

OLGA'S LETTER

This is a translation of a letter which appeared a short time ago on the M25 Prayer Net.
Olga is from the Krasnodar region of Russia.

I am writing to you because you have not yet forgotten those like me. I plead with you to publish my letter. It is very important for me that young boys and girls read it I want them to understand something and to think about it. Neither me, nor many others around me, knew much about it or understood it at all.

I am eighteen years old. My name is Olga. I will not give you my surname. I was taken ill of AIDS two years ago. I am not alone in the hospital; there are other friends of mine (boys and girls) here. Today, we have a different view of the world.

Why have you adults thrown us under a tank? Why have you corrupted us with sex, pornography and drugs? We were only children and our fathers offered us to others to bed. Our mothers received money for us, their children. It is you who are guilty in our illness and death! You adults wanted 'freedom', 'relaxation' and 'enjoyment'. You supported homosexuals, approved pornography, wanted more money. You advocate 'free relations', doing everything to satisfy your desires. But we are dying!

We are slowly dying and do not need you to lie to us that that nothing happened and that we will live. We will never get to know real love. We will not have families. We will not have our own children. Have you not grasped yet what is happening to the generation which came after you?

We are still alive but, in reality, we do not live. You stole our childhood and our future too. When I meet old people in the street I have very odd feelings. I cannot even describe them. There is anger, fear, envy, helplessness and an inability to change anything. Too late—we who are young and dying do not know what true love is or understand words like shyness and morality. The meaning of those words has disappeared from the schools and life too. You were taught their meaning and this is why you can live 70, 80 or more years. We will not live these years! We will die young! Why? What for? Four of my school mates have died already. Youth lies in mortuaries. We are burying each other already.

Why have you not warned us of your 'safe sex'? We would rather work hard in a field or drive a tractor than drive foreign cars while dying of AIDS. AIDS and syphilis have become as normal among us a flu. I used to fear men. I am not afraid of anything now except death. I do not care about anything. Let them fear now. For their pleasure, they get their reward.

We were children who did not even know how babies were born. We thought storks brought them. If only we had stayed in this children's ignorance and did not get to know your abuse.

No one is going to take you to court on our behalf. You did not kill any of us with your own hands. You were degrading our lives gradually, bringing us up on your pictures, your films. In school you were talking to us 'how to do it safely'. You were forcing on us devastating films and magazines. You have not stopped yet—you are going on destroying the lives of children even younger than we were. Has there not been enough sacrifice yet?

How grateful I would be now to the one who snatched the cigarette out of my hand or the syringe away from me or slapped my face for offering my body to others. How grateful to whoever talked to me about all this danger. How little we could do to get out from under that tank while it was still possible.

Please help those who need your help now. Be open for those who are serving those young people. Please pass laws forbidding pornographic films and literature, drugs, alcohol. Because we are dying and you are with us.

Who is driving that tank? Dishonest, greedy, 'free' people—without shame, responsibility and conscience! We are under them—they are simply riding over us!

Quotation Corner

"For it (The Anglican Communion) to be further divided by the issue of homosexual behaviour would be the ultimate sexualisation of the Church, making sexuality more powerful, or more claiming of our attention than God,

The issue of homosexual behaviour, and the divisions to which it leads, are a burden and distraction from pressing needs for attention to mission, as well as to other issues of high priority."

Report of the group, The International Conversations in Human Sexuality, formed after the 1998 Lambeth Conference.

"The original ideal for human beings is that we live with our mind and body united in resonance with God's true love. It is because human beings resemble God as his sons and daughters that the mind and body of each individual can truly unite without struggling against each other. Within God there is no disharmony between internal and external characteristics. This is so because the absolute God has no contradiction or conflict within himself. The human ideal to achieve harmony can only be realised when people completely possess God's true love."

Rev. Dr. S.M. Moon; Assembly 2000, The United Nations, New York.

Newsy Bits

Pippa Smith, who lives in Cheltenham and campaigns with Media Watch -UK against the growth of sex and violence in films and TV, was given a full page in the Gloucestershire Echo after the Media March in central London. Hundreds of people, from all kinds of backgrounds, showed their concern for the way that the media is increasingly corrupting young minds. They made their views felt with chants of 'Enough is enough', 'The law must change' and 'Don't you care, Mr. Blair?'.

What kind of nut case would stand on the steps of St. Martins in the Field for the sole purpose of reading out a dirty poem, which was ruled in 1977 to be blasphemous? Apparently eleven of them, including at least three MPs!

They reckoned without Steve Stevens of Worthing, his supporters and Stephen Green, who used powerful amplification equipment to preach during the reading. The police made it difficult to approach the church steps and have made a report to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The Spearmint Rhino gentleman's club (gentleman's? Ed.) in Tottenham Court Road, is faced with losing its drinking license after the Scotland Yard's clubs and vice unit presented evidence of indecent conduct to Camden Council. The Council recently granted this same company permission for a club in Vauxhall, in spite of strong local opposition and police advice against it! MORALITY FORUM has raised a lot of support both among the public and local councilors and are still on the case, with leaflets and petitions.

Sir Quentin Thomas has been appointed as the new president of the British Board of Film Classification. Hopefully he will justify his £28,000 a year salary by using his 25 days of work to represent the views of the British people and censor the obsession of modern Hollywood with explicit sex and violence. We sincerely hope that the new broom will sweep clean wherever it finds smut.

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Recently, it was reported in our main local paper that there had been an application to open four sex shops in Huddersfield. So, I got to work and wrote a letter of protest to the newspaper. I asked all the catholic, and some protestant, churches to request their parishioners to write letters of protest to their councilors. About 160 did so.

Through MORALITY FORUM, I was able to get vital information, on how to tackle the problem, from Steve Stevens (great man). We called a public meeting, which was well attended, since the proposed shops were near residential Housing. I spoke at the meeting and was able to give information to two leading councilors who "took me on board".

Finally the day came for the meeting of the council. I was asked to go along by the councilor who had drawn together all the information from Steve Stevens. Twelve councilors, the applicant, one other lady and myself sat at a long table. The applicant was very young and articulate. He proudly announced that he had opened seven sex shops in Leeds. He then said that he had been listening to my conversation before we went into the chamber and stated that I was a very religious lady!!

I had been quite nervous but, when I heard him say that, I thought, "Right, I am going to give this all my strength." When it was my turn to speak, I really spoke from the heart. I said, "How can we be proud of Huddersfield if we sanction four sex shops. It was a man who frequented sex shops who killed little Sarah Payne. Etc and so on."

Then we were sent out of the chamber while they deliberated and the result was that the application was turned down! A heavenly victory, but it shows we must be vigilant.

Finally, I am a busy Grandma as my daughter has four beautiful young children. Currently, four year-old Thomas is Spiderman!

With love Theresa Quarmby

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