

Opinion

Letters cont.

Indeed the most brilliant minds that ever lived from Aristotle to Galileo to Newton to Schweitzer to Einstein, all believed in God. The proof of God's existence exists the mind and in the environment. If you want to prove to yourself that God exists, stop attempting to rationalize and the issue; this only blocks the very information you seek. Have you ever tried to recall a name or an event in vain, but as soon as you relax the information surfaces? By the same process, when we stop trying to figure out God, we enable our minds to reveal the information to us. If you open up your mind and accept that logic is not the only source of knowledge, you will experience the evidence that enables millions of people to know God.

Obviously the utility of logic appears restricted to our material world. If you doubt this, perhaps you can use logic to resolve this question: Does space end? If it does, then what is on the other side? If it doesn't end, then explain how we should understand that it is infinite.

To earnestly seek God is to humble oneself and to open up one's mind. The Bible tells us not to be wise in our conceit but to understand that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. There is ample historical evidence that Jesus lived. To believe that He died that we might receive mercy in the presence of God, all we need to do is appeal to Him to reveal Himself to us. Try it.

Elvis Arthur—Leigh
Medicine I

Abuse Africa

Africa may still have many years to combat tropical diseases because of her economic woes and relatively fewer health care facilities. This does not however, mean that with the AIDS epidemic which the whole human race seems to be running from, those in a position to make the news and be heard should ingeniously try to heap the blame on Africa. This attitude reminds one of the way scientists in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries classified Africans as sub-humans "fit" for slavery and thus get rid of the irony of Christians treating their fellow human beings as animals.

Today, those who have AIDS are dying of it. So far, most of the victims have been homosexuals or people who have had blood transfusions from donors who are AIDS victims. And traditionally, homosexuality is not rampant in Africa, the bulk of which in fact, is still, unfortunately, practicing polygamy. Polygamy involving the opposite sex. Africans and Black men raised with traditional values find it difficult to abandon the God-given qualities of the opposite sex. In fact, the sexual norms of the majority of African societies impose taboos on homosexuality. Besides, recent statistics shed light on an interesting coincidence. That the cases of AIDS outside North America are known to be high in the two African countries with a substantial number of American personnel? Find out which.

And because the traditional sexual habits of Africans are impossible to refute, the latest news is that the AIDS virus has been dis-

covered in the African monkey. (So much the better for countries that pride themselves in providing the world's biggest anthropological laboratories and zoological—safari gardens.) Granted we have monkeys. Is Africa the only continent with monkeys? Even if this were true, do Africans share beds or rooms with monkeys? How many African countries can afford to have more than one zoo (other than the tourist oriented ones in the capitals)? Whereas, almost every small town or city in the rich world has a zoo.

As rational and civilized human beings, we should take note of two things. That conscious and enlightened Africans or Blacks are not pathologically obsessed with the atrocities of slavery. Nor do they blindly blame twentieth-century liberal—thinking Whites for crimes committed by their ancestors. However, deliberate pseudo—scientific reminders like the AIDS blackmail and human ego-destruction coupled with the un—communist Nazi South African Apartheid cannot and should not go scot—free of condemnation.

Let us not forget, any Black person who speaks against injustice or condemns Apartheid is not automatically a communist. The black skin, poverty and weakness are not the criteria for communist membership. The communists are the Russians who are strong enough to challenge the wealthiest and most technologically advanced nation on earth. To speak against injustice demonstrates a mere breadth of concern for peace and human dignity in a CIVILIZED world. And this simplistic attitude, as some may call it, stems from the realization that we cannot make

this world a better place to live in by either polarizing people or by assuming that my neighbour with a different skin colour is my enemy. The pigment does not make any human being a devil or an angel. Let us also remember that if everything living were to choose before birth, men would have chosen to be angels untarnished by the atrocities of history, human pride, greed, and above all, unaffected by the vagaries of TIME.

The question however, remains unanswered. WHERE DOES "AIDS" REALLY COME FROM?

Augustine Marah

Smoke? Fire!

An open letter to all misinformed, misdirected, misquoted, misanthropic, mistaken, miscellaneous political hacks:

Who do you think you are? Do you think we haven't caught on to your little games?

And Santa? You bet!

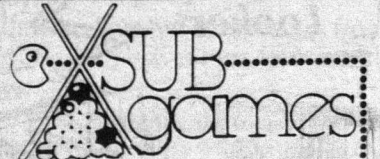
On behalf of all U of A students, I hope you get coal for Christmas. Burning coal. In your underpants. In your underarms. In your under-used brain boxes.

Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!

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