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Just the Facts

The facts, and nothing but the facts, about myself - Rev. Jim Sutter, to refute the rumors spread by hate mongers in their attempt to distract you from their own bigotry.

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In my years of exposing frauds and more currently hate mongers, I have encountered some people who, instead of addressing the issues raised about their scams or their pathological hatred, would rather try to distract people by spreading rumors about me. This is known as an "ad hominem" attack, one of the logical fallacies. Logical fallacies are logical and factual errors that some people accidentally employ, others use them deliberately to make false assertions in a debate, others use them to just lie to people or to try to distract from the subject at hand. More about logical fallacies here: <http://www.logicalfallacies.info/>

Some of the people who post this stuff grow so obsessive that they become cyberstalkers and must be dealt with, either by having their ISP shut down their account or as a last resort by prosecution.

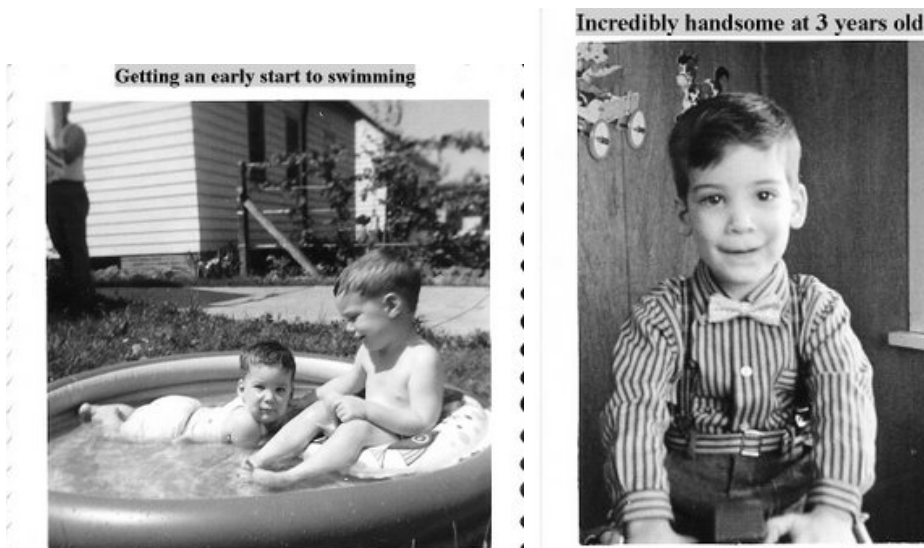
These rumors have been around the internet for some years now, and I have never found more than a small handful of people who believe them, usually other scam artists or hate mongers. It is glaringly obvious that the rumors (some would even call them attacks) are bogus for a variety of reasons, such as links that supposedly lead to "proof" - only to find the links are dead, or don't say anything like what is alleged, or using an obviously forged Usenet post, even forging

just part of a post to make it look like something it isn't. Try searching Google to see how easy it is to forge a post in Usenet. This is why I never rely solely on Usenet posts when I'm quoting someone. And it's always best to make sure you have the genuine Rev. Jim Sutter (me), as a MetaSearch will reveal that there are 176 people named "Rev. Jim Sutter" in the US. (Wow, I'm popular!) LOL

I usually leave it to people to do their own research, because I have found over the years that people have a stronger belief in what they find on their own, from authoritative sources, than what someone tells them. However, a good friend has convinced me to post a short bio and refutation of the rumors making the rounds, since they've been dragged out of the dusty old closet once again in an attempt to distract people from the real issues.

So here, in short, is my bio and destruction of the rumors. I'm not going to post my life story, because I'm an old fogey and it would bore you to tears. Instead, I'll present some basic facts, I'll show you how to do the math that is missing from the rumors, and then I will trust in your common sense.

I was born in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio in 1955. I was an incredibly cute baby and toddler.



I was born and raised in an Irish Roman Catholic family, part of a very, very large extended family, mostly of priests, doctors, lawyers and judges, although we had our share of blue collar workers too.



My brothers and I attended St. Louis Catholic school, where I had the same nun – Sr. Ernestine - year after year after year! As I'd go up a grade, she'd move up to teaching the next grade. I don't know who was more sick of the other, me or her. Not that I ever misbehaved, but let's just say my knuckles met the ruler all too often. It was almost a relief when my brothers and I were "asked to transfer to another school" after too many fights with the O'Leary brothers.

We lived in a very interesting neighborhood where we were the only Gentile family in a pretty large Jewish enclave. Our parochial school was quite a distance away, and that was another good point of being thrown out, er, "being asked to transfer," the public school was almost in our back yard. As I grew up in this neighborhood, I was exposed to extraordinary tolerance, reason and logic. When I was a teenager, I finally worked up the nerve to ask one of our neighbors what the numbers were on her forearm, and she told me about the camps. I went home and asked my father about this, since he was a MSGT in the Army in Germany in WWII, and the only time he ever talked about what he saw was then, to confirm the horrors that mankind could inflict upon itself, society and the world. As I grew older, my mother confided that dad had nightmares every single night until death finally relieved the pain that this outrage had dealt to his soul.

I suspect that these circumstances play a role in the various careers I have had and in my dedication to reducing hatred in our world.

Some years have passed since then, and now I am married, have one grown son and three cats who think I'm their servant. I score an exact zero on the Kinsey scale (since someone asked).

See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kinsey_scale

Along the way, I graduated from Warrensville Heights High School and enlisted in the US Navy. I scored pretty high on the tests they administered back then (yes, I know, John Paul Jones was my first CO), so the Navy decided to put a bit of effort and money into my education. Now – for my detractors – pay attention, here's where your math needs work. In the Navy, as in all armed forces, one can be active duty, or reserve duty. If you are an officer, either one and both are considered a career. I spent from 1974 – 1980 on active duty. I then spent from 1980 – 2000 as

USNR, (a reserve officer) living for some periods of time in the civilian world, and other periods of time on call-ups, where I would be called back to duty, depending on the Navy's needs. For the critics who cannot understand the math, $(1974 - 1980 = 6 \text{ years}) + (1980 - 2000 = 20 \text{ years}) = 26 \text{ years}$.



Home on leave (left), my brother on right doing his Beejees imitation. Anonymous girl in between, someone's GF, don't remember whose.

In the Navy, I specialized in SWEOD, Special Weapons Ordinance Disposal and Intelligence. At times, I was TAD'd to Special Ops units. For those who understand, my NOD and AQDs were: 1635, KG2, 3Q1, USNAVCENT/FIFTHFLT.



Early NBC combat gear, although it was hot and bulky, it scared the heck out of the OPFOR.

During this time I became quite well trained and experienced in counterterrorism, in other cultures, learned other languages (although I'm pretty rusty now), traveled extensively, and dealt with many situations.

During the times that I wasn't on call up, I worked for the Better Business Bureau, I founded a non-profit disability advocacy group that succeeded in convincing every commercial business in my hometown to comply with the accessibility standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act, I advocated extensively for equal access for people with disabilities. The only place I couldn't convince to comply with the ADA (and the Rehabilitation Act of 1974) was city hall, even though I tried informally and very politely for eight years. Finally, after eight years of frustration and retaliation from the city, I became the second person in the USA to use the ADA to sue in US District Court, to force the city into compliance. The Court ordered the city to fully comply within one year, to pay my attorneys' fees and court costs. I did not ask for nor receive a penny in damages for this, because my interest was in making city properties, facilities and programs accessible to people with disabilities, it was not in making money. See *James M. Sutter vs. City of Lakewood*, 1:94 CV 1857. Since this was one of the first cases under the ADA, it's my understanding that it is taught at CUNY, the University of Buffalo, and Syracuse University College of Law.

By this time I had developed quite an interest in advocating for people with disabilities because exposure to some substances had left me with medical problems. I won't go into the extent of those problems, but I will mention that I love to prove my doctors wrong when they give me a negative prognosis – I believe proving them wrong helps keep their ego in check, and that God is the only one who can decide how my illnesses will proceed. My disabilities have progressed to where they slow me down, but they do not – they will not – stop me.

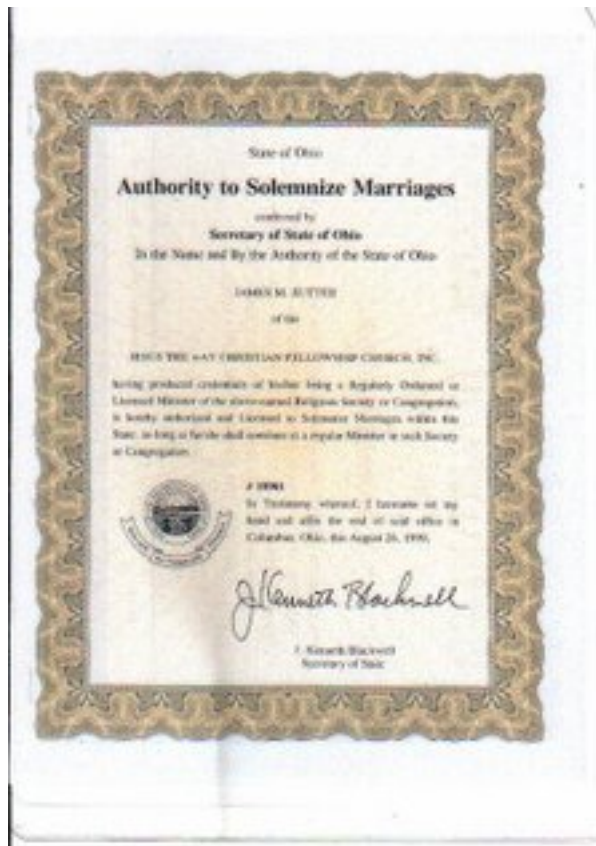
I received my "Calling" to ministry around 1985 or so, and since I was Catholic, I started off in my local church (St. Luke's) as a Commentator and Lector, then received training and certification as a Eucharistic Minister. At that point I volunteered in various ministries, as a lay minister at the Aristocrat Nursing Home, Lakewood Hospital and an adult day-care program at Fairview Hospital. I knew that God wanted me to do more, so I applied for the Diaconate program (sort of a junior priest). Unfortunately, I found out that the Church (at least in the Cleveland diocese at that time) did not accept applicants who had physical disabilities. I was quite surprised, because the Church does great public work for people with disabilities. But, I had run into a brick wall at this point, with God telling me that He wanted me to do more.

I took about a year to pray over this and consider my options. Finally I enrolled in King's Word Seminary, which at that time was in Strongsville (they have since relocated). I began there in early 1989 to receive my Masters in Theology, and spent a couple of extra years working on my Doctorate in Divinity, Doctorate in Biblical Studies and History, and a Ph.D. in Trauma Psychology. Later, I completed additional training at other facilities to receive CEs and

certifications in Crisis Intervention, Domestic Violence, Suicide Prevention, Hostage Negotiation, and Prison Ministry.

During this same time period, I continued with volunteer work, volunteering for the Free Clinic on their Crisis Intervention Hotline and Counseling program (that worked out well for my practicum); I volunteered as a prison minister in all Ohio prisons, county jails and local lockups; I volunteered for the local Christian Service Center, and helped found another non-profit crisis intervention agency known as the Free Crisis Clinic (now defunct).

I finally finished with seminary in December 1993 and received my ordination, state license and my first assignment, to Doers of the Word Baptist Fellowship Church in Strongsville Ohio. After serving two years there as Associate Pastor, I moved on to Jesus the Way Christian Fellowship Church in Lorain, Ohio in 1995 as Pastor and then Senior Pastor. Jesus the Way is a nondenominational Christian church, with pastors who are Independent Baptist, Southern Baptist and Pentecostal, and is located at 1822 East 28th Street. My church's ministry programs include prison ministry, nursing home and hospital ministry, street ministry, aftercare ministry and an anti-hate ministry. These are the only churches in which I have ever been a pastor and with which I have ever been associated. In 2005 I went on semi-retirement status at Jesus the Way due to my worsening health, and late in 2006 I became Pastor Emeritus (fancy word for retired.) I still maintain my license and can marry, bury, and baptize people, and the church has been kind enough to allow me to remain in charge of their Internet Ministry Program.



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Depending on who it is that I expose, I have been “accused” of being a liberal, a neocon, a Democrat, a Republican, a Jew, a Christian missionary, a Muslim, and (this one is the best for laughs) Satan himself. Back in the real world, I am a moderate Republican, quite conservative on national defense but liberal on social issues, and theologically liberal, in the way that Jesus was. I am strongly against abortion-on-demand and against the death penalty. I strongly believe in tolerance, forgiveness, love, charity and service to others. I believe all people are created equal, no one is greater or lesser than anyone else.

Now let’s look at some of the specific allegations being thrown around:

“Never in the Navy”: This could be one of the most laughable ones around. See my USN history, above. Here’s me early on in the Navy, (insert photo) here’s me some years later (insert photo) , and here’s me now (insert photo) – yeah, I know, not a great progression.

“Couldn’t have had 26 years in the Navy since he’s only 51 years old” Okay, again, see the math above. If you need help, ask someone or use a calculator.

“Couldn’t be disabled and in the Navy” This one pretty harshly insults the many thousands of brave men and women in the US Armed Forces who, despite various disabilities, continue to serve and protect their country, going into harm’s way on a daily basis. Having a disability does not automatically make anyone ineligible for military duty, it depends on the type and extent of disability and one’s specialty. The critics making this claim are woefully ignorant of military protocols. I will not discuss my own medical history here, because I believe it’s not appropriate to be in the public domain. One person stole part of my current medical history from a very private discussion group, this is being dealt with. I have multiple disabilities, that’s all anyone needs to know.



Me a couple of years ago:



Me as problems progress:

“Says he was a Catholic minister yet is a Baptist pastor”: Again, see above of how I went from a Catholic Eucharistic Minister to a Baptist pastor. I still admire the Catholic Church, I love its rituals and sense of majesty, but God chose another path for me to follow.

“Fake minister”: My license from the State of Ohio is here: (insert photo). These licenses are only given in Ohio to ministers of recognized churches.

“Is an ex-con”: This is quite true, I’ve never been afraid or ashamed to admit this, and I have no idea why critics would think I would be embarrassed by this. I was jailed for contempt of court when a judge ordered me to reveal the contents of a religious counseling session I had with an inmate. There are two Ohio laws that protect these conversations, I showed both to the judge, plus I explained professional ethics, but he didn’t care, so he found me guilty of contempt of court, and ordered me locked up until the trial was over. I was quite upset when this happened, but it ended up giving me quite a bit of “street cred” in future prison ministry work, because I could assure the inmates that I knew what they were going through.

“Claims he earned medals in the Navy”: I was in for 26 years; anyone who doesn’t earn citations in 26 years wouldn’t be in for 26 years. I don’t brag about my citations, I rarely discuss them, and I’m not discussing them here.

Also, some critics post a bunch of links to supposedly damaging information. Every one of these (very few) people engaged in this has been previously exposed by me as a fraud or a hate monger. Gee, I wonder why they would then try to distract people from their own fraud and hate mongering, even bigotry, by trying to attack the person who exposed them? Why not address the issues and facts raised in their exposure?

One of the people doing this posts about a dozen links, and every one of the links is dead. Another recent critic, (who has just about graduated to a cyberstalker), after being exposed as a hate monger, is posting allegations and links in hundreds of emails, spamming discussion groups and lists (getting thrown out of some for doing so), some of these links are dead, others lead to Usenet posts by other people (not me), yet others lead to forged and/or altered Usenet posts

that are glaringly obvious (this is why not a lot of people like Usenet, it's way too easy to forge). Many people have noticed that the critics post their allegations and accusations without any facts to back them up. I would like to compare this to the people I expose in my blog, where I provide numerous, sometimes voluminous verifiable facts in exposing their hate mongering. Interestingly, my most recent critics are carrying out their campaign of distraction anonymously, (or so they think) they don't even have the courage to sign their accusations. At least when I accuse someone of wrongdoing, I include facts and I always sign my name to it.

Now, as for that rumor that I look like Brad Pitt... well, there's nothing I can do to dispel that one.

See also:

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<http://revjimsutter.blogspot.com/>

<http://hatewatchhallofshame.blogspot.com/>

I believe all the issues have been addressed in this bio. I'm sure the hate mongers won't be satisfied, and that's tough cookies. The issues in my blog are about other people's hatred and bigotry, and those are the issues that need to be addressed. Don't let them con you into being distracted.

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