims to value its employees, yet where is the “value” in concrete terms relating to the in-prison staff, the most critical part of the body of TDCJ and exposed to the most dangers, as with dealing with the extraordinarily talents of the criminal psychopath? One portion of a real “2030 Vision” ought to include a drastic education in the nature of both the staff and prisoner psychopath—seriously.<sup>85</sup>

## 18. Press Release—“*How to End Christian Nationalism*” Decimates Dir. Collier’s Frankenstein with Principles

New book hot off the press by Baptist Joint Committee Dir. Amanda Tyler, *How to End Christian Nationalism* (2024), deserves read by you, Eric, Judge Blacklock, and Bryan Collier, and all 115 cc’d here.<sup>86</sup> Tyler’s book exposes further the dangers that I first exposed in TDCJ in 1999 and in the last 13 years on the lies force-feeding the Field Minister Frankenstein monster being cloned by 18 naïve university presidents who have not cared to read much either—reflecting the quality of their schools! You do not have to agree with her to feel her passion, how gallantly she represents lovers of freedom, and her unassailable arguments on behalf of a true respect for religious liberty.

<sup>85</sup> Compare Paul Babiak and Robert D. Hare’s masterful *Snakes in Suits: Understanding and Surviving the Psychopaths in Your Office*, revised edition (HarperCollins, 2019; 416 pp.), recalling that Prof. Hare’s *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us* (1999; 248 pp.) is a classic and whose diagnosis survey is the “Gold Standard” in diagnosing psychopathy; and Martha Stout’s *Outsmarting the Sociopath Next Door: How to Protect Yourself Against a Ruthless Manipulator* (2020; 203 pp.).


<sup>86</sup> Amanda Tyler, *How to End Christian Nationalism* (Minneapolis: Broadleaf Books, 2024; 244 pp). Tyler is the executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty in Washington, D.C., a peerless champion of religious freedom. See a review by J. Brent Walker, her predecessor at BJC, *Christian Ethics Today* (FALL 2024): 25-26, [https://christianethicstoday.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/CET\\_134.pdf](https://christianethicstoday.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/CET_134.pdf).



Oh, not sarcastic, exaggeration, or hyperbole, no sir, no ma'am, as these **18 presidents** continue to deny facts, fail to see the roots of their Frankenstein in the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history, and fail to see the harm in a **prison buying faith with favor**, and fail to see the role of psychopathy—yes, that denial by these 18 presidents does reflect the quality of their education, or rather their bias towards a Constantinian religious indoctrination over any true thinking prowess. That is, rather than white papers on theory or legal briefs on constitutionality from 18 Christian universities or their presidents—just like TDCJ, just like the Norwoods' Vacation Bible School, and just like Warden Burl Cain has said in avoiding talking to lawyers—and ignoring formidable books like Tyler's and mine, the "indoctrination" is simple, "Because I said so: let it be written," by executive presidential order.

Most especially, Tyler's book complements my 50-page "Faith-Based Housing Letter" sent in December of 2011 that—after 20 years in TDCJ—brought down the merciless wrath and persecution for my whistle-blowing and *forced* me to retire in 2012, a letter that I sent to TDCJ's then Dir. Brad Livingston and America's United Barry Lynn with a cc to Tyler's predecessor Brent Walker.<sup>87</sup>

Tyler's book reinforces the major tenets of my magnum opus *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, Second Edition (2023), Book 3, chapter 10, especially as TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier and the TBCJ have so lovingly embraced, empowered, and substantially funded the smallest segment of Christianity in Dominionism's Concentric Circles of Christian Exclusivity.



Within Conservatism is a large circle of Protestant Christians,  
Within Conservatism is a smaller circle of Evangelicals,  
Within Evangelicalism is a smaller circle of Fundamentalists,  
Within Fundamentalism is a smaller circle of Nationalists,  
Within Nationalism is a still smaller circle of Dominionists:  
See the Concentric Circles of Christian Exclusivity.

**CHART 13. Concentric Circles of Christian Exclusivity—TDCJ Certified**  
in First & Second Edition of Michael G. Maness' *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2022 & 2023)

**CHART 13. Concentric Circles of Christian Exclusivity  
—TDCJ Certified<sup>88</sup>**

Strangely enough, the degree of animus in the far Right is so viral that just the mention of Tyler's book will get me ostracized, so very painfully outlined in chapter 9 of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, titled, "Evangelicalism's Fight for Brains & Survival—TDCJ too!"<sup>89</sup>

If TDCJ is "unmatched" in anything, it is "unmatched" in cover up, self-adulation, and unmatched in using itself as its own standard. And so far, Eric and your predecessor chairmen have concurred by virtue of your and their complete silence in lethargic deliberate

<sup>87</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf), 50-page in Dec. 2011, >> my Faith-Based Housing Letter to TDCJ Dir. Brad Livingston, cc'd to Brent Walker, dir. of Baptist Joint Committee, a hard-wrought letter, the first to address three unconstitutional programs in TDCJ, (1) Faith-Based Housing, (2) David Valentine's Church-starting program, and (3) the Field Minister Frankenstein Program. As my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023) more coherently and forcefully exposed. In Jan-April of 2011 we saved the total cancellation of the chaplaincy (see *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*), and immediately after TDCJ *ordered* the exponential increase in Protestant programming without a single white paper and in violation of so many codes of ethics and while so much nefariousness was afoot for a decade, so I wrote that Faith-Based Letter in Dec. 2011, after which all hell broke out against me in persecution.

<sup>88</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 pp.), 201, "CHART 13. Concentric Circles of Christian Exclusivity—TDCJ Certified."

<sup>89</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), chapter 9, pages 274–315.





indifference. That is not honor by any stretch, and **if not cowardice, it is laziness** to the solemn duty entrusted to all of you by citizens of Texas via the governor in your appointments. Unlike the nothing TDCJ and the TBCJ chairmen have written in their defense, Tyler's book is well referenced to a host of sources that we could add to our defense, even with her and the references called as expert witnesses to the **trial of Dir. Collier's Frankenstein**. As with the naive 18 presidents, the TBCJ's willful ignorance or willful cover up has supported a host of injustices while claiming sainthood in keeping the electrodes connected and fully charged to Dir. Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein and other documented infamies.

### 19. My Chapters 2 & 10 Alone Decimate Dir. Collier's Frankenstein

My chapters 2 on psychopaths and chapter 10 cancel the Field Ministry Frankenstein, though the program is much worse in the damage done by seriously ill psychopath prisoners "counseling" other prisoners in their myriads of **disorders**. **Why is TDCJ so determined to ignore the prisoners' disorders?** What kind of mystical enchanting spell did Burl Cain cast upon Dir. Bryan Collier to make Collier swallow all of Cain's bullshit? Bullshit—that four years of Vacation Bible School will turn a rapist into a counselor? Bullshit—that such Bible training turns a child torturer into a counselor of youthful offenders?<sup>90</sup> How did Dir. Collier and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick swallow whole Warden Cain's enchanting **Bullshit** that can think these prisoners are fully cured of all their disorders after a naïve elderly volunteer's four years of Vacation Bible School—now even presented in TDCJ's "2030 Vision"? How can Cain's **Bullshit** convince as if by magic **without a droplet of concern** for our best psychology and criminology professors on the planet who *still* have not figured out the origin of psychopathy. Except for Collier, Patrick, and Cain, all the *real* experts resolutely concur there is no definitive cure for psychopathy, and all the experts in billion-dollar universities—best minds on EARTH—all the criminologists concur about the serious near universal profusion of the vast array of personality disorders in our prisons, **almost to the extent that there are few if any prisoners without some disorder**. Look at what the prisoners did to earn their prison sentences! But the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history has persuaded TDCJ Dir. Collier *and* 18 university presidents with his corn pop **Bullshit**.

Eric and Judge Blacklock—just how much **Bullshit** will you tolerate?

### 20. Dir. Collier's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein Needs Killing

TDCJ's **Christian Nationalist Frankenstein** is decimated in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* that most of you received two years ago and then received the Second Edition last year. Yes, Dir. Bryan Collier's Field Ministry Program is the greatest Christian Nationalist Frankenstein in U.S. penal history on every facet of the program with a serious look. Mary Shelley's original 1818 *Frankenstein* has rightly become a masterpiece in literature, though few read it today or fully appreciated her stupendous grasp of human nature. Yet—like TDCJ—every movie rendition has mutilated her original, from the lumbering mute hulk to the comedic Herman Munster. The most famous mutilation was Boris Karloff's 1931 *Frankenstein*. Yet Shelley's monster was agile, became extremely smart fast, and was stronger than his master and stronger than any mortal, more physically resilient, and even more humane



<sup>90</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), 4 & 7, in "Historical Introduction ..." section C.1. "1. Field Ministers ... Child Torturer, Murderers, Assaulters" and section C.3. "3. TDCJ's Minister Montana Tortured 10-Month-Old Girl." Recall that TDCJ has refused to release the names of its Field Ministers, and for some crazy reason the Texas AG concurred on my appeal for that public information—so, Dir. Collier's Field Minister **Frankenstein is a Top Secret program**, unless as seen here where reporters from the *LA Times* are allowed to come and report.

for a time. Karloff's mute oaf could barely walk and never passed the mentality of wee child. Everyone should read or listen to Shelly's masterpiece.

Look at Dir. Collier's Field Minister FRANKENSTEIN—who can fail to see TDCJ's **buying a prisoner's faith with institutional favor?** Even a parole-earning job that veritably excludes them from the warden's whim or desire to change a prisoner's job, making Collier's "ministers" a bastard class elevated above the common peasant prisoner, a faux "counselor" mocking the psychology professions. Truly, these Field Ministers are made into a higher class prisoner, a higher caste in the dictatorial nature of prisons, the Frankenstein laboratory is made worse in the ill-conceived manner of birth on a director's desk under the most devious scandal-ridden manner.

**The reality of faith is that the prisoner will choose who he respects**, who shall be his pastor, and there is no way under heaven or in hell an executive director or a naïve elderly volunteer will choose that pastor for a prisoner. Look at the horde of devious, nefarious, twisting by TDCJ in Dir. Collier's Frankenstein creations: the Field Ministers are *called* "counselors" without a single class in counseling; called "scholars" by Grover Norwood with a basic four-year bachelors in Vacation Bible School; called "no cost to the state" in a lie by Collier though costing the state uncounted millions;<sup>91</sup> *called* "religiously neutral" in a lie by Collier though it has been and is currently thoroughly Baptist, and Dir. Collier has yet to get his own legal department to write a brief on constitutionality (to say nothing of the books he ignores, like Tyler's above); *called* academically supported by a million-dollar grant filled with holes and whose lead Baylor professor mutilated the meaning of *three* authors to mean the *opposite* of what those authors meant; *called* a peer program led by an elderly man with no academic standing and who had no interest in marrying a peer in his life, who in fact after a divorce while duping a seminary married a women young enough to be his granddaughter (if his ratio of remarrying younger ones continues, his next wife has not been born yet!)—just a few of the aberrances.

Still, after years of exposure, the TBCJ cannot see how Collier's Frankenstein is especially attractive to prisoner psychopaths. On my first OR in 2021, TDCJ had *nothing* on the \$321 million in psych care that TDCJ pays UTMB to provide each year—zero—and then in 2021 a senior UTMB OR person *struggled* in looking and found *nothing*. Then in December of 2024, I did a follow-up OR and UTMB balked *again*, only this time appealing to the Texas AG and even refusing the names of the reports, yet TDCJ properly gave the reports this time: that is, in 2021 TDCJ broke the law again in refusing or the reports were too insignificant to matter to even be remembered for an official OR request, and **so again, after I exposed that, then in 2024 TDCJ was able to respond properly!**<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>91</sup> I pointed out several times that TDCJ's accountants could count the cost of electricity, water, staff (wardens, chaplains, security, courtroom, transportation), and more. It's the worse run program that most find comedic, and influential wardens keep silent, cause at the moment it is in their best interests to keep Grover Norwood happy, though the shuffle of prisoners around the state for a naïve volunteer is tedious and costly. Sycophants will do anything for a boost from Dir. Collier. Yet TDCJ does not even keep track of the Norwoods' volunteer hours like normal volunteers, for the Norwoods are the exception, royalty, all others must cater to them—as the Norwoods have executive privilege, exemptions from normal processes as they visit a unit, often *commanding* the wardens' and security's time. Tail wags the dog.

<sup>92</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), Chapter 2.C.4. "TDCJ Has Nothing on Psychopaths—Zero UTMB Reports for \$314M!" [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf), where TDCJ and UTMB had *no reports*, and UTMB's senior OR person struggled. On 12-28-24, I did a follow-up OR, and UTMB balked again, seeking Texas AG's approval and **even refused the names of the reports; yet TDCJ properly gave the report names**, see here for the full >> package that will be updated after this letter is sent, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf).



What that reveals, Eric and successor, is that there are **TEN Inexcusable Infamies:**

1. The TBCJ and Dir. Collier have no concern over Collier's psychopath prisoner "ministers" counseling other prisoners in their disorders.
2. That in TDCJ operations Collier's Frankenstein truly despises all we know about psychology, psychiatry, and sociology for the last 200 years.
3. Collier's Frankenstein has had no interest in getting its own legal department or Texas AG to write a real brief on constitutionality and—Judge Blacklock?—defies reason in not even *thinking* of soliciting amicus curia briefs.
4. Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein undercuts the nature of the church for two millennia where no one has ever excepted as "minister" a person simply because the convicted felon "volunteered," except in the Dark Ages when church offices were nefariously sold.
5. Collier himself never investigated Warden Cain's vast array of scandals so very well documented, indicating Collier as likely the least read director in Texas history (do you, Eric, know of one director lesser read?).
6. Collier's Frankenstein Field Ministers are geared to lie and cover up violations to keep their cushy "state parole-earning job" which is at the complete mercy of the warden.
7. The staff chaplains are *ordered* to use prisoners about whose in-prison history or reputation the chaplains know *nothing*, like ordering your local church to hire a convicted child molester as a youth director or pastor on the word of Dir. Collier or Burl Cain's **Bullshit** after four years of Vacation Bible School.
8. Collier's Frankenstein Field Ministers are so poorly managed that there is no end in sight or mind—no reports worth a plugged penny, only the naïve Norwoods' and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's fantasies for transforming the world—given that Norwood would continue until every prisoner in TDCJ was one, leaving no prison-infrastructure jobs left for prisoners (not truly sarcastic here).
9. This program is unsupervised on the unit level, given that the prisoners just *say* what they do, with no substantial reports that mean anything to anyone, Item 3.c. below.
10. And look at the money the Norwoods make, given that in the first few years he pocketed nearly a half million dollars into his own pocket, and now through contrivance or illegality Norwood has escaped the placing of the top salaries in his Form 990s which the law requires.<sup>93</sup> Since TDCJ doesn't study its programs, how would anyone know?

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950)  
Irish playwright, critic, polemicist, political activist, and author of sixty plays, including major works, like *Man and Superman* (1902), *Pygmalion* (1913) and *Saint Joan* (1923)

Eric and Judge Blacklock, just **how much money has Dir. Collier helped** the Norwoods and scandal-ridden Warden Cain make in the last decade? In July of 2012, as told in the *Book of Secrets* (2013), as Alan Polunsky gave Polunsky Warden Tim Simmons the Administrator of the Year Award, Simmons had already secured an executive job with the company that supplies TDCJ with the hi-res security cameras on which Simmons observed the daily security violations in the Polunsky chapel from a monitor in his office. Yah—**Big Polunsky Fiasco!**

<sup>93</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), read and weep chapter 20 (514–541), "Big Bucks & Political Capital Cutting Up Integrity," especially section A. "Follow the Money – See Spot Run – Read R. H. Tawney" and subsection 6. "Follow the Money: Norwood, Cain, and PF Compensations" and CHART 30. Grove Norwood HOTF Salary" (522). **Money, Money, Money—Dir. Collier has helped a very, very lot.**

## 21. The Baptist Angle—Without Baptists, Frankenstein Dies!

I write this as a conservative Baptist with three degrees from the most conservative SBC Baptist schools, and this grieves me most of all, not just to write this, but to see my schools so naïvely swooned by something so dangerously scandal-ridden from top to bottom. Even in the transcripts, you can see the Field Minister chosen from their best in a video advertisement was clearly a callous psychopath and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary’s shining star.<sup>94</sup>

The above was just a quick recall of a few of the horde of elements in Collier’s Field Minister Frankenstein, truly the least thought-out program, mutilating church, faith, academics, fairness, prisoner health, mutilating the “mental health” and “psychology” professions, ignoring 100 years of penal progress in corrections—from one single warden who is the most scandal-ridden in penal history—assaulting the U.S. and Texas Constitutions, even shaming the legal professions all in Collier’s push, coercion, and by “executive order” to force the entire TDCJ’s in-prison staff culture into the smallest of the concentric circles Dominionist Christian Exclusivity. Indeed, totally and from every angle, **from ever single facet in the light**, the Faith-Based Housing and Field Minister programs are nothing less than Dir. Collier’s unaccountable Christian Nationalist Frankenstein with a humungous Baptist hegemony, growing by fiat and whimsical faux-spiritual mysticism, and the ugliest Frankenstein among the 18 other state prisons sponsored by **18 naïve university presidents** across our nation. That delusional **bullshit** has spread so thoroughly that Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick even told one of TDCJ Dir. Collier’s graduating Frankenstein Field Ministers that they will leave TDCJ to “change the world”!<sup>95</sup>

And do not forget that in TDCJ it is led by Baptist Grover Norwood who was late coming to a devote faith—his own words—who started this jointly with a Baptist seminary, holding to the “Baptist Faith and Message” and has since started his own Baptist school, with Baptist teachers, and started his own Baptist church, and the lion’s share of his funding is from Baptists. That is, like scandal-ridden Warden Cain, if it was not for Baptists, this Frankenstein would have died on the mad doctor’s table.

Now read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

## 22. FBI’s “Behavioral Science Unit” Substantially Substantiates All the Strata in my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*

I am sending two more books to a select few on this list, named below, that rigorously inform more fully upon the coherence of my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, especially chapter 2 on the **psychopath** that Bryan Collier’s Field Ministry Frankenstein utilizes, a program especially attractive to the convicted psychopath.

<sup>94</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), compare chapter 2, “Psychopath Prisoner Ministers & Staff—How Many?” section C.7. “7. NOBTS Star Prisoner Likely One – Carolina Beirmann” with **Appendix 1, 27 Speaker Transcripts** of Norwood, Dir. Collier, Burl Cain, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Prof. Bryon Johnson, Prisoners” and sec. 9. “NOBTS Professor John Robson 2017 Seminary Promo,” Pt 1: “Professor John Robson, Dir. of NOBTS Extension at Angola” and Part 5 on Angola Field Minister > “Donald Beirmann” bragged that God told him to violate policy and his lack of empathy, classic >> indicators of psychopathy! See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf). >>

Hard to imagine my alma mater supporting this degree of failure in pastoral care.

<sup>95</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), Appendix 1, **27 Speaker Transcripts** > of Norwood, Dir. Collier, Burl Cain, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Prof. Bryon Johnson, Prisoners” & item >> “2” with the linked videos to their speeches, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf).

There is nothing I despise more than a politician who seeks to sell his politics by preaching religion, unless it be a preacher who tries to sell his sermons by talking politics.

Quintin Hogg (1907–2001)  
Baron Hailsham of St Marylebone  
and English lawyer



DeNevi and Campbell's *Into the Minds of Madmen* (2004) came to my attention after watching the two seasons of *Mindhunter* (2017 & 2019) that was based upon the their book and John Douglas' *Mindhunter—Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit* (1995).

*Into the Minds of Madmen* chronicles the history of the FBI's now famous Behavioral Science Unit (BSU) that has aided countless police departments across the U.S. The two-season series *Mindhunter* traces how the BSU developed the advanced concept of “**getting into the minds**” of convicted serial killers and how the FBI experts developed profiles from interviewing the killers in prison to catalogue and look closely at “how” and “why” the killers tortured, raped, and killed their victims. No prison employee's or criminologist's education is complete without these two books and the *Mindhunter* series.<sup>96</sup>

Do not confuse the FBI's BSU with the vastly more popular and fictional series *Criminal Minds* that stars its own BAU, Behavioral Analyst Unit, similar yet made-for-TV action-backed criminal hunting program still not far from reality: *Criminal Minds* “differs from many procedural dramas by focusing on profiling the criminal, called the unsub or ‘unknown subject,’ rather than the crime itself,” the key tactic used by the real FBI BSU detailed in the non-fiction books, Douglas' fearfully masterful *Mindhunter* and DeNevi and Campbell's landmark history *Into the Minds of Madmen*.<sup>97</sup>

Strange as it may seem, at the end of the *Into the Minds of Madmen*, the work of the BSU led the FBI to start its own chaplaincy program to aid FBI agents in crises and post-traumatic stress from dealing with the most evil persons on the planet. Unlike TDCJ, you know at least in the late 1990s when TDCJ was purposely hiring the least qualified of the application pools—then in 2011 killing the entire TDCJ chaplaincy without a single white paper in veritable secrecy—in the 1990s, FBI was hiring the most qualified for its new chaplaincy core.

My book is now bolstered by these two FBI history books on master FBI mind-hunters and the madmen they pursued as *further* proof of the **total mindlessness** that was in play—following Warden Cain's *Bullshit*<sup>98</sup>—that gave rise to Dir. Collier's Field Ministry Christian Nationalist Frankenstein in TDCJ now captivating 18 naïve university presidents, with Cain's lucrative vision of total domination in all prisons—we inculcate—with origins from the most scandal-ridden warden and implemented without any *research* worth the name, other than a gloating “feathery spiritual feel goody” enchantments from Cain's *Bullshit*.<sup>99</sup>

How can anyone with your erudite acumen escape seeing this clearly, Eric?

It would not surprise me if ex-Warden Cain **hired a thug to put me in the hospital or to kill me**, should any of this or my book get the traction it deserves, or Capt. of Scum Michael Upshaw and several of his servile lying cowardly wardens placed drugs in my car—they are

I guess the only time most people think about injustice is when it happens to them.

Charles Bukowski (1920–1994)  
German-American poet, novelist, short story writer on social, cultural, and economics on the ordinary lives of poor Americans

<sup>96</sup> John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, *Mindhunter—Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit* (Scribner, 1995; 384 pp.); Don DeNevi and John H. Campbell, *Into the Minds of Madmen—How the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit Revolutionized Crime Investigation* (Prometheus, 2004; 438 pp.); and two seasons of *Mindhunter* appeared on Netflix in 2017 and 2019 with a third season cancelled. In Douglas and Olshaker's *Mindhunter*, we see that BSU was much larger in its inception, but the two seasons did well to portray coldness and intelligence of several real living psychopathic serial killers.

<sup>97</sup> From [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Criminal\\_Minds\\_episodes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Criminal_Minds_episodes), accessed 1-27-25. *Criminal Minds* premiered in 2005 and aired for 15 seasons to the 2019 finale, then revived in *Criminal Minds—Evolution* by Paramount in 2022, and by August 2024 has 344 episodes and is in its 18th season, with the release of its 17th season on DVD in January of 2025.

<sup>98</sup> Op. cit. **fn. 3** on Cain's “*Bullshit*” and “most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.”

<sup>99</sup> Op. cit. **fn. 3** on Cain's “*Bullshit*” and “most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history.”



evil madmen hiding their mask of sanity, truly capable and desirous of doing so—a **fear** I will have for the rest of my days. That is one of my motivations impelling me to make this too wide and too strong and too credible to sink or deny, as well as easy as possible to verify with QR Codes. **I am telling the truth**, and Collier and the TBCJ should very well know and write it on the walls of their hearts that **Upshaw ruined lives before me**, even before being the kingpin manipulator who ruined my career.

TDCJ Dir. Collier—if not in collusion and before he escapes responsibility into his lucrative retirement—**needs to be woken up** out of his protracted duped slumber, and the TBCJ needs to vet its own Office of Inspector General who colluded then, as documented in the *Book of Secrets* and after **OIG’s own “Terrorist Threat” interview of me for “writing books.”** That is—Judge Blacklock—OIG did not audio record a “Terrorist Threat” because intimidation was the goal and not the veracity of any threat: the QR Code PDF linked in the footnote, 30 pages, includes my OR *fight* on OIG’s pursuit of me while have **NO INTEREST in destruction of the crime scene evidence**, no interest in cleaning of contraband, nor years of policy violations, or even in the witness list with CDs of my recorded interviews.<sup>100</sup>

**OIG helped in covering up the entire Polunsky Fiasco for over an entire year!**

### **23. TBCJ’s Most Critical IMF Mission!—Discern Dir. Collier’s Role**

**TBCJ’s Most Critical IMF Mission!** If you, Eric and Judge Blacklock care about the TDCJ staff—even a 100th portion as I do—then, honorable and powerful men of the law, **nothing** would profit TDCJ more than the TBCJ setting up its own **Impossible Mission Force** to find the other TDCJ employees that Upshaw Inc. ran off or set up and pushed out of TDCJ to continue their own nefariousness.

Most important IMF mission of all remains critical as Dir. Bryan Collier prepares to escape and retire in feigned honor: that mission, should you, Eric, and your successors choose to accept it, is to **discern how**

**Upshaw manipulated** Brad Livingston and Bryan Collier in late 2012. For if Collier was not a part of the Polunsky Fiasco collusion and destruction of crime scene evidence, then **how did Upshaw bypass the TDCJ Director’s office** to get TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell and *lowly* manager Marvin Dunbar to completely cover up the trio’s destruction of crime scene evidence and promote all the violating staff? TDCJ has no greater need than for the TBCJ to do its job and initiate with all integrity that very IMF mission of discernment.

There are two ways to be fooled: one is to believe what isn’t true, the other is to refuse to believe what is true

Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855)

Danish philosopher, theologian, poet, social critic, prolific writer, best known for his heavily reasoned opus *Either/Or* (1943), *Fear and Trembling* (1943), *The Concept of Anxiety* (1844), *Works of Love* (1947), *The Sickness unto Death* (1849), among others.

<sup>100</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf) (ended 6-14-14; 30 pp., >> **took me to 2017 to finally get a copy!**) and therein is also the OR correspondence, for the TBCJ’s OIG did **not want** to give me a copy of their investigation of me. Aat the time, they called me to come to them in Huntsville under the ruse they were investigating my 700-page *Book of Secrets* that I had sent them and the Texas AG. Not only no recording—odd, isn’t that?—but further OR revealed they never investigated the 700-page *Book of Secrets* with the cds and dvds of photos, videos, and my recorded interviews of Polunsky Unit staff, previous staff chaplains who were all witnesses likewise aghast at the multitude of policy violations in the Polunsky Unit Gym-Chapel, some which continue to this very day in January 2025, in near total lack of supervision of prisoners on computers, but nothing like in the summer of 2012 when cowardly Warden Richard Alford forced me to retire. For a while, *nothing* was quick!



## 24. Into the Minds of Madmen—TDCJ Ought to Use the FBI's Strategy

DeNevi and Campbell's *Into the Minds of Madmen* is full of quotes pertinent to TDCJ's stagnation in growth in understanding prisonization. The BSU investigated crime scenes after the local LEOs gave up and interviewed the killer **after conviction and in prison** with a view to getting into the "minds" of the imprisoned psychopath killer—like the psychopath prisoner TDCJ has ignored for the last 50 years—so that the BSU could help the local police find a serial killer still at large and still preying upon victims.

It's easier to fool people than to convince them that they have been fooled.

No amount of evidence will persuade an idiot.

Mark Twain (1835–1910)  
American writer praised as the "greatest humorist the United States has produced"

Bob Ressler started the analyses of the crime scenes left by known serial killers in preparation for the postconviction interviews [interviews of killers in prison, including some in Texas prisons]. This was a unique technique and it proved to be extremely valuable. By having experienced agents do this, the information obtained add immeasurably to our understanding of how crime scene characteristics were related to the personality traits and mental status of the perpetrator.<sup>101</sup>

The FBI visited some killers in Texas prisons, too, for their database on killer proclivities and profiles, and, of course, TDCJ let the FBI interview, and *perhaps* today a few of the FBI's murderers are now Collier's Field Ministers. Both Warden Cain and Grover Norwood have stated they want the long-term prisoners, the ones in for the **worst crimes**, their and Dir. Collier's favorite preferred desired cherished loved "minister" pool, unlike the rest of the sane religious world. Oh my, *Into the Minds of Madmen* reinforces my book and its horde of exposures, especially chapter 2 on psychopaths—a history TDCJ never delves into in any detail in any program the last 50 years. The Netflix *Mindhunter* artfully portrays the BSU's growth and then remarkable success in using the BSU's catalogs of peculiarities and unique traits and accumulating "profiles" from the in-prison interviews of killers to aid local police departments in finding a current killer still evading capture. Sadly and ironically, many of the killer madmen would qualify to become one of Collier's and the TBCJ's Field Minister Frankensteins.

The secret of freedom lies in educating the people, whereas the secret of tyranny is in keeping them ignorant.

Maximilien Robespierre (1758–1794)  
French lawyer and statesman, one of the most influential and controversial of the French Revolution, campaigning for voting rights and for the abolition of slavery and played an infamous part in the Reign of Terror

Dir. Collier, his predecessors, and his top staff—even all staff and TBCJ—have avoided the growing field of psychopathy for the last 50+ years, though the science is still young with perhaps the first precedent being Prof. Hervey Cleckley's 1941 *Mask of Sanity*.<sup>102</sup> A few books deal explicitly with the artfulness of prisoner manipulation. TDCJ recommended reading *Games that Inmates Play* in the 1990s training, but should have given the book to all the new in-prison staff and enlarged the blocks of instruction on inmate games. About 15-20 years ago, TDCJ migrated to the ACA's book, though the first was slightly better.<sup>103</sup>

<sup>101</sup> DeNevi and Campbell, *Into the Minds of Madmen* (Prometheus, 2004), 112, quoting Howard Teten, "Hypnosis: The Ultimate Lie Detector?" *International Security Review* (July 1980): 82–83, 85.

<sup>102</sup> Hervey M. Cleckley (1903–1984), *The Mask of Sanity: An Attempt to Clarify Some Issues about the So-Called Psychopathic Personality* (C. V. Mosby Co., 1st 1941 [*Re-interpret* rather than *Clarify*]; 5th 1976; 598 pp.), see another avoided by TDCJ, **whole classic 5th vol. here for FREE:** <https://gwers.net/doc/psychology/personality/psychopathy/1941-cleckley-maskofsanity.pdf>

<sup>103</sup> The first and best is Bud Allen and Diana Bosta's *Games Criminals Play: How You Can Profit by Knowing Them* (Susanville, CA: Rae John, 1981; 228 pp.), recommended by TDCJ in staff academy in the 1980s and 1990s, though it should have been given to staff with longer blocks of instruction.

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**Value the staff?**—they *claim*, but when was the last time any good reading was even noted inside the agency newsletter? I do not recollect a single article or book read by any director or division director that was recommended one single solitary time in 25 years—not a single one! Worse, in a way, is that TDCJ itself has not written one with TDCJ examples of employee compromises over the last 50 years, for real-life examples, where an officer was compromised and often rightly fired: another “2030 Vision” specific that could aid in-prison staff in countering and avoiding the advanced manipulative skills of the psychopath.

For a very short time, the Programs Division under Madeline Ortiz had a divisional newsletter, and, of all the divisions to have one, this division could have been the most telling, if even just the chaplaincy department. But the newsletter failed within a year, likely because the editor chosen had no experience in anything—as we have seen in so many Program Division promotions over the last 25 years and their purposely choosing the least qualified from the applicant pool. <sup>104</sup>

TDCJ is “unmatched” in not informing staff, or, worse, in leadership *not* reading at all!

The professional study of psychopathy has taken off in the last 20 years, and TDCJ has purposely ignored psychopathy these last four years since I first revealed to Dir. Collier and the TBCJ in chapter 2 of my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, and peculiarly avoided the work therein on “staff psychopaths” after my exposures these last 13 years. While I am not qualified to give Prof. Hare’s “Gold Standard” psychopathy assessment, I do believe Michael Upshaw would be smart enough to see it for what it is and lie on the assessment, as many do—wearing the infamous *Mask of Sanity*. So, though not an expert, I do believe after this and all the research published on the legendary powers of persuasive lying typical of the psychopath that both **Upshaw and Cain are among the psychopaths** documented so very

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.

Michael G. Maness (1956–)  
**10th stanza** of “Ode to the Oddities of Outing  
a few Onery TDCJ Outlaws” (2019), Item 4 below

The simple step of the courageous  
is to not take part in a lie.

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn (1918–2008)  
Russian author, Soviet dissent, 1970 Nobel Prize  
in Literature, author of *The Gulag Archipelago*  
(1974) head-on challenge to the Soviet state

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For the last 15 or so years, TDCJ has migrated to advising purchase of American Correctional Association book by Gary F. Cornelius, *The Art of the Con: Avoiding Offender Manipulation* (ACA, 2009; 207 pp.)

Others include Bill Elliott and Vicki Verdeyen’s *Game Over: Strategies for Redirecting Inmate Deception* (Alexandria, VA: American Correctional Association, 2003; 204 pp.); Larone Koonce’s *Correction Officer’s Guide to Understanding Inmates: The 44 Keys to Power, Control, and Respect* (Koonce, 2012; 232 pp.); and Anthony Gangi’s *Inmate Manipulation Decoded: A Definitive Guide to Understanding the Manipulation Process* (20/20 Living, 2020; 132 pp.). If you look, there is an entire cottage industry on general free-world verbal judo books, but other than the above there are few books from or for in-prison on the crafty art of criminals who—not all—but who many are lapping up their high status as Executive Dir. Byran Collier’s Field Minister “counselors” until they leave.

Then there is Neil Strauss’s *The Game—Penetrating the Secret Society of Pickup Artists* (ReganBooks, Imprint of HarperCollins, 2005; 462p.) which gives the **predator’s view** on *how* to seduce women and the subculture of predators who make games of it. Believe it—this is a manual on how to exploit women!

<sup>104</sup> Bear in mind, we are *not* talking minor differences among the applicants: we are talking about choosing an inexperienced high school graduate with no networking over *several* with masters and doctorates, tons of experience, and tons of ongoing training during their previous 10-15 years. Go >> here, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/) & scroll to “**Applications for Critical Chaplaincy Positions**” you can see the applications of Bill Pierce, Timothy Jones, and Michael Rutledge, the last almost unreadable in sloppiness, who was promoted to a position created, Asst. Dir. of Chaplaincy, after he failed to get a regional position by Marvin Dunbar, detailed in *TDCJ Deep State Report: >> Case of the Collared Fox >>* (2019), [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf). >>





well by several true experts in psychopathy.<sup>105</sup>

## 25. Use the FBI's BSU's Tactics on the Polunsky Fiasco & on the TDCJ's Madman

Read these books by FBI agents, then, Eric, you will know that TDCJ needs to upgrade its staff training to include blocks on psychopathy, and Dir. Collier and his successors would be fools to think there are no psychopaths in the ranks of TDCJ's 36,000 staff. Or you in the ranks of billion-dollar law firms.<sup>106</sup>

Chief Justice Blacklock, please, I implore you to help the TBCJ see the light here. I have been struggling to get this letter out, the personal emergencies I myself had to face through 2023 and 2024—still, you have some time now to look seriously at this and enough pull to forward this to your fellow justices, others in Gov. Abbott's office, and even to seriously advise the TBCJ and—God help us—even join me in ending this Christian Nationalist Frankenstein exploiting the disordered prisoners and their precious families.

That is, Eric and Judge Blacklock, the FBI's BSU began to **only take** local police, sheriff, and state police cold cases where they had **given up**—stumped, lost, clueless on where to go next. Eric, Judge Blacklock, et al, are you grasping that? Oh, *Into the Minds of Madmen* gets much better the more closely you read it. Use the BSU's principle above and analyze the crime scene at the Polunsky Unit Gym-Chapel in my *Book of Secrets* and the wardens' and senior staff's destruction of crime scene evidence, including the deletion of the life-sentenced murderer prisoners' gigabytes of encrypted data and the cleaning of contraband—promoting all the violating employees—and **find out the decrepit mindset of psychopath Michael Upshaw** who manipulated Oliver Bell and Marvin Dunbar into Upshaw's own madman mind mired in nefariousness—for everyone's sake—find out how Upshaw was able to hoodwink even TBCJ Chairman Bell, an admired labor expert, and even TDCJ Dir. Collier—and

**Without freedom the truth doesn't exist.**

Alexander Pushkin (1799–1837)  
Russian poet, playwright, novelist, considered by many the greatest Russian poet and founder of modern Russian literature.

<sup>105</sup> Do see the best on psychopaths in the public sphere, Paul Babiak and Robert D. Hare's masterful *Snakes in Suits: Understanding and Surviving the Psychopaths in Your Office*, revised edition (New York: HarperCollins, 2019; 416 pp.). Bear in mind that Prof. Hare is the leading authority and I sent his masterful small book to Collier and about 50 others on the 115 list, his authoritative **Robert D. Hare, *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us*** (New York: Pocket Books, 1993; Guilford Press, 1999; 248 pp.). Prof. Hare's diagnosis survey is considered the "Gold Standard" in diagnosing the degree of psychopathy.

Do not miss Martha Stout's *Outsmarting the Sociopath Next Door: How to Protect Yourself Against a Ruthless Manipulator* (NY: Harmony, an imprint of Penguin House, 2020; 203 pp.),

Barry S. Cooper and John C. Yuille's "Psychopathy and Deception," chapter 19 in *The Psychopath: Theory, Research, and Practice*, edited by Hugues Hervé and John C. Yuille, intro by Robert D. Hare (Mahwah: NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 2007; 598 pp.; 487–503).

There are now online help sites, like **Aftermath: Surviving Psychopathy Foundation**, a non-profit organization providing information and support for victims of psychopathy, [www.Aftermath-Surviving-Psychopathy.org](http://www.Aftermath-Surviving-Psychopathy.org). Next to Prof Hare, perhaps no one is more influential in bringing psychopathy into a public understanding than Prof. Kevin Dutton, the Psychology Guy, and author of the popular and informative *Wisdom of Psychopaths: What Saints, Spies, and Serial Killers Can Teach Us About Success* (New York: Scientific American/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012; 288 pp.). Dutton is a professor at the University of Oxford and a fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Society for the Scientific Study of Psychopathy and has published widely, [www.DrKevinDutton.com](http://www.DrKevinDutton.com).

I toss in Ann Rule's *The Stranger Beside Me* (New York: Norton, 1980; 350 pp.), because in the public sphere one never really knows, and this is a terrifying testimony on a close encounter with Ted Bundy written near the very beginning of the escalation of studies that focus intently upon the psychopath.

<sup>106</sup> Ibid.



whoever else—and how Collier was fooled after so many volumes were sent to him by me!<sup>107</sup>

Add to that an analysis of how Warden Cain duped Collier so royally even after so much escalating exposures for the last 13+ years. See evil *madmen minds* at work!

## 26. Collier's Frankenstein Versus the Infantile "2030 Vision"

TDCJ's Greatest Christian Nationalist Frankenstein is the ugliest in U.S. history, a mockery of religion, even after my repeated exposures, even denied as TDCJ Dir. Collier said in our only conference call where my whistleblowing of severe security threats and ongoing nefariousness was said by Collier, "borders on harassment."<sup>108</sup> Collier refuses to this day!

As Collier prepares to **retire under the delusion of honor**, will you Eric and Judge Blacklock help TDCJ come out from under the **Greatest Christian Nationalist Frankenstein** that has nothing going for it, that **truly buys faith with favor** from desperate prisoners with still no concern at all for uncounted personality disorders. If Dir. Collier had cared to look at the Angola prison history—or just read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and verified the references and actually listened Cain's bullshit on the many videos—Collier would have seen how Cain mocked his predecessors and mocked religion and mocked legal counsel and mocked Catholicism and mocked liberal news media exposing him and mocked the progress of criminology itself and mocked his own multitude of scandals—and Cain even took credit for doing the work his predecessors did before him!<sup>109</sup>

Good policies run a good prison, I defended them, and OIG defended lying wardens!

Still, my **100,000 Mothers' 1% Certainty Parole Option** will add a demonstrable reality-based reformation, decrease officer attrition and decrease offender recidivism.

Eric, you did not get where you are by being a knucklehead, but by having some of the sharpest legal guns in your erudite mind—you *see* most of this—now vet it, listen to the interview with Sean Wallace, who thought I was a TDCJ attorney helping guide him in cover up and **helping Wallace in crime scene evidence destruction**.<sup>110</sup> For God's and Texas' sake, read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. Even the TDCJ annual report merely regurgitates the same statistical departments with annual updates for the last 25 years without much *specific* or *notable* or *remarkable* notes on real advances claimed in the "2030 Vision."

Really Eric? How do you and others rise in billion-dollar law firms with such vast indisputable exposures of nefariousness under **your very watch?** Goodness, I just know you are like Mickey Haller in the fantastic series, *Lincoln Lawyer*, which appears to be based on real lawyer stuff, of which you and Judge Blacklock are true experts. I am certain all of you top tier lawyers are as clever, witty, and literally with the resources of billion-dollar law firms, like kings and queens of the legal world! You have investigators than can vet a ton of this and vet your own TBCJ's OIG that was so clearly compromised by Michael Upshaw and his band of cowardly wardens—you can find out much more—and you should, for at least Oliver

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<sup>107</sup> Michael Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf) >>

<sup>108</sup> Maness, *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp., 139 MBs), Part Three, "Three Disks Contents," "Track 14" in the three CDs sent with the 700-page book I sent to Brad Livingston, Bryan Collier, OIG Bruce Toney, and Texas AG's office in insured FedEx packages: [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/14-Bryan\\_Collier-Maness-06-18-2013.MP3](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/14-Bryan_Collier-Maness-06-18-2013.MP3), where I recorded then Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier with William Stephens & Jan Thornton with myself on a conference call 06-18-13, and where it is recorded that Collier said Stephens was "sent" to Polunsky—wolf sent to "investigate" his own sycophantic cowardly Richard Alford, the interview having the appearance of all was well, with no one acknowledging the years security breaches or gravity of the exposure. >>

<sup>109</sup> Op. cit., **fn. 3**, Russell and Lau, "Fall of Burl Cain," *The Advocate* (12-15-15, updated 5-20-20).

<sup>110</sup> See [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) >>



Bell's honor! Bell has a good heart, but he was played by a real Madman—scumbag Michael Upshaw—and **TDCJ will be indebted to you**, Eric, and Judge Blacklock for the full and thorough vetting. As mentioned in the end of my *Book of Secrets* and in the end of my *TDCJ Deep State Report*, find a fearless detective with the grit of Dirty Harry, the discernment of Sherlock Holmes, and a criminologist's scholarly edge.<sup>111</sup>

Refusing to get a Texas Ranger with Dirty Harry grit, Sherlock Holmes deductive abilities, and scholarly skills to vet, well, that refusal deserves a *Texas Monthly* cover page investigative article, like, "How Top Billion-dollar Law Firm Lawyers in the TBCJ Foster BS."



**R.I.P. Gene Hackman**, who nearly retired from acting in 2011, is one of the best at giving his all and making his roles seem authentic. He was asked in 2011 by a GQ interviewer to **sum up his life** in a single phrase. Mr. Hackman said,

**“He tried.’ I think that’d be fairly accurate.”<sup>112</sup>**

Yes sir! I believe he did, and I know the feeling.

**Maness a MADMAN? Who's truly DELUDED**, me, TBCJ chairmen, or **Dir. Collier?** T'is beyond my comprehension that I accomplished all of this, even the massive *Book of Secrets* (2013), then kept on working, researching, inquiring, Open Record request after request—**WHAT?** Am I losing my mind? Or have I **truly** lost my mind? Dir. Collier surely thinks so, so deep is his delusion and the depth of his being hoodwinking for 13+ years. **So I see him.** Collier being the “most under read director” is being too nice at this stage, too generous, to avoid the scarier version of his full complicity with all the nefariousness. If I am not disturbed, and the only one I would trust with psychotherapy is Rollo May (1909–1994, R.I.P.), each book of his a masterpiece in psychological depth, then my deeper motives are the hardest to discern, and the more shallow motives on the surface—as I would like to believe—were birthed in the my younger prime years as I came to love the prison chaplaincy *profession*, excelled, and became its unequalled champion from 2000 to the present. No one has documented more—*just a cold hard sad fact*. Regardless, as I said in the beginning of this treatise, I am at an end, whether or not a lawsuit is viable, turning 69 in July of 2025, the ol' dog is tired. All this is shocking, painful, and filled with dishonorable nefariousness exposing lying cowardly wardens who have done all in their power to cover up in a mask of sanity and even fake and fool a degree heroism, hoping that no truly top tier TBCJ lawyer will read any more than Collier and remain fooled, hoodwinked, and ... well ... keep the dust gathering on the *Book of Secrets* (2013), *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011* (2015), the *TDCJ Deep State Report* (2017), others, and my opus *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023).



<sup>111</sup> *TDCJ Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp., 139 MBs), 345, and also my *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019, 177 pp.), x, 15, 51, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf), with cover letters of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sends to Bryan Collier and to 50+ TX Leaders, Jurists, and District Attorneys, listed here [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf). Yes, been at this > for 25 years now, and there is a reason why I did not give up and why a few rascals contrived > disciplinaries to force me to retire—to hide their very scary crimes and obstruction of justice, so I > continued to expose, which begs the questions: What else needs exposing? What else is under cover?



<sup>112</sup> Robert Berkvist, “Gene Hackman, Hollywood’s Consummate Everyman, Dies at 95—The Winner of Two Oscars...,” *New York Times* (2-27-2025): [www.NYTimes.com/2025/02/27/obituaries/gene-hackman-dead.html](http://www.NYTimes.com/2025/02/27/obituaries/gene-hackman-dead.html) (accessed 2-28-25), quote from Michael Hainey, “Eighty-one Years. Seventy-nine Movies. Two Oscars. Not One Bad Performance,” *GQ* (6-1-11): [www.GQ.com/story/gene-hackman-gq-june-2011-interview](http://www.GQ.com/story/gene-hackman-gq-june-2011-interview) (accessed 2-28-25).

The real test of character is how you treat someone  
who has no possibility of doing you any good.<sup>113</sup>

George Orwell (1903–1950)

British journalist and author best known for his dystopian novels  
*Animal Farm* and *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, which are considered  
two of the 20th century’s most famous novels

## **27. HOW Was Dir. Collier & Chairman Bell Royally Hoodwinked?**

Collier colluded or did not collude with scumbag Michael Upshaw and his nefarious Polunsky cowardly wardens! How did Upshaw turn out those wardens?

Recalling the IMF mission above (sec. 23), find out **who** was the **upline person in TDCJ** for whom Michael Upshaw was conniving, if not for Dir. Collier. Likely Madeline Ortiz? She played role in a lot of cover up and in protecting her manager, Marvin Dunbar, who wreaked so much damage to chaplaincy as given in my *TDCJ Deep State Report* (2019). But **WHO** is a key to unraveling how Dir. Collier was so completely hoodwinked for a decade or more. Find out for ex-Chairman Oliver Bell’s honor, your honor, for your law firm’s honor, for the TDCJ staff’s honor, and for Texas’ honor. If Upshaw can do this to the executive director, then what has he done to prisoners during his career? Seriously! Upshaw is key to clearing his cowardly wardens’ life-sentenced murderers in the Polunsky Fiasco and in finding out why Upshaw deleted the prisoners’ encrypted data, if it was not for hiding what he himself did. I am the only one demanding to know what was on the gigabytes of encrypted data on the contraband computers that Shawn Wallace was ordered to clean with TDCJ’s legal counsel aiding Wallace and—upline from Wallace—that psychopath madman Michael Upshaw ordered *cleaned* in deceitful collusion with Chairman Oliver Bell and Marvin Dunbar.<sup>114</sup>

In still other words, for the **good man Oliver Bell’s honor alone**, find out how Upshaw was able to drag Bell through the dirt of crime scene evidence destruction and cover up!

Repeated in almost every letter, among the horde of documents cited and ignored by Texas bar certified lawyers and the TBCJ chairmen the last 13 years is the simplest straightforward **short testimony of TDCJ computer tech Shawn Wallace**, who thought I was a co-conspiring TDCJ attorney as he relates the collusion and his orders to destroy crime scene evidence and clean contraband, and who was *also* promoted afterwards for covering up.<sup>115</sup> You cannot misunderstand Wallace, innocent and caught up into the madman Michael Upshaw’s evil web, for he thought I was a TDCJ lawyer *helping* and *giving* him permission

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<sup>113</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 not used by Dir. Collier’s Frankenstein, for Collier would hire a single one for his Field Ministers to pastor the church he attends.

<sup>114</sup> See [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) >> a critical interview to see the destruction of crime scene evidence and cover up. How did scumbag >> Michael Upshaw rope TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell into his psychopathy? That will be tough to find >> out, and it will be **harder** to discern how Upshaw roped OIG into cover up too.

<sup>115</sup> See [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). >>



to destroy crime scene evidence and destroy gigabytes of life-sentenced murderer's encrypted data, clean contraband, return the contraband to the prisoners so the prisoners could *continue unsupervised*, and then—believe it—after Upshaw and his cowardly wardens thought they all got away with it, even Shawn Wallace was promoted too. Recall—listen to the recording—Wallace thought I was a TDCJ lawyer or an OIG investigator, like the OIG officers who failed to record their “Terrorist Threat” interview of me—really wicked here. And one of the two investigators who interviewed me is no longer with TDCJ's OIG, and we'll never get that story either.

## 28. “Do the Right Thing!” Painted on TDCJ Walls—I Sure Did!

Ironic—on the walls inside the admin buildings of several prisons and of the Polunsky Prison in Livingston are painted these words:

### **Do the Right Thing!**

I did in 1999-2001 when I compiled the first real chaplain market study, 25 years ago, and it won the first pay group raise for chaplains in 40 years in 2001. I did the “Right Thing” in being first to document the hiring of the lowest qualified and the successive lowering of the qualification for the chief of chaplains, a title now extinct, the title *deleted* so that the Program Division Director can hire *anyone over chaplaincy* with less qualifications than a truly qualified chaplain with a masters degree or better, a real “unmatched” shame.

I did the “Right Thing” when I won back 25 chaplains in 2007 not budgeted after Carl Jeffries in malice fired 50 chaplains for our work in Austin in 2001.

I did the “Right Thing” in leading the effort in January of 2011 and providing the data that several gave to Austin legislators that won back the full budget for TDCJ chaplaincy after its Programs Director Madeline Ortiz killed it without a single sentence of data, and I wrote the book on it, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011*, for we did work hard.

I did the “Right Thing” in writing the first 50-page Faith-Based Housing Letter exposing 000the unconstitutionality and even hazard to authentic faith of the Faith-Based Housing and the unconstitutionality of Dir. Collier's Field Minister Frankenstein in late 2011—for which I was persecuted with falsely created disciplinaries—a cowardly warden creating his own “made-up policy” never encoded—a mandatory dismissal, a mediation hoax, and removal from a post I held and developed for 20 years and sent to the horridly daily policy-violating Polunsky Unit. Therein, I remained strong against lying cowardly wardens, even a few madmen.

I again did the “Right Thing” in exposing the dangerous violations at the Polunsky Prison where cowardly Warden Richard Alford forced me to retire too early in October of 2012.

I did not rest and did the “Right Thing” again in letters of exposures eventuating in the 700-page *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History* in 2013, an unprecedented archive of Open Record requests and a milestone in research, a massive “Discovery File” unseen in TDCJ history.<sup>116</sup>

Eric, I ask you and the TBCJ to do the “Right Thing.” You know now what to do.

I did the “Right Thing” when I sent 115+ stakeholders my hard wrought *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, First Edition, three years ago, and too many have remained mute.

We can evade reality, but we cannot evade the consequences of evading reality.

Ayn Rand (1905–1982)

Russian-born American philosopher and author of best-selling novels *Atlas Shrugged* (1957) and *The Fountainhead* (1943), and is known for her philosophical system of Objectivism

<sup>116</sup> Maness, *TDCJ Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf).

I did the “Right Thing” in continuing to refine, and in June of 2023, I sent a single-page follow-up letter to 115+ stakeholders with the much refined Second Edition of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion—Texas Board of Criminal Justice's 25-year Legacy of Cover Ups, A Dissertation on Trust & Evangelical Naïveté*, with over a thousand refinements, over a hundred more references to new books, for I had not stopped refining day and night—every waking free hour—for an entire year. Unprecedented *hard* work!

On September 20, 2023, I sent 115+ stakeholders the “**16 KILLINGS Letter**” that outlined several still unanswered mysterious cover ups, including one main theme in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* on how you, Eric, TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier, and the TBCJ support psychopaths counseling psychopaths with zero concern for the prisoners’ host of psych disorders, not the least of which was the \$314 million spent on psych care with no reports from UTMB on anything.<sup>117</sup>

I did the “Right Thing” on January, 15, 2024, when I sent to you, Eric, and the 115+ stakeholders a hard-wrought “**TDCJ Delusion Deposition**” that was a 24-page summary history of the major **documents** that were foundational to my massive hard-wrought *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* that you, the TBCJ, and TDCJ have ignored, most especially focused on Bryan Collier’s misguided championing of the most scandal-ridden warden in penal history—Burl Cain and his infamous career of bullshitting that Collier bought hook, line, and stinker bait in his Field Minister Frankenstein.<sup>118</sup>

I did the “Right Thing” on April 1, 2024, when I sent you, Eric, and 115+ stakeholders the “**TDCJ Delusion Letter II—Collier Special**” a three-page letter warning on Dir. Collier’s imminent retirement under the delusion of honor, given that he has certainly, demonstrably been nastily hoodwinked for over 13 years, or worse, he was a conscious conspirator in a vast cover up that even wrangled a former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell into madman Michael Upshaw’s evil web of wardens turned cowards to cover up daily violations of policy.<sup>119</sup>

Yes, this is one more small book in itself tailored to a newer audience with some heated words connected to a horde of documents unlike anything TDCJ has researched in the last 50 years. What is the most researched document in TDCJ in the last 50 years?

Herein one corrective stands unassailable, even monumental in vision, without one serious critic in 15+ years, my **100,000 Mothers’ 1% Certainty Parole Option** that hangs in the balance of the TBCJ’s honor, if you all choose to

### **Do the Right Thing!**

Oh, how hard this letter was to initiate and the three months it took finish, *oh my*, I cannot tell, or the years for my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. Will you, Eric, or your successor?



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<sup>117</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/16-Killings-Letter.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/16-Killings-Letter.pdf), (10-20-24, 3 pp.). For perhaps the 10th time in the last 13 years TDCJ had nothing responsive and UTMB had no records of their work (*Book of Secrets*, chap 2.C.4, fn 290), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf). On 12-28-24, I did a follow-up OR, and UTMB balked again, seeking Texas AG’s approval and even refused the names of the reports, yet TDCJ properly gave the names without ado, see [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf) for full package and updates after this letter.

<sup>118</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter.pdf), (1-15-23, 24 pp.) Titled the “Delusion Deposition,” a very hard letter with a host of QR codes to a host of primary documents revealing Byan Collier as the most under-read director, i.e., if he was not a complicit with Bell, Dunbar, and Upshaw who conspired to destroy evidence of crimes at the Polunsky Unit, clean the contraband, among other infamies, and promote the violating staff as they persecuted me for whistleblowing.

<sup>119</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter-2.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter-2.pdf) (4-1-24, 3 pp.).





## 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>120</sup>

a principle which we should heed today – for if more people visited and volunteered, we would have better prisons

Wilbert Rideau's *In the Place of Justice: Story of Punishment and Deliverance* (2011; 366 pp.) is a masterpiece of reporting, exposing more on Warden Burl Cain than any other single book among the horde of exposures, including Louisiana's *The Advocate* already noted in **footnote 3**. Though having critical firsthand insight on Cain's nefariousness, Cain is only small sideline to the entire justice system exposed by Rideau in his award-winning writing that Cain shut down in Angola—a very sad story. As mentioned in my book, there needs to be grants funding real research on Rideau's time as editor of *The Angolite* that Cain nastily curtailed. And that research needs to include Rideau before he, too, passes onto to his substantial reward, for there has never been a time of a prisoner free press with such integrity in the world history of corrections, made much more critical in that it was Angola, a monster prison. Again, no criminologist's education is complete without reading this masterpiece. And reading other work by Rideau. If TDCJ Dir. Collier or any TBCJ chairmen or board member had read this book alone, there would not been any modeling of TDCJ after Cain, the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history, the man most responsible for ending that monumental era of in-prison reporting under Rideau.

[www.Amazon.com/Place-Justice-Story-Punishment-Redemption/dp/0307277305](http://www.Amazon.com/Place-Justice-Story-Punishment-Redemption/dp/0307277305) >



A masterpiece, without which no criminologist's education is complete, and furthermore a testament on the **great need** for a deep study of *The Angolite* in the era before, during, and after Cain, and before Rideau leaves this earth for his reward.



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<sup>120</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. 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), bk two, chap. 4, 73–107.

See Burk Foster's *Corrections: The Fundamentals* (2006; 560 pp.), an excellent overview of corrections history and practice and from which six articles based on the book were republished in *The Angolite*, the last of which was "Local Jails, State Prisons, and Federal Prisons," *The Angolite* 46, No. 2 (March/April 2021): 42–51. Foster retired as a professor of criminal justice at the University of Southwestern Louisiana Lafayette, [www.BurkFoster.net](http://www.BurkFoster.net).

**CLOSING NOTE: Do the Right Thing—TBCJ’s THREE Jobs for the Staff’s, My, and Oliver Bell’s HONOR**

For good man former TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell’s sake—find out how madman Michael Upshaw turned out several wardens and got into the heads of Bell and Dir. Bryan Collier.

Eric—and your successor—your **TBCJ has three critical jobs:**

- 1. Get a good detective** with Dirty Harry grit, Sherlock Holmes discernment, and a scholarly capability to find out for sure whether Collier colluded with madman psychopath Michael Upshaw who certainly led Dunbar and former Chairman Bell down that dark path imbedded in and permeating the Polunsky Fiasco;
- 2. You must find out whether or not** Collier colluded in the vast cover ups these last 13 years or was simply fooled with psychopathic lies by those prosecuting me for whistleblowing with the creation of “made-up policy” never encoded and more; and
- 3. Find out how** Collier became enchanted by Warden Cain’s **bullshit** for 13 years and how Collier never found out that Cain was the most scandal-ridden warden in U.S. penal history, and as a result has allowed his Christian Nationalist Field Minister Frankenstein to virtually take over TDCJ in the **lie** of neutrality, in the **lie** of no cost, in the empowerment of psychopaths, all in complete heartless denial of psychopaths and a perturbing lack of concern for all of the prisoners’ disorders.

Be like a rocky promontory against which the restless surf continually pounds. It stands fast while the churning sea is lulled to sleep at its feet. I hear you say, “How unlucky that this should happen to me!” Not at all! Say instead, “How lucky that I am not broken by what has happened and am not afraid of what is about to happen. The same blow might have struck anyone, but not many would have absorbed it without capitulation or complaint.”

Marcus Aurelius (A.D. 121–190)  
*Meditations* (c. 167)

Now read *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* and help stop the insanity. I apologize for not getting this done sooner, like early in the 2025 Texas legislative session, or even before the end of 2024, but I just could not do it. This is enough now, for the honorable.

Perhaps you can help address a redress of wrongs to me, too, for honor’s sake.

For all’s sake, please look hard at my **100,000 Mothers’ 1% Certainty Parole Option**.

Sincerely,

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< See this letter here **v V v** for all the world to see  
< [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Frankenstein.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Frankenstein.pdf)

I certified most of the 115+ letters for a sense of **certainty** and a hope of mutual accountability for the causes herein in which all have some stake, perhaps or likely in vain, yet for posterity’s sake too. We all shall pass from this scene, and we hope others will be stronger.





**Item 1. Hunter Dismissal Illegality—Lying Cowardly Warden  
CREATES a Policy that Was Never Encoded!**

One page from **TAB 17** (of 23 tabs) in my 2013 *Book of Secrets* (on PDF p. 36 or TAB 17 p. 530), and then see the full "Discover File" related to lying cowardly Warden Gary Hunter's making-up-his-own-rule that was never encoded with TDCJ attorneys affirming his illegality—*very nasty!*<sup>121</sup>

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf) >>



Texas Department of Criminal Justice				OIG#:	EEO#
REPRIMAND FORM				MAUF/MIUF#:	
Employee Name: <u>Maness</u>		<u>Michael</u>		<u>G</u>	
Last		First		MI	
Payroll Job Title: <u>Chaplain II</u>			Unit/Dept: <u>GL/Chaplain</u>		
Date(s) of Violation(s): <u>11/23/2011</u>			Date Pre-Hearing Investigation Completed: <u>04/10/2012</u>		
VIOLATION(S):				FINDINGS (check one [1]): <u>GUILTY</u>	
Level:	<u>2</u>	No.	<u>20</u>	Rule Title:	Violation of Statutory Authority/Court Order/Rules/Regulations/Policies
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Level:	<u>2</u>	No.	<u>42C</u>	Rule Title:	Continuation/Establishment of Offender Relationship that Jeopardizes Security or Compromisesthe Employee(other than cohabitation or sexual misconduct)
					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Synopsis of Incident(s):                      On November 23, 2011, Chaplain Michael Maness submitted an IOC requesting approval from Warden F. Helm to take photographs of agency offenders from the Gib Lewis Unit. The IOC stated the photographs would be used as a "thank you" to local churches who donated holiday cards for the offender population. An investigation, at a later date, found these photographs were downloaded and posted on Chaplain Maness' personal Face book page. Upon interviewing Warden Ginsel, Warden Helm and Major Bryant of the Gib Lewis Unit, all stated that they did not at any time give authorization to Chaplain Maness to post these on his Face book page.</p>					
<p>Is this a subsequent violation(s)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, list applicable previous Rule No. violation(s) and disciplinary date(s):  <u>L 4 #7 2/14/2012 L3 #36 2/14/2012</u></p>					
<p>Check and complete one (1) or more of the following:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO DISCIPLINE IMPOSED (Provide justification at bottom of page.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> REPRIMAND ONLY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DISCIPLINARY PROBATION: _____ Calendar Months Beginning: _____ Ending*:</p> <p><small>*Note to Employee: If you are on a full calendar month of leave without pay during your period of disciplinary probation, including a full calendar month of suspension without pay, the probation period ending date shall be adjusted by adding one full calendar month to the original ending date. If you are in a career ladder position, any period of disciplinary probation and an adjusted disciplinary probation ending date shall postpone future career ladder salary adjustments.</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY: _____ Workdays Beginning: _____ Return: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> REDUCTION IN PAY TO: \$ _____ Beginning: _____ Ending: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DEMOTION TO (Title/Salary Group) _____ Beginning: _____ Ending: _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISMISSAL RECOMMENDED, WITH FOLLOWING ACTION DURING INTERIM:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Involuntary Use of Compensatory Time/Holiday Time</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Use of Overtime/Vacation Time (Attach a copy of PERS 24, Leave Request)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suspension Without Pay</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change to Another Job Assignment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Leave (can only be granted by the Executive Director)</p> <p>DISCIPLINE IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within <input type="checkbox"/> Above <input type="checkbox"/> Below the guidelines (Provide justification at bottom of page if above or below.)</p> <p>For violations of Rule No. 24 or 25, check one (1) of the following: This violation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> did <input type="checkbox"/> did not involve an aggravated use of excessive force.</p> <p>JUSTIFICATION (If applicable): <u>324 2/14/12</u></p>					
G. A. Hunter, Senior Warden II		Reprimanding Authority Name/Title (printed)		Signature <u>[Signature]</u>	
				Date <u>4-17-12</u>	
<p>Employee's Acknowledgment: I have been advised of the procedures of progressive disciplinary actions, and my right to file a grievance. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this reprimand and know the original is to be placed in my Master Human Resources File. If recommended for dismissal, I verify the following are my current address and phone number:</p>					
Mailing Address: <u>[Redacted]</u> <u>duville</u> <u>TX 75979</u>					
Phone Number, Including Area Code: <u>409-383-5467</u>					
Employee Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>				Date: <u>4-17-12</u>	
<p>Note to Employee: With few exceptions, you are entitled upon request: (1) to be informed about the information the Agency collects about you; and (2) under Texas Government Code §§552.021 and 552.023, to receive and review the collected information. Under Texas Government Code §559.004, you are also entitled to request, in accordance with the Agency's procedures, that incorrect information the Agency has collected about you be corrected.</p> <p>Original: Labor Relations Section, HRHQ (with copy of support documentation)                      Copy: Employee                      Copy: Unit/Department Employee Disciplinary File                      Copy: Payroll Department, ONL Y when the action involves a payroll issue (suspension, reduction in pay or demotion)</p>					
PERS 185 (01/09)					

<sup>121</sup> Originally in Maness, *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History*: >> *Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.), "TAB 17. Disciplinary 3 - Dismissal??" (507-535): [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf), no clearer view of a lying cowardly warden!



## Item 2. Previous “Discovery Files” Totally Occulted

### 2a. Seven Volumes of “Discovery Files” over 25 Years

These seven volumes were the primary “Discovery Files” over the last 25 years put together after 10,000s of hours and 100s of Open Record requests, and with the exception of the first in 2001, the others were preceded by dozens of letters, some 10 to 20 pages of new exposures, that then became the substance of these seven:

Volume 1. 2002 – *Chaplain Professional Equity & Market Study w Ethical 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), with four > TDCJ chaplains, I personally delivered this 100-page treatise to TDCJ Exec. Dir. Gary Johnson that documented many unethical business practices. It had much of the 2000 Chaplain Professional Equity proposal we used in the 2001 Texas Legislature to gain our **first pay raise in 40-plus years**, yet with a critical timeline of unethical tweaking of the Chaplaincy Director's job to suit favored applicants, pages 54-65. First version, Part 1, did not include the analyses of TDCJ hiring the lowest qualified of the applicant pools and was used in Austin where I led 50 state chaplains to win our first pay raise in 40-plus years. I had a copy personally delivered to the then chair of the Texas House's Appropriations Committee in his office in San Angelo, and to others. My first foray to Austin.



Volume 2. 2012 - Faith-Based Housing Letter, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Maness-Faith-Based-Housing.pdf), heartfelt 50-page letter to Brad Livingston asking him to meet with a > Barry Lynn of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State. It exposes several ethical violations and is the first exposure of the unconstitutional nature of the Seminary Scam. Soon after this, 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., 139 MBs, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf), in which > the first 100 pages document how I was persecuting for my Faith-Based Housing Letter above, my whistleblowing on the unconstitutionality of three programs, including Dir. Collier's Christian Nationalist Field Minister Frankenstein; I was set up with falsified documents, clearly exposed, then the 23 TABS detail the vast policy violations at the Polunsky Unit and Michael Upshaw's cleaning of contraband, **destroying crime scene evidence**, clearing of violators, and more. Included were two CDs and a DVD with videos and dozen recorded interviews! Hard copies to Livingston, OIG, and Texas AG.



< See Bryan Collier's three-sentence reply here, abysmal abandonment of duty: [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Collier-01-21-14-Nothing.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Collier-01-21-14-Nothing.pdf)

See **TAB 17** of the *Book of Secrets* on creation of a violation by a nasty warden > > [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Hunter-File-2012-FULL.pdf), for a violation that was NEVER encoded, *never*, where after getting signed permission and TDCJ lawyer-created media releases, cowardly Warden Gary Hunter dismissed me for **not asking after I followed policy**—i.e., there has *never* been a policy requiring one to ask for to reuse a photo—*ever*—an obvious evil misuse of authority. Biggest question is **WHO** was the top-line person running the turned-out debt-trapped Hunter above Upshaw?



Volume 4. 2015 – *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy 2011—Immeasurable Value of Religion, Volunteers, and Their Chaplains*, forewords by Jerry A. Madden, senior fellow > for Right on Crime and 2011 chairman of the Texas House Corrections Committee, and Carol S. Vance, former chairman of Texas Board of Criminal Justice and Harris County District Attorney (394 pp.), [www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Saved). We networked across Texas to stop the deletion of TDCJ Chaplaincy which was dead on arrival in the 2011 legislature. In a fight, we saved the entire budget. The appendices show Chaplaincy recovers its operating costs several times over and is the most productive program in RPD: “Chaplains facilitate the greatest source for change and solace in human history—Religion.”



Volume 5. 2017 - [Book of Secrets, Part II, on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History— Goodman Unit Hiring Violations, Least Qualified by Far Chosen AGAIN](#), 180 pp., > at [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/GoodmanUnit2017.pdf), the most detailed audit of a hiring package in TDCJ history showing multiple violations. A white warden hired a white career laundry man over black U.S. Army combat veteran career chaplain!



Volume 6. 2019 - [TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox](#), 177 pp. at > [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf), a lampoon of the *another* boldly shameless hiring of the lowest qualified among the applicant pool and other nefarious actions and lies though then mostly under Marvin Dunbar with Cover Letters of 1st, 2nd, & 3rd sends to Bryan Collier & 50+ TX Leaders, Jurists, and District Attorneys, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Big-50-Send.pdf)



Volume 7. 2023 - [When Texas Prison Scams Religion—TBCJ's 25-year Legacy of Cover Ups](#), 824 pages, documented from 100's of open record requests and 1,000-plus sources. [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/).

## 2b. Smaller “Discovery Files” on Nefariousness

From late 2012, after I was forced to retire by a cowardly warden covering up his nasty collusion in the Polunsky Fiasco and the destruction of crime scene evidence with the full knowledge of OIG and TDCJ's legal department helping him cover up, I continued to defend my honor and innocence, expose more nefariousness, even more violations of law in the Polunsky Unit, and continued to lay bare Dir. Collier's lethargy in being so royally hoodwinked, if Collier was not in collusion with the vast cover up, as well as lay bare Collier's complete swallowing of Warden Cain's bullshit and Collier's utter failure to see the increasing abuse of religion and abuse of prisoners in Collier's and the TBCJ's support of endorsing prisoner psychopaths counseling other prisoners in their disorders.



< [105 Letters to Major Stakeholders in Prison Efficacy](#) ~ [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/2023-Letters.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/2023-Letters.pdf)

[“16 Killings” Letter to 100+ Stakeholders](#) ~ [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/16-Killings-Letter.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/16-Killings-Letter.pdf) - 3 pp., exposing how 16 Killings in TDCJ were in part > the result of continued nefariousness, 9-20-2023, *and then another killing took place right after systemwide lock down ~ unbelievable*



< [“TDCJ Delusion Deposition” Letter 1-15-24 to 115 Stakeholders](#) ~ [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter.pdf) outline of 25 years of documents of nefariousness, esp. in Programs Division directed to new TBCJ Chairman Eric Nichols



< [“TDCJ Delusion Letter II—Collier Special” 4-1-24 to 115 Stakeholders](#) (4 pp.) TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier planning to retire soon under the delusion of honor, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter-2.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Delusion-Letter-2.pdf)

Louisiana's Gordon Russell and Maya Lau's published research in *The Advocate* >>

[“The fall of Burl Cain: How one last side deal led to longtime Angola warden's undoing—Legacy of controversy follows Burl Cain as he steps out”](#) (12-15-2015): [www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article\\_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html](http://www.NOLA.com/news/politics/article_987176f3-8571-543b-b331-186b8077a7cf.html).



< **My recorded interview with TDCJ computer tech Shawn Wallace**, who thought I was a TDCJ attorney aiding him in destroying crime scene evidence, cleaning contraband, and more: [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), a critical interview to see the destruction of crime scene evidence and cover up, showing the collusion of then Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, Marvin Dunbar, and TBCJ Chairman Oliver Bell.



< **Five Letters** [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Five-Letters-Polunsky.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Five-Letters-Polunsky.pdf)

1. 2012-07-12 – Polunsky – Muniz IOC – 4pgs – Sent to Warden Muniz, to cover myself, given all that was going on, with copy sent to personnel
2. 2012-10-29 – **Polunsky – First Major Exposure** to Livingston-Collier-Thaller – **21pgs** – with DVD of MS OneNote with many documents, **FAXED** to TDCJ Dir. Brad Livingston, Dep. Dir. Bryan Collier, and CID Dir. Rick Thaller, while I was still an employee at Polunsky. This caused TDCJ to close the Polunsky Chapel for weeks as Shawn Wallace and computer techs destroyed crime scene evidence, cleaned contraband, and then a year later that **cowardly warden Richard Alford lied** in writing *claiming* to have been the one to first expose this documented well in my *Book of Secrets*. **After 10-29-12 FAX**, I fully expected to hear from OIG on this, but they never called, **THEN** I began Open Record requests like a madman for months: there was never an OIG investigation on that letter or elater on even on the *Book of Secrets*. See OIG investigation below that if read carefully fully confirms OIG’s colluding in cover up.
3. 2013-01-17 – Polunsky – Exposure 2 – Livingston-Collier-Thaller – 13pgs – did extortion, what is going on, and much more
4. 2013-02-18 – Polunsky – Exposure 3 – Livingston-Collier-Thaller – 35pgs – with Lewis Prison exposures, and no commendation
5. 2013-06-18 – Bryan Collier 30-Minute Plea – recorded – 4pgs – No acknowledgement of wrong at Polunsky, cover up inequality, Collier completely hoodwinked

**TDCJ 10-Year Disciplinary Report 7-25-2003 to 7-25-2013**, first publication of in TDCJ history: [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-Disc-10-Yrs-2003-2013.xls), my first in TDCJ history on 86,775 disciplinaries, and not a single disciplinary for a Polunsky warden, Reg. Dir. Michael Upshaw, or Chaplain David Collier for hordes of violations everyday at the Polunsky Chapel for 6 years. Fairness flew the coup at Polunsky. >



< **Chaplain Equity Fact Sheet**, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/CPE-2000.pdf).

For accumulated stats for 2013-2016, [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TDCJ-Staff-Chaplain-2013-2014-2015-2016.xlsx), never before published for anyone in TDCJ, > much less even *thought* about for logistically helping the chaplains.



See [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/) for the **largest collection** of prison chaplaincy docs, studies, and raw research in U.S. penal history. >



< [www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/), **100,000 Mothers’ 1% Certainty Parole Option**, that can revolutionize the prison by introducing a demonstrably reality-based element in allowing the in-prison staff to have a definitive vote on parole-eligible prisoners, impacting for the good both officer attrition and offender recidivism. After 15 years and to date, after this has been sent to 100s of Texas legislators, no one has given a substantial reason why this cannot be good, and I believe in the long haul it will save Texas millions.

**Only OIG investigation was of ME** as “Terrorist Threat” took me over a year to get >>

> [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/OIG-Investigation-Finale.pdf), which ended on 6-14-14 (see 30 pp. of OR correspondence and OIG forms) and I did not get a copy until middle of 2017 an appeal to the Texas AG—read and see why they did not want to shar it. The “investigation” took place right after I emailed Oliver Bell, where the OIG led me to believe they were investigating the *Book of Secrets*—instead, **I was their subject**, and they did not record that interview but was concerned to write how I had promised to not write anymore books.



< [www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TBCJ\\_2007-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/chaplaincy/TBCJ_2007-2019.pdf), **TBCJ No Action on Public Comments in 12 Years** & Word-frequency Analysis in 70 Board Meeting Minutes 2007–2019, chaplaincy nearly absent, and more, first such analysis in TDCJ history.

**Speaker Transcripts with links to Videos**, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* >>  
(2023), Appendix 1, for 27 transcripts from 27 videos, with links to the videos, >>  
including NOBTS Star psychopath prisoner Beirmann, Norwood, Collier, Burl Cain, >  
Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Prof. Bryon Johnson, NOBTS Professor John Robson's tearful >  
2017 Seminary Promo, [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf).



**2c. RECORDED Staff Witness Interviews OIG Hid From & Covered Up**

Eric, your predecessors and successors, the following recorded interviews tell you clearly the severity of the Polunsky Fiasco in 2011, especially Anderson and Edwards who were before me at Polunsky—violations for years until I was forced there and STOOD MY GROUND. They were on CDs sent with the *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain* (2013; 700 pp.) sent to Brad Livingston, OIG's Bruce Toney, TBCJ Chaiman Oliver Bell, and the Texas AG, which included 2 CDs with MP3s and documents and a DVD with several life-sentenced prisoner-created photos and videos. After that was sent and after OIG investigated me as a "Terrorist Threat" for writing books and after finally got the OIG report and after a dozen OR requests for two years, there was **no investigation of the Polunsky Fiasco** of how after my whistleblowing of Bell, Michael Upshaw, and Marvin Dunbar destroyed crime scene evidence, cleaned contraband that had been coming in for 6 years prior to my arrival—repeated in most letters this last 13 years. POINT—OIG and Dir. Bryan Collier have not listened to the staff chaplains on their disgust over Chaplain David Collier's lies and policy violations that the wardens supported: i.e., ALL of the state chaplains working with Chaplain Collier found him an habitual liar and violator for 6 years prior to my arrival.

I was the only one to take the violations higher, exposing wardens as inexcusable and culpable liars. Moreover, I tried to see Dir. Bryan Collier and CID Dir. Rick Thaller in July of 2012, but I was turned away, Collier remembers well. In sum, the Polunsky Fiasco was going on for 6 years before I got there, and the trio of Bell, Upshaw, Dunbar ordered the crime scene evidence destroyed, contraband cleaned that had been coming in since Richard Alford was a Polunsky assistant warden six years prior, and then all were promoted for covering up.

Following 3 were among 33 witnesses in **Tab 3** (223–250) in *Book of Secrets* and again listed with links on page 655 with the contents of the 2 CDs and links to the major letters sent and the DVD of photos and videos sent—all ignored by OIG and Dir. Collier for 13 years!

See Vol. 3 above, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf) >>



**Track 01 - TDCJ Polunsky Chaplain Rick Anderson 2009** - interviewed 08-08-2013

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/01-TDCJ-Chap-Rick-Anderson-2009.MP3](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/01-TDCJ-Chap-Rick-Anderson-2009.MP3) >

Anderson was betrayed, violated a security policy, was fired, and wrote a book—a sad story. But he was never trained or even mentored well by the wardens, very clearly, and worse.



**Track 02 - TDCJ Polunsky Chaplain Loren Edwards 2010** - interviewed 06-14-2013

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/02-TDCJ-Chap\\_Loren\\_Edwards\\_2010.MP3](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/02-TDCJ-Chap_Loren_Edwards_2010.MP3) >

I rattle along a little too much, such was my identification with Edwards, and I am not a trained interrogator and should not have been the one at all to compile these.

**Furthermore, hear Edwards, who said he almost punched Collier out!**



**Track 03 - TDCJ Polunsky Chaplain Mary Berry 2012** - interviewed 06-14-2013

[www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/03-TDCJ-Chap\\_Mary\\_Berry\\_2012.MP3](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/03-TDCJ-Chap_Mary_Berry_2012.MP3) >

She followed me there and became disgusted *fast* at Collier's lies, even more so after he lied about her, she said. OIG not interested.



**ALL three staff chaplains in a row had severe problems with Chaplain Collier's lying and policy violations**, as did most of the Polunsky department heads—especially unit supply—ALL three chaplains were perturbed by the wardens' support, and—listen to them—then you will see *another* clear evidence of my exposure of lying cowardly Senior Warden Richard Alford who aided Bell, Upshaw, and Dunbar in crime scene evidence destruction late 2012 and early 2013.

### Item 3. **MORE** Open Record Responses on TDCJ Infrastructure

#### a. TDCJ Directors Collier, Carter, & Hazelwood

#### ZERO Journal Subscriptions!

**Nothing**—key directors of one of the largest prison systems in the history of the civilized world **do not subscribe to a single psychology, criminal psychology, criminology journal!** That is a moral crime. Yet Dir. Collier’s and the TBCJ’s “2030 Vision” claims TDCJ is “unmatched,” which flips *unmatched* from a plaudit to a pain, from a self-evaluated unsubstantiated claim of excellence to a comparison from *nothing* to whatever other states’ key directors might be reading—hopefully other states are not as willfully in the dark!<sup>122</sup> In a **very ironical twist**, Collier received the “Dr. George J. Beto Hall of Honor award from the TCA” in 2013, after he received my *Book of Secrets*, even though Beto was likely the most well-read director in TDCJ history in spite of his well-known civil rights abuses!<sup>123</sup> Of course, when has *history* really meant anything to TDCJ or the TBCJ?—*jury asks, Eric!*

1-13-25 OR on Subscriptions

From: Michael Maness (maness3@att.net)  
To: pia@tdcj.texas.gov  
Cc: maness3@att.net  
Date: Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:54 AM CST

January 13, 2025  
Dear OR Coordinator,  
I would like to know the following three items please:  
1. List of the subscriptions to magazines, journals, newsletters that the TDCJ Director Bryan Collier receives, especially any psychology, criminology, or penology subscriptions.  
2. List of the subscriptions to magazines, journals, newsletters that the TDCJ Director of Programs Christopher Carter receives, especially any psychology, criminology, or penology subscriptions.  
2. List of the subscriptions to magazines, journals, newsletters that the TDCJ Deputy Director of Religious Services C. F. Hazelwood receives, especially any psychology, criminology, or penology subscriptions.

PIR- Michael Maness - PIA No. 0502-01-2025

From: OGC Open Records (ogcopenrecords@tdcj.texas.gov)  
To: maness3@att.net  
Date: Friday, February 7, 2025 at 10:12 AM CST

Good morning,

TDCJ is in receipt of your Public Information Act request dated January 13, 2025. After a diligent search, there are no TDCJ records responsive to your specific request.

This office now considers your request closed.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

<sup>122</sup> Another area among the 85 areas in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), 735–738, Bibliography, section “**1. Further Research – 85 NEEDS** for More Grant-Funded Study” (up from 65 in the First Edition). Now with a few more in this letter for the careful reader, up to 90 at least in need of grant funded research on a national scale: **just how many other directors subscribe to ZERO publications?**

<sup>123</sup> See [www.TDCJ.Texas.gov/divisions/es/exec\\_bio\\_exec\\_dir.html](http://www.TDCJ.Texas.gov/divisions/es/exec_bio_exec_dir.html), accessed 3-5-25.

In all fairness, not that TDCJ has exhibited any in my case, that embarrassing exposure may not include the subscriptions they get at home, like *TV Guide*, *AARP Magazine*, or perhaps *National Geographic*. Reality is the same, for **none think it valuable** to access the best minds and billions in research for as long as anyone knows. And NO ONE has looked more than me, and, worse—clearly now—no one has *cared* to look, not even the top tier TBCJ attorneys of billion-dollar law firms. **That's newsworthy!**

It's important to note that **Dr. George Beto did make big changes**, like cleanliness, bringing TDC out of dark ages (a history yet to be fully written). The George Beto Center in Sam Houston is a good school, and TDCJ has good policies—heck fire, I defended the good policies and was punished for that—the *Book of Secrets* (2013; 700 pp.). Yet, Beto said in his last speech, **“I cannot escape the conclusion that the system is no better than it was almost one-half century ago.”**<sup>124</sup> Also, Beto was famous for quoting the avant garde criminologists on his well-received speaking tours, unlike any TDCJ director the last 30 years.

Texas Corrections Association (TCA) has good intentions, yet the TCA is a *dependent* upon TDCJ, as the Beto award itself is given in part for *helping* the TCA. That is, without TDCJ, the TCA has no credibility at all without TDCJ, so the advertising on Dir. Collier's bio page indicates more of an obligatory TCA sycophancy in a struggle to maintain relevance without any real insider knowledge to back up the honor—that is true *even* if a few retired directors got second jobs at Sam Houston State's criminal justice program. The TCA does not list its board of directors on its website and publishes nothing and other than the three-sentence description of the awards betrays nothing substantial on how the recipient truly merited the award.

In this context, it is likewise important to note that the *Texas Journal of Corrections* has died, 1975–2013, started under Beto's influence, and ironic again in that it sadly ended in 2013, the very year of my *Book of Secrets*.

No one has thought to put that precious archive online yet, and the journals are archived in two boxes at Sam Houston State University. Another good study for an article or grant-funded study would be look through all those nearly four decades of journals and see how many TDCJ executive directors or programs directors contributed anything.

Will the TBCJ ever again appoint a TDCJ executive director that has an interest in criminology and criminal psychology? When will the TBCJ acknowledge its own lack of interest, not having any board member that I am aware of that has had any serious interest. Eric, your predecessors or successors, what subscriptions do you all get? Oh, likely, a study would yield none for most, except perhaps Judge Dale Wainwright, who as a *judge*, likely kept up those legal journals that keep him abreast. What is a fact is that I have had trouble just getting the authors of the “2030 Vision” in TDCJ, quite pitiful—see Item 3.b. below.

See my article here: Michael G. Maness, “Restorative Justice—America's New Frontier,” *Texas Journal of Corrections* 29.4 (Nov. 2003): 10–15, [www.PreciousHeart.net/pdf/Maness\\_RJ\\_New\\_Frontier\\_2003\\_Original.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/pdf/Maness_RJ_New_Frontier_2003_Original.pdf). Imagine that, after the 2000 push that first revealed TDCJ Programs Division hiring the lowest qualified of the applicant pool and 10 years before the *Book of Secrets on the Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History*.



Likely, TDCJ is similar to most state prison systems, with few or without any staffer making any meaningful contributions to the criminological literature. With so many millions

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<sup>124</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023; 894 p.), 28, from Horton and Nielsen's *Walking George ... Beto* (2005; 288 pp.), 198.

spent by TDCJ and by all the state prison systems for their respective “programs divisions,” TDCJ did publish its recidivism stats that showed a few programs made no progress at all. You would think the “Programs Division” being the most engaged in criminal change would have *some contributions* they could document over 50 years, like precisely *how* a program was stated, *why*, precisely *how* has it be refined. Even a newsletter—oh, one was started under Madeline Ortiz that was shortly lived and died in TDCJ’s Programs Division, lot of birthdays and a few promotions. But died a quick death for lack of ability and interest. Of course, I have written extensively on that and more in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*.

What is TDCJ’s greatest contribution to criminology? If you ask Dir. Collier today, he would likely say his prisoner Field Minister Frankenstein that buys faith with favor from desperate prisoners. What is TDCJ’s cutting edge in programs? Eric, and your successors, when was the last time TDCJ hired a Programs Division director who had a real interest and experience in “programs”? Pretty darn serious—lives are at stake.





**b. On TDCJ's "2030 Vision" Authors TOP SECRET & Appeal to AG**

My first OR request was sent on December 18, 2024, and finally on March 17, I was told TDCJ APPEALS to the Texas AG to keep this history of their "2030 Vision" Top Secret, which also means no answer for months, asinine at best. Three months to this!

I will post all the emails whenever they finally come in, probably July 2025, and we'll see if the Texas AG concurs on keeping Top Secret their history.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf)



*Laugh—TDCJ's lawyers are trying to keep TOP SECRET the VISION's history—laughable! 😊*

**Maness' FIRST 12-18-2024**

Regarding the "2030 Vision" as published, [www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030\\_Vision.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/documents/2030/2030_Vision.pdf):

1. Would like the name of the person who first thought of the "vision."
2. I would like the names and positions of the first person/s or committee that gave the announcement in "10-2022" (p. 3).
3. I would like a copy, preferably PDF of the "presentation" given in 1-2023 (p. 3).
4. I would like the names and positions of the authors of the final version 3-2024 (p. 3).
5. I would like the names and positions of the "committee" mentioned in 6-2024 (p. 3).
6. I would like a good-faith copy of all Byran Collier's correspondence or emails on the 2030 Vision's inception, development, and implementation.

**Maness' THIRD 12-27-2024**

1. Regarding the "2030 Vision" as revised 4-15-2024, page 1, which states, "We explored social and technological trends that could affect corrections going forward," I would like a copy of the bibliography, white papers, analyses, and/or summaries "explored" to determine the "trends" mentioned.
2. That is, if "1" is not clear enough, what research or books or journal articles did they use to find the "trends" that led to the creation of the "2030 Vision"?
3. What "trends" did they discern that the unnamed author/s used to write the "2030 Vision"?

**TDCJ General Counsel – 1-7-2025 – PIA No. 0878-12-2024**

Good morning,

On December 18, 2024 you submitted a public information request seeking records from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in regards to the "2030 Vision."

Portions of the request, as currently phrased, are unclear or broad. Accordingly, our office seeks to clarify your request pursuant to section 552.222 of the Public Information Act.

Specifically, could you please specify:

What do you mean when you say "a good-faith copy?" Are you referring to a "good-faith" search?

We appreciate your clarification on these issues. Please let us know if our questions are not clear, and we will try to rephrase them.

Please also note: if the TDCJ does not receive a written response by the 61st day after the date of this correspondence Monday March 10, 2025, the request will be considered to have been withdrawn by operation of law.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

**TDCJ General Counsel – 2-28-24**

Good morning,

Please see the below email that was sent to you on **January 7, 2025**.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

The information you submitted a public information request seeking records from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in regards to the "2030 Vision."

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Please also note: if the TDCJ does not receive a written response by the 61st day after the date of this correspondence Monday March 10, 2025, the request will be considered to have been withdrawn by operation of law.

Thank you,  
Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

**Maness – 2-28-25**

Oh my, that shouldn't have prevented getting the names of the authors and titles in partial fulfillment. "Good Faith" means whatever can be rather expeditiously found, as with asking Collier a simple question if he has an email or two, not a search of all of his emails the last years. If he cannot recall, so be it--fine. Not that big of a deal, if it was not that big enough for him to recall his approvals of whoever concocted it--fine. **And a "Good Faith" would include the final approval email or memo, somewhere--if one does not exist, fine.**

Is there no file on that process? If so, "Good Faith" would send the PDF of that file. Regardless, whatever you think "Good Faith" means after that--for someone wanting to see the history of the "2030Vision" which history shall be documented. Whatever you think "Good Faith" means after the above is okay with me, for that is *the history*, that--perhaps--it was too hard to *easily* find, and that shall be that. In other words, if after a few emails to the authors and Collier, no one knows who came up with it--fine. If there is no history of development--fine. Better yet, in this light, if there is no formal approval **in writing** anywhere, that IS THE HISTORY of the "Vision"--fine.

**TDCJ General Counsel – 3-1-25 – APPEAL to Texas AG – Got to Keep HISTORY TOP SECRET! OGC#0878-12-2024**

Good afternoon,  
The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is submitting your clarified request dated March 3, 2025 to the Office of the Attorney General for a ruling. Attached is a copy of our Request for Decision. We will be submitting additional comments as to why the information is exempted from public disclosure within 15 business days of receipt of your clarified request.  
Thank you,  
Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ

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I will post all the emails whenever they finally come in, probably July 2025, and we'll see if the Texas AG concurs on keeping Top Secret their history.  
[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/TDCJ-Top-Secret-Vision.pdf)



***Believe it—TDCJ's legal is trying to keep SECRET their VISION's history—laughable!***

Now then, see what a struggle I have had for the last 13 years, many times winning with the Texas AG, and other times—like with the names of Dir. Collier's Field Ministers remaining Top Secret—a real fight to get good and valued history, like transparency.

Really, laughable, three months and still cannot even get the names of the authors—laughably incompetent in honest history recording, even taxing legal expertise of TDCJ and the Texas AG to keep the authors TOP SECRET. And, as I pointed out, if Dir. Collier cannot remember when he signed off on it, well then, that is the history too—well, IF, if, or whatever the true history is in TDCJ desire to keep the true and thorough history TOP SECRET.

**Laugh, cause at this time, after all this, it is truly HILARIOUS** that a billion-dollar state agency VISION's authors and processes of creating the VISION are TOP SECRET, entailing **more work in keeping the VISION's authors TOP SECRET** than was used in the origins of Dir. Collier's Frankenstein Field Minister Program or **its constitutionality!** 😊



**c. On TDCJ's Field Minister Frankenstein Reports – Nothing Substantial**

**Maness First 12-18-2024 –**

I would like copies of all of the following please for fiscal years indicated in each.

1. The annual, quarterly, or monthly reports of the Field Minister program that are produced by the Programs Division, or those under its purview, like the asst. director of religious services for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.
2. The annual, quarterly, or monthly reports sent to TDCJ by the Heart of Texas Foundation on its activities, progress, for fiscal years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.
3. All the reports on Field Ministry activities reported from Coffield Unit, Polunsky Unit, and Gib Lewis Unit for Fiscal Year 2023 that were sent from the unit wardens and/or from the unit chaplains to TDCJ HQ and/or TDCJ Programs Division or its director of religious services.

Yes, you may redact what you consider confidential, and please note what was redacted if not obvious, like personal info.

I prefer pdf, Word, or Excel files.

**Maness SECOND 1-13-25 follow up ^ on above.**

**Did you acknowledge receipt of this OR request, sent 12-18-24, attached?**

**Maness FIRST 2-20-25 – adding to above ^**

Dear OR Coordinator,

I would like the following please. Given that the Programs Division monthly reports on the Field Ministry Program mentions the "FMAC" meetings, I would like info on those.

1. Names and full titles of all members of the FMAC (i.e., Dir. of Rehab & Programs has a payroll title of "Director 1 or 2"; deputy dir. of religious services is a "manager 1 or 2"; etc.).
2. Current Policy governing the FMAC.
3. List of scheduled meetings and attendance records for the last FY ending 2024, including names of guests, if any.

Of course, personal info like SS #s, etc., may be redacted.

Thank you very much.

>> GOT THIS 3-6-2025 😊 >>>

From: OGC Open Records (ogcopenrecords@tdcj.texas.gov)  
 To: maness3@att.net  
 Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 08:22 AM CST

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Good morning,

We have received your request dated February 20, 2025.

Below is the requested information:

Names and full titles of all members of the Field Ministry Advisory Committee

- Christopher Carter, Division Director, Chaplaincy and Volunteer Services Division;  
 Myron Waddle, Manager II, Chaplaincy and Volunteer Services Division;  
 Grove Norwood, Heart of Texas, and staff member(s) to be determined by CID.

Current policy governing the Filed Ministry Advisory Committee

- There is no policy regarding the Field Ministry Advisory Committee.

List of scheduled meetings and attendance records for the last fiscal year 2024, including names of guests, if any.

- The FMAC meeting was held on January 23, 2024 –  
 Attendees: Christopher Carter, Bobby Lumpkin, Timothy Fitzpatrick, Pennie Kempt, Richard Babcock, Carlton Hazlewood, Myron Waddle, Grove Norwood, Brenna Norwood. Optional attendees – Julie Wheat, Amie Barnett, Brittany Gallaway, Gabriela Hodges.

We now consider your request closed.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel – TDCJ  
 Phone: 936-437-6700

**TDCJ 2-11-25 Finally Received 12-18-24 ... ^ two months later, not the worst response time.**

I finally got 4 PDFs of the reports which show several meetings and **nothing of substance** by the Field Minister Frankensteins, nothing, nada, zilch, other than the few prisoner “ministers” that were fired. And the naïve elderly Norwood sits on the committee “advising” on, what?, or whatever, since there is no policy governing the FMAC.

Yeah, after 13 years, all *Fly-by-Seat-of-Pseudo-Spiritual Pants*.

See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Field-Frankenstein-Reports.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Field-Frankenstein-Reports.pdf) >>

**Just as I figured, no supervision or reportage worth the name,** even after 13 years of exposures of nefariousness and, of course, the opus, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2nd Ed., 2024).



**d. On Dir. Bryan Collier's Business Calendar**

**January 13, 2025 – OR on Collier's Calendar**

Dear OR Coordinator,

I would like a copy of TDCJ Dir. Bryan Collier's calendar for FYs 2022, 2023, 2024.

I sent a similar request two years ago but no response, and I apologize for not following up on that.

You may redact what you consider top secret, if you give the nature of the redaction.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Maness

I did get a response and had to pay a few hundred dollars for the PDFs.

Strangely enough, when sending the check, **I forgot to put postage on the letter**, which was returned. So, I resent the money for the calendar.

Delay is my fault here 😊.

Not a biggy. I was just looking to see if Dir. Collier had made it to the Norwood fund-raising banquets and other places, like a real criminology seminar. As shown in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, the Norwoods have made a lot of money, pocketing nearly a half million in the first years, according their foundation's Form 990s, and of late refusing to place the top officer salaries on their Form 990s, either from a slick accounting or simple violation of the law that requires the salaries of the top officers.<sup>125</sup>

When I get it and format it for online posting, you can see it here:

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Collier-Calendar.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Collier-Calendar.pdf) >>



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<sup>125</sup> Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), Chapter 20. "Big Bucks & Political Capital Cutting Up Integrity," A. "Follow the Money – See Spot Run – Read R. H. Tawney" (514–525), especially CHART 30. Grove Norwood HOTF Salary, which was \$445,000 for 2014–2018.

**e. On UTMB's Psych Work in TDCJ—Follow Up on Zero Reports**

**Maness 12-28-24** - I sent the following to follow up. UTMB balked, and after the back and forth, they appealed to the Texas AG, even for the “names” of the reports.

**2-8-25 – Got the Names from TDCJ** – as seen below.

For all of the emails and reports, as they come in during the months ahead, likely not until July to September 2025.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf) > >



**CLARIFICATION** on *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*

after finally getting a little information. Yet, in 2021, TDCJ had nothing, zero, referring to UTMB for reports and the UTMB scrambled and had nothing, not even the names of the reports TDCJ gave above. The following was published in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023) based on the OR requests in 2021.

Maness, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023), Chapter 2.C.4.

“TDCJ Has Nothing on Psychopaths—**Zero UTMB Reports for \$314M!**”

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf), where TDCJ and UTMB had **no reports**, and UTMB’s senior OR person struggled.



**On 12-28-24**, I did a follow-up OR, and UTMB balked again, seeking Texas AG’s approval and **even refused the names of the reports**; yet TDCJ properly gave the report names, see here for full package that will even be updated after this letter is sent.

**Maness 12-28-24 – the follow up from the nothing in 2021**

Dear OR Coordinator for UTMB,

I am making an official Open Records request in a follow up of a request made in May of 2021 to Owen J. Murray, then Vice President UTMB Correctional Managed Care, asking for specifics on the psych work UTMB performs in TDCJ at a cost to TDCJ for \$314 million in 2021: see the extensive email exchange, as if no one has as ever asked for ANY psych reports, <http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-Zero-TDCJ-Stats-2021.pdf> and which in 2024 TDCJ spend \$321 million, page 1, [http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/divisions/cmhc/docs/cmhcc\\_financial\\_reports/FY24\\_4th\\_Qtr\\_Report.pdf](http://www.TDCJ.texas.gov/divisions/cmhc/docs/cmhcc_financial_reports/FY24_4th_Qtr_Report.pdf), an enormous sum for ZERO reports to TDCJ. Has UTMB continued the practice of ZERO reports to TDCJ on its psych care?

My OR request is five-fold:

1. How many prisoners in TDCJ are DSM-5 diagnosed with ASPD, Antisocial Personality Disorder?
2. List of the psych services provided TDCJ in FY 2024, kinds of counseling groups, counseling sessions, etc. given to prisoners.
3. Copies of any monthly, quarterly, annual reports created by UTMB for review, or whatever is compiled by UTMB for psych services to TDCJ for FY 2024.
4. Copy of all UTMB psych reports given to TDCJ in the last four FYs 2022, 2023, 2024 as any kind of an accounting for the millions of dollars TDCJ spent for those years.
5. Copy of basic staff titles and salaries of psych staff providing services to TDCJ for FY 2024.

**1-14-2015 – from UTMB Counsel Cynthia Tynan**

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find correspondence filed with the Attorney General’s Office regarding your recent public information request to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Thanks, Cynthia Tynan

Associate General Counsel & Public Information Coordinator

Office of General Counsel - The University of Texas System

210 W. 7 th Street Austin, TX 78701

Direct 512.499.4505 | E-mail [ctynan@utsystem.edu](mailto:ctynan@utsystem.edu)

### 1-14-2025 Maness to UTMB on ANY & Names

Thank you Cynthia for your letter to the AG.

I fully realize UTMB is not obligated to create reports. Found that out two decades ago on TDCJ and few other state entities.

**Perhaps this is another OR request**, yet I am officially asking what reports you do have that you create regarding your psych services to TDCJ?

Are there **ANY** reports you send to TDCJ? That does not need an AG answer,

If so, what are the **names** of the reports? That does not need an AG answer either. Of course, if the list is long, then as you know, the only ones I am interested in are those regarding UTMB psych care in TDCJ. Maybe I should have asked first for the "**ANY**" first and "**names**"--whatever, and I apologize for any confusion.

While we can wait for weeks for the reply from the AG's office on your forward, and in light of that letter, may I ask for a simple answer implied in your letter regarding not having to create a report. I have waited over a month from time to time. Sometimes, that AG request was just to delay an answer.

Yet this request is simpler, are there **ANY** reports you regularly send to TDCJ on psych care? Yes X#, or none?

There is no issue of confidentiality of names in that request and no need for an AG response there. I have been doing OR requests on TDCJ for 25 years and am very familiar with the process, only not of your expertise, for certain.

**If none, then there is none.** If there are some, then what are the **names** of those reports please.

The last time I asked UTMB, a **few years ago, there simply were no reports.** Lady looked, and I documented our correspondence, and in the process I did get a list of the numbers of psychotics on the various units and the salaries of about a hundred. But she reported that UTMB did not create any annual, quarterly, or monthly reports for itself and did not send ANY to TDCJ.

Since I wrote a piece on that "no reports" from UTMB to TDCJ, I thought it wise to ask again, you know, to follow up.

1. The most important piece I need now is perhaps the simplest: **does UTMB send ANY reports to TDCJ on its psych care?**

2. At the risk of redundancy, if UTMB does, what are the **names** of the reports.

Those two questions do not need or require an AG answer.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Maness

### 1-14-2025 - On UTMB Appeals to Texas AG – Refusing to Give “Names” of Reports

I got a response from Cynthia Tynan, an assistant general counsel for OR for you all.

She has sent a request to AG on my request on your behalf.

She encouraged me to send this directly to you.

Goodness, the following do not need an AG response. And you can contact me directly, too, for clarification, as that is within the spirit of the OR law, and certainly saves all of us time, valuable time.

#### Maness 1-14-2025

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Sincerely, Michael G. Maness

## 2-7-25 TDCJ Responds with Names of Reports from UTMB

Dear Mr. Maness,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) psychiatric care contracts. TDCJ receives the below reports from the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB):

- Monthly UTMB CMC Mental Health Services Staffing Vacancy Report
- Daily Census Report for MHTDP
- Gender Dysphoria Monthly Summary Report
- Quarterly BHF Census (Year to Date)
- Mental Health Services DDP Statistics

As you can see, these reports primarily consist of statistical data and census information, and do not provide detailed insights into the specific care provided to individuals.

Your request is now closed.

Thank you,

Office of the General Counsel-TDCJ - Phone: 936-437-6700

PIR - Michael Maness - PIA No. 0013-02-2025.pdf

## Maness to TDCJ - 2-13-25 – Copies of 5 Reports

Thank you very much.

I would like copies of those reports, prefer Excel for tables, PDF for others, for the last Fiscal Year ending I believe in Sept. 2024, with freedom to redact personal info, please:

- Monthly UTMB CMC Mental Health Services Staffing Vacancy Report
- Daily Census Report for MHTDP
- Gender Dysphoria Monthly Summary Report
- Quarterly BHF Census (Year to Date)
- Mental Health Services DDP Statistics

Sincerely,

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## 2-8-25 – Got the Names of the reports from TDCJ –

For all of the emails and reports, as they come in during the year ahead, likely not until July to September 2025, see here:

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/UTMB-2024.pdf) >>



Believe it—there is **no TDCJ operational use for any of the UTMB reports**, especially the identification of the Antisocial Personality Disorders for any in-prison staff help. Of course, the **DSM-5 does not yet diagnosis the “psychopath,”** though when it does it will include the classic work of Robert Hare’s “Gold Standard” assessments, as explained in chapter 2 of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* (2023) and still ignored by TDCJ.



**Item 4. 100,000 Mothers' 1% *Certainty Parole Option***

**100,000 Mothers' 1% *Certainty Parole Option***

- 1. Total 100% Uncertainty in Parole for as long as we can recall,
- 2. Staff Experience Totally Ignored in *definitive* parole decision. <sup>126</sup> } *Two Grave Injustices*

Those two blatant injustices are addressed in part with at least two correctives:

- 1. Adding 1% of Certainty with the in-prison staff having a *definitive* parole vote,
- 2. Accessing Staff Experience—*key* here is to *definitively* access of staff. <sup>127</sup>

Do you understand “*definitively*” as the **KEY** to a real “2030 Vision”? So far as I can tell as the only one doing extensive research, not only is there *nothing* in the “2030 Vision” of about truly accessing the in-prison staff, as I have pushed for 15 years now, but **there is no one even thinking about it**. The value of that 10- and 15-year career CO is immeasurable, and that CO has the wisdom to stay out of the way of a cowardly warden like Gary Hunter, easily seeing him for what he was, just a ruthless career peg, and in my case Michael Upshaw’s sloppy career hitman. **Do you understand “*definitively*” as the **KEY** to a real investment in the in-prison staff as a **KEY** to TDCJ’s future?**



< [www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/100000-Moms.pdf) (12 pp.)  
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**June 2020 GOP Resolution from Tyler County** >  
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To provide a true reality-based structure into the prison culture, decrease in-prison staff attrition by increasing their *value* to the whole process, decrease prisoner recidivism by adding a 1% certainty to a 100% uncertainty in parole, and saving Texas millions in the long haul.

“In combat, acts of valor come from aiding and defending your comrades.”  
Master Chief William R. Charette, Navy, Korean War Veteran, Medal of Honor (3-27-1953)

“Mediocrity and failure result from choice, not chance. Success is born of courage alone, and God has made this marvelous gift infinitely available to all who ask for it.”  
Maj. Gen. Patrick H. Brady, Army, Vietnam War, Medal of Honor (1-6-1968)



<sup>126</sup> See [www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Mother/), 100,000 Mothers' 1% *Certainty Parole Option*. >

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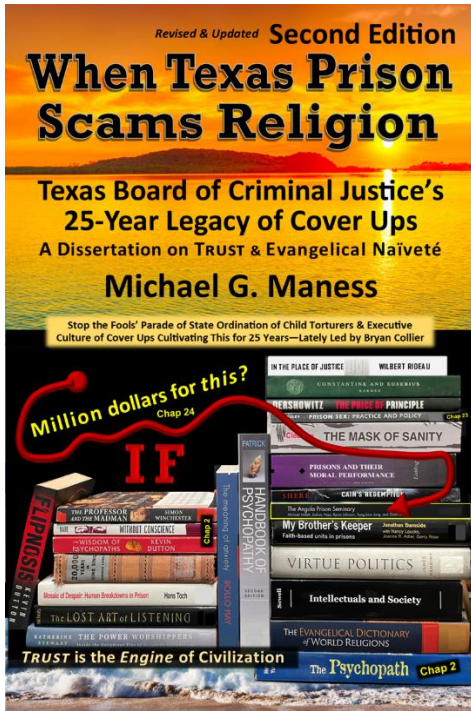
**Item 5. The 7 Books in *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* with the Engine of Trust's 7 Truths**

SEVEN BOOKS SUMMED	TRUST ENGINE'S SEVEN TRUTHS
1. TDCJ's Greatest Needs: Love, Seeing Psychopaths, Fairness	1. TRUST Is the <i>Engine</i> of Civilization, and Prison Efficacy Depends upon TRUST.
2. TDCJ's WORST Model from MOST Controversial	2... Betraying TRUST Seeds Criminality.
3. TDCJ Favors SMALLEST Segment of Society	3... Faking TRUST for Religion Corrupts Both.
4. TDCJ's WORST Peer Program	4... Naïve TRUST Delays Maturity.
5. TDCJ's ASSAULT on Authentic Faith	5... Misplaced TRUST Confounds Mentoring.
6. TDCJ's WORST Integrity Compromises	6... Compromised TRUST Inhibits Honesty.
7. TDCJ's Ugly HOSTILITY to History & Analysis	7... Twisting TRUST for Sex or Science Sickens All.

In the table of contents of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion's* (2024), one can see the seven books with each of the seven truths on TRUST reflecting intrinsic universal need for TRUST, especially in the subtle hostile environs of the prison, a city under constant siege.

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“I no longer listen to what people say,  
I just watch what they do.  
Behavior never lies.”  
  
Winston Churchill (1874–1965)  
British PM 1940–1945 & 1951–1955  
*though undocumented that Churchill actually said this,  
he was one of the most prolific and grandest orators of his era*



**cc: List of 115+ Stakeholders—To Whom This Concerns Was Sent**

**18 PRESIDENTS**—Dare you follow TDCJ’s modelling the most scandal-ridden in U.S. history and TDCJ’s long history of cover up? I asked for your answer in 2023 and 2024, your best reasons or to send my book back. You chose silence and did not send my 1st or 2nd editions back. **PRESIDENTS**—your 18 schools are LISTED, aiding in fundraising by hijacking your esteem on Cain’s [www.PrisonSeminaries.org/find-a-prison-ministry](http://www.PrisonSeminaries.org/find-a-prison-ministry) (accessed 2-20-23 & 3-19-25), truly indicating the quality of education at your schools.

**James K. Drew**, President, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, LA, **1995** Angola (LA), **2006** Phillips State Prison (GA), **2005** Mississippi State Penitentiary Parchman Farm (MI), **2010** Louisiana CI for Women (LA), **2015** Hardee Correctional Inst. (FL), **2019** Whitworth, Women's Facility (GA) – *unbelievable naïveté!*

Bill Jones, President, Columbia International University, SC, **2007** Kirkland Correctional Institution (SC)  
Daniel Anderson, President, Appalachian Bible Institute, WV, 2014 Mt. Olive Correctional Institution WV  
Gregory Elzinga C, President, Calvin College, MI (after Wiebe Boer), **2015** Richard A. Handlon Correctional Facility MI  
Ryan Tipton, President, University of the Southwest, NM, **2015** Lea County Correctional Facility NM  
Harry L. Reeder IV, President, Birmingham Theological Seminary, AL, **2016** Bibb Correctional Facility AL  
Daniel L. Akin, President, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, NC, **2017** Nash Correctional Institution NC  
Nicholas Perrin, President, Trinity International University, IL, **2017** Waupun Correctional Institution WI  
Mary K. Surridge, President, North Park University, IL, **2018** Stateville Correctional Center IL  
Michael Spradlin, President, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, TN, **2019** Arkansas DOC Varner Unit AR  
**2021** Limon Correctional Facility CO  
Heath A. Thomas, President, Oklahoma Baptist University, OK, **2019** Lexington Correctional Center OK  
John Mark Yeats, President, Corban University, OR (after Thomas Corman), **2019** Oregon State Correctional Institution OR  
Robert J. Matz, President, Hannibal-LaGrange University, MO, **2020** Jefferson City Correctional Center MO  
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Beck A. Taylor, President, Samford University, AL, **TBA** **2021** St. Clair Correctional AL  
Dondi E. Costin, President, Liberty University, VA (after Jerry Prevo), **TBA** **2023** FEDERAL CI Hazleton WV  
Greg Henson, President, Sioux Falls Seminary, SD, **TBA** **2023** ND, WA, ID, MT - **Four States?**  
Randy Von Kanel, President, Northwestern Caribbean Baptist Theological Seminary, **TBA** **2023** Cayman Islands Prison Service

*Unlike the naïve presidents above*, SWBTS is no longer involved with the Norwoods’ delusion.

David Dockery, President, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, TX, **2011**—Norwood started under SWBTS, then after SWBTS would not allow an ethical conflict the Norwoods withdrew and started their own college. Yet as of 3-19-25, Cain’s site above *still lies* that SWBTS is hosting Cain’s program in TDCJ when that is not so. Had SWBTS known the full story in 2010, they would have never joined!

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Rep. Sam Harless, Chair, Texas House Corrections  
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Molly Francis, TBCJ Member  
Sichan Siv, TBCJ Member  
Nate Sprinkle, TBCJ Member  
Bill Welch, TBCJ Member  
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*and a few others on the road less travelled*

Of the 1,600+ referenced in the book, most are also stakeholders, most indicating how the Fools' Parade mentioned therein and here in this letter the TBCJ's Christian Nationalist Frankenstein goes against **all** we know of religion and prison and psychology and sociology and, of course, our U.S. and Texas Constitutions.

See the **crisis within TDCJ and TBCJ** when so much remains covered up and unfixed for 13 years on the Frankenstein program and 25+ years on nefariousness. The crisis escalates when silence is the rule by top tier attorneys in billion-dollar law firms with the finest minds and deepest erudition in the Texas legal world, and—of all—**they too** refuse to see what has been hidden from them for 25+ years.

See the **crisis in academia** when our best criminological minds churn out billions of dollars of grant-funded research and somehow that research does not make it to a single desk in the prison admin offices across the country. Find out how many other state prison leaders are like Texas who do not subscribe to a **single** criminology or psychology journal. Oh, a great need exists for a grant-funded study or quality PhD dissertation outlining *which* prisons actually do use real research.

Who really is the best? Unlike TDCJ that ethereally claims itself "unmatched," who proves it?

How does Greg Gutfeld get away with all his lampooning and his creative mocking of incompetence. Please, **listen** to the YouTube videos linked to the 27 transcripts, especially **Warden Burl Cain's corn pop who mocks everyone**, liberals, *Mother Jones*, esteemed authors, Catholics, Pentecostals, Baptists, lawyers, his predecessors, and more, and he is TDCJ Dir. Collier's mentor. **Only then will you know!**

[www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Appendix-1-Transcripts.pdf) (p. 69) >>



I sure took the "road less travelled," paid a heavy price, and I encourage, even **beg academics** to begin (1) arduous grant-funded **deep dives into the leadership processes** in our state prisons, (2) into their actual *use* of criminology research, and (3) into the governing boards of members too busy to *truly supervise*. Surely TDCJ is not the only one hiring the least qualified of the applicant pools, with top-key directors *not* subscribing to a single journal, who want to keep the history of their "2030 Vision" and its authors Top Secret right along with its Frankenstein prisoner field ministers, not to mention the cover ups for the past 25+ years. Oh no, TDCJ and its TBCJ are *not* alone. *We can and must* do better.



**Poem—Ode to the Oddities of Outing a  
Few Onery TDCJ Outlaws (2019)**

This poem closed my *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019), the “collared Fox” being the TBCJ’s OIG, a masterpiece on the degree of cover up of the nefariousness documented to then, and now more substantiated with the letters and books since then.<sup>128</sup>

For the poem’s color PDF copy, see [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Ode-to-Oddities.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Ode-to-Oddities.pdf) >>



**Ode to the Oddities of Outing a Few Onery TDCJ Outlaws**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



<sup>128</sup> Maness, *TDCJ Deep State Report: Case of the Collared Fox* (2019, 177 pp.) >>>  
a lampoon on the lies that went into another lowest-of-applicant-pool hiring after two decades of  
previous exposures of such nefariousness, [www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/TDCJ-OIG-2019.pdf).

