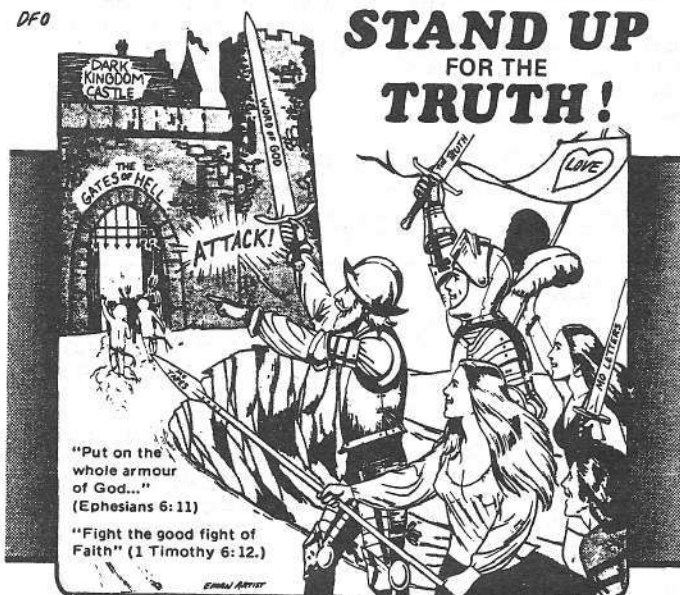


IN RESPONSE TO FALSE ACCUSATIONS HURLED AT  
THE FAMILY OF LOVE — FRIENDS AND MEMBERS...

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## STAND UP FOR THE TRUTH!



(The following is a letter sent by one of our brothers in Madrid to the Editor of "El Pais", one of Spain's top nationwide newspapers. It was published on December 23rd, 1978.)

**ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, THE SAD TRAGEDY OF JONESTOWN** occurred and the reports of this news are still in my mind. These reports systematically mentioned other groups, which were indiscriminately included in this tide of coercion and hypnotism that can even go as far as collective suicide.

**SAD TO SAY, I'VE SEEN AMONG THESE GROUPS** the name of the Children of God, which makes me react with utmost disgust to this shallow opinion, causing people to think that we are suppressed and have no personal freedom.

**ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY AROUND THE WORLD ARE GOING HOME** for the Christmas season. This had the double intention of being with our families and loved ones and at the same time proving to the whole world that we are not suppressed nor coerced by

anyone, much less hypnotised. And God willing, we will be together again, after proving our faith in ourselves, in God and in His Word, and also in our way of life. —Jose Balcells. (Translated from Spanish by Jonathan Nubes & Rocío.)

(Here are some of the many letters we have received recently from our friends and supporters around the world:)

**"I feel scandalized..."**

If I am sending you these words, it's to let you know to which point I feel scandalized by the critics against the various new religious movements. The spirit of inquisition still exists. It manifests itself in a less brutal and barbaric way than in the Middle Ages, and this is due to a certain evolution of the morals, but it stays the same, and its sectarianism didn't change.

It is as a result of a recent TV programme that I write you, and I would be thankful if you could let me know how these different movements want to defend themselves and attack their enemies to protect their ideologies. —M.; France.

**"...a blast of defaming false accusations!"**

"...for with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to ye again." (Mt. 7:1-2.) A lot of journalists have measured, heavily. It's not up to me to measure; Jesus will measure. For a while now we have been witnessing a blast of defaming false accusations regarding the Children of God.

The media, expression of a deca-

dent system, have planted an enormous tree and feed it with their venom, thus trying to hide a great forest of new sprouts full of the sap of life, love, hope. The tactic is as old as the Devil. This fascinating wave is most alarming with its violence, but "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

It's been 2,000 years now that the system has been trying to put Jesus in bondage, but in vain, because still and always the Word is being heard. Today, with his songs, his guitar and his witnessing, the child of God tells about Jesus; a "mustard seed" filling the simple hearts.

I have known the Children of God for many years now. I have watched them live, I have listened to them, I have never stopped asking them my questions, sometimes even to the point of being unbearable—I love them! Rather than the gods of promotion, of conformism, of hypocrisy, of pharisaism, they chose Jesus of Nazareth. It's a choice, their choice.

I will say, in conclusion, that my life, already full, has been marked by admirable people. Likewise for me, the Children of God are a light in the darkness, the assurance that Jesus is and will be always present amongst us, to set us free. As for the persecutors, haven't they already got their reward? —J.M.; France.

**"It is beautiful to know that you are there..."**

I just finished reading Stern and Bunte magazines and wanted to write you a little note. Please don't be discouraged by the bold-faced

lies. Your words have spoken the truth and have changed the lives of many. —I know because I am one. Thanks for keeping on in spite of all the lies they tell.

These people who write these articles against you don't know you, and this uncertainty and fear of you causes them to write these lies. I would wish that the writers of these articles could experience you as I experienced you, as I lived with you for a while. They would then be ashamed of the lies they write.

It is beautiful to know that you are there and that through you even more people will find happiness and will find themselves. I hope the Family of Love (Children of God) grows quickly in the entire world and that your strong faith in Jesus Christ is helpful in this. For now, I would like to end this letter and I wish you happiness and success for your future goals. —V.; W. Germany.

### About the Letters of Father David:

I have in my hand several of your booklets that you distribute in the streets. Each time I read them, I feel a great pleasure and immense joy, because I realise that there are people who really want to live for love and through God. This makes me happy, as I was beginning to believe that there weren't many people anymore willing to give their lives to God, who is a God of Love. —D.; France.

I would like to be a member to help the world and give a little love and Jesus. The Letters of Mo are fantastic. It's the truth and they

give me courage to keep going. With love and peace — W.; Portugal.

The pamphlets that you send me are really superb, make beautiful spiritual reading and leave me really in deep meditation, which complete a new transformation of myself as you keep on sending me new ones. —A.D.; India.

(From a friend after spending her week's vacation at a Family of Love Home in Geneva, Switzerland:)

I don't know how to thank you for all the kindness you have had for me during my short, but wonderful stay in Geneva. Thanks to you, I regained a little health and most of all I could devote more time to the Lord, praying better, united with you all.

Ever since we met over a year ago, I knew that, with your eyes full of love, your smiles so sweet, that there was something very strong in you. This stay with you where everybody works, helps and loves each other without any arguments—one has to see it to believe it—because for several adults, men and women, to live together and to have such a perfect unity, this love can only exist with the help of God.

Very often I relive my stay with you in thoughts. I know at what time you pray, at what time you eat, when you go witnessing and when you come home in the evening, all happy that you have done a good job for Jesus, and your day is not finished yet; and they are so beautiful, your evenings with your songs full of love.

You know it as well as I do, the miracle that occurred in Samuel's life (her son who was a serious alcoholic) because until he met you, nothing could change him—neither doctor, nor counsel, nor kindness. Then when it seemed like the end for him, it was enough for him to ask Jesus into his heart to change him in just one week and a few months later he was completely transformed. And what shall I say about Christian (her son who spent eight months in prison)—when everything seemed lost, your prayers together with ours have been heard and thanks to God there was another miracle, thank You Lord!

Not one day passes by that I don't ask Jesus to bless you all, because you draw your strength from your love of the Lord. May God bless you and keep you in His Love. —Ginette.

### From a Thankful Mother!

Dear Parents & Friends,  
My daughter Anna joined the Family of Love four years ago. At the time, I knew nothing about them, and as my daughter was only 17, I was really worried about her involvement.

Of course, I heard many stories and rumours about the group and it was hard to sift the truth from the fiction. However, I felt the best testimony was in knowing the members themselves. I became increasingly impressed with them, with each meeting. They were really "practising what they preached", and their love and concern for others was so obviously genuine.



Canberra, Australia: Mrs. Smith during her visit with daughter Anna and son-in-law Lee in the Family of Love!

Just recently, I had an opportunity to stay for a few days at their home in Canberra where my daughter now lives. From the moment I arrived, they were marvellous to me and all welcomed me as one of the Family. In fact, they make their home open to all comers, whether they be genuinely seeking the Lord, or just lonely for human companionship, love and understanding. This love and consideration is also very much present among the members themselves, and all is peace and harmony there. I am sure their love of God in Jesus is strong in their hearts and that they will stand firm in adversity.

I also now have a wonderful son-in-law and look forward to the birth of my first grandchild! I would say to any worried parents: "Give them a chance to show you how genuine they are in their faith and love for the Lord and in their desire to serve Him."

Sincerely, Mrs. Smith; Australia.

For more information about the Family of Love, our beliefs and the work we do, please write to the address nearest you! We love you!