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DON'T BE IGNORANT OF THE DEVIL'S DEVICES!—2Cor.2:11

—More on "Informing Our Children!"—By WS Staff

[PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU'VE READ "INFORMING OUR CHILDREN" FIRST BEFORE READING THIS ARTICLE TO YOUR CHILDREN!]



Dear Shepherds, Parents & Childcare Helpers,

The following article has been written to help you to better "inform your children" about the false "child abuse" accusations that are currently being stirred up against the Family in many countries. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," & by "not being ignorant of the Devil's devices," we & our children should be much better able to avoid his traps & snares.

This article provides some of the basic information that our children need, but it's up to you to decide how to best present it to them. A lot will depend on each child's age, experience & knowledge. Please prayerfully discuss & counsel together about which parts of it pertain to your children, & should therefore be shared with them.

The children's ages, experience & knowledge should all be taken into prayerful consideration. While 8 to 12-year-olds & teens may need & understand most of this as is, much of it will probably have to be completely reworded & explained & put on a much "lower shelf" for younger children. Regardless of the ages of the children in each group that this is shared with, we suggest you share it with them in pow-wow

style, so that any questions can be answered as they come up, or any difficult parts can be explained. Don't try to "rush" it & cover everything in one sitting. With younger children especially, it would be better to go slowly & thoroughly, & cover it in several talks or pow-wows, & not try to "cram" it all in one rushed meeting.

This whole topic is a rather sensitive subject, & we certainly want to avoid burdening any of our precious little ones with more than they are able to bear. (Jn.16:12) But we also don't want them to be so ignorant or naive about the Devil's traps & tactics that they fall for them!—So please pray desperately for wisdom & discernment in how to best cover these points with the children in your care who need to hear them. GBY! WLY & pray for you!

WHY PERSECUTION?

1. As you know, our Family is living for Jesus & doing our best to win everyone we can into His Heavenly Kingdom. For this reason, we are "not of this World," even as Jesus was not of this World!—"And therefore the World hateth us!" —Jn. 15:19. Because of the great Work that the Lord is helping our Family to accomplish around the World in winning souls & preaching the Gospel, the Devil is furiously.—Which is why he does everything he can to try to stop us!

2. One of the main ways the Enemy tries to hinder us is by stirring up persecution against us. Jesus said that "the Devil is a liar, & the father of lies" (Jn.8:44), & one of his favourite ways to turn people against God's children is to get them to believe his evil lies. Remember how the Scribes & Pharisees falsely accused Jesus of all kinds of terrible things? They said that He was a devil, a glutton, a drunk, an insane & dangerous person etc., etc.! (See Lk.7:34; Mk. 3:21,22; Jn.10:20.)—Accusations which all of Jesus' followers knew were lies, but which caused many unbelievers to turn against Jesus.

3. Of course, we don't usually like to talk about the Devil & his dirty lies & false accusations, but he's been telling some very big lies about us lately that have to do with you, our children, so we thought it would be best if you knew about it. The Bible says we're not supposed to be "ignorant of the Devil's devices," so we're going to tell you what kind of lies he's been telling about us in some countries.

YOUR BODY & SEX ARE GOD'S CREATION

4. One reason that a lot of religious & churchy people have condemned & gotten so angry at us is because we have been so open & honest with you children about God's wonderful creation of our bodies. We don't believe that we have any reason to be ashamed of our bodies or any of their parts; we thank God for every part which He Himself created! In fact, because Jesus has saved us & taken away all of our sins, we have no more reason to be ashamed of our bodies than Adam & Eve did when God first placed them in the beautiful Garden of Eden! Remember, it wasn't until after they listened to the Devil & sinned that they were ashamed of being naked & tried to cover up & hide their bodies!—The Devil gave them that idea! (Gen. 3:1-13.)

5. Jesus has freed us from sin & its shame! And we know the truth of God's Word, that our bodies are His wonderful creation, & that every single part of them is perfectly normal & all right. We've also taught you the truth about God's wonderful creation of sex, & have not told you all kinds of silly stories & fantasies like a lot of Systemites tell their children.—For example, when children in the System ask their parents or teachers where babies come from, the answer they're often given is, "The stork brings the babies," or "Babies are grown in cabbage patches" & other such ridiculous tales! But we have told you the truth about God's wonderful plan of mommies & daddies & sex & babies.

6. We see no reason why we should try to hide the wonderful truth about sex from you.—And we certainly haven't taught you that there's anything wrong with your penis or your vagina or your breasts or your bottom!—That would be silly, wouldn't it? Yet that's what a lot of Systemites teach their children about their perfectly good & normal sexual parts! They tell them to hide them & don't touch them because they're "nasty" or "dirty" or "wicked"!

7. So because we've just been honest & open

with you about your body & about sex, & haven't tried to hide these things from you, some of our enemies have gotten all upset & accused us of being too sexy. Some of them have even made up a big lie saying that we force or trick you children into making love or having sex with adults!

8. You probably know by now that most people in the World today do not look at things the same way that we do, the way that God's Word teaches. People who do not love Jesus & believe His Word are what the Bible calls "natural men, who do not receive the things of the Spirit of God." (1Cor.2:14.) Grandpa describes this kind of people in the Letter "Flatlanders." (ML #57.)

9. Most of the sinful, unsaved people of the World are ashamed of their bodies & embarrassed about sex. The Devil has tricked them into thinking there's something wrong or evil about their sexual parts.—Parts that God Himself created. The Bible tells us why we who love Jesus often look at things like this so differently from unsaved people: "Unto the pure"—the saved—"all things are pure: But unto them that are defiled & unbelieving is nothing pure, but even their own mind & their conscience is defiled!"—Tit.1:15.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVE & LUST!

10. Another reason why some people don't understand why our Family is so open & honest about sex is because very few people in the World know what real love is. Most of the love-making & sex that people in the System practice is not done in love for someone else, but in selfish lust.

11. Grandpa explained the difference between love & lust this way: "Lust is just to satisfy your own selfish hunger, like eating a meal.—You may need it, but if you're stealing it from someone else & grabbing the food out of their mouth to stuff down your own, that's selfish lust, & not love! But if you are taking the food off of your own plate & giving your own meal to satisfy & feed someone else who is hungry & starving, then that's real love."

12. Most of the lonely people in the World don't know the Lord's Love, therefore they don't know real Love, sacrificial Love, & therefore they're very selfish most of the time. (See 1Jn.4:8) Since they don't know real love, a lot of them just live for selfish lust, so they just go around always trying to selfishly satisfy them-

selves, & never even think about how they could make someone else happy.

WHAT IS "CHILD ABUSE"?

13. Because the World is such a mess, & life without the Lord is so confusing, a lot of the people who don't know Jesus find their lives filled with a whole lot of pressure & stress & worry & fear & hate & competition all the time. Some people have had such unhappy & unsatisfying lives, & have been so pressured or mistreated or unloved by others, that they become very bitter, very angry & very confused, & they sometimes get some very crazy ideas & do some very crazy things. (Of course, if they would just receive the Lord & His Love, they could be satisfied & happy.—Which is why we need to witness to people & show them how they can receive Jesus!)

14. But some of these sad people in the System have had such big problems & bad experiences, they become sort of "sick-in-the-head" or crazy. There are some people like this who are so mixed-up & confused that they find themselves unable to really communicate with & have normal, loving relationships with other people their own age. So some of these very mixed-up people try to have an adult kind of relationship with children, & they'll sometimes try to trick them or force them to have sex with them.

15. Like we said, most people like this are mentally or emotionally sick & very confused, unhappy & unable to have a loving relationship with other adults. A few of these people are so confused or even so evil & demonic, that they will even try to kidnap or steal children away from their parents, so they can play around with their sexual parts & force them to have sex with them.—This is a real big problem in this horrible World today!

16. When someone tricks or forces a child to have sex with them like this, that's what the System calls "child abuse" or "sexual abuse." The reason that so many little kids in the System wind up being hurt or "abused" by these kinds of weirdos is because their parents do not really shepherd or closely watch over them like they should. They don't know about Jesus' "two-by-two" rule (Lk.10:1), & often let their kids walk & wander around all by themselves.—No wonder they get into so much trouble!

THANK GOD FOR HIS PROTECTION & GOOD SHEPHERDS!

17. Thank God that you kids in the Family always have parents or Shepherds with you to lovingly watch over you.—Good Shepherds who will even give their lives for you, their sheep! (Jn.10:11) And because you're the Lord's children & are in His Will, He Himself protects you & watches over you when you're out witnessing & giving His Word to others. "He shall give His Angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways!"—Psa.91:11.—So you don't need to be afraid of a few "sick-in-the-head" people who may be around. Just stay close to Jesus & your parents or Shepherds, obey the safety rules & watch & pray!

SYSTEM "PROTECTION AGENCIES" —HOW THE DEVIL USES THEM!

18. Because the System has so many really big problems with bad people & weirdos, they've made all kinds of laws to try to protect their children from mentally or emotionally sick people who might try to hurt or abuse them. They have even given some people the power & authority to come right into other people's homes & take away children whom they think might be "abused" by their parents or by someone else in that home.

19. In a case where some evil person actually is really hurting or being cruel & mean & violent with a child or forcing or tricking them into having sex with them, these System laws & "protection agencies" are supposed to help the children & come in & rescue them from such terrible situations. So these laws & "child welfare" & "protection agencies" were originally made for a good reason, to try to protect little innocent kids from any confused or evil adults who might purposely try to harm them.

20. But because many kids are harmed this way in the System, they've now gone to an extreme, & are so worried about "child abuse" that they're accusing millions of innocent families of being guilty of such crimes! In fact, the Devil is now using these laws & people to really persecute & hurt hundreds of thousands of innocent people!

21. Remember, a lot of people think that everyone should be ashamed of sex & their bodies.—So whenever they get the idea that children might be doing or seeing anything that might be the least bit sexy, they get all upset &

worried about it! And because there really is a big problem in the System with a lot of people mistreating kids, when the authorities get the least bit suspicious that a child is doing or seeing anything sexy with an adult, the police often come right away & start investigating & asking all kinds of questions & even break into the house & take away the children to question them & test them to try to prove that they have been sexually abused!

22. This may happen simply because a neighbour peeks into a window & sees a daddy changing his two-year-old daughter's diaper, & the neighbour lady happens to be one of those Systemites who thinks that there is something wrong with vaginas & penises & breasts & bottoms, so she's afraid that maybe the daddy was getting too sexy with his little girl! So what does she do?—She calls the police!

23. Or sometimes the store that develops film & makes photos finds out that a daddy or mommy took a picture of their naked baby in the bathtub, or of their two, three or four-year-old child swimming or playing naked in the sand & having fun in the sun at the beach.—So the manager of the photo store calls the police & shows them the pictures of the naked children, & everyone immediately gets suspicious that the daddy or mommy who took the picture must be some kind of a horrible "child abuser"!—Just because the parents didn't believe that there was anything wrong with their child's little God-created naked body!

24. So the police or the "child protection" people then come & investigate & sometimes even take the children away from their innocent parents!—Then the parents usually have to go through a big court trial & spend thousands & thousands of Dollars on lawyers & go through all kinds of big troubles & trials in order to try to get their poor children back from the System that took them away!—Isn't that terrible!?

**"BE READY TO ANSWER" &
"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!"**

25. Thank God that all of us adults in the Family are perfectly happy with loving each other, which is why you're here! Our Mommies & Daddies love one another & only make love with each other—the way that God planned it to be.—And you children are the wonderful result! We know that it's a lot better for adults to have sex with each other, & not with kids!—In fact, it is completely against our Family rules for any

adult to have any kind of sex with a non-adult! Grandpa & Maria have made it very clear in their Letters that it's absolutely forbidden!

26. But even though you know & we know that none of our adults are going to hurt you or "abuse" you or force any kind of sex on you, there are some very suspicious people in the System who do not know that!—And if they ever hear our enemies' evil lies & accusations against us, or they find out we're not ashamed of our bodies or of sex, they just might visit your Home & try to cause you trouble!—Or at least ask you a whole bunch of questions.

27. Even though their original idea of trying to protect & help System kids who really are "abused" was a pretty good idea, & the only way they could think of to try to protect some kids, the Devil has now taken that idea & those laws & rules, & is using them to persecute & hurt millions of innocent families!—So don't be ignorant, but beware of his evil devices!—Amen! And pray for the Lord's protection from any such attacks, amen? But "be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you!"—1Pet.3:15.

28. "Be not afraid of their faces; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord!"—Jer.1:8. Just keep preaching the Gospel of Jesus' Love & "let your light so shine before Men, that they may see your good works, & glorify your Father which is in Heaven!"—Mk.16:15; Mt.5:16. God bless you! We love you & thank the Lord for you!

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P.S.: If you have any questions about any parts of this talk, please ask your Shepherds or parents.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL FAMILY TEENS!—By WS Staff at Maria's Request

Dear Teens,

1. GBY! WLYSVM & are so thankful for you, how you are really growing & becoming the fiery men & women of God that He wants you to be!

2. As you are probably well aware, our bitter enemies are using their "child abuse" accusations against the Family to try to discredit & destroy our work for the Lord in many different countries. (If you haven't read them, please read "Don't Be Ignorant of the Devil's Devices!" & "What to Expect from the System!") Thank God, despite their dirty lies & ridiculous accusa-

tions, God's Truth is marching on & we're continuing to win literally millions of souls for the Lord's eternal Heavenly Kingdom! PTL! "They can't stop our rain!"

3. According to some of our enemies' most recent hogwash & filthy accusations, we're not even Christians, & we don't believe in Jesus or the Bible! They try to portray us as some kind of a perverted "sex cult," whose only interest is to sit or lay around all day long forcing sex on our helpless little toddlers & young children, & forcing you, our teens, out onto the streets as prostitutes!—This is the kind of absolutely foul filth & ridiculous rubbish that our anti-Christ enemies are spewing out lately!—Accusations that you know are absolutely false!

4. We're sure that you are aware of the fact that sex between adults & minors is absolutely forbidden within the Family. Dad & Mama have both expressed this very clearly in the Letters, & we've even told the GP our stand on this issue in the "Child Abuse Tract."

5. Mama recently expressed concern for you teens, that when you read how strongly we are condemning any sort of intimate relationships between adults & minors, some of you may have some questions. Some of you could even possibly wonder, "Oh my!—I remember a few years ago when Uncle So-&-so & I cuddled & had fun together... Was that sex abuse?"!

6. Well, as you know, we've always been completely against any kind of hurting or molesting or abusing, & we have never tolerated such hurtful behaviour from anyone! If & when any such behaviour has ever been discovered, the guilty parties have been disciplined or even excommunicated! Our policy has always been to love & help others, never to harm or hurt.

7. The "Don't Be Ignorant of the Devil's Devices" Letter brings out very clearly how sexual abuse of children is a very real & very big problem in the System. There are thousands upon thousands of kids—from toddlers to teens—who are forced to have all kinds of sex with perverted adults who lustfully abuse them & use them to satisfy their own greedy & perverted sexual appetites!—And as you know, any such lustful, unloving & harmful behaviour has never been condoned by Dad & Maria, nor have we ever officially tolerated it within the Family!

8. But we're sure you're probably aware of the fact that there can be a very strong natural attraction between men & blossoming teen girls. And in the past, before our hypocritical enemies started slinging all their child abuse

accusations at us, we enjoyed certain God-given liberties, & that natural attraction occasionally did lead to some involvement & affection shown between some of our adult men & teen girls. (The same thing occasionally took place between some teen boys & adult women.)

9. So if you happen to be a teen who had any kind of involvement or experience along these lines, we wanted to encourage you that you do not need to feel condemned, guilty, ashamed or confused. When you read in the Letters how any & all such activities are now strictly forbidden, & that anyone who engages in them will be excommunicated, you don't need to go to extremes & start getting worried about yourself & your past! You'd be much better off if you'd just trust the Lord & believe that your past is all in His hands, & leave it there! "Forget those things which are behind, & reach forward to those things which are before!"—Phil.3:13.

10. We still believe the Bible, that "to the pure all things are pure" (Tit.1:15), & that "God's only Law is Love," & that whatever is done in love is perfectly all right in the eyes of God. It's just that right now, even though "all things may be lawful to us, all things are not expedient" or helpful & edifying.—1Cor.6:12. With the System now making such a big stink & getting so freaked-out & infuriated about anything that they even suspect may be "child sex abuse," we've had to completely forbid any & all such relationships!—But that's not to say that any intimacies or loving relationships that may have taken place in the past were necessarily all wrong, wicked, sinful or of the Devil!—That is simply not the case!

11. "But you don't know my story!", some teens may say. "It wasn't very intimate or loving!—I feel like I was 'abused', or at least 'used' by so-&-so!" Well, if you were actually mistreated or hurt in any way, we're certainly very sorry about that.—And we're sure that whoever was involved with you is sorry as well.

12. Let's not forget, we all make mistakes, & we know there have been adults & teens who simply didn't realise how much they were "playing with fire" when they may have gotten involved in a playful or experimental or "crush" type of relationship in the past.—And sometimes, before they knew it, things got more serious or went further than either of them had originally anticipated.

13. If this was the case with you, you need to realise that you don't have to look back on that experience as a horrible mistake of some kind,

or that the person you were with was some sort of a "dirty old man" or monster! All of us have learned a lot of lessons over the past few years, & we've realised that adult/teen relationships should not only be avoided because they cause us trouble with the System, but they're also very difficult for either party to handle emotionally, it's easy for people to have their feelings hurt, & the people involved often become distracted in their work for the Lord etc., etc.!—Which are all reasons why we've expressly forbidden any such relationships. We live & we learn!—Amen?

14. Another principle that you would do well to remember is God's promise that "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."—Rom.8:28. If the Lord allowed anything along those lines to happen in your life, rather than let any "roots of bitterness" grow in your heart, or harbour doubts or remorse about it, why not obey the Lord's command to "cast thy burden upon the Lord, trust Him with all thy heart, & lay aside every weight" that may burden you from your past!—Psa.55:22; Pro.3:5; Heb.12:1.

15. As mentioned earlier, we've all grown & learned a lot of lessons over the past years, & despite any mistakes of the past, we're all still trying to do our best for Jesus, as well as our very best for you, our own teens whom we love dearly. So if you feel that you were hurt, or if you feel condemned, or if you feel bitter towards anyone about any such incidents in the past, please pray earnestly & ask the Lord to deliver you from any such unnecessary burdens.—In fact, it would be best to pray with someone, your Shepherds or parents, & agree together & claim the victory! Forget the past & reach forward to the glorious victories & wonderful opportunities set before you today! Amen?

16. And remember, it's the Devil who hates sex, & he would just love to trick you into thinking that it's somehow dirty, ugly, sinful or wicked, & not the beautiful & wonderful creation that God intended for it to be.—A creation that God wants you to enjoy!—In His time & with the right person! So don't let the Enemy soil or discolour your attitude towards one of God's most wonderful gifts & creations!

17. If you—or any of your fellow teens—have problems with condemning yourself or others for any such relationships of the past, maybe it would do you good to talk to some of us—your parents, overseers & other adult Fam-

ily members—who experienced real sexual abuse when we were in the System! Some of us were even raped, attacked by Sodomites, forced to have sex for money etc. before we found the Lord, the Truth of His Word & the wonderful loving fellowship of the Family.

18. When we were teens, most of us were taught by our parents & teachers that sex was something dirty & taboo, & although many of us had sex with our girlfriends or boyfriends anyway, it was something that was strictly secretive & had to be absolutely hidden from our parents & all other adults!—Which gave us the idea that there really must be something wrong with sex if it always had to be so hush-hush around adults!

19. So you can be very thankful for the honest, open & loving attitude towards sex that Grandpa has taught us in the Letters.—And if you have any questions about your past, or anything that bothers or troubles you, please share it with your Shepherds, so that they can help you bear that burden & help you win a victory through the Word & prayer! Amen? PTL! GBY!

TESTIMONY OF AN ARRESTED TEEN!

—Answers Given in Court by a Bold Family Teen!

Introduction: During a recent onslaught of persecution in Latin America, the brethren in several of our Homes were falsely accused of corruption of minors & possession of drugs. Both charges were absolutely false, mere fabrications of our anti-Christ enemies! TTL, our Family was vindicated as all the charges were dropped & we were officially declared innocent! PTL!

During the time of this investigation, some of the brethren were jailed & then brought before the Federal Court to make their official statement as to their personal beliefs. These declarations served as their defense when their case was brought before the judge.

One of our teens, Abigail (age 17), was also hauled in & questioned. First she was brought before the Minors' Court where they explained that she wasn't being accused like the adults were; the authorities told her they considered her to be an innocent "victim" of the terrible cult. They insisted that her declaration was for "her own good." Of course, their true intentions were to try to use Abigail's testimony against

the adults! Through their sly questioning, they tried to get her to confess "crimes" that were never committed. Thank the Lord, she saw through them & boldly fought back & destroyed their false accusations with the Truth!

When those of the Minors' Court saw Abigail wasn't going to "cooperate" with them as they had hoped, they showed their true colours & what "wolves in sheep's clothing" they were when they sent her case to the Federal Court where she was then charged with the same false charges as the adults! She continued to stand strong & answered their questions & accusations with boldness. PTL!

The following summary of her testimony is a good example of going on the attack & standing up for our Message. It also shows how we don't need to be fearful or defensive if the System ever questions us about our good, Godly lifestyle, beliefs & practices.—"Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord!" (Jeremiah 1:8) PTL!

Abigail: Before I made my declaration I was examined by a doctor, a precious man who ended up fighting by our side. First he asked me to explain what this was all about, as all he knew was from rumours & negative newspaper articles. So I really witnessed to him, telling him that all those things the press was saying were absolute lies, that they're after us for the same reason they killed Jesus! I explained what our message is. He really sympathized with our position, being an ex-Catholic. He was supposed to check me for signs of sexual abuse, but since I looked so healthy & normal he decided to just take my word for it. He asked me if I had ever had sex & I answered no. Then I went on to make my official statement answering the questions of the prosecutor as follows:

Q: Do you know what a sect is?

A: I imagine you're referring to a group of people who have a belief that's different from the majority.

Q: Why is it that only the group's children attend your school?

A: Probably because there's no room for more.

Q: Why does your group have its own school?

A: The parents & teachers wanted to have a school where the children were sure to be well

taught, well cared for, safe & learning the Bible & Christian principles.

Q: Doesn't it seem strange that there are no outsiders when all other schools are open to anyone?

A: It's not strange at all.—Many schools are choosy. Catholic schools for Catholic children, Jewish schools for Jewish children. Any concerned parent wants their children to have an education according to their religion or faith, & on the social aspect, rich kids go to rich schools, poorer to public schools, no one integrates. On the contrary, in our school there is an integration of children from many countries.

Q: Why don't you study any more?

A: I've already chosen my vocation, I'm a missionary. And this involves a wide range of training, both practical & spiritual. And I study the Bible, I learn guitar, etc.

Q: What are your activities in the house?

A: I help with the housework or children & I go out to talk with people about the Lord.

Q: What place do you go, & do you give them literature?

A: We go house to house, & we leave them literature about the Bible, messages of faith.

Q: Do you ever talk to people about sex?

A: Never! We talk about Jesus.

Q: What do you know about the end of the World?

A: (I gave him a resumé of Matthew 24, the signs of the times being fulfilled now, etc.)

Q: How do you prepare for these things?

A: The most important thing is to believe in Jesus & receive Him as your Saviour, as well as knowing what the prophecies say, to be forewarned.

Q: Have you ever seen this book? (A True Komix Volume.)

A: I don't know, I'm not familiar with the cover.

Q: Did you ever see these pictures? Have you ever been taught with these books?

A: No.

Q: Do you know what this depicts?

A: It looks like two people in bed. They're praising God. The man is saying, "Thank you Jesus, Aaaahmen!"

Q: Why is this man always surrounded by pretty young girls? Does he live with a bunch of girls?

A: For all I know, those girls could just be fictional, like Robert Redford makes a movie first with Sophia Loren, then Faye Dunaway, then Jane Fonda etc. He's obviously not married to them all! Besides, what do I care what his personal life is?

Q: You've never been told or prepared to have sex with this man?

A: Of course not! I don't know why you even ask. I suppose you got that idea from the press. —That's all made up by them!

Q: Who do you talk with about sex?

A: I don't.

Q: What do you think about sex?

A: It's not a subject that interests me so much.

Q: But do you know that babies come from a woman's womb?

A: Of course I know that!

Q: Who told you that?

A: My mom.

Q: Who is this man that appears in all these books, is he your leader?

A: Our leader is Jesus. But we also read writings by different people who are very wise on the subject of the Bible.

Q: What kind of image do you have of this man?

A: He's like a grandfather to me, a nice man.

Q: Why is he always shown with such a beautiful young girl like this?

A: Probably because it looks better than with a fat old lady!

Q: Who tells you what to read?

A: I usually decide on my own initiative to read something, but sometimes someone will recommend something.

Q: Are you allowed to read everything your

group writes?

A: I don't think so. But whatever I'm not allowed to read, I wouldn't know about, of course.

Q: Do you have any friends outside your group?

A: I've only been in this city for six months, so not yet. But I have in other places.

Q: Do you have a boyfriend?

A: No.

Q: Do you want to marry?

A: I'm not thinking about it, but in time I guess so.

Q: What do you think about sex in marriage?

A: It's fine, it's always been & always will be, it's natural.

Q: Do you have to wait until you're married to have sex?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you go out dancing, or can you go out & have fun?

A: I don't particularly like to dance.

Q: Can you go out & do something you want to do? Do you always go with someone from your group?

A: Yes. Once in a while if there's a good movie or something I go out. I always go everywhere accompanied by an adult because I don't consider this city to be Heaven on Earth, & with real problems like robberies, drug cases & crime, I'd never go out alone.

Q: Does anyone in your Home take drugs?

A: Absolutely not! We forbid drugs, any drugs, even tobacco, nobody even smokes! I don't even drink wine because I'm a minor. We believe in taking good care of our health, we even avoid processed & harmful foods.—It's ridiculous to say we take drugs!

Q: I've heard some people from your group even help people get off drugs.

A: My mother had taken drugs when she was younger, & finding Jesus & a purpose in life immediately took away any need for drugs & she never took any again.

Q: What is this? "Questions & Answers

about FFing”?

A: I don't know.

Q: Do you know what oral sex means?

A: No.

Q: Have you ever had sex?

A: No.

Q: I have no way of knowing if you're honest, but God & your conscience do.

A: I've chosen to live by Christian principles.—Of which one of the most important is honesty. That's why I'm very bothered by all these false charges!

Q: What do you read from all these books you see here?

A: Daily Might, Good Thots, Bible. (I told him how I decided to read through the whole Bible, & how it had changed my life, I quoted parts of Matthew 5 & told him that's what motivates me to dedicate myself to God.)

Q: Do you watch TV? Do you read sex magazines?

A: No, I choose to watch good video movies. My parents don't like me to watch senseless violence, stupid or dirty movies. I couldn't even tell you what's inside a dirty magazine, as I never saw one & wouldn't want to.

Q: Well, I think it's harmful for you to be so secluded from the World.

A: I'm not as secluded as you probably think. I just see no reason to participate in what I consider to be many evils of this World. But I get around a lot and talk to lots of different people.

Q: Do you want to add anything?

A: I hope that a fair judgement will be made in spite of all the lies against us. In the Minors' Court I was told I was a victim. I'm no victim of anyone or anything. Here I'm accused. I just want to say that we are innocent!

REACTION TO "INFORMING OUR CHILDREN!" & "DON'T BE IGNORANT!"

—From a Childcare Shepherdess

I'm so thankful for this new "Informing Our Children" campaign! It's really needed! Reading this Letter reminded me of many testimonies that the teen girls at the Jumbo had told me about their encounters with people in India.

I heard quite a few stories from the teen girls about close calls they'd had with System adults, often resulting largely because of their naivety. For example, it happened to some that while they were out witnessing & in a shop, the shop owner would say, "Would you like to come in the back & I'll get you a donation?"—Or an incident happened where a teen girl was witnessing to a few men alone while the adult was engrossed with someone else, & one of the men lured her to the back of the shop under some pretence. The girl would go into the back room alone & the man would then corner her & start feeling her up etc. I don't think anybody said they'd actually been fucked, but in some of those situations it sounds like they easily could have been, if they hadn't been interrupted or stopped for some reason.

It just seems to me that a lot of our teen girls are awful naive about that sort of thing. It also seems like many of the adults they were witnessing with weren't paying close enough atten-

tion to them. One teen girl explained these kinds of things happened to her a few times because she looked mature & acted independent, so the adult would not supervise her so closely. Or sometimes she did not get along with her adult partner, so they would not be working together so well or closely. Another problem was that a lot of times the teens didn't even tell the adults about what had happened, they just kept it to themselves.

It really surprised me to hear how many close encounters different teen girls had with men on the streets, in shops, & even when they would go to dinner parties at a sheep or fish's house! They said that sometimes when they went to the bathroom, the fish or the sheep or someone else in the Systemite's home would follow them in & corner them in the bathroom.

The thing that struck me the most when we talked to the girls was the fact that it didn't seem like they had told anybody.—And they sure didn't seem to know what to do about it or even what caused such problems. They didn't seem to realise that maybe they appeared flirty with the men, or maybe were dressed a little too loosely etc. Also, they obviously hadn't been taught to never wander away from the Shepherd

or Family adult who's with them. It seemed like a lot of times they were just naive & virtually duped into going with people. Like the "Informing" Letter says, they'd always been taught to be so nice & affectionate towards people, they didn't know a bad stranger from a genuine sheep!

The "Informing" Letter says, "We should teach our children not to be overly open, friendly & affectionate with outsiders unless the situation definitely warrants it & they are in the presence of their parents or keepers, such as when they are performing or singing in an old folks' home." Well, that reminded me of when I was a child & something I had a problem with for many years. My family had a friend who was quite old & crotchety, & lived by himself in an old folks' home. He seemed sweet, & my parents always taught us kids to be real nice & affectionate & outgoing towards adults, & especially towards this particular old man, as he was a long-time family friend.

The thing my parents didn't know about him was that every time we little girls got near him, he'd feel us all over when we were alone with him! Sometimes he'd come to our house & my parents would send one of us in to go talk with him, sit on his knee & give him some childlike affection, & oh, how we hated it! My sisters & I would discuss together, "Who's going to be the one who goes in there this time?!"—And none of us would ever want to, & sometimes we'd go in as a team.

Like it brings out in this Letter, because I was taught to show affection & concern for adults who are lonely or sad, & not taught the other side of things, I would feel really bad if I didn't do it, even if it meant that I felt strange about the way this old man touched me. I was never taught by my parents to use any discretion. And after talking to some of our teens & thinking about all these things, it seems like a real important thing for our kids to learn, as this Letter brings out.—Not to just blindly show affection to everybody, but to use discretion & to speak up if anything ever happens.

Reading this also reminded me of another experience along these lines that I had when I was young. I was always taught never to go off with strangers & things like that, but the thing that was stressed even more to me was that I should always be sweet & affectionate. And because my family was very sweet & lovingly affectionate when I was young, I had no idea that some people outside my family weren't like

that.

I remember one day when I was about three years old, all of a sudden my Dad came & grabbed me away from this man who was walking away with me. The man was holding my hand & I thought he was just being real nice & real sweet to me. All I can remember is that at one point there were my Dad's legs & I was holding his hand, & the next thing I knew, I looked up & I was holding somebody else's hand! But my Dad soon rushed up & grabbed me away from this person & was cussing him out.

I think what happened was, when we went around a corner in this park, my Dad let go of my hand & was talking, then someone else started talking with me & took my hand & walked off down a different path. I think I even remember recognising that it wasn't my Dad, but because the man was being so nice to me & sweet & everything, I thought it was okay & wasn't alarmed.

I thought, "Well, he must be a nice man like everybody else—like my Daddy." But when my Dad came & grabbed ahold of this guy & was very angry & upset & yelling, & grabbed me back, I realised that maybe that was not so. But he didn't further explain it to me. So although I got the feeling that there was something wrong & I was more careful in the future, I didn't know exactly what was wrong because I was never given an explanation.

I also got to thinking about how we've read all kinds of different stats & articles about the horrors & atrocities of the System, especially about America & its schools & drugs & rapes etc. But I wonder if people in the Family sometimes think that maybe Third World countries or whatever other countries they're in don't seem to be so bad or dangerous. If so, it might be harder for them to see the necessity of applying all this information.—Especially in Third World countries where our kids are usually kept real close & maybe don't go out so much because of all the disease & the sickness & the filth & everything.

I know that I've encountered some pretty dangerous situations with different Third World people, as have my children. I remember one time a man touching my son's penie on public transport when he was a little boy. That really shocked me at first because I had this idealistic conception of my new mission field, & didn't think that any of the sweet Third World people were that way when I first went there.

Another time my little boy almost got abducted & taken off by this real poor lady. I didn't even have my back turned, I had him right beside me in a public bathroom. I took my eyes off of him for just a few seconds, & I looked down again & he was gone!—And I saw this beggar lady running out the bathroom door with him! I had to run & grab him back from her! And it happened in just a few seconds!

So these things can happen anywhere. But I'll tell you, that was a rude awakening to me, because I thought I was out of the horror zone

of the perverted West. TTL for God's protection, but I sure wasn't nearly as aware or on guard as I should have been. I know we've now been in the Third World a lot longer, & know a lot more about how things really are, but it's still important for all of our kids everywhere to be made well aware of these things too!

(For good practical advice on how to avoid the dangers of abduction, see the "SAFE CHILDREN" Home Educator!—Don't miss it! It could save your child's life!)

MORE TESTIMONIES SHOWING WHY WE NEED TO "INFORM OUR CHILDREN!"

—From Sara D.

I heard a report recently about an incident where a rich businessman got close to the Family & showed himself to be very friendly, giving generous gifts, donations & support. He not only helped out financially, but he also offered to take the Family children out on special outings, or over to his house for "playtime"—without their parents. The Shepherds & parents agreed to this because the man was so helpful financially.

No one found out until a long time later that this man was actually sexually molesting the children!—And the shocking thing is that he had so enticed & bribed the children with materialism, food, money & virtually anything they wanted, that some of the kids didn't want to tell their parents anything about it. In fact, these children were also telling the other kids not to tell or even say anything about what was going on when they visited this man who was "so nice" to them.

Although some of these kids were hesitant to tell, overall the kids were just plain confused by it all. They realised that the guy was a little weird & funny to always want to shower together with them & do odd things, or have them do odd things to him, but they still never told anyone about it until a long while later. Although some of the parents seemed to have had a check about these visits, & were reluctant to keep sending their kids there, because of the financial support from that supposed "king," apparently these visits were still encouraged.

Reading reports like this gives me a real strong & heavy burden to directly address this issue with all of our children & Shepherds, & I'm sure that all of our Shepherds must feel somewhat the same way. It's very important that

we have open lines of communication with our children about this sort of thing so they will be more encouraged & feel free to tell us if anything strange or unusual ever happens to them.

If we launch a campaign of informing our Family children of the basic dangers of being with strangers, & telling them factually what child abuse is, it will give us a jump on the Enemy & our persecutors who would try to use such charges against us. I've read other reports that indicate that many of our adults don't seem to know much about what their children have experienced.

Even in cases where the parents & children are quite close, the lines of communications have not been nearly as open as they should be.—I'm so thankful that we're now making this push to publish materials that will help break down any walls between parents & children, & establish good, open communications along these lines! PTL!

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EXCERPTS FROM A NO's REPORT

There have been problems in the area when teams took out more than two children per adult, as it seems that there are sometimes more children out than can be closely overseen. We recently received a report of an incident with a team that was Postering in a park, & one of our young little girls was almost lured behind the public restroom by a man who was obviously going to molest her.

Fortunately, the adult with the children realised what was happening, & was able to immediately intervene. But it seems when there are more than two children per adult, unless they are kept very closely together when witnessing, the potential for this sort of incident rises.

So we're suggesting to all the Homes here that it's definitely best to have a maximum of two children per adult when out witnessing. We're also emphasising that the adults should not get so engrossed in their own personal witnessing that they neglect & lose track of the children who are with them. They need to remember that their main responsibility is to stick with the kids that they are responsible for, & closely watch them. We're also re-emphasising to the children the importance of staying close to the adults whom they are with, within very close boundaries while out witnessing.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES No.134! 5/90

1. FURTHER COUNSEL ABOUT SEPARATIONS

God bless & keep each of you as you seek for His highest Will in your lives. We trust that the counsel in GN 338 regarding separations was helpful to you & that you have been able to prayerfully consider any such decisions in counsel with your leadership.

In LNFs 110 in GN 338 it was explained that after a period of separation if even only one of the mates wished to get back together again, then this was sufficient grounds to bring a "temporary separation" to a close, & thus be reunited.—Despite what the other mate felt led to do. We would like to offer some further counsel on this subject for the occasional situation where just one of the mates desires to be reunited, at the strong objection of the other mate.

In such circumstances we'd suggest that the couple try a reunion on a probationary period. If after a period of three months, the mates are still in disagreement as to whether they should remain reunited and they cannot agree, then we'd suggest that the leadership of that field would need to help counsel the couple as to what is best. In the event a reunion proves to be unfruitful—not only in the opinion of the mate who does not wish to stay together, but also confirmed by those who live with the couple in question and/or confirmed by the couple's local leadership—in such situations the leadership can recommend that the temporary separation be made permanent, pending approval from the Reporting Office.

In summary: If after a period of temporary separation the couple is reunited at the insistence of just one of the partners but such a reunion proves to be unfruitful, then the separa-

tion of the couple can be reconsidered on a more permanent basis.

GBAKY all as you lovingly & prayerfully counsel together about such important decisions, and may He make each of you fruitful in your lives & service for Him. WLY!

2. THE REAL "AGE OF THE EARTH"!

Dear Family,

God bless you! From time to time we have received notes pointing out a seeming error in the Age of the Earth Chart, as printed in GN 372, & on the "Revelation of the End" Poster. (We explained this some years back in LNFs 43 [FSM 7], but wanted to clarify it again for those who've written in about it.) Actually, the chart in GN 372 is correct, so we wanted to give an explanation now to clear up any questions you may have had regarding it.

If you will look at the chart, you will notice that the chart says there were 130 years from the birth of Terah to the birth of Abraham. Genesis 11:26, however, says, "Terah lived 70 years & begat Abram, Nahor & Haran." From this, it would seem like Terah's three sons were triplets, all born when he was 70, or that at least Abraham was the oldest. But this is actually not the case. Abraham's name was listed first here to honour him because he was the chosen line.

To determine Abraham's birth date we need to do a little mathematics. First of all, Acts 7:4 says that Abraham left Haran for Canaan "when his father was dead." Genesis 11:32 says that Terah died when he was 205 years old; & Genesis 12:4,5 say, "Abram was 75 years old when he departed out of Haran...into the land of Canaan." So we know that Terah died when he was 205 years old, & Abraham (at 75 years old) then left Haran for Canaan.

So by subtracting 75 years from 205 years, we see that Abraham was born when Terah was 130 years old. Who then was born when Terah was 70?—One of Abraham's other brothers, Nahor or Haran.

We hope this clears up any questions you might have had. Sorry we didn't include all four references on the chart originally, but there just wasn't room. However, to avoid any future mix-ups, you might want to put a small asterisk (*) beside the reference "Genesis 11:26" & write below the chart: "*Compare with Acts 7:4; Gen.11:32 & 12:4,5." It might even be a good idea to jot the three clarifying references beside Genesis 11:26 right in your Bible. God bless you!