

Satanic lure of gleaming flesh

I have read the letter of sympathy written on behalf of Dignity and would like to make known the experience I have already had of sympathy over Alexander's suicide, through the following excerpt from 'Alexander the Little.'

'friend'
After Alex died my heart
broke again the grief began
To pour a deluge sobbing out
Day in day out all night long

One old 'friend' turned up and said
Look my girl you're all alone
You're going mad and down the drain
I'll take care of your affairs
Sign to me your property

Then he sent a shrink around
Who'd brought a test to test my mind
How psychotic had I got
And did I want to know how much?
.....etc.

Another 'friend' invited me
To stay awhile enjoy myself

She sat before me on the bed
Cross-legged and nude creamy white

Her breasts were heavy round and rich
They hung and yet stood out from her
Tipped in pink the glow of rose

You are a Beauty so I said
Quite objectively I thought
But when she smiled and closer came
Inviting me to touch her I
Became aware of wanting to

INSTANTLY
I knew it all the horror in
SATANIC LURE OF GLEAMING FLESH

God is Love and this is lust
You are a Beauty yes indeed
But I can never touch you if
.....I did and joined with you
In fun becoming wickedness
The wickedness that Evil is
I'd never be the same again.

Come on said she Let's try and see
You know you've always wanted to
She laughed and writhed displaying
And said with bubbling fun

I'll make the sign of Jesus Christ
The cross of crucifixion here
Let's hang it over this my bed
To keep us safe from Hellishness

I see a chasm black and wide

Your mouth is liping Blasphemy
You want me diving into it

To Death the slime and grime of sex
Pure sex in homosex at that
Lust and greed so horrible
That I repent my sinfulness

With that my skin began to creep
It shingled tingled shifting cells
And every pore cringed and closed
Each hair an altered angle took
An extra ordinary sense of Death

I knew my Choice had chosen me

And I'm a Christian God is Love
I know because of what I see
The ugly Beauty Satan has

(Jesus Christ my Lord and Love
Is this for real
Have I no friends
None but you that loves me True?)

So put your nightie on again

For entertainment let's enjoy
The Magic Flute will do instead

And shall we have a cup of tea?

Alexandra
P.S. Dignity: I would like to hear your
prayers. Would you invite me to your
next meeting to meet Helland M. Na-
tion?

Aspidistra fans unite!

Dear Mr. Gateway:
All year we've been reading Ms. 'Big Word' Alison Thomson's column. We usually get about half way through before the convulsions overtake us. What a dumb bitch! Everyone knows that Alison's liberal views are just a cover-up. Secretly, she wants to be taken by a big, hairy Civil Engineer. Beat me with your briefcase! Feminism is OK, but there's nothing like a belt-loop calculator!

We hold Alison personally responsible for everything from fifty cent pinball to the holes in Joey Ramone's pants. She probably believes that women should enjoy sex, too.

Actually, we're just envious because Alison has a better moustache than us (she's most likely better hung, as well).

We agree with Voltaire (and Sid, Vicious) when they said that they might not agree with what you say but they defend to the death your right to keep it to yourself.

Bill Koch,
Engineering III
Stu Brucite,
Engineering III
John White,
Engineering III

Dragged through the mud

Many of Mr. Lamble's bold criticisms of Christianity expressed in his letter entitled, "Sick of all those whiners" are very legitimate. Christianity as Mr. Lamble cited, has been associated with the Spanish Inquisition, and is currently joined to the religious revivalism in North American that largely supports capitalism and exploitation of Third World countries. When all three U.S.

presidential nominees claim to be Christians, but totally refute any connection between this and their political ideologies, one becomes suspect of the "Christian Community".

Mr. Lamble's exposure to the "Christian Community" has apparently been unimpressive, to say the least. To him, the average "Christer" is "dull-witted," living a life of hypocrisy, and supporting an "archaic morality". The "Christian Community" in many ways, has failed to live in accordance with their beliefs, as Mr. Lamble clearly indicates.

Unfortunately, his blatant generalizations drag Christianity through the mud in a manner similar to the way in which his "Christers" abuse it. Contradictions are evident in any belief system, for whenever people are involved, there's bound to be defilement. This fact, however, doesn't make the system corrupt.

The fault with Mr. Lamble's criticism is that his underlying generalizations discard the efforts and struggles of many dedicated Christians. There are Christians who fight against "American economic imperialism" in Third World countries, and who attack the "Moral Majority". Unfortunately, these groups are in a minority. They must speak, not only to the non-Christian community, but must work to reform and repair the damage of the "Christian Community".

Finally, Mr. Lamble attacks the wrong object when he speaks of the Bible as the source of contradictions. The problem is people who treat the Bible like a history or science book, a guide to rush to for clear, simple answers. It is a book that transcends legalism to liberate people, but it speaks, only if we are willing to study, and listen to, its message.

Ron Guetter
Arts III

The double standard

Well it's nice to see that the Soviets have pulled out of Afghanistan. I assume this is the case since I was able to watch Soviet gymnasts on CTV recently competing in Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto (Canada).

It's a real shame that the Soviet withdrawal didn't come a little earlier so that I could have been able to enjoy the "Canada Cup" hockey tournament this fall. I might have been able to watch some of my friends compete in the Moscow Olympics which were sacrificed due to the Afghanistan invasion.

I am a firm believer that sports and politics should not mix. However, I am also a firm believer that if a policy is set then it should apply to all events, and not just those that bring the most publicity.

In the meantime, someone

should inform Afghanistan that the Russians are no longer there or that Canada no longer views the invasion as an infringement on "human rights", whichever is true.

S. Donelon
Phys Ed I



Aspidistra

by Alison Thomson

The recent debate on the letters page of the Gateway about biblical sanctions (or lack thereof) of homosexuality is a matter of complete indifference to me. God's views seem adequately represented elsewhere.

Of great concern, however, is the emergence of the evangelical Right as a political force, which takes as one of its causes the elimination of civil rights for homosexuals.

The so called New Right is a remarkable phenomenon; it gathers under its umbrella people who are reactionary to a wide variety of issues and proceeds to deliver them into the lap of the most right wing politician available.

The Right gathers together people who are against gun control, seat belts, welfare, abortion, gay rights, and intelligence. These people may have no particular political philosophy in common; all they need is singleminded commitment to their particular cause. But they have been cleverly drawn together by such consummate politicians as Jerry Falwell, and molded into a unified political force avowing its commitment to family, morality, and born-again Christianity.

Their single issue nature is made clear by the mechanism they employ to evaluate politicians. One of the toughest questions Ronald Reagan was faced with in the recent presidential campaign was whether he thought God hears the prayers of Jews. What this has to do with his ability to govern is left to the imagination.

All three major presidential candidates were also asked for their views on evolution. The fact that anyone considers this a relevant question is only slightly less terrifying than the answers that were given. All three were careful to avoid the suggestion that they reject creationism, although Anderson boldly suggested the bible needn't be taken literally on this point.

This is terrifying. These people, without ever articulating a more carefully thought out political position than "Jesus loves me," are wielding significant political power; it is probably no exaggeration to say they have played an important role in the elections of both Reagan and Carter.

Canada has so far escaped this ridiculous and dangerous trend, unless one includes Edmonton's own Eddie Keehn. It is not to be mistaken for Toryism; however much one may disagree with Tories, one must admit they have a coherent political philosophy based in reality. This contrasts directly with the Born Again Party.

These people threaten the secular nature of schools, by promising to reintroduce prayers in public school. They threaten the civil rights of several groups of people: women, by opposing ERA; gays, by Anita Bryant's vitriolic and childish anti-homosexual campaign; blacks, by supporting the "right" of private schools to reject pupils according to race; in essence, anyone who does not accept middle class bible belt values.

One's religious beliefs are one's own affair, however wrong or misguided those beliefs may be. When right-wingers begin to inflict a Christian Party on the rest of the country, they deserve to be exposed for the narrow-minded bigots they are.

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those entries
coming!



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