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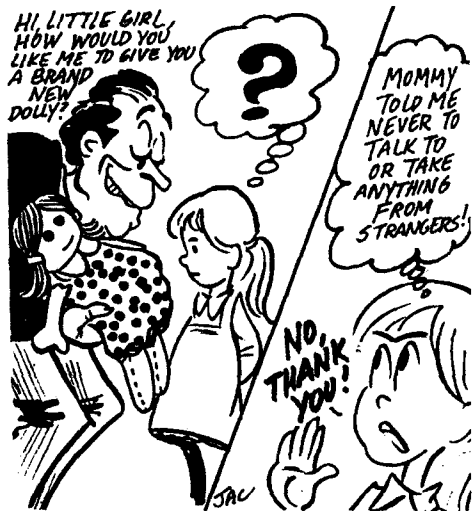
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INFORMING OUR CHILDREN OF THE SYSTEM'S DANGERS & PERVERSIONS!

—So They're Not "Ignorant of the Devil's Devices!"—2Cor.2:11.

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—Written by Sara D. in counsel with Maria.



1. One of the surest proofs that the Enemy is on the rampage against our Work for the Lord (1Pet.5:8) is his barrage of vicious lies & attacks against our precious children & families on the ridiculous charge of child abuse! The AC media's accusations & the actual official interrogations, grilling sessions & physical tests that some of our families have been subjected to, not to mention instances of kidnappings of our pure innocent little children, are just outrageous! It's almost unbelievable to think that the System & Satan's people could accuse us of committing the very perversions & wickedness that so many of them are guilty of!

2. We've now got to realise that in today's perverted anti-Christ World, even some of the good Godly virtues & attributes that we've taught our young children through God's Word can be misconstrued & used against us! We've taught our small children obedience & respect for adults, to be outgoing, loving & even affectionate to outsiders when witnessing.—Such as sitting on their laps at old folks' homes, giving them kisses on the cheek & passing out God's Word to strangers on the street. But now, as the

days wax worse & worse, all these precious & special attributes of our kids could possibly even be used against us—simply because our kids are obedient & submitted & trusting enough to obey & follow instructions from adults.

3. For example, in some situations where authorities have taken our children from us & interrogated them, our children's inclination to obey & please has been termed by some Systemites to be "abnormal"! Simply because they're free & well-adjusted kids who don't throw a fit when a nurse or official asks them to go with them, or they manifest no System hang-ups about undressing for examination, such authorities have tried to "speak evil" of these good qualities & use them as ammunition against us! (Rom.14:16) It's really shocking!

4. With the End Time now upon us & some of our kids already having to suffer persecution from the Devil's people in these ways, it certainly seems that it's time we inform our kids of what the anti-Christ System is really up to. We should at least educate them in the same ways that even the System's public schools warn their students, so that they're aware of some of the World's perversions, such as the dangers of talking to or being alone with ungodly strangers.

5. I can remember when I was in Elementary School, my mother repeatedly warned me about talking to strangers or being alone anywhere with a person I didn't know (especially around strange men). Not only were most of us warned by our parents about this throughout our school years, but there were even special school programs & films shown to us about such dangers.—Teaching us to beware of strangers & not to trust anyone whom you didn't know very very well.

6. I remember police officers or police women coming & giving talks to us school children about safety precautions & dangers, & even though we, at six or seven years old, didn't fully understand why or what specifically might happen to us, we still knew it was for our protec-

tion. Being warned like that of the World's wicked ways at least made us aware that there were bad, perverted people out there that we should not talk to or even acknowledge on the street or in public bathrooms, etc.

7. Of course, the System is a Hell of a lot worse off today than it was 30 years ago when we were in Elementary School! There are now many more perverts, maniacs, criminals, murderers & Sodomites on the loose! Children are in much more jeopardy today in this demon-possessed World than ever before. "The Enemy is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour" (1Pet.5:8), & we know he has a special interest in devouring pure, innocent & largely defenseless children.—And not only our children, but any children that he can get his filthy hands on.

8. We are by no means the only Christians or parties who have been falsely accused of "abusing" their children. Literally millions of other innocent parties are falsely accused, convicted & even incarcerated by System authorities on such charges.—And the sad fact of the matter is that these horrors frequently take place simply because a young child does not know how to answer when a smooth-talking "social worker" or authority interrogates & bombards them with leading questions. If the poor confused child innocently implies or indicates that perhaps their parents had somehow had "intimate contact" of one sort or another with him or her, that child's confused & uncertain answers are then twisted & blown up by the parents' accusers as "evidence" that criminal sexual molestation has taken place!

9. In other cases, antagonistic wives who are seeking divorce have brought scandalous sexual charges against their husbands for merely bathing or towel-drying their own tiny 3-year-old daughter! Other families have actually had their children forcibly taken away from them & institutionalised by the authorities because they committed the supposed "crime" of taking photos of their young tots who were playing nude in the sand or the surf at the beach. Others have even been incriminated for taking photos of their naked babies in the bath!

10. There are other cases where children have been grilled & questioned about their parents' private sex life, & if they've responded that they've ever seen their parents making love (or worse yet, they've given the slightest impression that their parents make love with other adults!), it's been enough to so infuriate the System, that

they've immediately snatched these children away from their parents & their homes & placed them in foster homes or institutions!

11. These are the sort of accusations that literally millions of parents—Christian & non-Christian—are now being persecuted with in this supposedly enlightened day & age.—Allegations which have frequently resulted in children being forcibly removed from their families.—Often because of a child's naive & innocent comments or testimony that was misconstrued by the dirt-digging social workers & authorities who interrogated him!

AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN!

12. So it's time that we launch an "Information Campaign" to inform our children of some of the basic dangers in the World today. What kids don't know, can hurt them! The more aware our children are, the better they will be able to protect themselves should they ever encounter a stranger who could possibly kidnap, molest, harm or endanger them. One of the first steps to take is to educate & inform our children that such dangers & perversions do indeed exist. Of course, we need to avoid getting too graphic or going into great detail with young children, as we want them to be aware, not fearful!

13. You will soon be receiving excerpts from some widely accepted educational books that can be directed to different age groups of children.—Books that have been designed & written by child-safety experts to help children be more aware of such dangers, & to provide them with some good practical safety rules to follow, (i.e. avoiding strangers, staying close to parents or guardians when out in public, what to do if lost, not going anywhere alone, not answering questions from strangers, etc.) By using such material from books that originated from recognised & established educational sources, we will be better able to explain to others why our children refuse to talk with strangers & why they will not discuss their personal lives with outsiders.

14. Of course, our children should all already know that they should never be out anywhere or talking to anyone anytime without having a responsible adult Family companion with them. Even when out witnessing or provisioning, they should always be very carefully supervised by our adults, & not allowed to talk to strangers or people off on their own.

15. Nor should they be too free & open with

displays of affection. If our children were ever taken from us & were found to be what the System would consider overly free, friendly & affectionate, willing to even sit on a stranger's lap & give them a hug & kiss, this could be misunderstood & used against us in some places, & could even possibly result in the children being taken away & the parents put in jail!—Merely due to a Godly show of affection that was completely misinterpreted by ungodly Systemites!

16. It is imperative that our children always have close supervision & be accompanied by capable Family adults. We should also try to teach them wisdom & discernment in their giving of hugs & kisses on the cheek to strangers. Of course, the main point we need to emphasise to them is that they shouldn't ever be too forthright or friendly with strangers.—Especially if for some reason they don't have a Family adult right there with them!

17. But we don't want to eliminate from their lives that very special quality that has made them such a blessing to the World, their friendliness & love & outgoing concern & affection for others that really touches people's hearts & brings them closer to Jesus.—And we want them to be able to continue to do this at old folks' homes or orphanages or when sheep visit your Home, etc.

18. Actually, the only time they would not be with Family adults would most likely be in the event they were unjustly apprehended by misinformed authorities & taken away from us & interrogated.—And of course, that would be the time when they should know definitely & specifically not to be too open or affectionate! That is certainly an occasion that they should not be friendly to strangers.

19. The following is a true example of just how low the System can stoop & how they twist things once their mind is made up & they don't want to be confused with the facts!: When Japanese magazine reporters visited the Japan School & the 2 to 4-year-old group of tots approached & greeted them with hugs, the reporters insinuated in their trashy sensationalist mag that our children must be acquainted with oral sex.—Simply because they grabbed the standing adults by the legs to give them a hug!—Well, how high do they expect a toddler's head to reach when trying to give an adult a hug?—It's absolutely outrageous the things the Devil's people can accuse us of!—Especially involving our innocent children!

20. So it's time to inform our children of all ages of some of the dangers of the System & its people, & to teach them to follow certain rules & precautions so that they're not so naive about what's going on in today's perverted World!

INFORMING YOUNGER CHILDREN (Up to 7 Years of Age)

21. We should teach our younger children not to talk to any outsiders at all when not in the immediate presence of a Family adult. Just as we were taught as young children in the System not to ever go anywhere without our mommy or daddy, in the same way our children should know that they should never take a stranger's hand & walk away with him! Nor should they even answer any supposedly "friendly" questions from strangers if a Family adult is not right there with them.

22. Remember the example in the movie "Firestarter" when George C. Scott acted so sweet & befriended & beguiled the little girl in order to deceive her? He was an absolute wolf in sheep's clothing!—Well, without more education along these lines, most of our children would likewise be extremely naive under similar circumstances.

23. From the System's perspective, it's totally natural & normal for children not to talk to or follow strangers etc. So it would not seem unusual at all if they were questioning a four-year-old, or even a seven or eight-year-old, & the child replied, "My mommy told me not to talk to strangers! I want to be with my mommy, & you're naughty to talk to me alone! I don't want to be with you. Go away! I won't talk to you! I'm not going to talk to you because my parents told me not to go with strangers!" (Of course, if a child is somehow ever separated from his parent & lost in a store or market etc., he should know that it's all right to approach a police officer or security guard for help, & tell them his name & phone number so they can help him get reunited with his family!)

24. We could even relate this lesson to our younger children from a few basic stories, such as the Life with Grandpa TK, "Snowflake," on the dangers of wandering off alone from the flock. The GAP video "Pinocchio" (GAP 056), which is pow-wowed for children, brings out lessons on why Pinocchio was kidnapped & used by the System simply because he was so naive that he was enticed with worldliness & walked away with beguiling strangers, & got

into a lot of trouble as a result! So hopefully with the use of some of these tools, our little children will be able to learn "where it ain't" with the System!—The very same reasons that we had to learn when we were growing up.—In fact, they need to learn this even more so now, as our anti-Christ enemies are after us more & more!

25. Of course, we certainly don't want to cause any of our children to fear. But if their parents & helpers give them a clear understanding of some of these basic safety precautions, they'll surely want to obey, even if they don't fully understand all the specific dangers & reasons why. Hopefully, introducing them to this topic using methods recommended in the "Safe Children" booklet which we'll soon be sending you will help them to see this need quite clearly.

INFORMING OLDER CHILDREN (8 & OVER)

26. For our older children (8 & older) they can usually take more explicit examples & reasoning as to why they need to be very careful & not talk to strangers or answer questions from Systemites. Our older children can accept this more readily right from the Word, & can be taught about the Enemy's devices from many Biblical examples of God's people in times of persecution, as well as from the Inquisitions against Christians throughout history. Our older children can understand that the reason we're being sought after & persecuted is simply because the Devil's after us because we're active Christians, not because we're in any way guilty of hurting or negatively affecting our children.

27. They should also be able to identify with how the System educates their own school-age children against perverted people & dangerous strangers. This could lead to an explanation of how most kids in the System would not be so naive as to allow themselves to be alone with strangers, or even talk to or acknowledge any strangers. Even System kids are aware that there are far too many dangers, evils, criminals & weirdos in today's wicked World.

28. Again, if our children were more explicitly informed why some Systemites might want to isolate a child for their own advantage, they'd be more "on guard" against such a thing happening. Or if they were aware of why some people might try to take them from us to question them, they could better understand how to answer.—Or better yet, how not to answer, so

as to avoid trick questions or saying things that could be twisted & misconstrued by our enemies, thus endangering themselves & their parents!

29. As mentioned earlier, our older children could be well educated not only through the Word, but also through suitable recommended System publications or videos. That way, they would not only learn some good tried-&-proven safety precautions, but if they were ever questioned about their sexual awareness or knowledge of sexual terms & all, they could simply state the fact that they read & learned it in accepted educational books, giving actual titles & authors. In most supposedly "progressive" Western countries nowadays, it's normal & accepted that kids of their age are informed & well-educated about these matters. (New Sex-Ed Books for kids coming soon!)

30. It's also important that our children understand that if & when they ever have to answer any kind of questions from authorities, they are representing the Lord's Work. They need to realise that the Devil will take any information that he can get from them & twist it to try to use it against them. Our enemies have already proven to what depths they will stoop to accuse & try to incriminate us, so even if an interrogator appears to be "sheepy," our kids need to "beware of wolves in sheep's clothing!"—Mat. 7:15. We simply cannot trust strangers, even professing "believers" & "Christians."

31. When uncertain or in doubt, one of the safest things that a child can answer with is, "I don't know" or "I'm not sure." Many kids in the System are quite introverted & unsure of themselves, & are thus not expected to always be eloquent & fluent in their discussions with adults, especially about personal or private matters.

32. Of course, the System's main accusation against us now in many places is that our parents are supposedly molesting their children. So on this issue our older children should certainly be able to speak with genuine conviction & stand up for the truth that any such accusation is an absolute lie! When such an outright lie & false accusation is presented or even inferred to them, they shouldn't just stay quiet & act totally dumb. When it's time to fight & stand up for the truth, our older kids should "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 1:3) & deny & defy any such lies that the System might accuse their own parents of!—Our parents do not abuse, molest or hurt their children!

33. However, our teens & preteens should also definitely be aware of the fact that even the slightest inadvertent or unintentional indication from them that they have had any kind of sexual experience or involvement at all with their parents or any other adults in the Family, could possibly mean their permanent separation from the Family, & them being institutionalised! Our anti-Christ enemies & accusers will try their best to gather any such impression or statement from our kids in order to twist it & blow it up into a criminal accusation.

34. In some conservative & restrictive places it could be held against adults & parents to have even been naked in front of their children at all, to have ever bathed with them, or swam nude with them. (Although this is perfectly acceptable in other countries, such as Japan where mixed nude bathing has been a common public practice for centuries!)

35. In some countries it's even against the law to spank your own children!—Which is all the more reason why we need to “explain, explain, explain” this “child abuse” issue to our teens & older children so that they're aware that the Enemy is out to get us, & that the way they would answer authorities is an extremely serious responsibility.

36. If our children—especially the older ones—are ever questioned by authorities, they should know not to blindly comply with their demands & questions, assuming their normal innocent & obedient behaviour that they've been taught in the Family amongst Godly Christian adults who love & care for them. They should know to react more like a normal System kid would, who would be dubious & cautious & even educated against talking to strangers!—Especially when they start questioning & probing them about something as private as sex! Authorities often expect normal kids to be extremely shy & timid about sex, & to adamantly deny any kind of sexual involvement.

IN SUMMARY:

37. In order to educate our kids so that they're not ignorant of the Devil's devices in the System today:

1.) We hereby ask all of our parents & teachers to prayerfully teach & inform our children of 4 & over of some of the dangers in the System, & teach them some basic precautions to take, such as not talking to outsiders or

strangers. They need to know to always stay close to the adults who are overseeing them when out in public. We should teach them 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 if they are singing or performing at an Old Folks' Home.

2.) If ever questioned by authorities, uniformed or otherwise, younger children should know that they are not expected to give all kinds of answers or to be too cooperative, friendly, affectionate or open. Our little children should know that it's all right to say “no” to strange adults, & that it's acceptable for them to answer, “My mommy told me not to talk to strangers!” or “I don't know” etc.

3.) By having read & been taught from System reference books, pamphlets, videos etc., our kids can honestly say that what they've learned about sex & nudity & body parts was through accepted & recognised System educational sources.

4.) Our teens & older children should be more educated & informed as to the ways of the World & how Systemites think. They should realise the seriousness of the System's accusations against us, & that the Devil's motive is to persecute & separate our children from their families & from the Family.

5.) Teens (12 & over) should also know more about the System's perversions, evil sins & ways of the World, & outlook on such topics as rape, incest, child abuse (sexual or violent), AIDS, Sodomy etc. Again, some System books present this clearly & simply, & we will be publishing some material along these lines, D.V.

6.) Likewise, our teens should know all the System consequences for such crimes & sins. Teens & older kids should also know when & how to defend the faith & stand up against lies & false accusations. Of course, they should also know how to answer as wise as serpents & harmless as doves when that's what the occasion warrants. They need to realise that “You can always trust a Systemite to be a Systemite.”

38. May the Lord give you great wisdom & discernment in the educating of your children on this subject as we enter these Last Days & continue to teach & train our children in the ways of the Lord & His Word, in Jesus' name! PTL!

EXPLANATION OF NEW "CHILD ABUSE" & "INFORMING OUR CHILDREN" MATERIALS!—By WS Staff

Dear Family,

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GBY! WLY & are so grateful for you & the wonderful work you're doing for the Lord! PTL!

Because of the "child abuse hysteria" being whipped up against us by our vicious enemies, we are publishing a new series of Letters, articles & booklets that should prove to be very helpful to you. These pubs will not only help you to "not be ignorant of the Devil's devices," but they will also help you know how to go on the attack & prevent & avoid the Enemy's snares.—To be forewarned is to be forearmed!

We realise, of course, that the situation varies from country to country, but recent developments have shown that our enemies' "child abuse" accusations against our Family are being used world-wide.—Wherever our foul-mouthed foes feel that such dirty accusations can be used to hinder & hurt our Work for the Lord! So you would be wise to read & familiarise yourself with these pubs. Here is a list of them:

1. The Home Educator "Child Abuse" Issues—These two mags will give you the stats & facts that explain exactly how the System's "Child Protection Agencies" operate.—Essential information to help you avoid their traps! (These issues are "strong meat," & are therefore for adults only, & should not be given to children & teens.)

2. LNF regarding the "Story of Davidito" Book—An urgent message that will help you "empty wind" your Home of material that our enemies would like to use against you!

3. The "Informing Our Children!" Letter—A very helpful Letter by Sara D. & Maria that makes it clear why we need to make our children aware of what's going on, so they too can recognise & avoid the Enemy's tactics & pitfalls!

4. "What to Expect From the System!"—A highly-illustrated Letter for all OCs, JETTs & Teens! (Applicable parts could also be shared with younger children, or at least summarised & reworded & explained for them when & where appropriate.) This Letter explains in simple terms exactly why the Enemy is currently making such a big deal out of this "child abuse" issue!

5. "Don't Be Ignorant of the Devil's Devices!"—Another Letter for children, to explain to them what genuine child abuse is, & how our enemies are using such accusations against us to try to destroy our Work for the Lord! (Although written primarily for JETTs & Teens, principles & parts of this Letter can & should be simplified, reworded & explained to younger children when & where appropriate.)

6. "Special Notice to All Family Teens!"—A spe-

cial message to all of our Teens who may have questions regarding past experiences they may have had.—Especially questions related to our current condemnation of & strict rules against adult/minor relationships. We pray this Letter will help relieve any Teens from carrying any unnecessary burdens, worries, or unsettled questions.—A good Letter to prayerfully pow-wow & discuss!

7. The "Deceivers Yet True" TK—A beautiful 32-page Komic that explains a very important principle that you & your children need to be aware of in these darkening days of AC persecution!

8. "Don't Fear the System!" (#2572)—A beautiful Letter from Mama in which she gives the Lord's answer to the big question of "Just how far should we go in order to 'avoid all appearances of evil' & keep the System off our back?" A very inspiring & comforting Letter!

9. "Fear Thou Not!" (#2591)—A Compilation of golden Promises, Prophecies & Prayers from the Lord's Letters!—Encouragement from the Lord about not fearing our pharisaical foes & their futile machinations!

10. "All About Growing Up!"—An abbreviated version of a widely-used System sex-education booklet for adolescents & young teens.—System-approved views on sex to give our adults & kids a clear idea of what kind of sexual knowledge is "acceptable" with Systemites today!

11. "Answers"—A condensed sex-education booklet for parents & young kids, ages 4 through 7.—What System pre-schoolers & elementary-schoolers are taught about sex nowadays. Very informative!

12. The "Safe Children" Home Educator—A practical guideline compiled from many different books on the subject of how to avoid abduction & child abuse!—Very helpful & useful tips to protect our kids from System weirdos! (For adults only!)

13. Advisory Regarding the "Safe Children" Home Educator—An "explain, explain" (i.e., a thorough explanation) on some points of the "Safe Children" Home Educator, to help you see how to apply its counsel to our children.

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We know that the above materials will be a blessing to you & your little ones. The "time of our ignorance that God winked at" is past!—And He now commandeth that all of us, everywhere, wake up & realise that we can no longer be ignorant of the Devil's devices, but need to know how to protect & keep our children safe within the folds of the Lord! PTL! WLY & pray for you & yours!

Love, Your WS Staff

DON'T FEAR THE SYSTEM!

—But “Trust in the Lord & do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, & verily thou shalt be fed!”—Psa.37:3.—By Maria



1. (Mama's Intro: After reading over the "Home Educator" material about the current child abuse hysteria & the sweeping powers of the Social Services in many countries today, I met together with several of our staff members & visitors. We had a long list of detailed questions in which some of our WS personnel were asking about measures that the Family could possibly take in order to protect ourselves from this kind of persecution. The problem seemed almost insurmountable, it was so big & overwhelming. There seemed to be so many different practices & policies of our way of life that could upset & trigger a hostile reaction or attack from the System, I felt as if I hardly knew where to start!

2. (The load felt so heavy & the burden so much greater than any of us, I knew I didn't know the answers.—Nor did I feel up to facing & coping with the almost endless list of questions that faced us. It just seemed that if we were to try to conform to the System's standards which they try to enforce & use against people when they crack down on them for "child abuse" or "neglect," we would have to radically alter our entire way of life!—Not only was the "sex abuse" accusation a problem, but there were all kinds of other questions facing us regarding sleeping arrangements, usage of bathrooms, qualifications of teachers, strict housing & rooming standards, questions about discipline & corporal punishment etc., etc.!

3. (Realising how big this problem is, & how

the child abuse campaigners are on the rampage, not only throughout the U.S., but in different countries in Europe, Latin America & elsewhere, I just felt desperate, that we really needed the Lord's help! So instead of attempting to discuss & answer every little question or address every potentially dangerous situation, I felt like turning our counsel meeting into a prayer meeting instead.

4. (So we passed around a box of verses on little slips of paper, God's precious promises of protection from the Bible, & each of us pulled out a promise that we specifically claimed aloud in united prayer for the Family & against our enemies. We went around our prayer circle 4 or 5 times, & every time we each would pull out a new verse to claim. Doing this was such an uplift for our spirits & encouragement of our faith, PTL! We were not only claiming these verses in prayer, but the Lord was also speaking to us & giving us answers through these verses. Afterwards, the Lord spoke further in a beautiful prophecy.)

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5. Lord, thank You so much for speaking to us through Thy wonderful promises in Thy wonderful Word, & comforting our hearts with each of these beautiful verses. We ask You now, Lord, if You have anything more to say to us, to please speak to us further, in Jesus' name!

PROPHECY FROM THE LORD TO "FEAR NOT!"

6. (Fam: "For I have seen thine enemies, & they have spread themselves like a green bay tree. Proud & pompous are they. But yea, they shall be brought to nought! For the tree of the unrighteous is a tree of death, & the death it speaketh of is not thine, but theirs. For the ax shall be laid to the root of the tree & it shall come to nought. For the same measure that they have wished upon thee & thy children shall be turned upon their own heads!

7. ("Fear not them, but rather fear Me, which hath the power to destroy in a moment, in an instant, in a twinkling of an eye! For yea, their death shall be sudden. Have I not spoken these things & shall they not come to pass? But rather fear Me. For I have many to gather unto Me, & yea, that is thy mission.

8. ("Take no thought for the morrow or these

things that shall come to pass. For have I not been better unto thee than a known path? And shall I desert thee in thy time of need? No, My children, I shall not. For I am better unto thee than a known way. Trust thou in Me. Look thou in Mine eyes. For have I not spoken unto thy Prophet in days past, of these needles that pierce the skin? And was he not right? Yea, & all these things shall come to pass & they shall know that a Prophet hath been among them. (Ez.33:33) Therefore hearken thou unto his Words & the Words that I have ordained to lead My children in the midst of darkness.

9. ("For darkness shall cover the Earth, but My Light shall pierce the darkness & be a ray of light that shall shepherd thee in thy time of need. Only look thou into My face & the face of the Prophet that I have ordained for this age. For yea, have not My Prophets of old had enemies? And have not they been delivered? And thou too shalt be delivered!")

10. ("Fear not! Neither give place to the Devil nor the fears that he would plague thee with. For yea, I am He Who hath called thee away from fear into My marvellous light! For I am not the God of fear, but the God of Faith & Love, & thou shalt find rest unto thy souls!")

11. ("And this shall be thy heritage that thou shalt pass unto thy children, the children of thy womb, & the children of thy loins. Yea, this heritage of faith, this shall protect them in the days to come. Minister thou the faith that I have ministered unto thee, & yea, it shall comfort them in their time of need. It shall strengthen them in their time of testing.

12. ("For yea, Tribulation shall come upon the World, but I will tribulate them that tribulate thee more than they shall tribulate you! (2Th. 1:6.) Yea, a time of darkness shall befall the Earth, have I not said in times past? Have My Prophets not spoken it in times past? Is My Word not full of this? And those days shall be shortened for My elect's sake, & thou art My elect. For thou shalt have strength thou knowest not of to protect thee for the day of My visitation.

13. ("Only look thou to Me that thy faith fail not, & I shall succour thee. I shall hold thee to My bosom as a father holdeth an only child. Yea, for what else do I have but thee? Who else do I have but thee? For My church hath forsaken Me, & only thou, the Bride of My youth hast remained. Shall not I protect thee? Shall not I protect thee as a suckling Father in thy time of need? Yea, I shall, & thou shalt be blessed. Yea, I will mightily increase thy strength & increase thy numbers till thou dost fill the face of the

World!

14. ("For have I not ordained these things & have not these things been written? For I spake it not in a corner, & these things shall come to pass! Thou must cling to Me in thy time of need & look neither to the right nor the left, & the strength that thou desirest shall come from Me, from none else, for I have promised it!")

ADDITIONAL VERSES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

15. (Maria:) TYJ! Lord, You're so good to us, so sweet, so encouraging! TYJ! Thank You for Thy voice! PYJ! Hallelujah! Thank You Lord, You've given us so much, Jesus. You don't have to say any more, Lord, we can cling to that & we're filled up, we have all that we need. But if there is anything else that You want to say to us, Lord, please say it & speak to us. Did anyone get anything else, any verses or anything?

16. (Fam: "Neither give place to the Devil, for the ends thereof are the ways of death. But resist the Devil, resist him steadfast in the faith. Lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou art also called & hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.")

17. (Fam: I was also getting a series of verses. "Have I said & will I not do it? For a thousand shall fall to thy left & ten thousand to thy right, but fear not, little children, for ye have overcome them! For greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the World! For I have not given you the spirit of fear, but the spirit of power & of love & of a sound mind.")

18. Thank You Lord for this encouragement. You don't want us to fear, we know that, Lord. If we don't remember anything else from this time together, Lord, we should remember that we are not to fear, there's no reason to fear, as long as we keep our eyes on You! PTL! Is there anything else?

19. (Peter: I got, "Have I not said call unto Me & I will answer thee, & show thee great & mighty things that thou knowest not of." It's our responsibility to call unto Him, & it's His responsibility to show us the things we don't know. But we've got to do our part of the bargain too, & really get desperate & call unto Him.)

20. (Fam: In the prophecy several times it says, "Fear thou not." And I thought about how the Enemy is using this child abuse issue to try to get in through fear. Although we shouldn't be ignorant of the Devil's devices, we can't be so constantly aware of them & thinking about them that he uses it to get our minds off of the Lord

& His promises, & we get into a state of fear over it all. We've still got to hang onto our faith & have a real trust in the Lord. So I took that as a real warning, to "fear not!"

21. (Fam: I got the verse, "Great peace have they which love Thy Law & nothing shall offend them." Even now, in praying & falling back on the Word, it gives you a real spirit of peace. Sometimes there's nothing we can do about some of these threats & dangers. It's the job of the Enemy to offend us, to affect us, to attack us, & all we can do is fall on the Word & trust the Lord to take care of things. The Lord has promised He'd do the protection part. But we can only find that peace if we trust & rest on the Word.)

22. (Peter: I got one other verse when we were praying earlier. The original verse actually says, "Thou art My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." But it came to me like, "Thou art My beloved children in whom I am well pleased." And I took it to mean that when we get together & petition the Lord like this, it really pleases the Lord, & it's just real important that we do it.) PTL! All those things from the Lord are so encouraging! It's so wonderful of the Lord to give us more specific direction from Him for this situation.

WHAT TO DO—AND NOT TO DO—ABOUT THE SYSTEM'S THREATS!

23. When you realise how the System has such power in some places, & how easy it is for them to come in & snatch your children away, you sort of feel like, "There's not much we can do about it, so the Lord's just going to have to protect the Family!" Well, that's right, in many ways that's true. But there is something that we can easily do that we shouldn't do, & that's fear & worry. We've got to be careful not to get on a negative channel or start worrying & fretting about all this.

24. Even if there's hardly anything we can do in some of these cases, there's one thing we can always do, & that we have to do.—And that's to have faith & trust the Lord! Even if there's nothing else we can do, that's one thing we've got to do! That's usually when the Lord tests our faith to see if we're going to worry or fear: When there isn't anything we can do. But that's the time when He can really manifest Himself & show His power & protection most greatly.

25. When you realise how easily the System could attack our Homes with false charges of child abuse or neglect (& has already started doing it!), you naturally start looking around for

some solutions, some way out of the problem. I got to thinking, "Boy, if our Homes start trying to conform to all the System's rules & ways of doing things in order to try to save or protect themselves, we'll end up just like the Systemites!" Because almost everything in our way of life is different than the System's!

26. Of course, we should do all we can do to satisfy the System—everything we can do without compromising our convictions. There are some practical things that we can do, & then there are other things that we would like to do if we could—in other words, we don't have any qualms against them & we would be happy to comply with them if we could. For example, we want to avoid over-crowding & poor ventilation & things like that when possible. But with many of these practical things we can't comply, simply because of our living situations.

27. After I heard all of those different conditions & reasons that the System can use as an excuse to accuse parents of "abuse" or "neglect," & therefore seize the children, I concluded, "This problem is bigger than any of us. I don't know what to do! We'd better really pray & seek the Lord & forget all of our questions & worries, & let's get some faith about this threat & this problem!"

28. We had just received a lengthy list of questions from Family members who had read all the things the System can get you on, & all the horrible things the System can do to you, & they were asking, "What can we do to protect ourselves?" They were asking about boys & girls sleeping in the same room, can small children sleep in bed with their parents, can children be allowed to come in & out of the bathroom when adults are using it etc., etc.

29. Well, I thought to myself, "How can anyone have as many people as we do in most of our Homes, & not have kids sleeping in bedrooms with their parents?!—Or how can they avoid having the children seeing the parents having sex, or going in & out of the bathroom, seeing adults dressing & undressing? What can we do about these kinds of things unless we completely change our way of life & go back to living selfishly on our own, just like the System does?"

30. Well, we know we can't do that, so I believe the Lord's going to bless us for being true to our convictions & going ahead & doing what we have to do, despite such threats from the System. He'll just have to protect us in spite of it all. Besides, there's not an awful lot that we can do in many cases.

31. But we can at least be aware of these things that the System gets upset about, so that we don't flaunt them in their face & so we don't draw any unnecessary attention to them. We just have to keep our way of life within the privacy of our Homes, & when we go out we need to try to look & act like the System does as much as possible.

32. Within our Homes I don't know that there's much we can do about it.—If we still intend to retain our Christian lifestyle & live together communally. There's not an awful lot we can do about the openness, honesty, sharing & unselfishness that are all a part of the way we're supposed to live according to the Bible.

33. The main thing the Lord's emphasising to us now is, don't fear. Of course, we do need to "avoid all appearance of evil" as much as possible.—1 Thes. 5:22.—Not that anything we do is evil, it's just that the System so often misinterprets & misunderstands things, so we need to try to avoid stumbling them when possible. I think the Family has often run into a lot of problems because they've gone outside their Homes & done things that either offended the System or aroused their suspicions.—They've done things like spanking children in earshot or in sight of the neighbours, going outside very scantily clad or having 20 people piling into a van, showing the neighbours how many people were in the Home.

"WALK IN WISDOM TOWARD THEM THAT ARE WITHOUT!"—COL. 4:5

34. We just need to be a little more circumspect & a little more aware of the problems, of all these different things that the System would like to try to get us on. Then just do the best we can & try to be more wise about our going out & our coming in. The Lord said He'd preserve our going out & coming in, but we've got to do what we can to help Him & to give Him some cooperation. He tells us to, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without!"—Col. 4:5.

35. We can't change our whole way of life because of their threats or dangers, but we can try to "become one" as much as possible when we have to, & try to avoid the appearance of evil. We should try to be aware of what Systemites would think is strange, & try not to be that way! When you go out to do business in the System, you often need to try to convince people by your words & actions that you're just a normal tourist or Systemite, & nothing unusual or suspicious. You can do it if you try, you don't have to appear odd or suspicious. When & where possible, you

should try to relate to people; talk to them, be friendly & don't do anything that they would think is unusual or strange. I think that's about the best we can do, & then we'll just have to trust the Lord to do the rest.

36. But the Family needs to at least be aware of all these things so they are aware of the dangers, & so they won't do anything that's going to appear to outsiders as being too strange or suspicious. But you might not always be able to help it if your next door neighbour figures out that you have 25 people in the house & that you're home-schooling your kids. Of course, you should pray desperately & be nice to your neighbour & try to explain it to him somehow & try to win him. But the main thing you're going to have to do is just trust the Lord.

37. "Man looketh on the outward appearance" (1 Sam. 16:7), so we need to be concerned about that to some extent. But we can't change our entire lifestyle, everything that goes on inside our Homes. We can try to be conservative when we go out & try to act like everybody else as much as possible.—We don't have to do our witnessing in our local neighbourhoods, we can go somewhere else. Our Homes should at least try to appear as fitting into the neighbourhood & blending in with them as much as possible.

38. When you read those "Home Educator" magazines on child abuse you'll see that your neighbours can be one of your greatest enemies! —Or one of your greatest allies. It says, "Call in the neighbours & have them vouch for you." Of course, in order for them to vouch for you, they will have to know you & like you, & that might be a problem, too! You'll have to go according to how things are in your particular neighbourhood. If everybody knows each other & talks to each other all the time & they're real open & friendly, you might have to be a little more open & friendly too. If the people aren't very friendly with each other, then you probably don't need to be either.

KEEP YOUR HOME CLEAN & SAFE!

39. Another important way that our Family can give the Lord some cooperation in order to "avoid all appearance of evil" with outsiders, is to simply obey the many health, cleanliness & safety rules Dad has given us in the Letters. For example, one of the main things that the System clamps down on people for & can even use as a justification to take away their children, is when they find that living conditions in the children's home are unsatisfactory, unsanitary or unsafe.

—And sad to say, we've heard of an incident or two where the authorities clamped down on Family members when they discovered that their mobile home or house was unkempt, dirty, or dangerous.

40. Whereas if our folks would obey the instructions the Lord & Dad have given us on the importance of cleanliness & safety-consciousness with children, then our people shouldn't have any of these kinds of problems with the authorities. Besides, whether there's a threat from the authorities or not, we're supposed to maintain a high standard of cleanliness & safety! Our Homes should all be examples of good, clean, Godly living! (See "The Dirty Dorm Dream," ML# 676; "Dirty Homes," ML# 836; "Cleanliness is Godliness," ML# 1031; "Cleanliness With Children," ML# 1220; as well as the topics "Cleanliness" & "Safety" in the Cat Book!)

41. So for God's sake, our Family's sake, our children's sake & your own sake, obey the Lord's Letters & keep a clean, safe house! Amen!—And by so doing, you will "give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully" along these lines.—1 Tim. 5:14. "As much as lieth in us," we are to try to "live peaceably with all men," & to "have a good report of them which are without; lest we fall into reproach & the snare of the Devil!"—Rom. 12:18; 1 Tim. 3:7.

CAUTION REGARDING SYSTEM RELATIVES & CORPORAL PUNISHMENT!

42. Another weak spot with some Family members who are living in their home countries is their close contact & visitation with their System relatives. We've had several reports recently of Family members who were visiting their parents with their children, who ran into some real serious trouble. It seems like some of our people sometimes forget that "the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:14), & that their Flatlander relatives—no matter how well-intentioned they may seem to be—are never going to see eye-to-eye with us on many aspects of our way of life.

43. Now there may be very rare cases of a child in one of our Homes who periodically has to go & visit System grandparents or other relatives. In such cases you should bear in mind that any information a critical & inquisitive Systemite relative can pull out of such a child could possibly be misconstrued & used against you.—So beware!

44. One area in particular that most Sys-

temites disagree with us on is child discipline. Some Family members have unwisely administered discipline to their misbehaving children while visiting System relatives, & it was so misunderstood by a Flatlander relative, they became so angry, the Family members had to flee with their children before the infuriated relative sicced the "Child Protection Agency" on them!

45. Taking our precious children back to our old "Egypt," bringing them into the very same "Who-Are-the-Rebels" environment that the Lord delivered & pulled us out of, is a very sobering responsibility that a lot of our people need to take more seriously, & certainly more prayerfully. Don't forget what Dad said about Deborah, how Mother Eve took her to visit her relatives when Deborah was only one year old, & during just that one visit, her churchy, worldly grandparents, uncles & aunts absolutely spoiled her rotten, & she came back a mess!—And from then on was virtually incorrigible, no matter what was done to try to straighten her out!

46. We've also had a couple of instances where System relatives have seen a mark or a bruise on a grandchild's bottom which so angered them, that again, it was only the Lord's mercy that our Family members escaped without the System's "Child Protection Agency" moving in on them at the behest of the infuriated Systemite relative!—So Family members beware!

47. Corporal punishment is something that is being frowned upon more & more by today's ungodly, anti-Bible authorities, & in some places it's even been made illegal! So you need to find out what the specific laws & regulations are regarding spanking children in your particular country or state, as they often vary greatly from place to place. But even where spanking is tolerated by the System, if & when you spank your child, do it out of sight & earshot of any outsiders. And you should, as Dad has always said, definitely avoid using any kind of excessive force that could physically harm him or her.—And you should also avoid any spanking methods that would leave any kind of a lasting mark or bruise on your child's bottom!

48. This is not to say that we should stop disciplining our children, we just need to adapt or alter our methods of discipline in order to avoid endangering our children or bringing reproach upon the Lord's Work. The new "Raise 'em Right" Childcare Book offers a number of good suggestions on how to effectively discipline a child without spanking, so we know that will be a help & blessing to you, PTL!

"WHO HATH DELIVERED, WHO DOTHT DELIVER, &
WHO WILL YET DELIVER!"—2COR.1:10

49. (Fam: One thing that encouraged me while reading about all this child abuse business was when I thought, "Wow, with all of our enemies & bitter backsliders who really hate us, & worldly neighbours who don't understand us, it's a miracle that we haven't been attacked more along these lines!" The Lord hasn't allowed them to. And I was thinking, that's really encouraging, the Lord is doing it! All we have to do is obey & do our part, & the Lord does the rest. It's not like these dangers have just now suddenly arisen. From what I've read, it seems like it's already been going on for years.—Thousands upon thousands of children have been taken from their System parents in the U.S. & other parts of the World, but the Lord has protected us & ours. PTL!)

50. Yes, we've had people in the States & Europe & Latin America all along.—The places where it seems the problem is the worst & where we've had big Homes with lots of neighbours, & we haven't had any children taken.—At least not permanently. Some of our Homes in Argentina & Venezuela were recently raided by the authorities, who were sicced on us by our bitter enemies, & they did take away our children there. But after investigating, interrogating & examining them physically & psychologically, the authorities realised that the charges against us were false, absolute lies, & every child was returned to us with a "clean bill of health," TTL! (See FSM #163.)

51. Another case that I remember took place some time ago was with a family in the U.S. who were camping out in a parking lot. (See FSM #154.) The authorities took their kids too, but our people got them back, TTL. That should serve as a good warning to the Family against camping in parking lots! Twenty years ago we might have been able to get away with that sort of thing, but it doesn't sound like that's too feasible or safe any more. Also, another pretty serious incident took place in N. America some years ago. (See FSM 130, Pg.3) But here again they were able to recover their children after about two months.

52. Of course, Barz' case is a different story, since the children have had to remain in the System for so long, & he has had to remain with them. But other than these few cases, the Lord has miraculously kept us.

53. (Fam: From all that we've read, Florida is one of the worst States, yet we read a recent report that some social workers went to Seek &

Servant's Home because a neighbour had complained. Seek just went on the attack & came out & witnessed away to the lady & brought her kids all out, stood them there & told the social worker that the kids are highly educated & they've been missionaries & everything.—And the social worker never came back, PTL!) You can be sure they did some desperate praying!

54. The same thing happened quite a few times in Europe as well. The social workers came around to look into the home schooling, & they either gave them permission or they never came around again. It's a miracle! (Fam: It's so encouraging how the Lord's been protecting us so far.—Why should we fear? He's already doing it!)

55. The Lord's already been protecting us all along. We just have to keep praying & trusting the Lord. You should be relieved of all the heavy burdens of worry & fear of the future. Why get burdened & pressured & tossed to & fro with all the troubles the Enemy would try to discourage & distract you with? "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, & He shall sustain thee!"—Psa.55:22.

56. Look, we're done early, so we can now go to bed & be so happy, we don't even have to discuss all these worrisome, detailed questions. The Lord's answered them all so simply. Amen? See, it pays to trust the Lord & pray! You even get out early from what could have been a long & difficult meeting! PTL! ILY!

57. In summary: Although you definitely shouldn't worry or get fearful about what could happen if the System's "Child Abuse Industry" tries to attack you & your Home, there are some definite steps you should take:

- 1.) Don't worry or be fearful.—Trust the Lord!
 - 2.) Keep living for the Lord & stay true to His Word & your convictions!
 - 3.) Earnestly pray & claim the Lord's protection!
 - 4.) "Avoid all appearance of evil" with your neighbours & in any contact you have with the System.
 - 5.) "Inform Your Children" so that they're "ready to give an answer" just in case they're ever questioned!—Amen?
 - 6.) Be very careful & prayerful about taking your children to visit System relatives! (See Eze.20:18!)
 - 7.) Keep a clean, safe Home!
 - 8.) Use great wisdom when disciplining your children!
- Do what you can, & God will do what you can! GBARY!

—AMEN!