

**YOU TOLD A LIE, AN ODIOS DAMMED LIE; UPON MY SOUL, A LIE, A WICKED LIE**

*Otello, William Shakespeare*



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Colleagues and scientists; guardians, champions, and protectors of children; lend me your ears,

I come here not to bury the truth as some are doing; I come here, instead, to cherish and enshrine the truth and block its ongoing death from a thousand, slanderous and libelous untruthful cuts;

The pernicious untruths being proliferated by alienators in support of their mission to forever sever the relationships between the other parent and their children, *absent a bona fide protective reason*, have placed their children at great risk for long-term disabilities in life that affect their functioning in all domains—emotional, psychological, cognitive, interpersonal, and behavioral.

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It should raise an immediate red flag of alarm about the alienating parent's parenting when one encounters an alienated child who had been *functioning within normal limits* in all these domains *prior* to the breakdown of their parents' relationship but who abruptly and mysteriously engages in suicidal threats or gestures, in cutting, or develops other severe psychiatric conditions only *subsequent* to the onset of their parent's separation. Scientific analysis unsurprisingly reveals that the child's severe psychiatric disturbances had been caused by the alienating parent, who has typically been the primary, if not exclusive, caretaker subsequent to the marital separation.

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In the absence of a causal analysis having been undertaken to determine the *true* cause of the child's severe psychiatric symptoms—as required by the standards of clinical practice to make findings—alienators finger the alienated parent to be the cause of the child's symptoms, thereby cowardly exonerating themselves. The consequence of this defiance of science is the perpetuation of the harm that alienators have inflicted upon their children.

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In order to further their mission in life to sever the relationship between the other parent and their children, alienators cruelly brainwash their children to believe the delusional untruth that their alienated parent is the cause of their severe psychiatric symptoms—one tragic consequence of this brainwashing is that alienated children come to believe that a trusted, loving, protective parent is someone to be feared and shunned.

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As a result of the brainwashing process by the alienating parent to convince the child that their alienated parent is such a danger to them, alienated children emphatically voice refusal of any contact with the alienated parent—even the mere thought of a therapy session with the alienated parent frightens alienated children to such distraction that they threaten self-harm and/or to run away if forced to attend a therapy session with the alienated parent.

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Having come to believe the vicious untruths inflicted upon them by the alienating parent that their alienated parent is a danger to them, alienated children then vociferously and convincingly mimic the terrifying untruths by which they had been brainwashed by the alienating parent against their alienated parent in order to influence the Court to rescind their alienated parent's parenting time.

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With the goal of terminating the crumbs of contact that alienated parents *may* be having with their children, alienators up the ante by manipulating their children to voice egregious *untruths* of having been sexually and/or physically abused by their alienated parent—untruths which the child eventually comes to believe and which thereby qualifies as a delusion. And should the child come to falsely believe that a parent had been sexually or physically abusive, the child suffers the same risks factors for serious psychological issues as if the abuse had actually occurred.

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In furtherance of their abominable mission in life to sever the relationship between the alienated parent and their child(ren), alienating parents proffer a claim of “plausible deniability.” In other words, alienating parents opportunistically proclaim that it is *their child’s choice* to reject the alienated parent—as if an alienated child is truly a free agent. And in order to further their self-exoneration for having initiated and perpetuated the alienation, alienating parents then assert that they are merely respecting and reacting to their child’s wishes by not requiring compliance with the alienated parent’s Court-ordered parenting time. How cowardly for alienating parents to place blame and responsibility for the alienation on their children’s shoulders! This is a classic example of visiting the sins of the parent upon the child. How shameful and self-serving!

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Because it is a therapeutic goal of any effective treatment to remediate the guilt that alienated children experience from the false belief of having freely chosen to maltreat and reject a parent, therapists encourage the alienating parent to nullify this belief in hopes of absolving the child’s guilt—as only the alienating parent can do. It is typical of alienating parents, however, to reject this counsel, likely because it requires them to accept responsibility for their actions to influence the child to treat the alienated parent so shabbily.

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Of particular note, the child’s relationship with a severely alienating parent *cannot* be characterized as healthy bonding. To the contrary, the relationship is one of *pathological enmeshment—a severe psychiatric condition* for the child. In this pathologically-dependent relationship, the alienating parent robs the child of her or his own feelings, thoughts, opinions, and wishes about the alienated parent and about life in general. The alienating parent then implants in the child her or his own feelings, thoughts, opinions, and wishes about the alienated parent and life in general. The child becomes an emotional cripple—dependent upon the whims of the alienating parent and in constant fear and insecurity that a slip of the tongue or a slip of behavior will reveal the child’s true loving feelings and need for the alienated parent. Given the potential for a slip to occur, the child lives in dread of being “greeted” with the alienating parent’s hostility, disapproval, and rejection.

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In the dynamics occurring in alienation, alienating parents are sanctioning—and typically actively encouraging—their children to engage in contemptuous treatment of their alienated parent. Alienated children are manipulated by the alienating parent to mimic that parent’s lying about, defiance of, cruelty towards, and infliction of unspeakable pain upon their alienated parent. *Frequently the child’s sanctioned and encouraged behaviors include physical assaults of the alienated parent.* No child would engage in such overempowered, cruel behaviors towards a parent without having the support and approval from the other parent. Alienated children are noticeably standing on the shoulders of their alienating parent as they symbolically (through words and deeds) stab their alienated parent in the heart with a thousand cuts.

Of particular note—and *this is exceedingly significant*—when the alienating parent models for the child or permits or encourages the child to engage in emotional or physical abuse of the alienated parent—then this is a classic example of “*domestic violence by proxy.*”

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Child psychiatrist, Salvador Minuchin, preeminent founder of the family therapy movement in the 1950s, declared that there is only one reason that a child will systematically maltreat and defy a parent, and that reason is that the child is standing on the shoulders of the other parent, who is triangulating the child as an ally in a battle with the other parent. Dr. Minuchin added that, when the triangulated child moves her or his lips, the words emitted are those of the triangulating ventriloquist parent—thus making the child the puppet of the triangulating ventriloquist parent.

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These self-proclaimed “honorable” and “protective” alienators have been repeatedly shown to be unable to subvert their own feelings, wishes, and needs to the best interests of their children. If they truly had the goal of serving their children’s best interests, it would be wise to follow the example set by alienated parents, who generally achieve the delicate balance between managing one family crisis after another and yet act in the best interests of their children.

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Despite their public denigrations and false accusations about the alienated parent, alienators once did love the alienated parent, found the alienated parent to be good of heart, noble of spirit and behavior, and worthy enough to create children together. Now all this is all incredulously disputed by the alienator’s unsubstantiated, ipse dixit fabrications.

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Alienators suppose their audience and supporters to be so feeble-minded, so vulnerable, and so suggestible as to believe that the Courts across this great country—despite having heard all the material evidence regarding years and years of family history—nonetheless get it all wrong by not

buying into the alienator's preposterous untruths; for example, that the courts have concluded that the alienated parent had *not* physically or sexually abused their child.

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The evidence and testimony that have informed the Court's finding for alienation, means by definition, that it is the alienating parent, and *not* the alienated parent, who is the abusive parent.

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In the end, alienators also smear the Court System—despite the fact that the Courts make their findings and rulings only after having been informed by expert testimony and by substantial material, probative, relevant, and admissible evidence for the alienation. And despite this fact, alienators yet wickedly claim that the Courts are routinely deceived by “ambitious” and “immoral” lawyers for the alienated parent and by greedy and indifferent mental health practitioners who had, nonetheless, credibly informed the Court of their scientifically-supported findings and opinions.

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Even though alienators may have been utterly discredited by the Court and have certainly been ruled against by the Court, they nonetheless remain tenaciously wedded to their mission in life to sever the relationship between the other parent and their child. And given the reality of the Court's findings and orders, frantic alienators resort to fanatical, desperate, and extreme measures to prevent implementation of the Court's order for treatment. To this end, alienators file one frivolous legal motion after another in a strategy to impede and obstruct the Court-ordered treatment in hopes of ultimately preventing or sabotaging the Therapeutic Vacation at Turning Points for Families (TPFF). Without this intervention or one similar to it, there is virtually no hope for 1) absolving the child from guilt, 2) restoring healthy family functioning, 3) reestablishing appropriate family boundaries, 4) rebuilding effective family hierarchy, 5) remediating the child's dysfunctional relationships with *both* parents, 6) remedying the harm done to children from the psychological abuse perpetrated by the alienating parent.

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*Of particular note*, TPFF accepts referrals *only* by Court order based upon the Court's finding of the alienation dynamic *and* the Court's finding that the child is *safe* in the care of the alienated parent—notwithstanding the alienating parent's delusions and egregious falsehoods claiming that the alienated parent is abusive, neglectful, incompetent, etc.

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Alienators everywhere attempt to unscientifically criticize and methodically bury the findings that the TPFF intervention is a highly successful treatment intervention. Alienators ignore the research study published in April, 2021 in the peer-review *Journal of Family Therapy* that found TPFF to be a safe intervention and 96% effective in healing the relationship between the alienated parent and child. Nor do alienators concede that: 1) not a single child who had been psychiatrically

hospitalized prior to participating in the TPF intervention became psychiatrically hospitalized subsequent to the TPF intervention when remaining in the unhindered care of the alienated parent; 2) virtually all the children who had been on psychotropic, black-box-warning medications prior to participation in the TPF intervention were either weaned off of these medications or had the medication dosages greatly reduced subsequent to participation in the TPF intervention; 3) that no child had been traumatized by the TPF intervention but who may have subsequently been traumatized by an unreformed alienating parent who had either violated the no-contact order and re-brainwashed or had been granted contact by the Court and re-brainwashed.

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In fruitless attempts to discredit the TPF intervention, alienators have been posting on social media and are reporting to any gullible, receptive reporter with their libelous and slanderous untruths about the TPF intervention, about the TPF therapists, and about any professional who had recommended to the Court that the family be referred to TPF. *These untruths do not stand the test of scientific analysis.* And alienators know this. Alienators know that there is no evidence for their libelous and slanderous lies about the TPF program—which is why they cowardly post on unscientific social media formats. *This is why they do not share the basis for the Court’s findings and recommendations for the TPF intervention.*

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Unfortunately, however, the alienator’s tactics of frightening the Courts and lawyers with their egregious lies have resulted in a delay for the commencement of TPF in some cases, thereby perpetuating the harm to the child from the psychological abuse inflicted upon them by the alienating parent.

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Alienating parents proffer their slanderous and libelous untruths in *the absence of any scientifically-valid supportive evidence.* One of the more libelous and slanderous untruths is that the alienated parent is a pedophile and that the TPF therapists support and encourage pedophilia. No Court in this great land would give custody of a child to a pedophile!

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Although claiming to be honorable and protective parents, there have been cases in which alienating parents had manipulated and encouraged their children to post these untruths about their alienation situation on social media—catastrophically reversing the family dynamics by claiming that the alienated parent is the abusive parent while exonerating themselves from having committed the child psychological abuse occurring in alienation. Catastrophically as well for these children, their alienating parents were oblivious to, or simply do not care about, the risk to them from total strangers, who responded to the social media postings—offering escape to the child into that stranger’s “protection” rather than heeding the Court order for the child’s transition into care of the loving alienated parent. One teenage has gone missing as a result of behaviors.

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Having thus lost all reason as a result of the Court order for the TPFf intervention, alienators have thus responded by engaging in extraordinarily dishonorable, libelous, slanderous and untrue claims about the TPFf intervention while simultaneously burying the affirmative truths about TPFf's extraordinarily successful treatment outcomes. These alienators have now brainwashed unsuspecting laypersons to believe their slanderous and libelous untruths. My heart and soul rest in the coffins of those buried truths.

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Colleagues and scientists; guardians, champions, and protectors of children, please lend me your voices to help bring my heart and soul back from the coffin in which the truths about alienation and about the TPFf intervention have been buried. Lend me your voices for a needed response to these egregious untruths that are being maliciously propagated by alienators.

Lend me your voices to cry out about the children who are being needlessly exposed to and then traumatized by the malicious untruths about alienation.

Lend me your voices to support alienated parents who so desperately fight to save and protect their children.

Lend me your voices to support the therapists and other practitioners who are devoted to remediating the alienation and the consequent harmful effects on the child.

Oh, justice, judgment, reason, and wisdom please rule! Stand with us—the *true* protectors of children—and help us to disentomb those buried truths about alienation. Together, united, we must mount a coordinated campaign to counter the evil that these self-proclaimed honorable alienators have inflicted upon the public as well as upon their children, upon alienated parents, and upon the practitioners who have devoted their careers and lives to ending the scourge of parental alienation. Our united voices have an obligation to children everywhere to silence the voices of those alienators who have falsely disclosed to be honorable and protective parents.

## **THE FACTS ABOUT ALIENATION**

For the sake of all the children to whom we have devoted and pledged our tireless efforts, we must raise our united voices to spread the *truths* about what parental alienation *truly* is:

1. Parental alienation is accepted in the scientific community to be a form of child psychological abuse by the alienating parent, who critically impairs the heart, mind, and soul of the child;
2. Alienators are employing scandalous lies about TPFf and about similar programs—questioning their safety and effectiveness—in order to intimate the alienated parent to back down from requesting the only known peer-reviewed safe and effective treatments for severe alienation.

3. Alienators are employing scandalous lies about TPF and about similar programs—questioning their safety and effectiveness—in order to intimidate and frighten the Courts to back away from making Court orders for the TPF intervention.
4. Parental alienation is a form of *domestic violence by proxy* in which the alienating parent models for, permits, and encourages the child to emotionally abuse and often physically assault the alienated parent;
5. Parental alienation is a form of selfish parenting by the alienating parent, who is unable to subvert her or his own needs, wishes, and goals to the needs, wishes, and goals and needs of her or his child;
6. Parental alienation is a form of child psychological abuse because alienating parents will manipulate their children along with the child welfare and mental health systems to have their children either placed in foster care or psychiatrically hospitalized due to the child’s “opportunistic” threats of suicide, running away, cutting, and/or other self-harm rather than have the child transition to the care of the loving alienated parent.
7. In their obsession to defame, humiliate, and banish the alienated parent from their children’s lives, many alienators brainwash their children to falsely believe that their alienated parent had sexually and/or physically abused them. Catastrophically for children, should they believe these false abuse allegations, they will almost surely suffer the same risk factors for PTSD and other serious psychiatric symptoms *as if the abuse had actually occurred*. Alienators are impervious to the severe harm they have caused their children from believing these erroneous allegations which alienators had unjustifiably inflicted upon their children.
8. Since many alienators compulsively persist in brainwashing their children with egregious lies that the alienated parent had sexually and physically abused them—despite the immense harm they are causing to their children—alienators certainly have no compunction about making up slanderous lies regarding the therapists and other professionals who intervene to remedy the alienation.
9. Before the child’s verbal self-reporting and written forms of self-reporting are given credence and weight, an evaluation *must* be undertaken to rule out for the alienating parent’s influence over the child. Some keys that such influence had occurred in the child’s self-reporting are 1) the child’s words, terminology, and metaphors are far beyond the child’s cognitive development, that is, reading and writing skills; 2) the child cite things for which the child could not have had firsthand knowledge; 3) the reporting—particularly written—had occurred while the child is in the care of the alienating parent; 4) the child reports a belated—frequently exceedingly belated—erupted memory of something negative about the alienated parent and which often involves previously unreported or unsubstantiated allegations of child abuse and child sexually abuse.



10. Research has found that if a lie is heard or mimicked as little as three times, the lie becomes true to the person hearing or mimicking it. This is one of several reasons why alienated children appear so credible when reporting the most egregious lies about their alienated parent.
11. Research has found that humans are very poor lie detectors, being able to distinguish a lie from the truth *only 54% of the time*—slightly more than flipping a coin or guessing! In order to make correct findings, the standards of clinical practice require that self-reporting be corroborated with sufficient neutral, quality evidence.
12. Research shows that lying and deception are a necessary tool in our survival tool kit. All parents know that children are storytellers and that we need to make repeated, diligent efforts to teach children not to lie. *This does not mean that we simply dismiss any abuse allegations that the child makes. But it does mean that the allegations must be investigated by the scientific method to make clinical findings in order to determine the merit to the allegations. The child’s wellbeing requires an assessment to distinguish a delusional belief of having been physically or sexually abused by a parent from actually having been so abused.*
13. Research finds that an unfamiliar researcher can implant false memories in children—even of having been sexually abused when they had not—in as little as three weekly interviews. One can only imagine how easily a determined parent—upon whom the child is dependent for physical and emotional survival and who has unfettered access to the child—can implant such a false memory of having been sexually abused by the other parent.
14. Also of note is that TPFf does not make the decision to extend the no-contact period between the alienating parent and child. Once again, any extension of the no-contact period is under the authority of the Court upon hearing the evidence and testimony of both parents and of the professionals.
15. Research finds that severe alienators almost surely suffer from one or more personality disorder—narcissistic, borderline, paranoid, and/or antisocial.
16. Research shows that children who are reared by a parent with a personality disorder have an increased risk for developing one as well.
17. Healthy, normal parents do not brainwash their child to believe false abuse allegations by the other parent.
18. Healthy, normal parents do not inflict alienation upon their child!

*How needlessly cruel and frightening are the outcomes to the child from alienation!*

**They have committed false report; moreover, they have spoken untruths; secondarily, they are slanders; sixth and lastly, they have belied; thirdly, they have verified unjust things; and to conclude, they are lying knaves.”**

## *The Truth about the Libelous Lies*

**“The devil can cite scripture for his purpose.”**

*The Merchant of Venice, William Shakespeare*

Given the onslaught of slanderous and libelous lies about our Family Court System, about TPFf, and about the therapists who intervene to remediate the scourge of harm to children from parental alienation—regardless of the label attached to this traumatizing family dynamic—the TPFf Family feels impelled to correct the record. Regrettably for children, alienating parents and their blind supporters have hoodwinked some in a clueless, naïve public; have manipulated unprofessional, self-serving reporters who wish to make a name for themselves at the expense of children; and have indoctrinated imprudent, reckless do-gooders with their malicious, self-interested, fabricated and/or distorted narratives about our Court system, about the alienated parent, about themselves, about the family history, about the therapists who make a referral to TPFf and like programs after traditional therapies have miserably failed, and about the TPFf therapists.

Due to HIPAA and confidentiality laws, the TPFf Family is unable to respond to any specific case. But we respond here generically with respect to the typical course of events occurring in severe cases of alienation:

- 1) The first important point to note is that *TPFF accepts cases only by Court order*. If one were to believe the slanderous, libelous lies about TPFf, one would have to simultaneously believe that the Courts across this great country—upon having heard all the evidence—would knowingly give custody of children to pedophiles and child abusers. To wit, several court-adjudicated alienating parents provided exceedingly libelous untruths about the alienation treatment programs in an article entitled, “Judicial Trafficking.” This article, by its very name, casts aspersions upon our Court system by indicating exactly this—that Courts knowingly discharge children to pedophiles and child abusers. ***No allegation against TPFf should be granted merit or validity when it is made by someone who also asserts the libelous untruth that our Court system knowing discharges children to pedophiles and child abusers. These claims cannot be separated because TPFf accepts cases only by Court order.***
- 2) **Because of HIPAA and confidentiality laws, therapists cannot respond to the facts of any specific case. HOWEVER, NOTHING PREVENTS THE ALIENATING PARENT FROM PROVIDING TO ANY REPORTER THE COURT ORDER FOR THE TPFf INTERVENTION AND THE COURT’S FINDINGS UPON WHICH THE ORDER FOR TPFf RELIED. It should raise concerns for suspicion, doubt, deception,**

*maliciousness, bias, indifference, and/or egotism of any reporter who does not review and evaluate the neutral, quality evidence upon which the Court relied to order the TPFf intervention.*

- 3) It is the children who will be immeasurably harmed should alienators succeed, via social media and interviews, in their intimidation and fear-mongering of the Courts, in getting the Court's to shy away from ordering the TPFf when the case evidence supports TPFf as being the most safe and effective treatment for the family.
- 4) It is the children who will be immeasurably harmed should alienators succeed, via social media and interviews, in their intimidation and fear-mongering of the alienated parent to shy away from their request for the TPFf intervention.
- 5) It is the children who will be immeasurably harmed should alienators succeed, via social media and interviews, in their brainwashing and manipulation of journalists to report the salacious, scandalous, libelous untruths about the TPFf intervention.
- 6) In order to make correct clinical findings, one must evaluate sufficient objective quality evidence that meets the compliance with the clinical axiom to "consider the total clinical picture." Should a reporter not validate the self-reporting of the alienating parent and child with neutral, corroborative evidence, that fails to be in compliance with the standards of clinical practice to make findings. It also fails to meet with the reporter's ethical professional obligations of fair reporting to seek sufficient neutral and objective evidence from all points of view about the issue being investigated and reported.
- 7) Some of these self-serving "reporters" who are indisputably biased against TPFf, wrote stories about TPFf that were riddled with numerous logical fallacies, including confirmation bias. *Were these reporters truly objective, they would have asked the alienating parent for the findings of the Court and for the Court order for the TPFf intervention that had been based upon those findings.* If these reporters did receive these Court documents, they did not refer to them in their libelous stories. In fact, we know of at least one reporter who had received the Court transcripts and the Court order for TPFf but yet failed to cite in their exceedingly biased stories about TPFf to the information and Court findings in these documents. No, these biased, *coldhearted* reporters listened only to one side of a story and supported that side. Imagine a jury hearing only direct testimony but not cross testimony and then voting for the death penalty for the defendant!
- 8) Another scandalous lie is that there is no oversight for the TPFf intervention. Nothing could be further from the truth. In addition to oversight by the Court in a particular case, all TPFf therapists are licensed by their respective State Mental Health Licensing Boards. And no TPFf therapist has been disciplined, placed on probation, nor lost their license(s) to practice.
- 9) Another egregious, scandalous lie is that the 96% effective rate of reunification at the TPFf program had been provided by the TPFf program to Dr. Jennifer Harman, Associate Professor at Colorado State University, under whose auspices was conducted the 2021

research study on TPFf and which was published in the peer-review *Journal of Family Therapy*. Nothing could be further from the truth. One only needs to read the rigorous research standards under which the study had been conducted in order to recognize the indisputable evidence for this egregious lie. Just consider the actual source of the information that led to the finding of 96% for the program's effectiveness—video recordings of the four-day intervention! How much more objective can the evidence get?! Shame on the reporter who claimed the 96% effective rate was due to the self-reporting of the TPFf program.

Of particular note, the research study was necessarily designed to report about the child, not the family. The study involved 55 children, clearly the best way to evaluate the treatment's effectiveness as one goal of the study was to assess the child—even siblings responding in each's own idiosyncratic way. Additional videos of the 4-day treatment of another 30+children had been submitted to the researchers but did not make it into the study. This was because of the time-consuming nature involved in reviewing the videos for multiple factors over the course of 4-days. The researchers had to cut off the review at some point or the study would still be going on! We must also not forget that the information obtained from a video is far far more impactful and meaningful than is information obtained from self-reporting. As the expression goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words," so a video—and in this case, hundreds of hours of videos—are each worth thousands and thousands of words.

It is of particular note that the scientific method to make accurate findings requires that one must have the proper qualifications—meaning education, training, and experience—to critique another's work. In the absence of proper qualifications, what is proffered as critique is, instead, a laundry list of criticisms comprised of inaccuracies, biases, an unsubstantiated belief system, and self-serving aggrandizement.

Those who have criticized the research study on TPFf lack the proper qualifications to make an accurate assessment of the study and of the intervention itself. Some of the critics of the TPFf intervention are not even clinicians; never treated a single client/patient; and never treated an alienated child. Other critics, who have a clinical license do not specialize in the treatment of an alienated child, never treated an alienated child, and never had experience providing treatment in one of the intensive, peer-reviewed treatment programs for severely alienated children. Moreover, none of the TPFf critics interviewed anyone in the TPFf family about what we do.

Other examples of the meritless criticisms of the TPFf intervention have not been authored by clinicians and certainly not by clinicians who specialize in alienation. For example, there is a journal article circulating that is co-authored by someone whose degree is in culinary arts. Moreover, the overseer of this article is the editor of the journal in which the article was published—thereby failing to meet the criteria of a peer-reviewed article. Of even greater preposterousness and lack of credibility is that this overseer and journal editor had had his psychology license revoked on the grounds, in part, that he enabled an adjudicated alienating parent to violate a Court order to transfer custody of the child to the other parent!

To sum up, the scandalous criticisms and libelous lies being proffered about TPF and the TPF family lack merit. These criticisms by non-experts in alienation should therefore be granted no more merit than should the “opinions” of a primary care physician who criticizes a cardiologist—or better yet, a cardiologist who specializes in the aorta. This medical analogy is akin to what is happening with the critics of the TPF intervention: alienation is a sub-specialty within the specialty of family therapy; and family therapy is a specialty within the mental health field.

Before granting merit and weight to someone’s opinion about an issue, one must know the expertise and credentials that that someone possesses regarding the issue.

Sadly, alienators, their supporters and co-alienators, and many of their lawyers twist, distort, and maliciously cast doubt on the validity of the findings of the TPF research study to meet their nefarious needs.

- 10) Multiple peer-reviewed research studies have found that relapse after a successful reunification is a virtual certainty should there be contact between the child and an unreformed alienating parent. We are not surprised to read a few negative reports by a relapsed child who did not merely have contact with the alienating parent but who had returned to the alienating parent’s full-time care. What a sad revolving door!
- 11) There is no dispute in the scientific community that the brainwashing/programming in alienation is akin to the programming in a cult—but which is so much more intense because the brainwashing is by a parent! Even though the child’s behavior had done a 180 during the TPF intervention, the alienation script typically takes several years to relinquish. Fortunately, actions speak louder than words.
- 12) Despite the few scattered relapses occurring among far, far more successful reunifications, along with all the protective rescues of children from alienating parents, Courts across the country fortunately rely upon science, upon unbiased reporting, and upon the valid finding of TPF’s 96% success rate. Judges across the Country talk to each other and have received positive feedback about TPF from Judges who had previously ordered the intervention. Because of the standard to bring science into the courtroom, Courts across the country are still seeking the services of the TPF intervention to remedy cases of severe alienation. The TPF Family is grateful, on behalf of children everywhere, for our partnership with our Court system.

We now live, tragically, in a culture whereby the alienating opponents of truth have normalized and justified the casting of aspersions upon facts—all for the purpose of promulgating and perpetuating their pre-conceived ideas, biases, fictional beliefs, and even delusions. These alienating opponents of truth inflict their scandalous, spiteful untruths upon a naïve, suggestible public by creating fake news, alternative facts, and conspiracy theories. These opponents of truth savage the good and the just—and, of course, also their children—who have become sacrificial lambs in the alienating parent’s obsessive alienation mission.

And, tragically, there now appears to be a race to the bottom—a Faustian race to the depths of iniquity—among some “journalists” who are corruptly capitalizing on and exploiting sensationalism and the issue de jure. In their betrayal of the values and ethics of their profession, these “journalists” disseminate libel rather than truth, scandalous fiction rather than fact, fallacy rather than logic, delusion rather than reality, self-interest and self-aggrandizement rather than morality, integrity, and virtue.<sup>1</sup>

I culminate my oration with the wisdom from another Shakespearian quote:

**“There is sense in truth and truth in virtue”**

*Measure for Measure, William Shakespeare*

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<sup>1</sup> I wish to state here a personal note—a very, very personal note. I have devoted 52+ years to a career helping more than 5000 children in a variety of situations. The first 24 years of my career was working with 3000 abused and neglected foster children. This particular clinical work was demanding, stressful, frustrating, and very difficult at various times throughout the 52 years. The financial compensation was far less than I could have earned in another clinical setting. It defies reason, logic, validity, merit, or truthfulness that, at the end of this career, I would in the slightest way support pedophiles and child abusers. Such an accusation is not merely absurd; it is *insulting!* *It bears mentioning that, when an attacker resorts to ad hominin attacks like those being leveled at the TPFf family, it is because the attacker lacks merit for the scandalous, libelous lies about TPFf and its therapists.*