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## COMING OUT OF THE DARK

*Breaking the Silence About the Anointed Candidate*

By Amy L. Alexander

I regret that like many, I too was duped by Keith Ellison's considerable charm. I was seduced by the idea of what I thought he represented. As a perennial DFL activist from the north side of Minneapolis I worked for and with Ellison on a number of issues and community boards.

I grew up in the Willard-Homewood neighborhood. My mother is white and my father is black. I was raised Catholic and I'm proud of my embattled Church. I'm raising my daughter in the faith. My faith is the fuel behind my courage to stand up and reclaim my voice, a voice that by court order has been silenced by Keith Ellison.

Make no mistake; my desire to set the record straight is not specifically intended to denigrate Ellison in his run for Congress. He's the one who decided to marginalize me by filing a harassment restraining order against me. He made this whole nightmare a matter of public record. He silenced me. Now it's my turn to be heard.

I first remember Keith Ellison speaking in 1989 at the U of M. He organized the African-American History Month programming. Ellison has been an icon for black militancy in Minneapolis for two decades. I was inspired, yet conflicted with my bi-racial upbringing. At a similar event held at South High School I was mortified by the example of "violence as a vehicle to liberation" that the speaker illustrated citing Nat Turner's massacre of fifty whites in 1831. The raucous standing ovation by black South High School students at the suggestion of killing whites was as chilling to me then as it is today.

I officially met Keith Ellison at a tenant organizing conference in fall of 1993. I was twenty years old. Keith was married. He began calling me almost daily. He took me to lunch. He took me to Uhuru Books Saturday afternoon meetings for black militant empowerment lead by Ellison and Mahmoud El-Kati from Macalester College.

I felt like I had really tapped into the inner circle of a movement I was passionate to serve.



Ellison's charm turned into flirtation. He represented my access to the system. He held the keys to my success in black community activism. I succumbed to his romantic advances. In retrospect, this was one of the greatest mistakes of my life. Our hot and cold romance devolved into a love/hate showdown by spring of 1994. Keith belittled me about my weight and constantly criticized my every word and action. He ostracized me from the community on whose behalf I had worked so hard to advocate. Feeling exiled I escaped to New York for the next five years.

Ten years later in advance of the 2004 election I volunteered to call Ralph Nader supporters at the DFL Vote Center. Keith Ellison walked in with his family and when he saw me he was visibly shaken. I told him to relax and that our fling was "water under the bridge." Little did I know what was about to transpire. Within a few weeks we were emailing daily and shortly thereafter whatever boundaries we had began to blur again.

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# PUBLISHER'S KEYSTROKES

**Drew Emmer**

Why I believe her story.....

Sorry to disappoint the bloggers who think they know all about how information about Keith Ellison's extramarital affair with Amy Alexander was circulated. I sent the notes from my extensive interviews with Amy and the text of two 911 logs to MinnesotaDemocratsExposed.com, the Strib and Pioneer Press. Many thanks to Michael Brodtkorb for having the courage to put the issue before us all, at least those who read his blog. Amy's willingness to go public in this issue says a lot about her character and her commitment to justice.

I spent hours on the phone with Amy before I wrote a story that outlined her general allegations against Ellison in the August issue of The Wright County Republican. I thought it was important for the general public to know that there were allegations of abuse and philandering because, in most Minnesotan's minds, I believe this subject really matters in judging a candidate's character.

After listening to Amy's story and asking hundreds of questions about the details I am convinced that she is sane. Mind you, I'm not a psychiatrist or psychologist. I have thoroughly enjoyed talking to her by phone and in person. I can see where from time to time she may get a little goofy, especially when she talks about a man she was seriously emotionally involved with twice over a twenty year span. But every detail I have pursued about her story checks out.

Amy is bright, funny and every bit as engaging as the candidate. Keith's "she's crazy" defense doesn't ring true and his gross characterization of a disabled woman is frightening. His "I don't even know her" defense is ludicrous. She openly admits having some mental health issues (depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress) and one must wonder how much this affair with Ellison did to inflame her problems. Amy's admissions don't give Ellison a free pass to engage in verbally and physically abusive extramarital relationships with her.

One reason that none of the newspapers have reported on the story is that none of them have had the desire or the courage to question Amy. I am convinced this is one set of questions that they do not want to know the truth about. But they gladly accept a quote from Keith's campaign manager saying that she was disgruntled about being passed over for a

job at a non-profit. No mention that Keith had encouraged her to pursue the job or about how he rudely teased and berated her about not getting it. She's been upgraded from crazy to disgruntled, which is a step in the right direction.

If the perpetrator of this nonsense had been a republican this matter would have made national news the week it broke.

I'm thrilled that MNPublius published the restraining order. In the final analysis leaking that document to MNPublius will likely be regarded as the Ellison orgs biggest mistake of this process. Ellison was dumb enough to make this issue a matter of public record in the first place. And so it remains in the public eye.

The restraining order has some information blocked out that needs to be clearly revealed. Under the section that states

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## JUDICIAL PARTISANSHIP DEBATE By Scott Newman

“The legal issue of whether we are complying with the constitution in the selection of our judges is the topic of my remarks. It is necessary to briefly outline the journey that I have taken in deciding to challenge an incumbent judge in a contested election. I simply ask that you keep an open mind and reserve judgment on whether you believe, as I do, that this is a critically important election issue.

In 2005, as a state representative, I became involved in a lawsuit challenging the authority of the judicial branch to make appropriations out of the state treasury in direct contravention of our constitution which gives that authority exclusively to the legislative branch of our government. As a result of this involvement, I became aware of the White Case and the controversy swirling around Canon 5. After reading that case, I felt the holding in White was truly remarkable in that the very entity that is charged with the responsibility of preserving and protecting our constitution was guilty of enacting and enforcing a rule that was in violation of it. Consequently, I decided to study the question of judicial elections a little closer. This is what I found.

In Art 6 sec 7 and 8 of the Minnesota Constitution it states plainly that the voters shall elect the judges. When there is a vacancy the governor shall appoint someone to fill the vacancy until a successor is elected and qualified. To make sure what the word elect didn't mean something other than its ordinary meaning such as a retention election, I read the debates on this topic from the 1857 constitutional convention. The delegates thoroughly debated an election versus appointment system and when they adopted an election system in the selection of our judges, they meant open elections by the people and not an appointment system.

My next stop was a review of the 1972 Minnesota Constitutional Study Commission. That commission recommended four changes to the constitution as it applied to the judicial branch: a unified court system, adopted in 1972. Authorization for the Supreme Court to adopt judicial rules of conduct, adopted in 1972 with the court actually writing and implementing the canon 5 rules in 1974. Third was the establishment of the court of appeals which was adopted in 1982. The final recommendation was to amend the constitution to provide for an appointment retention election system, very similar to the type of system that is today being discussed by the Quie Commission. I felt this recommendation was particularly interesting because it reaffirmed the conclusion I had earlier made that the elections described in Article 6 were open elections, not some type of retention election and that if an appointment or retention system was to be implemented, it would take a constitutional amendment to do so. I therefore went on a hunt for that very constitutional amendment. I found it in House File 686, co-authored by then State Representative Terrence Dempsey, read for the first time on March 5 1981 where it was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and died without a hearing. With this information, I am left with no alternative but to be of the opinion that the State of Minnesota has always had open judicial elections and never

has had an appointment or retention system.

I next looked at why judges have an incumbent designation on the ballot. I discovered that the legislature passed the judicial incumbent statute in 1981 and that no other elected official in this state is blessed with such an advantage.

I found that 95-98% of all judges retire or resign before their elected term expires thereby creating a vacancy for the governor to fill. I know of no other group of elected officials, at the federal, state or local level who with such overwhelming regularity fail to serve out the term to which they were elected by the voters.

I then counted the number of votes in the First Judicial District cast for state senators and representatives in the 2004 general election and found there were approximately 424,000 votes. Over 40% or 184,000 voters standing in the voting booth did not fill out the judicial portion of the ballot.

The Judiciary is not fulfilling its obligation to voters to complete their six year term thereby creating a vacancy to be filled by gubernatorial appointment. I believe there is a direct correlation between this statistic and the reason why judicial elections rarely involve an open seat and almost always involve running against a sitting appointed judge.

The incumbent designation on the ballot is unique to judicial elections and serves no purpose other than a job retention tool for sitting judges.

The cannon five rules are and have been for in direct contravention of our constitution resulting in an informational blackout in judicial elections. In the words of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, “it is apparent that advancing judicial open-mindedness is not the purpose that lies behind the prohibition at issue here. The fruits of Canon 5 appear to bear witness to its remarkably pro-incumbent character.”

Working in concert, these three factors have created a de-facto appointment retention system in direct contravention of the plain meaning of our constitution which has effectively disenfranchised the voters of this state.

Laws are to be applied equally to all, and it is not up to individuals or small groups to deviate from that law, no matter how well intentioned or passionate in their belief that their cause is just. In this case, it seems that the fear of what might happen if elections occur has overridden the obligation to follow the oath to interpret the law in accordance with our constitution. There is a remedy of course if in fact judicial elections are such a bad idea and that is to amend the constitution. But, to permit the constitution to be circumvented, to refuse to follow its plain meaning is wrong, a violation of the oath of office of those, including myself, who have sworn to uphold the constitution of this state and a dangerous threat to our democracy.

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# WHY I AM A REPUBLICAN

**I Believe...**the strength of our nation lies with the individual and that each person's dignity, freedom, ability and responsibility must be honored.

**I Believe...**in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age or disability.

**I Believe...**free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.

**I Believe...**government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of the money they earn.

**I Believe...**the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individual or private organizations and that the best government is that which governs least.

**I Believe...**the most effective, responsible and responsive government is government closest to the people.

**I Believe...**Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new and innovative ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.

**I Believe...**Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom and human rights throughout the world.

Finally, **I Believe...**the Republican Party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles.



## KNOW THE PARTY FACTS

*“Republicans believe that crime in Minnesota can best be reduced by getting tough with violent repeat criminals.”*

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MINNESOTA 2004  
PERMANENT PLATFORM**

**PAGE 1: SECTION 5: “Protecting The Public’s  
Safety”**

*You cannot strengthen the weak  
by weakening the strong.*

*You cannot help the poor  
by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot lift up the wage earner  
by pulling down the wage payer.*

*You cannot keep out of trouble  
by spending more than your income.*

*You cannot further the brotherhood of man  
by inciting class hatreds.*

*You cannot build character and courage  
taking away a man’s initiative  
and independence.*

*You cannot help men permanently  
by doing for them what they  
could and should do for themselves.*

**-Abraham Lincoln**



*“When you are in a contest you  
should work as if there were - to the very last  
minute - a chance to lose it.”*

**-Dwight D. Eisenhower**

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

**- Saint Francis of Assisi**

## WASHINGTON NEWS & NOTES

### SHOCKING SENATORIAL VOTES

*"Never argue with an idiot; they'll drag you down to their level and beat you with experience." ~ anonymous*

The following senators voted against making English the official language of America:

Akaka	(D-HI)
Bayh	(D-IN)
Biden	(D-DE)
Bingaman	(D-NM)
Boxer	(D-CA)
Cantwell	(D-WA)
Clinton	(D-NY)
Dayton	(D-MN)
Dodd	(D-CT)
Domenici	(R-NM)
Durbin	(D-IL)
Feingold	(D-WI)
Feinstein	(D-CA)
Harkin	(D-IA)
Inouye	(D-HI)
Jeffords	(I-VT)
Kennedy	(D-MA)
Kerry	(D-MA)
Kohl	(D-WI)
Lautenberg	(D-NJ)
Leahy	(D-VT)
Levin	(D-MI)
Lieberman	(D-CT)
Menendez	(D-NJ)
Mikulski	(D-MD)
Murray	(D-WA)
Obama	(D-IL)
Reed	(D-RI)
Reid	(D-NV)
Salazar	(D-CO)
Sarbanes	(D-MD)
Schumer	(D-NY)
Stabenow	(D-MI)
Wyden (D-OR)	

### IF YOU PAY THEM THEY WILL COME

These are the senators who voted to give illegal aliens Social Security benefits. Regardless of political party, these politicians need to be defeated in 2006, 2008 or 2010, whenever they come up for office. They are grouped by home state. If a state is not listed, there was no voting representative.

Alaska:	Stevens (R)
Arizona:	McCain (R)
Arkansas:	Lincoln (D) Pryor (D)
California:	Boxer (D) Feinstein (D)
Colorado:	Salazar (D)
Connecticut:	Dodd (D) Lieberman (D)
Delaware:	Biden (D) Carper (D)
Florida:	Martinez (R)
Hawaii:	Akaka (D) Inouye (D)
Illinois:	Durbin (D) Obama (D)
Indiana:	Bayh (D) Lugar (R)
Iowa:	Harkin (D)
Kansas:	Brownback (R)
Louisiana:	Landrieu (D)
Maryland:	Mikulski (D) Sarbanes (D)
Massachusetts:	Kennedy (D) Kerry (D)
Montana:	Baucus (D)
Nebraska:	Hagel (R)
Nevada:	Reid (D)
New Jersey:	Lautenberg (D) Menendez (D)
New Mexico:	Bingaman (D)
New York:	Clinton (D) Schumer (D)
North Dakota:	Dorgan (D)
Ohio:	DeWine (R) Voinovich (R)
Oregon:	Wyden (D)
Pennsylvania:	Specter (R)
Rhode Island:	Chafee (R) Reed (D)
South Carolina:	Graham (R)
South Dakota:	Johnson (D)
Vermont:	Jeffords (I) Leahy (D)
Washington:	Cantwell (D) Murray (D)
West Virginia:	Rockefeller (D) - by not voting
Wisconsin:	Feingold (D) Kohl (D)

### WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

You may recall that on July 8, 1947, witnesses claim an unidentified object with five aliens aboard crashed on a sheep and cattle ranch just outside Roswell, New Mexico. Many claim this well known incident has been covered up by the US Air Force and the federal government.

However, you may well NOT know that in the month of March 1948, exactly nine months after that historic day, Albert Arnold Gore, Jr.; Hillary Rodham; John F. Kerry; William Jefferson Clinton; Howard Dean; Nancy Pelosi; Dianne Feinstein; Charles E. Schumer; and Barbara Boxer were born.

That piece of information has now cleared up a lot of things.

**THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES NEEDS TO KNOW THIS INFORMATION, UNLESS THEY DON'T MIND SHARING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY WITH FOREIGN WORKERS, WHEN AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE BEING LEFT OUT!**

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## COMING OUT OF THE DARK (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The doors to political activism on the northside were opened to me again. I volunteered for Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota (EJAM). Keith's chairmanship of EJAM was controversial among some circles since he was a sitting state legislator at the time. Working on committees with and for Keith was always troublesome for me because I always knew he could explode in a tirade at any moment. He was a little dictator.

Keith encouraged me to apply to the Central Long-range Improvement Committee (CLIC) largely to extend his personal influence on that board. Keith offered to be my reference. Mayor R.T. Rybak appointed me to CLIC.

Things really started falling apart at the 2005 Minneapolis DFL Convention at Augsburg College. Many active party workers left the cause that day. It was the most disorganized convention one could imagine. Keith was clearly agitated as I tried to introduce him to fellow delegates that I knew. In retrospect, this would be the beginning of Keith marginalizing me once again. At the convention I asked Keith about the EJAM position. Keith cornered me and in a low angry voice exclaimed "Bitch, you don't have the EJAM job, I can't control you anymore." I was furious with him. Apparently my usefulness to Ellison ended that day. I came undone emotionally and psychologically. I had dropped fifty pounds for him. The diet ended that day.

I continued to organize an event for EJAM at the Urban League scheduled for June of 2005. In May, Keith wanted to try and quiet me so he came to my home uninvited. We had words. His anger kicked in. He berated me. He grabbed me and pushed me out of the way. I was terrified. I called the police. As he fled he broke my screen door. I have never been so scared. I immediately began to second guess myself as many victims of abuse do when at the brink of exposing their abuser. How could I or anyone stand up to the man who had been the local icon of black militancy for almost two decades?

Keith began a smear campaign against me that very day. The community was poisoned with details about my post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and panic attacks. The medication I was prescribed reacted very badly in my system and I sunk into an ever darkening spiral of depression. When I got the summons to appear in Hennepin County Court for a harassment restraining order hearing I didn't know what to do.

I took the bus to the Government Center only to find out that Keith had filed a continuance. Keith's attorney met me there and offered me a ride home. He tried to convince me to be more cooperative. I refused to let anyone try and ban me from public places. That's what Keith was trying to do: prohibit me from the Urban League and the State Office Building. The restraining order was granted

in June. I guess a single Mom on a bicycle is scary stuff for a lawyer who defends cop-killer gangsters. The hearing was in August. Mediators tried to help us reach a compromise but Keith insisted that I be banned from any space within any place that he worked.

I obeyed the restraining order without exception. It was Keith's friend and attorney who called me the day after the 2006 DFL endorsement convention to arrange a meeting. We met at The Modern Café. He offered me release from Keith's restraining order if I either promised to shut up about our affairs or came out publicly in support of Keith's candidacy for Congress. I refused. I asked them repeatedly to leave me alone. He called me again in July with the same offer. I reported that incident to police and the cops agreed to let the attorney know to leave me alone.

It was the harassment from Ellison's attorney that caused my fear to reignite. Ellison is a man on a quest for power and national prominence; A man with deep ties to some pretty scary people. I feared for my life and for the safety of my daughter. I heard through the grapevine that Ellison's people had preemptively distributed information to the press suggesting that I was insane. He even remarked to some that he didn't even know me. That awful feeling was back.

The only way for me to stop this madness is to take full responsibility for getting romantically involved with an influential married legislator. For that I am sorry. I must stand up for myself now or be forever marginalized. I will not teach my daughter to cower in the face of abusive oppression even if it is from the first black Muslim in Congress. That's why I filed my own petition for a harassment restraining order against Ellison. The judge didn't grant my request but she did give me a hearing.

My day in court is October 23rd. Somehow I doubt that my voice will be heard there. I've been muted before. I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to step forward on the record and own my story. I just hope we all can heal from this situation. Our unfortunate affair shows but a fragment of the toxicity of male dominant chauvinist sexism within the black community. No one gains anything in the battle for dignity and respect by passively endorsing abuse. Not now. Not ever.

Martin Luther King, Jr., said it well in his famous Letter from the Birmingham Jail:

***"Like a boil that can never be cured so long as it is covered up but must be opened with all its ugliness to the natural medicines of air and light, injustice must be exposed, with all the tension its exposure creates, to the light of human conscience and the air of national opinion before it can be cured."***

## CAIR, HAMAS & THE HOUSE CANDIDATE

by Robert Spencer Posted Sep 27, 2006

Minnesota Democrat Keith Ellison is shaping up to be the first-ever Muslim member of Congress, and the mainstream media is treating his candidacy as an unalloyed triumph of multiculturalism. The Christian Science Monitor quoted Larry Jacobs of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota exulting: “You think of the stereotype of Minnesota — Garrison Keillor and white Norwegian farmers. The first Muslim congressman coming from Minnesota? It says a lot about the changing face of the United States and Minnesota.”

The Monitor doesn't mention, however, a disturbing aspect of Ellison's record: the support he has received from the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Journalist Joel Mowbray has been virtually the only journalist who has pursued this connection, exploring in a recent column, “Mr. Ellison's seemingly tight connection with Nihad Awad, co-founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), whom he met almost two decades ago at the University of Minnesota.” Mowbray reports that “Mr. Awad headlined a fundraiser last month that the campaign estimates netted \$15,000 to \$20,000, and in July, and it appears that CAIR's co-founder bundled contributions totaling just over \$10,000. (The campaign issued a terse denial on the latter point, though it refused to explain away overwhelming evidence to the contrary.)”

What is so troubling about Ellison's connection with Awad and CAIR? Mowbray quotes the assessments of two leading Democrats: Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois has declared that CAIR “is unusual in its extreme rhetoric and its association with groups that are suspect.” New York Senator Charles Schumer, once said that CAIR “has ties to terrorism” and that Ellison's supporter Awad has “intimate connections with Hamas.” Mowbray establishes the latter point from Awad's own mouth, quoting his 1994 statement: “I'm in support of the Hamas movement.”

Awad himself responded to this in an AP story about Ellison's candidacy: “I don't support Hamas today,” he explained. “My position and CAIR's position is extremely clear — we condemn suicide bombings. We are mainstream American Muslims.” AP reporter Frederic Frommer added that “in an interview, Awad said that was before the group engaged in suicide bombings and was designated a terrorist organization by the State Department.”

If Awad supported Hamas before 1994, it is useful to examine what that means. I have here preserved the old Hamas website's “glory record” of attacks against Israelis—the terrorist organization's own record of its murderous actions. Here are some of Hamas' self-described exploits from before 1994:

**Keryat Youval Operation:** The militant Mohammed Mustafa

Abu Jalala stabbed four Israelis and injured another at a bus station in Keryat Youval in Jerusalem before he was arrested by the Israeli forces.

**Askalan Road Operation:** While driving a taxi, the militant Jameel Ismail Al-baz, a member of Hamas, ran over a group of Israelis waiting on this road on 19 July 1991...

**Eid Al-maskhara Operation:** The militant Ra'ed Al-reefy attacked an Israeli crowd in Jaffa on 17 March 1992. He was able to kill 2 and injure 21 Israelis who gathered to celebrate Eid Al-maskhara, also known as Al-boureem....Are we to understand that Awad supported such operations and only stopped supporting Hamas later, although there was no change in its ideology and no change in its taste for victimizing civilians?

When Awad says that he and CAIR do not support Hamas today, it should be recalled that in March 2004, when Hamas leader Sheikh Yassin was killed by Israel, CAIR condemned his killing—without ever mentioning that Yassin was the mastermind and director of suicide killings for Hamas. When did CAIR stop supporting Hamas? On Monday I searched the CAIR website for “Hamas.” There are three possible searches: News Briefs, Action Alerts, and Press Releases. Only News Briefs turned up anything at all: an old article from Haaretz attacking Ariel Sharon.

So if CAIR now condemns Hamas, where is it saying so? Not even in one press release? Not one Action Alert calling on Muslims everywhere to condemn Hamas?

Before Minnesotans elect Keith Ellison to Congress, they need to know the answers to these questions.

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## DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING?

In January 2000, leaders in Charlotte, North Carolina, invited their favorite son, Billy Graham, to a luncheon in his honor. Billy initially hesitated to accept the invitation because he struggles with Parkinson's disease. But the Charlotte leaders said, “We don't expect a major address. Just come and let us honor you.” So he agreed.

After wonderful things were said about him, Dr. Graham stepped to the rostrum, looked at the crowd, and said, “I'm reminded today of Albert Einstein, the great physicist who this month has been honored by Time magazine as the Man of the Century.

Einstein was once traveling from Princeton on a train when the conductor came down the aisle, punching the tickets of every passenger. When he came to Einstein, Einstein reached in his vest pocket. He couldn't find his ticket, so he reached in his other pocket. It wasn't there, so he looked in his briefcase but couldn't find it. Then he looked in the seat by him. He couldn't find it. (Continued on page 9)

## Do You Know Where You're Going - Continued

The conductor said, "Dr. Einstein, I know who you are. We all know who you are. I'm sure you bought a ticket. Don't worry about it."

Einstein nodded appreciatively. The conductor continued down the aisle punching tickets. As he was ready to move to the next car, he turned around and saw the great physicist down on his hands and knees looking under his seat for his ticket.

The conductor rushed back and said, "Dr. Einstein, Dr. Einstein, don't worry, I know who you are. No problem. You don't need a ticket. I'm sure you bought one."

Einstein looked at him and said, "Young man, I too, know who I am. What I don't know is where I'm going."

Having said that Billy Graham continued, "See the suit I'm wearing? It's a brand new suit. My wife, my children, and my grandchildren are telling me I've gotten a little slovenly in my old age. I used to be a bit more fastidious. So I went out and bought a new suit for this luncheon and one more occasion.

You know what that occasion is?

This is the suit in which I'll be buried. But when you hear I'm dead, I don't want you to immediately remember the suit I'm wearing.. I want you to remember this:

I not only know who I am, ... I also know where I'm going."

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the relationship between the petitioner and the respondent there is a blacked out area that I want to see.

Did the court require Keith Ellison to state under oath that he had an extramarital affair with this woman who worked for him off and on? Or was he able to file the restraining order request without spilling the beans of any romantic complicity? Potentially big problem here either way.

More worrisome yet is the possibility that the restraining order was retaliatory (with regard to her 911 assault call) and/or pre-emptive (one of few accessible ways to silence a political detractor). He could possibly lose his law license over the validity of his petition (assuming the bar association has more investigative guts than our news media).

More potentially bad news for Ellison is the possibility that his own people have repeatedly violated the restraining order. Amy has abided by it. She reported the latest violation to police. Since the DFL endorsement Ellison's posse has consistently tried to convince Amy to come out publicly in favor of Ellison

in direct exchange for the restraining order being withdrawn? Not cool.

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned. There's no doubt in my mind that she was scorned, and scorned repeatedly. She has been treated badly. This type of vitriol is completely unacceptable for an elected official, let alone a self-proclaimed champion of civil rights. She certainly deserves more respect than she has gotten from Ellison, the media, and from all of us.

Amy tried to file an ethics complaint last year by contacting the chair of the House Ethics Committee. She was told that she needed two democrats and two republicans to sign off in order to file an ethics complaint. Pretty tall order for a gal who was too terrified and traumatized the night of that 911 call to follow through and file charges with police.

Amy lambasted DFL party chair Brian Melendez regarding manipulation of the caucus process that limited participation. She subsequently apologized for getting huffy about it, but she did not apologize for her passionate dissent about the situation.

Amy worked hard and was actively involved in Northside politics for years. She worked under Ellison and she truly believed in him. So much so that she fell for him. It sure looks like he took advantage of her weakness. And it sure looks like he should have known better.

Any comparison to Paul Wellstone ends with Keith's enthusiasm and charisma. Even though I almost always disagreed with Paul's politics I know he would never have treated anyone the way Ellison treated Amy. No one ever questioned Paul's commitment to his wife Sheila. Nor did anyone ever question his commitment to all Minnesotans regardless of party affiliation.

Why are Amy's rights apparently not as important as Ellison's rights? Why was she denied a chance to testify at the restraining order hearing? Why is his word regarded so highly and she doesn't even get asked to tell her side?

I think we have a responsibility to forego contempt prior to investigation. And I think Keith has got some explaining to do if we're to take him seriously as a candidate. We deserve a complete airing of both sides of this one. Or we can all just scream at each other and wait until the truth registers sometime next Spring.

In response to the Ellison camp's ongoing intrusions Amy filed her own harassment restraining order against Ellison. The court date is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fat chance that'll ever happen.

For now we get a glimpse into her psyche in her own words. Remarkable courage. Thanks for taking the risk Amy!

Ex Umbris et Imaginibus in Veritatem  
(From shadows and appearances into truth).

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## NOW MORE THAN EVER I BELIEVE IN ANGELS...

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5 o'clock, stuck in traffic and the car started to choke, splutter and die – I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over.

Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the "quickie mart" building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a Gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying "I don't want my kids to see me crying," so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, "And you were praying?" That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, "He heard you, and He sent me."

*Psalms 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."*

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car, who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little. She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan 1, and finally in desperation had finally called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there. So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, "So, are you like an angel or something?" I said, "Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people."

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

Sometimes the angels fly close enough to you that you can hear the flutter of their wings...

-Anonymous

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