

The Maria Monologues - 2

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--Maria. December 10, 1990

Introduction

Maria, (aka Karen Zerby, Mama, Katherine R. Smith in the Family) is the spiritual leader of The Family International. On a typical workday, she spends hours attending to Family-related affairs. Because of her position of spiritual authority within the group, her staff records her comments on a variety of issues.

***The Maria Monologues* contain excerpts from the transcripts of these tapes. They provide valuable insight into the inner workings of The Family as well as Maria's character and leadership.**

LIT PURGE & "ANSWERS TO OUR ENEMIES" INCREASINGLY URGENT!--18/3/91

One of the reasons I think that it's becoming increasingly urgent to get the Lit Purge material instructions out to the Family, but also to get the "Answers To Our Enemies" out to the Family, is because of this Tser Purge that we're having. I think that this is definitely going to result in quite a few antagonistic parents who are not going to like being separated from their kids or leaving their children with their mate who stays in the Family. This may result in more problems like are happening at the moment in Australia. We can't help that, but we're going to have to be as ready as possible to "give an answer to every man that asketh it". And also, to have our lit in a condition that will be useable for the Homes, yet able to undergo scrutiny by the System without causing us major problems.

QUESTIONS TO ASK CHILD ABUSE LAWYER IN ENGLAND--10/12/90

Now that they have the opportunity to see a good child abuse lawyer in England, maybe we should take that opportunity to ask any questions that we have. One question I've had is with our questionable lit, is a judgement based solely on the lit itself--in other words, the nudity or the sexual positions, (blip) Sara lying naked beside naked Davidito--or can a good explanation or good reasons for it make a difference in their judgement in a milder judgement. Obviously when you do have a good explanation, it should be able to make a difference, such as in the case of the "Circumcision" Letter. If people will take the time to read the text & what we're talking about, they see that we are not being pornographic & we're not printing these illustrations for sexual purposes or sexual stimulation or titillation.

In other words, what might be against the law as a sexually stimulating article or a picture for the purpose of sexual stimulation, might not be against the law if it can be proved that it is part of sexual education, for example. Or somewhat related, if your views on nudity are part of our

lifestyle & backed up by some pretty good arguments from the Bible, & even nudist colonies etc. etc., these are perhaps extenuating circumstances that would make each difference in their appraisal of whether you're being degenerate or whether you're just practicing your lifestyle. I know that in most cases this won't get us entirely off the hook, but I do think that these things are taken into consideration & they are things that lawyers would grab hold of & would be able to argue.

In the case of Heaven's Girl for example, if you're taking this in the context in which Heaven's Girl is written, the time in which it is written, the circumstances under which these things are taking place, while that doesn't make any difference to our enemies, it might make some difference in a court of law--I hope it doesn't get that far--but in lawyers understanding where you're coming from & why you're doing these things. Also the public, if you get a chance to tell them, I think it does make a difference, & even legally it might make a difference. Maybe you already know something about this, but it may be interesting to ask this in a well-worded question & see what response we can get.

WHAT ABOUT EXPLAINING OUR VIEWS ON CHILDREN & SEX TO LONG-TIME FRIENDS & KINGS?--12/12/90

We can't explain this to our enemies, but what if we have some long-time king like Edson or Collin or someone come & say, "What about this?" How are you going to explain this? Are we going to say the same thing we say to our enemies? "Well, we got rid of that & we don't do that." Or in some cases, are you going to have to try to explain to them, especially if they're like this man that is standing up for us with his lawyers & is willing to almost go to court in our behalf. Do you have to try to explain something to him?

Would it help to explain that to him? If he knows as much as he does already about our Family & about our views. We don't know yet if he knows everything, but if he knows that much, do we need to try to explain something like that to him? Or do we do the same thing with him, just say, "We're sweeping it under the table, forget it, nasty!" I don't know. It would be very hard to explain to anybody, but there is that question. I haven't prayed about it, but I'm just saying, I wonder if... What if he's seen it & what if he says, "What about this?" And what if he already knows our letters & knows we usually don't print anything without official permission. Besides saying, "Our leader got off the track, he went a little too far on that. We don't believe that, we don't agree with it." Is that what we have to do?

Or can we try to at least explain a little bit about, "Well, look at our children. Look at the final results. Look at the ones that have been tested. Do they look like sex maniacs or sex perverts or sexually maladjusted? They're not. They're very well-adjusted. And regardless of what you think about that, look at the proof of the pudding! Look at these socially well-adjusted children who have had this same kind of training, they've all had the same thing, but there's no out of proportion thing about sex at all for them. They just accept it & they look at it as something good & sweet, to be kept in its place & wait till later to do it." Now they're really waiting till later! So that's a question & I think it's one that deserves some discussion before we just say, "We just can't explain it ever to anybody at all & we just shouldn't even try."

ADD TO LNF ABOUT GETTING RID OF SEXUALLY INCRIMINATING LIT--10/12/90

They tell me that Chrissy has an LNF that they did at the meeting--it was a "Read & Burn" LNF but we've decided to change it that is telling the Family to get rid of any lit that would be incriminating as far as the sexual issue & teaching it to our children goes, i.e., what we have been labeling "CA lit". I have not seen this LNF, but Ron & Steve [Grant Montgomery and Steve Kelly]

are suggesting that maybe we should get it out right away, & I agree with them. However, when we do, I'd like to make this the notice that will be printed in a GN & will not be read & burned, but will be read & probably get into the hands of our enemies.

I'd like us to explain that it's not because we believe we did anything wrong, nor did we print anything wrong, nor do we believe anything wrong. In fact, these are Biblical, Scriptural, Godly principles, & I'd like you to explain them--nudity, sex, FFing etc. etc.--and how there's nothing wrong with these things & do it in detail so we'll make sure our enemies get the message.

But then because their laws are now saying that it's illegal, & in this World we have to live with them & we have to try to keep the laws & we believe in keeping the laws to the best of our ability, therefore we are compelled to get rid of this literature, not teach it to our kids, not promote it, not have it in our Homes, & in effect, just strike it off our books complete, because it now is illegal. And in order to live at peace with our neighbours & with the authorities & to keep our children safe, we are willing to get rid of this stuff.

I have a feeling that a lot of our Family are getting the idea, maybe only subtly or covertly, that what we have printed & what we have preached is wrong, & that we somehow made a mistake in printing these things & in preaching these things & in teaching them to our kids. So I think we should set the record straight. I don't think that's against the law to say that these things weren't wrong, that they aren't wrong in the sight of God & according to His Godly principles, but that because they're wrong in the eyes of the System, & especially wrong now.

Funny how things can change so quickly, because they don't have any standards, they don't have any absolutes, they don't know what's right or what's wrong! They've been doing the same things for years & years. But now all of a sudden, somebody says it's wrong & somebody starts promoting it, & all of a sudden, well, it must be wrong. "All the things we ever did & said & all the nudie cutie pictures we took of our kids, that was wrong now." So they don't know what's wrong or what's right actually, a lot of the dumb sheep. A lot of thinking people, or at least Christians, must certainly see that it's just the evil days waxing worse & worse & the Enemy taking over more & more. But the public at large I don't think even somehow understands, that all these things they did before must be wrong because now they're wrong.

So I think we need to tell the Family they're not wrong in God's eyes, but we are in the World--even though we're not of it, we're living in it--& we have to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's" & in this World we have to obey his laws as much as possible. If we're going to live & work with Caesar, we've got to try to give him his due as much as possible.