

# COMMENTARY

## Contra John Torgrimson, "When facts and truths don't mix"

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There is a distinction between subjective and objective. A light-bulb may appear to a person yellow, and to another as blue, not necessarily due to the objective truth of the color of the bulb, but as perceived, received and processed by each viewer. Women see thousands of more colors than men. But to jump from that to saying that the statements, "God exists" and that "God does not exist," and both statements are true, is a logical fallacy that violates the principle of non-contradiction. "Truth," as the Aristotelian philosopher and great theologian St. Thomas Aquinas taught, "is the agreement or conformity of reality and the mind's judgment on reality." The problem with the positivist empiricism that seems to undergird your relativistic epistemology is that it shows your position doesn't start with truth, but narrative. The ideologue believes narrative to be the truth, and therefore will discount all facts that are contrary to it. So when a positivist speaks of facts, they avoid mentioning all inconvenient facts. Case in point. Ukraine has killed 15,000 ethnic Russians in the Donbass since the CIA/NATO Maidan coup in 2014, which was just one in a series of 50 other such U.S. led coups against



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popularly-elected governments since the close of the Second World War. Ukraine shelled the Donbass region daily for eight years. Russia warned the West repeatedly that expanding NATO will lead to war, and that NATO broke its promises in five rounds of expansion upon Russia's borders. Imagine if Russia staged a coup in Mexico, put bioweapons labs and missiles on our border, and financed and trained proxy warriors all-the-while persecuting any Americans living within their borders? How would the U.S. respond? There are so many fake stories coming out of Western media, the same media that pushed the false WMD narrative during the US invasion of Iraq. Every atrocity gets exposed immediately for the lie that it is. For example, the Mariupol maternity ward was attacked by the Azov Battalion months prior to the Russian operation, where the AB forced the mothers out and set up their missile batteries. The recent Bucha fiasco, where four days passed before any reports of mass-graves or pictures of slain citizens in the streets surfaced. It turned out, those civilians were wearing white armbands (showing cooperation with Russians) and many held Russian humanitarian aid packages. Ukrainian forces proceeded to slaughter Russian sympathizers or those who took aid. The Western Mockingbird Media has gotten so fake, that the very outlets who a few years ago reported on the openly nazi battalions of Ukraine are now downplaying their extremism, even the severely discredited ADL is covering up for them, to the public dismay of the Simon Wiesenthal Center. I guess when a group is so used to

calling everyone who disagrees with them a "nazi," they can't recognize a real one when he is shown giving a Sieg Heil, flying a Wolf Rune with a Nazi-Occult Sun, sporting an SS Death Skull badge on their uniform. Ridiculous. Do we really trust an administration who just gave the anti-Western Taliban (created as proxy warriors by the CIA to fight the USSR) 40 billion dollars of state-of-the-art weaponry? Now this administration is pouring more weapons into their proxy wars, weapons that are disappearing as the Islamic State has just released instructions for jihadis to use this situation to wage war on the West. The American Military-Industrial Complex, in lockstep with the Uniparty, with its neo-liberal (Democrat) and neo-con (Republican) imperialist wings, and it's NATO apparatus want to maintain the U.S.'s hegemonic unipolarity. It's too late. Ask yourself, How is it that two parties who play at being at such odds with one another, all-of-a-sudden are lock-step war hawks against a nuclear power, both parties taking action to escalate this conflict, rather than de-escalate? Where are the adults in the room? Now we are all being mocked by the oligarchs, having an impaired, bumbling fool for a President who is so compromised in Ukraine through and with his son Hunter, that we are the ones being laughed at. Even the Easter Bunny has more command of Joe than Joe does. The world is watching...

## SPRING VALLEY

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definitive answer to the question: are you all planning on putting a street down through my yard and/or utilities?"

Greg Brooks responded, saying, "So they're marking everything right now... so they know where the junctions are... for the fire department, for the water department, in case there's an issue." Regarding the gas lines, John Dols added, "We don't have anything to do with Minnesota Energy." Zimmer added that the area where Johnson and Young live is not included in any projects in the city's current five-year plan.

Young said a broader concern is, "There's a perception in town that a lot of people don't know what's going on with the project." Mayor Archer, Zimmer, and Brooks explained communication efforts that the city has initiated regarding the project owners involved, information in the newspaper, information included in utility bill mailings, information posted on the city website, and public hearings. Zimmer said she would work on adding more information on the city website, and Mayor Archer thanked Johnson and Young for bringing their concerns to the council.

The council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Aaron Hamersma from his position as department head of the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Deb Zimmer then

said the city needs to find a replacement for Hamersma, and they need to be a certified Class B Operator. The council approved opening up the position for applicants, so Zimmer will place an announcement in the newspaper. She also then informed the board that Hamersma has offered to work two days a week, for a minimum of two hours each, while the city works to permanently fill the position. She said this would fulfill the minimum requirement. The council voted to approve a contract with Hamersma for this.

John Dols mentioned that the annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit the ambulance service will be held on May 15, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. He said dine-in and carry-out options will be available, and this will be a freewill donation event.

The council approved election judges for the May 24 special election, including Amber Zigan, Audrey Erickson, Dianne Swenson-Sikkink, Ann Thon, Shirley Gangstead, and Mary Ann Schultz.

Fire Chief Dustin Johnson thanked Matt and Brenda Stier for their generous contribution to allow the department to purchase eight new pagers. The council also gave thanks to the Kingsland fifth grade class for raising \$957 to purchase a garbage bin for placement near Spring Valley Creek.

The next meeting of the council will be Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m., at city hall. The public is welcome.

## Announcement from Sheriff Mark Inglett

As I approach 33 years in law enforcement, I have decided not to seek another term as your sheriff. It was not an easy decision for me.

It's been an honor and privilege to lead the Houston County Sheriff's Office forward for nearly eight years. The staff at the Sheriff's Office is filled with knowledgeable and dedicated people. I am proud of them and the accomplishments we have achieved together. It's been an honor to reestablish the Sheriff's

Posse that today is a strong organization filled with dedicated individuals. The collaborative efforts we have developed with our neighboring agencies is a source of pride for me, which benefits us all.

I want you all to know how grateful I am to have had this opportunity to serve you, the citizens of Houston County, as your sheriff. The positive comments and support so many of you have shown over the years is truly humbling and appreci-

ated. I would also like to thank my wife Lisa, our children and grandchildren for all their support. Being your sheriff has never been just a job for me, it has been a lifestyle that at times, has impacted them.

I believe I will leave the Sheriff's Office in a great place, and I look forward to serving you, the citizens, for the remainder of my term.

Sincerely,  
Mark Inglett  
Houston County Sheriff

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**ALLEN ESKENS: MAY 10, 6:00PM**  
Allen Eskens is the bestselling author of seven novels. A recipient of the Barry Award, Minnesota Book Award, Rosebud Award, and a finalist for the Edgar Award, his most recent novel, *The Stolen Hours*, is a MN Book Awards Finalist.

**NATALIE WARREN: MAY 19, 6:00PM**  
A lifelong paddler and river lover, Natalie was one of the first two women to paddle over 2,000 miles from Minneapolis to Hudson Bay. She captured this remarkable 85-day journey in her critically acclaimed book, *Hudson Bay Bound*.

**J. RYAN STRADAL: JUNE 14, 6:00PM**  
J. Ryan Stradal is the critically acclaimed, national bestselling author of *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* and *The Lager Queen of Minnesota*. He has also served as the senior story producer on "Deadliest Catch" and "Ice Road Truckers."