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CHRISTIAN LOVE LETTER

Encouragement for the Transgenderist and the Transsexual
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But who are you, a mere man, to criticize and contradict and answer back to God? Will what is formed say to Him that formed it, WHY Have you made me this way? (Rom.9:20)

Psalm 139:13-16

13 For You did form my inward parts. You did knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awe(e)ful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are your works, and that my inner self knows right well.

15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery].

16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape. When as yet there were none of them. (Amplified Bible)

Our Life Before Our Life

By Lee Frances

Quote, "Thou art the owner of my inmost parts and passions: not the indweller and observer only, but the acknowledged Lord and possessor of **my most secret self**. God does not only inspect and visit, but it is His own: He is as much at home there as a landlord on his own estate or a proprietor in his own house. 'You did knit me together in my mother's womb.' There I lay hidden, covered by You. Before I could know you, or anything else, You had a care for me, and did hide me away as a treasure till you should see fit to bring me to the light. Thus the Psalmist describes the intimacy God had with him. In his most secret part. **Yet unborn**, he was under the control and guardianship of God.

'My frame (my substance) was not hidden from You.' The substantial part of my being was before Your all seeing eye; the bones which make my frame were put together by Your hand. The essential materials of my being before they were arranged were all within the range of Your eye. I was hidden from all human knowledge but not from You. You have ever been acquainted with me. *When I was made in secret*. Most chastely and beautifully is here described the formation of our being **before the time of our birth**. A great artist will often labor alone in his studio, and not allow his work to be seen until it is finished; even so did the Lord

fashion us where no eye beheld us until every part of us was complete. Much of the formation of our inner self still proceeds in secret. *And curiously wrought in the depths of the earth.* Embroidered with great skill is an accurate description of the creation of muscles, veins, sinews, nerves, etc. What tapestry can equal the human fabric? God's intimate knowledge of us from the beginning and even before it, is here most charmingly set forth. Cannot He who made us thus wonderously when we **were not (yet born)**, carry on His work of power till He has perfected us, though we feel unable to aid in the process, and are lying in great sorrow and loathing, as though cast into the lowest parts of the earth?

'Your eyes saw my unformed substance, yet being unperfect.' While yet the vessel was upon the wheel the Potter saw it all. The Lord knows not only our shape, but our substance. *'Your eyes saw . . .'* moreover the divine mind discerns all things as clearly and certainly as men perceive by actual eyesight. His is not hearsay acquaintance, but the knowledge which comes of sight.

. . . and in your book all the days of [my life] were written before ever they took shape. When as yet there were none of them. An architect draws his plans, and makes out his specifications; even so did the great Maker of our frame write down all our members in the book of His purposes. That we have eyes and ears and hands and feet is all due to the wise and gracious purpose of heaven; it was so ordered in the secret decree by which all things are as they are. God's purposes concern our limbs and faculties. Their form and shape and everything about them were appointed of God **long before they had any existence. God saw us when we could not be seen, and He wrote about us when there was nothing of us to write about. When as yet there were none of our members in existence. All of those members were before the eye of God in the sketchbook of His foreknowledge and predestination.**" Unquote.

-By Charles Haddon Spurgeon. From Vol. Three of his, "Treasury of David"
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" . . . despise not what others are or have, though they are not such exact peices, though they have not such excellent endowments as yourselves; yet **they are what God has made them.** Despise not what yourselves are. many are ashamed to be seen as **God made them.**"
-Abraham Wright. 1800's

As I was copying the above I perceived the activity of God in putting us together and framing our lives and writing it all down in His book of life. He knows our end from the beginning. He knows us before we exit the womb. I take great solace today in knowing God knew from the beginning I would be a transgendered person. This is the way He made me. I don't know how anyone, cg-tg-ts, can think God is mad at them because of our lifestyle. Our life, before we ever entered the womb, was laid out for us. He entered us in His book. To try to understand is far greater than our human understanding can conceive. The course of our lives was laid out by Him in His book

just as an architect lays out the plans for a house before the first peice of wood is ever purchased, before the foundation of the house is laid. The owners who have never seen the house know exactly what it will look like and exactly how it will be constructed. So it is with our God and our body of flesh. Our God, who was never created but always was and always will be and unrestricted by time, knows every fiber of our being.

Is God going to get "mad" at the way He created us? Cd-tg-ts was not our choice in life. We entered the womb this way and the construction of the body began. It's the Satanic force that makes us hate ourselves and makes us feel we are offending God. Does the vase the potter made turn around and ask WHY? have you made me this way (Romans 9:20)? No, the clay has to accept the way it's made into a vase to ever display the beauty of the flowers put into it. God has given us a beauty of soul that only each individual possesses. We are gentle, loving people. We are genuinely caring pepole. Our basic nature is inoffensive, plus many other positive traits. He made us according to His plan and only His plan in us and for us can satisfy Him. Everyone, including the mighty bastion of the Church, has tried to remake us and it can't be done. THEY are the ones mad at us. Not God.

Stop pronouncing Judgement on yourselves. ACCEPT the fact you are made as God made you. I am well aware that in many cases you must live your God given feminine life in secret and away from family, friends and employers. It's not a great way to live and that sets forth the dire need to worship our creator. The church service opens and the moderator says, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" meaning the church. Yes! The Lord IS in His Holy Temple. Our bodies. ICorinthians 6:19, Amplified; "Do you know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit that lives within you, Whom you have received [as a gift] from God? You are not your own.." Too many are trying to live without Him because they believe the lie of satan that they are not acceptable to God because of being cd-tg-ts. Liar!, liar, your pants are on fire.

Accept His love for you as His creation in the turmoil of our lives (and I have, to this very day, turmoil with my children because of my tgism) We don't cut God out of our lives. Stop and thank Him for His love for you.. Give Him your heart in love. Worship him in the silence of your being. You don't have to be in church to do that.

Before I was aware God made me a cd I used to get all dressed in my Sunday finest and sit in my closet with the drapes drawn and door locked and turn on one of these TV evangelists and just sit there singing along and praising the Lord. I have sat in Churches sending up my own personal praise and worship totally oblivious to the service going on around me. God has blessed all of it. I was in the drunk tank in a New York City jail in 1961 and went to a church service there and discovered the verse in the bible that changed my life. Jeremiah 29:11KJV, "I know the thoughts I think toward you, saith the Lord. Thoughts of peace, not of evil, to give you an expected end." That was the first revelation in my unsaved life that God had any thoughts at all about me. God thinks GOOD of me, wow! Cool, cool! He got me locked up for public drunkenness to tell me He was thinking of my peace and welfare.

At that time of my life God was the ONLY one that thought good of me. As I prayed to Him in succeeding months there was a Divine deliverance from the alcohol I was addicted to (which had robbed me of wife and family and put me on the Bowery in New York City) Praise His Holy Name!!! I tried to pray away my cding but to no avail. Alcohol, smoking and the overuse of prescription drugs all went down the tubes into Gods forgetfulness but cding? no. Why, He made me this way and when I learned that ; I became a transgendered person and have been blessed by Him in so many ways since then. Gosh! the above is a departure from my writing of this article. Perhaps someone will be encouraged by it all.

Back on the track now. God saw the state of man, totally corrupted dripping with sin. That's when He became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. He had decreed death to all of us for our sins. Not for our cding, tging or tsism. He made us this way! He came among us and took our sins upon Himself and paid for us the death penalty He had decreed. But what good is a dead Saviour. He knew sin wouldn't stop. The flood taught Him that. His death didn't remove our sin but paid the penalty for it. Sin, past, present and future. Of course, if you are saved and never sinned again since Christ came into your life, please advise me. I'm looking for such a person. God knew we need His personal strength in our battle with life and to accomplish that for us, He rose from the grave where His dead body had been laid. He was taken "up" into heaven from where He sent His Holy Spirit to indwell us. That occasion is commorated with what we call the Day of Pentecost.

Thus, before the womb and even to this very day God has been and is with us. He loves us AS WE ARE, AS HE MADE US. Why not love yourself and love Him and take Christ into your life?

God bless you and keep you for His Glory.

I am yours, with love, in the joy and happiness of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ

-Lee Frances Heller



I am a believer who increasingly lives in exile from the traditional way in which Christianity has heretofore been proclaimed. "A believer in exile" is a new status in religious circles, but I am convinced that countless numbers of people who either still inhabit religious institutions or who once did will resonate with that designation.

The hunger for God is deep and pervasive in our society today. We need to recognize that this is not the same thing as hunger for the answers the church has traditionally given. Indeed, many seekers today do not act as if the church will ever be a place where God can be fruitfully sought.

Bishop John Shelby Spong in his latest book, *Christianity Must Change or Die*

To be born again is to discover ourselves as infants in the gracious arms of God. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. There is nothing we can do make Him love us less. We cannot manipulate God. He wont pay more attention to us if we figure out how to become His favorite child. We assume that God's love for us must be tied to something our performance, our sacrifices or at least our love for Him. But Scripture is rather clear about this. God's love for us is rooted in His own merciful nature.

M. Craig Barnes. Pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Wash. D.C. in his book,

When God Interrupts



PLAY IT AS IT LAYS

By Dr. Becky Allison

Hear now the parable of the talents.

A man on a journey called his servants and entrusted property to them.

To the first he said, "Here is five hundred thousand dollars, invest it exactly as follows: one hundred thousand in Consolidated Camels, two hundred thousand in First Jerusalem Savings and Loan, and two hundred thousand in Galilean Fishing Enterprises. You will enjoy riches and live a life of ease."

To the second he said, "Here is fifty thousand dollars, it isn't enough for a life of ease, but it will get it started in your own business. If you work hard, you will survive and, perhaps, even prosper a little."

To the third he said, "Here is five hundred dollars. It's your severance pay. You will live outside the shelter of my blessings. You will, however, still have to gaze upon these others, the ones for whom life may be easy or hard, but is always normal.. You will envy them for their normal lives, because yours will never be like theirs. And yet you must attempt to be normal. It will be in vain. You are not normal as they are. But woe to you if you attempt or accept or embrace abnormality! Other men-normal men-will reject you and cast you into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

STOP!!!!

This is not at all what Jesus said in the parable of the talents. I think, however, that is what many of us believe.

We see those few who live in the fine houses and drive the fine cars. They seem to lead charmed lives. We think, "I could be just like them if I hadn't had this lifelong burden of gender-identity conflict." We see the much larger number of working people, and we identify with them. Perhaps we have been quite successful in our transition and we blend into society in our proper gender. Yes, we appear to fit in. but to ourselves we think, "if these people knew my past, they would reject me. For I am not normal like them."

Too often we see ourselves as outcasts-in our own eyes, and more importantly, in the eyes of God. "God does know my past and He knows I am not normal. Therefore God has rejected me." Well now! Just who says you are not "normal?" Is it God or is it satan laying the guilt on you to defeat you? Who created you? God did, you say. Yes, He did. And did He create within you a conflict between the person you appeared to be and the person you knew you are in your heart? Or was this just something you chose to do on your own?

Chose? No, I didn't choose it, you say. I know I have had it as long as I can remember. I think I was born with it. On this point science would agree with you. Transsexualism (and Transgenderism, ed,) is biological, not a learned behavior. Listen to these verses:

God says, Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5

Woe unto him who quarrels with his maker, to him who is but a potsherd (a worthless broken peice of pottery) among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, "what are you making." Does your work say, "He has no handles."

Woe to him who says to his father, "what have you begotten?" Or to his mother, "what have you brought to birth?" (Isaiah 45:10)

God made us just the way we are. We may feel deformed, like a broken potsherd. But in His plan, we are just as He intended. We ar beautiful in His eyes.

God wants us to deal with our inner conflict. He will give us the strength to deal with it. Almost certainly, He will not simply remove the conflict; He will guide us to it's resolution. That resolution for us is to become congruent in body and spirit. The cliché from the language of golf is "play it as it lays." We don't go back to the tee and start the round over. We have to play it out of the rough.

We don't ask Him to let us start our lives over with no conflict. We have to deal with our lives as He created us.

God doesn't reject us. He never did. Neither will most of our friends if they see His beauty and love in us.

So now let us redo our paraphrase of the the parable of the talents:

A man going on a journey called His servants and entrusted his property to them.

To the first , he said, "You will enjoy the riches of life. Just remember, to whom much is given, much is required. I expect you to use your blessings to bring my love to others. I will give you the power to do so.

To the second He said, "You will not have an easy life, but through hard work you will realize satisfaction and success. I will give you the power to bear the toil of daily life."

To the third He said, "I love you as much as my other servants but I am giving you a different burden. This burden will handicap you for years, and will require great strength and patience to overcome."

"But this burden is the gift I give you. Do not bury it. Take it. Accept it., and use it to find fulfillment in your life."

"I, your Lord and Master will give you the power to resolve your burden and live the life I intended for you. When you have done so, you will know my joy and peace. Your life will be sweeter than ever as you know completeness; as you realize that you are-and always have been-normal as all of my other beloved servants."

-My love to you all, Becky

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Loved Without Condition

Many Christians are hurting -- in our families, our jobs, our health, our marriages -- and we're tired of being told that peace and blessings will come to us when, and if, we are right with God.

Because of what Jesus accomplished for us on the cross, we are right with God. But we still have problems. Nowhere in the Scriptures are we promised no problems, pain, or suffering. We're never told in Scripture that from the moment we come into a relationship with God, we'll do no wrong, hurt no person, feel no pain, or have no sickness. Well-meaning Christians have told us these things, but they're wrong. Rather, Scripture tells us that we'll know true peace, His peace, in the midst of all our trials and tribulations. That He will be there in the midst of it all.

Many of us are tired of pretending, tired of putting on a smiling face when our hearts are broken and we're hurting.

We want someone to be there, someone to care, to strengthen and sustain us, whatever our situation. We want to be encouraged, but most of all, we want to be loved -- loved without terms or strings or conditions, not just when we're being good and doing the right things, but especially when we've messed up our lives.

We all need to know that we are loved unconditionally -- and the Good News is, we can, in God. This longing for unconditional love, this "void" inside of us, is God given. He created it. And only He has the capacity to fill this need. Our Heavenly Father always intended to fill us with His love. He's there for each of us, just waiting for us to acknowledge that we need Him. All we have to do is invite Him in.

God loves us, all of us, not because of anything we do, but because of who He is. That's the Good News of the Gospel. And that love will never change. It will never diminish or disappear because of anything we do. The only

way we can lose His sense of love will be if we step outside of Him and take control of our lives back into our own hands.

So, when I've messed up my life in some way, no matter how badly, I've learned to not take my eyes off Him. Over the years, I've learned to quickly run to Him and hide there, secure in His arms, right where I was always intended to be, resting in His unmerited, unearned, and unshakable unconditional love for me.

Written by a Christian friend

This is Deeper Life

By Earle H. Davis

Deeper Life, some times called Victorious Life, comes from the New testament where Paul talked about the Deep Things of God. In Math. 22:14 Jesus says that many are called, but few are chosen. This statement comes right after He tells the story of the Bridegroom who commands his servants to go out and invite all to the wedding. They return saying that the people were too busy to come. Then he tells the servants to go out into the highways and invite the strangers to the wedding. One person shows up without a wedding garment. The Bridegroom commands that he be cast out.

Paul reminds us that God is not willing that any should perish. Many of us are called to His Kingdom, but because of our unbelief, we are satisfied only with knowing about God, rather than really knowing Him as an intimate Friend. Only those who continually dig into His Word and become intimately acquainted with His Unconditional Love for us, are the chosen ones.

Again in Heb. 6:1-3 we are told to leave such things as the laying on of hands, the second coming, and even of salvation, but to go on into full maturity. We all like to think of ourselves as mature, but in 1 John 2 we are warned against being babes or youth, but to become Fathers, knowing the authority of God in our lives so we can reproduce the Life of Christ in others. Babes or youth cannot do that because of lack of experience and maturity.

In the Book of Genesis we read how Adam disobeyed God and in his shame, he hid himself from God. That shame was so great that Adam and Eve took refuge behind a covering of fig leaves., That was the day that Religion was born. Religion means man seeking after God. Christianity means God seeking after man. In that separation, man has forever since considered God "up there" and man "down here".

Deeper Life is discovering that we were created to contain God. Jesus said the Kingdom of Heaven is Within you. 1 Cor. 3:16 says "Do you not know that your bodies are the Temple of God, and that Jesus Christ dwells in you?" Jesus died for us in order to live in us. Religion puts that all off until some future date when Heaven comes. Religion continues the lie of man's separation from God. But true Christianity brings us glorious peace and rest because now God is actually "tabernacling" amongst His Saints! Our long search is over!

Earle Davis

While at prayer, I guess I fell asleep and heard something like a beautiful song in that dream. I really cannot easily describe who was doing the singing, but it was so moving that I tried to write down the words as best I could. Here they are:

It is because You have cared for me,

that I know what love is.

It is because I have come to know Your Peace, that I would now ; Yours only be.

It is because I have come to love you, that I now know who I am.

....and that You have made a world for me.

....and all else desired, put aside. I came to you uncertain, confused, and untrue,

and now there is only the simple love of You

for in Your Presence, I find such happiness,

....nothing else compares.

That I have come to sing these words,

....Your love and peace to share.

By Robert J. Sparacin:

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Love is a person. Love is God. Where love is, God is. Our vocation is to make room for God in ourselves, to clothe God with our flesh to again give God hands, lips and eyes and a voice.

-Francis de Sales.

Submitted by:
Catherine de Hueck Doherty

Letters

From NE-Your new CHRISTIAN LOVELETTER was interesting, well done, and professional. Your message of THE LOVE OF GOD came through loud and clear, but it seemed tame in comparison to some of the "fire and brimstone" of the past. Is it just my imagination? -Nope, the longer I study the love of God the more I see how He loves those church members. They may reject us but God doesn't reject them. God loves them with the same love He loves us. The Bible says we should pray for our enemy.. However they are not our "enemy." They are just disillusioned about us so let's pray for their eventual understanding. Diane Zahn and Rachel Miller are working towards that end so let's pray for the success of their mission.

From TX- You are doing such a grand job with LOVE LETTER. There is such a need in the Community for your work.

And now, this gem.

Dear Lee:

I don't know if you remember me or not, but we met at the Texas Tea Party back in 1989, at least I think it was 89. Anyway, we sat and talked several times about the Lord and what He meant to each of us, and our mutual desire to live as women. After our talks, I remember thinking for the first time that maybe I could have my relationship with Jesus and still be TG without feeling as if I was deep in sin, heading for hell as all my brothers and sisters would have me believe. It was a wonderful revelation, but I was still not able to receive it for fear you were wrong and everyone else I knew was right. Nevertheless, I began receiving your newsletters and then your Love Letters with great joy and anticipation. It seemed that whenever I would receive something from you it would greatly affect me in a positive manner, or it would say something helpful about what I was going through at that particular time in my life. It was almost uncanny. Consequently, I began to look forward to your mailings to read and reread and to think about what you had to say concerning the Lord and your constant preaching about the non-issue of cross-dressing.

Now over the years I've been up and down in my relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, but the sad truth is, mostly, I've been down. Pushed down by my thoughts of not being a good enough Christian, or a faithful Christian because I was TG, and even, shudder, maybe TS. Well, I've been thinking about what you've been saying for many years, and fighting with my inner thoughts for just as long, but now I've come to the conclusion that I believe you're right about God not caring whether we cross-dress or not. He only cares about what's inside our hearts, and I've come to this conclusion just recently, and, if you don't mind, I'd like to share this little story with you to help explain my new revelation.

Once upon a time (yes, I know, but just bear with me). Anyway, once upon a time there was this plain looking TG person whose name was Layla. Now Layla had given her life to the Lord, but was troubled because she was a woman who very much could pass as a man and had done so for many years. Now this poor woman had been told by all her teachers, and everyone she had confided in, that God would not and could not tolerate

her trying to live as a woman because she passed so well as a man. This greatly distressed Layla, but she wanted to do the right thing, so she tried to be a faithful Christian man working at having a good relationship with her Lord, but all the while being miserable because she wasn't living as a woman. Time passed, and Layla soon discovered she was becoming quite weary of being miserable not living as a woman, so she reasoned that surely she would begin feeling better if only she started living as woman. However, after a period of time living as a woman and believing she was now sinning, she began to forgo her bible reading, prayers, and church attendance, with the net result that her relationship with her Lord plummeted, and she found herself once again miserable. This went on for a while, and then Layla again decided she couldn't continue to live without her Lord, so she confessed her sin of cross-dressing, began reading her bible, praying, and attending church regularly, and, low and behold, her relationship with her Lord began to blossom again. This continues for several years (twenty four to be exact) until one day, after living for a long period of time without a satisfying relationship with Jesus, and being so miserable she was finding it difficult convincing herself she would ever be happy again, Layla decided to give up on trying to live as a woman, again, confess her sin of cross-dressing, again, and decide to retrieve her relationship with the Holy Spirit again. However, she knew by this time that it would only be a matter of a few months before she would once again be miserable at trying to live as a man, and this caused her to think, "What's the use! I might as well die now and get it over with."

But, she quickly put that out of her mind because first of all, she wasn't too keen on dying, and second of all, she knew it would be like jumping out of the frying pan and into the fire. For Layla wasn't stupid. She was just slow.

As a result, Layla began to think very hard at what to do. She thought and thought and thought, and finally decided she was pretty angry at God for putting her in this mess and just leaving her without any hope. "If this is a joke," she continued thinking. "It's not funny anymore."

Even so, Layla knew that God was not trying to be funny, nor would He leave her without hope. Something else must be wrong, but she just couldn't figure it out. One day, as she was feeling very sorry for herself, which she was very good at (she always prided herself in doing things well), she began to think about what she was going to do with the rest of her life. "If I could just get by the next thirty or so odd years that I might

have left living as a man and having a relationship with my Lord, I might be able to endure this life. I mean, really, look at people in prison with long sentences. If they can exist in prison, surely I can do the time easily in the comfort of my home," she reasoned.

Yet, she knew deep inside her she was just fooling herself again. But wait, from out of the blue a new thought slowly made its way into her consciousness. (At this point the reader should picture Layla walking into a brick wall at night with her eyes closed) "Gosh, why don't I just read my bible, pray, and attend church as a woman? I mean, what harm could it possibly do? I'm already being bashed by my fears now. It couldn't possibly be any worse." And being awe struck by this new and wonderful thought, she decided to put her idea to the test. The very next day, although being a bit nervous wondering what hammer blow might strike her, she began reading her bible and praying. She maintained this regularly for several days, and immediately Layla began to feel as if God was speaking to her in a decisive way as she continued reading and praying. Then it was Sunday. She had decided and planned where she would attend church that morning. It would be a large church, with lots of people in which she could easily blend in with the rest of the worshipers and hopefully not be noticed. Turning off the alarm, Layla quickly showered, put on her favorite outfit, fixed her hair, put on her face, found her coat, and headed, somewhat nervously, for church. Arriving, she found a parking place for her car, grabbed her purse, opened the car door, and marched (in a feminine sort of way) toward the front door. Inside she found a seat and sat down at the same time praying for strength and protection in this strange new place. Soon the church organ began to play, the worshipers began to sing, and then the minister began to preach. Before long Layla found herself once again touched by the Spirit of God which she had missed for so long, and remembering the peace of God that passes all understanding. She was actually reading the bible, listening to the Word of God being preached, singing hymns, feeling the presence of her Lord, and wearing a dress. Layla was as happy as she had ever been. And she lived happily ever after. The end.

Well, that's the story. True in every word and sentence. And yes, I've been back to that church many times with the same results. I'm still reading my bible and praying everyday while becoming closer to the Lord.

Thank you Lee Francis, for being there to help this poor sinner find her Savior again. I can't tell you how much it means for me to feel as if my

life has meaning once again. Purpose and hope can only be found in something bigger than yourself. For me, God is that purpose and Jesus is my hope.

I hope this letter finds you well and solid in our Lord Jesus Christ. May His love comfort you in the days ahead.

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Solitude

THERE ARE TWO kinds of solitude. There is an *outward* solitude when one simply does not speak, or speaks little. There is also an *inner* solitude. Inner solitude means forgetting about everything around you, being detached from it, surrendering all purpose and desire and thought and will, and *then* coming before the Lord.

This is true solitude. You will find it to be a sweet rest and an inward serenity ... found in the arms of your Lord. For that believer who is able to stay in such a place before his Lord there will be a great number of discoveries.

For the believer who comes this far there is the discovery that the Lord converses and communicates with the believer in his inward parts. It is in *that* place the Lord fills the believer with Himself ... but fills him only because that person is *empty*; He clothes him with light and with love because he is naked, lifts him up because he is lowly, and unites him with God and transforms him, because he is alone.

I see this solitude with God as a figure of eternal bliss—a picture of that future time when the eternal Father will be forever beheld. □

—Michael Molinos

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KORI'S Reply to a hyper-moralistic "Religious Right" Newsletter she received.

Folks,

I have a real burden on my heart and it has to do with your "News of Interest" article entitled, "Transgendered Want Equality,"

I'm quite sure you are not in favor of any "equality" for Transgendered people. I'm quite sure that you consider Transvestites and Transsexuals to be the scum of the earth, with no chance of redemption unless they give up what you would call foul and evil ways.

I am also quite sure you have never met a real transgendered person and that your knowledge of transgendered people comes from the Jerry Springer Show. I'm sure you have done extensive research on the tens of thousands of pornographic sites on the Internet. In your eyes the transgendered and transsexual are all homosexual or so sick no one should get near them. Sexual perverts! Best shoot them or lock them up somewhere. Of course, if they weren't tools of satan, they would have a chance. If they could just put Jesus in their heart and accept His salvation. It would SOLVE their *gender problem* and all would lead normal lives, forgiven by all true Christians for their past deeds.

Does that pretty well sum things up! I'll bet it does. It's SO EASY to know all the answers when you don't ask any questions. It's SO EASY to know the answers when YOU don't have the problem. It is SO EASY to condemn someone to hell because they aren't like you and don't have your kind of problems. It is SO EASY to avoid any attempt at understanding because then you can be secure in your lack of Knowledge, and can pretend to be such an EXPERT on something you just do NOT want to know anything about.

The group of people you really like to ridicule - true transsexuals and crossdressers. You don't know anything about these people. You have already decided they are "weirdos and have to be suppressed and rejected. In your eyes, none are real Christians - at best they might have been deluded into thinking they are Christians.

True tranvestites (crossdressers) are almost always MARRIED HETEROSEXUALS and have children and want nothing more than to be rid of their problem. They spend most of their LIVES trying to hide their problem from everyone around them. They spend their lives denying it. It causes great Spiritual and psychological diustress. Some turn to alcohol or Prozac. Many to counsellors and therapy. They don't understand why they have such a strong NEED to crossdress , but it's there and they will live or die with it. NO ONE HAS EVER FOUND A CURE FOR CROSSDRESSING. If I had a pill to cure it, I would sell them for \$10,000 each and would be a millionaire in just a few months.

And, you know something? Some of these evil (in your eyes) married heterosexual

crossdressers are Christians, and some go to the Baptist Church! Some are deacons in their Churches. I'll bet you never knew SATAN has such a hold on some Church Leaders!! And, of course, you claim being a transvestite is TOTALLY a choice, and only SATAN would ever "turn " a devoted Christian to such an evil way.

TRANSSEXUALS:

Transsexuals fight their condition until they get to the point where they know they cannot win. Some try suicide. I have a friend who tried to jump out of his helicopter without a parachute. His Seargant managed to grab his harness on his way out the door. Later he learned to slit his wrists but he was unlucky enough to fall on his arm and stop the blood. They kicked him out of the army due to his three attempted suicides.

Another friend was a chief engineer in the Airforce Rocket Program. He sat in a chair for 5 days with a loaded gun in his hand trying to decide if he should pull the trigger. Thankfully, he decided not to die.

We have had 2 suicides in my local Therapy Group. People who decided they couldn't deal with their transsexual problem so, I suppose, you feel such deaths simply make the world a more Christian place. More suitable for young children and virtuous men and women. So it really makes the world a much better place.

Although I have found individuals in Ministries like Focus On The Family, Family Research Counsel, who have made attempts to understand, or who might actually know what we are. No one has ever been able to stop the untruths that are published about us.

The ironic thing is that the gays of the Human Rights Council (HRC) don't like us either. (no loss to me-ed.) The HRC has, for years, rejected transgendered people. The biggest transphobic gay of all is Barney Frank -- who absolutly refuses to add transgendered people to the Employment Non-Discrimination act. It's a VERY BAD BILL, and I hope it never gets passed.

So it's good to be rejected out of hand by you, American Family Association, and, FOF, Blue Ridge Ministries, Alliance Defense Fund and others. That puts you and these other organizations right in line with the policies of people like HRC and Frank.

At least you know what kind of company you are keeping.

Kori

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Thank God someone finally laid it on the line to these self righteous people who would rule as the Catholic Church did during the inquisition. THANK YOU KORI. In the NEXT ISSUE I will publish a letter Kori wrote to these right winners in which she cooled off and set forth a "come now, let us reason together" letter in a softer and real winning tone. You'll be surprised how Kori can handle them with kid gloves on!! The issue will be out by June.

Spiritual Maxims

A collection of timeless Christian wisdom and advice

JOHN OF THE CROSS (1542-1591) was a Spanish friar, theologian, poet, and religious reformer. He is perhaps best known for the haunting beauty of his poem and commentary entitled *The Dark Night of the Soul* (1582-84). These spiritual gems come from his collections *Sayings of Light and Love*, *Maxims on Love*, *Degrees of Perfection*, and *Other Counsels*, which he jotted down over many years for the sake of those who sought his advice for Christian living.

It is better to be burdened and in company with the strong than to be unburdened and with the weak. When you are burdened you are close to God, your strength, who abides with the afflicted. When you are relieved of the burden, [however,] you are close to yourself, your own weakness; for virtue and strength of soul grow and are confirmed in the trials of patience.

❖ God desires [even] the least degree of obedience and submissiveness more than all those services you think of rendering Him.

❖ God is more pleased by one work, however small, done secretly, without desire that it be known, than a thousand done with desire that men know of them. The person who works for God with purest love not only cares nothing about whether men see him, but doesn't even seek that God Himself know of them. Such a person would not cease to render God the same services, with the same joy and purity of love, even if God were never to know of them.

❖ He who does not allow his appetites to carry him away will soar in his spirit as swiftly as a bird that lacks no feathers.

❖ Well and good if all things change, Lord God, provided we are rooted in You.

❖ My spirit has become dry because it forgets to feed on You.

❖ Lord, my God, You are not a stranger to him who does not estrange himself from You. How do they say that it is You who absent Yourself?

❖ The soul that journeys to God, but does not shake off its cares and quiet its appetites, is like one who drags a cart uphill.

❖ Think not that pleasing God lies so much in doing a great deal as in doing it with good will, without possessiveness and [regard to] human respect.

❖ Do not think that, because the virtues you have in mind do not shine in your neighbor, he will not be precious in God's sight for something of which you are not thinking.

❖ See that you are not suddenly saddened by the adversities of this world, for you do not know the good they bring, being ordained in the judgments of God for the everlasting joy of the elect.



by John of the Cross

❖ What does it profit you to give God one thing if He asks of you another? Consider what it is God wants, and then do it. You will as a result better satisfy your heart than with that toward which you yourself are inclined.

❖ Since, when the hour of reckoning comes, you will be sorry for not having used this time in the service of God, why not arrange and use it now as you would wish to have done were you dying?

❖ Preserve a habitual remembrance of eternal life, recalling that those who hold themselves the lowest and the poorest and least of all will enjoy the highest dominion and glory in God.

❖ Rejoice habitually in God, who is your salvation, and reflect that it is good to suffer in any way for Him who is good.

❖ He who seeks not the cross of Christ seeks not the glory of Christ.

❖ All the goodness we possess is lent to us, and God considers it His own work.

❖ Any thought not centered on God is stolen from Him.

❖ The devil fears a soul united to God as he does God Himself.

❖ More is gained in one hour from God's good things than in a whole lifetime from our own.

❖ It is a serious evil to have more regard for God's blessings than for God Himself.

❖ Do not excuse yourself or refuse to be corrected by all; listen to every reproof with a serene countenance; think that God utters it.

❖ Never give up prayer; and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction.

❖ Remember always that everything that happens to you, whether prosperous or adverse, comes from God, so that you neither become puffed up in prosperity nor discouraged in adversity.

❖ Remember always that you came here for no other reason than to be a saint; thus let nothing reign in your soul which does not lead you to sanctity.

❖ He is meek who knows how to suffer his neighbor and himself.

❖ Whoever flees prayer flees all that is good.

❖ Conquering the tongue is better than fasting on bread and water.

❖ Suffering for God is better than working miracles.

❖ In all things, both high and low, let God be your goal. ♦

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From My Heart To Your Heart

Lee Frances

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have had so much to be published that I have had to make this a 16 page issue. I want to thank all who have contributed material I have published herein and to those who submitted articles for consideration. I'll use some in the next issue.

The companion peice, "Play It As It Lays," by my dear friend, Dr. Rebecca Anne Allison-or- Dr. Becky as most of us know her, has shed more light on our creation before we were born. I labored on this subject and am surprised with what, by the grace of God, I was able to come up with. As I was proof reading my article I had two thoughts. Weird. X-file material!!!, but that's thru human eyes. But through Spiritual eyes we see God revealing His inexhaustable love of us, His created beings.

Dr. Becky came to Jackson last week and we had a wonderful evening of Dinner and a movie right here in my home. We watched "The Apostle", a truly great movie. Becky came back Saturday afternoon for two hours of great Christian fellowship and then off to Phoenix again. Becky is very dear to me. God put us together in Jan. 1992. For a revelation, visit her at: www.drbecky.com

My health is holding well. I have had no relapses. I can work 2-3 hours a day in my "livingroom - bedroom - office." I am requiring more blood thinner but that's no big deal. I feel fine and hope to get another issue of LL out by the end of May.

By all means read Layla's account of her life in the past 10 years. Revealing! My dear friend, Earle Davis has an article explaining The Deeper Life. We all should apply it to our life. In God's time in 1968 Earle came along and threw me a lifeline as I was floundering in my Spiritual life at that time. I was sick of the legalism of fundamentalism and Earle pointed out in the bible where ". . . the Law killeth but the (Holy) Spirit giveth LIFE!!" That nite in 1968 my entire life in Christ was changed from something hard to bear to freedom in Christ.

Enjoy this issue of Love Letter and drop me a line if you have the opportunity to do so. My snail address and email address is below. No one likes to deal in negatives but if LL is not your cup of tea, notify me and I will, gracefully without comment, remove your name from the mailing list and by the same token you have someone you would like to receive LL, send their mailing name and address and I'll send a copy right out to them.

God loves us all so let's rejoice in His love for us and pass it along to others. I, also, love you and if you need personal prayer let me know and I'll add your name to my 5:30 AM prayer session.

My Christian love to you, *Lee Frances*

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