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—of the family of love!

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The Issue Dedicated to the Secrets of the Cities, and it's supposed to reveal the secret night life hidden from the tourists of the sexy capitals of the world. It talks about London, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona, the Costa del Sol.

In the Article Dedicated to London a witty journalist talks about how London isn't the swinging place it used to be in the 60's and reminisces of all the beautiful places where you could really get to see far out sexy shows. And then at the end it says, that this doesn't matter because:

The Others are Liberated Enough Now Since They Have Enough Sex in Their Own Nations that they don't need it so much in London, so you had better go mystic—that's what's really happening—all these various sects and weirdos who invite you into their homes, but only for chaste entertainment. It mentions the Divine Light and the Hare Krishna, who feed you and dance with you and are very sweet with you, but none of them really make love with you. So he finally says:

The Friends of the Buddhist Western Order, the School of the New Era of Meditation, the Movement (Clever, Clever!) of the Sufis, the Order of the Druids, the Children of God, the foundation of Krishnamurti, the House of the Acacia, the Center Sivananda...London is much more furnished today for mystics than for night fun! However, if you don't like this kind of a program, I have other advice to give you. Don't get discouraged. There is always another possibility like Kiko Ledgard.

Let your Imagination Now Fly Smoothly Smoothly: Imagine yourself entering into a discoteque slowly and gently. The music is not too loud and there are few people. A few couples are dancing tightly and romantically. You...have failed many times in your intent to pick up in a discoteque.

But now here, you discover a Table where there are Ten or Twelve Chics, alone, very beautiful and very clean. Of course...they are there with a very respectable gentleman.—Can it be their grandfather? You are rather on the shy side. Will you approach them and ask one of those cuties to dance? But you don't have to!—To your great enjoyment on the one hand, but to your shock on the other—who can deny it!

That Cute Chic Has Already Left Her Group and, as if she had guessed your thoughts, is now coming to invite you to dance! And when you have barely recovered from your shock you start to squeeze her tightly...she, the little cutie chic, responds, you kiss her and she responds back. She...well, you start putting your hands on her and she lets you.—And you start going like crazy with yourself: "Oh, what a male you are, Mariano!"

All of a Sudden That Sweet Girl Gives You Your Second Shock: In the Middle of the Heat She Starts Talking to You about God and about Love and about Jesus Christ and about Love amongst Christians!—"Do you love God?" You answer, "But of course, yes, my little Godmother." Aren't you going to love God that night?

And She Invites You to Celebrate This with a Few Drinks from the Table of the Guru-Granddaddy and his girls—a sort of secretary type gets up to pay for them—another shock! After this "cuba-libre", you feel more bold. You start propositioning dishonestly the little girl...and the little girl agrees! You take her to bed and between one condom and the other she talks to you about God and Jesus Christ and love.

She Only Asks You for Some Love, and in the morning she goes after having given you a lot of late kisses...This is another mystic formula that isn't bad. It's propagators are called "The Family of Love". The bad thing is that they are not rooted in London, but rather in another city—(For the moment)!

(Translated by Emanuele)
IN A CERTAIN CITY IS THEIR CENTRAL HOUSE

THE FAMILY OF LOVE

A NEW RELIGIOUS WAY OF LIFE. The Family of Love, a Christian sect, established here since three years ago, lives in a community that is an old large house.

ITS SPIRITUAL LEADER IS FATHER DAVID. Its purpose is to convert all men, through the message of love that the Bible contains. From here Father David, a North American Jew, directs all the sect, which is spread through all the countries of the world.

IN OUR PAGE NINE we have published a wide illustrated cover story about this interesting subject, with exclusive declarations for The Day by Father David that appears in this photograph.

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THE FAMILY OF LOVE

—It was established here three years ago.
—The Family of Love
—Wherever they call us the Family will go to help those in need.
—the spiritual leader, Father David, forsook his business because of a promise, he dreamed of the name of this place and ever since then he directs from here all the sect that is spread through numerous countries.

"THERE IS SOMETHING ROTten IN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK", exclaimed one of the characters of Hamlet, referring without a doubt to what was happening inside the walls of Helsingor, which was the only thing that could have happened in Denmark. The same character, with more truth maybe, could say in these times of ours.

"THERE IS SOMETHING ROTten IN THE GREAT HUMAN FAMILY that inhabits the globe." It looks like things must not be going very well in this Earth of ours. The avalanche of "disinterested saviours" of all signs that daily fill the pages of our readings tell us the story of the rottenness that is now reigning.

GURUS, SUFFIES, PHILOSOPHERS, WITNESSES, ASTROLOGERS, FUTURISTS, YOGAS AND POLITICIANS all want to save man, to the point that they have added one more anguish to the already deep anguish of daily living: Which way can man find for salvation when faced with such a large offer of ways to salvation.

MAN CANNOT HELP BUT REMEMBER THE PROPHETIC WORDS of Rene Guenon, spoken a little over 50 years ago: "The first prophets that we have known up to now have only managed to accomplish a few prodigies of a very low quality, and the ones that followed them were weak characters easy to be misled. But who knows what the future has in store for us?"

PROBABLY THOSE WERE ONLY TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS that will repeat themselves again until they reach success. But, can there not be behind these movements something that is more to be feared, unknown maybe by the same leaders of these movements and by those that follow them as simple instruments?"

CHRISTIANITY—INEEXHAUSTABLE SOURCE OF LIGHT AND THOUGHT, in its historic aspect meant a gigantic step ahead for man, even though after the conversion of Constantine that occurred in the year 312 AD Christianity already began slowly to become less and less the religion of the oppressed.

BECAUSE OF THIS, MANY TRENDS OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AROSE THAT WANTED TO GO BACK TO THEIR ORIGINS, not so much to help the oppressed in its social and economic aspect only, but the totality of the human being oppressed by anguish, by insecurity, by complexes, and by the spiritual bondages and most of all by the lack of LOVE!

TODAY WE ARE BRINGING TO THE PAGES OF THE DAY the exclusive interview with the spiritual father of a Christian movement, "The Family of Love", that has resided here for the past three years. Father David "reigns spiritually" over about a million-and-a-half followers sown through 70 countries. Curiously they are all governed from this city of ours.

PART OF THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN THE COLLECTIVE HOME of about 30 daughters and sons of Father David that occupy an old large house situated on the exact borderline between two cities. Father David, for health reasons, has to live somewhere else, but every day he meets with the members of his family.

A FEW WEEKS BEFORE I HAD MET THE HEAD OF THIS HOME, a noble Florentine among whose ancestors we can count Cosimo the elder, Duke of Florence, Katherine de Medici, Lorenzo the Magnificent, Leo the X,
etc. Emanuele, tall athletic, with a perfect Roman profile, an open man and friendly, he approaches the interview inviting me to visit the "Home of the Family" where he lives together with his wife, Barbara, a beautiful, young American, with gorgeous and perturbing eyes, and his five children and other married couples with their children and many sisters, all beautiful—and also brothers.

Most of them are of American nationality, some are native boys and girls, Canadians, etc. It wasn't an invitation just to do a cover story, because a very well set table whose main attraction was a plate of "spaghetti al pesto", a great speciality from Genova, was waiting for me and for my companion, that great photographic historian. After the deserts we were invited to pass into an adjacent living room to begin our interview, but before this a chorus of boys and girls accompanied by Louisa the guitarist of the home interpreted for us some beautiful songs about love and praise to God and Christ.

Generally all of our questions were answered with quotes from the Bible. To the question about the origins and the beginnings of the movement, Barbara answered, "The Family of Love was founded 2,000 years ago by Christ." As far as the fundamental purposes of the Family of Love, these are love to all those that really need it, so as to in this manner convert the world by love, being that Christ is only this, love, the essential element for happiness and for fellowship among all men. Rapidly they quote Mark 16:15 "Go through all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

It wasn't at all easy to get concrete answers to concrete questions because someone of the group was always ready to quote a proverb of the Bible or an Acts of the Apostles, but curiously would always end up with the word: "The Love!" Man is hungry and is thirsty in the spirit, and there is the Family to bring him that spiritual help that he so badly needed.

The children of the Family are brought up by themselves according to the pedagogic principles of La Montessori, engraving in them the concept of Christian love as it is understood by Father David, undisputed and venerated leader of the Family, as of all the families spread throughout the world. Certain sisters especially trained for this are responsible for their education. In the big house everyone has a job to fulfil in the style of the old monasteries, even if this could be called something like a coeducational monastery or convent.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS MEET FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY IN A CENTRAL NIGHT-CLUB where they have their reserved tables and from where they reach with their message of love those that want to listen to them while dancing or drinking a cup together. In general, they consider themselves satisfied by the results they have already obtained.

How is it financed? Or who finances the expenses of the group that for sure must be very high? The answer is immediate: "And all that believed were together and had all things common and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to all men as every man had need."

Father David came to meet me in the hall of the hotel where they had given me an appointment after 12 o'clock at night accompanied by his young and attractive wife, his secretary and the noble Florentian. He's a man of a regular height, smilingly he reaches out a hand with fine and long fingers and he looks at you with his searching eyes as if he wanted to know more about his visitor.
HIS JEWISH PROFILE announces a clear intelligence and a personality that is used to success. I don't ask him any questions, convinced about the good information that he has about my visit and the nature of the questions I have just before asked the members of his Community. Father David enters into the conversation amiably telling me the first beginnings of his life.

HE DESCENDS FROM A FAMILY OF JEWS that were converted in the middle of the 18th Century. His fathers came to the United States at the beginning of the present century and founded together with others the Christian community called the Christian Missionary Alliance of which he became a pastor, but later he separated himself from it because of the incompetence of its hierarchies and its lack of efficiency in the practical field.

DURING 15 YEARS HE MAKES GOOD IN THE BUSINESS WORLD, starting a great TV publicity company and reaching great economic successes. Gravely sick in his heart, the doctors denied him any hope to live, but hanging onto his desire for life, he promises God that in case of healing he will dedicate all of his time and fortune to the spreading of the message of love that is enclosed in the Bible.

HE WORKS WITH THE HIPPIES SAVING MANY from drugs and hopelessness, being the inspirator of the Christ Revolution that spread in American lands. He's an enemy of violence and was an opponent with his followers against the intervention of his country in the war of Vietnam. This behaviour of his makes him become the bull's eye of the attacks of the establishment and for this reason he leaves the U.S.A. and establishes himself in England and from there he continues to win more followers to the Family of Love.

AS FAR AS THE DIFFERENCES or coincidences with other branches of Christianity, Father David says, "We have the most positive of all of them. We live the doctrine of Christ in an active way. We do not have hierarchies or temples.

IN OUR 700 COLLECTIVE HOMES that we have around the world our children live the style of the old Christian communities. These are at the same time our only temples. We are against birth control, abortion and divorce except in a few specific circumstances. In one word, the Bible and Christ are our only way. Who reads the Bible with an open heart will know who we are."

THE ARRIVAL OF FATHER DAVID HERE, according to what he tells me, is another miracle. He had never heard the name of this place, but while preparing his bags to start a trip in another direction a few days before he dreams the name in red letters and he gets up to get his book of maps and he curiously opens to the page where the name of the place is printed! Now he has no doubt: The travel agency reserves his tickets on the first flight and after a few days he finds himself here. This happened three years ago.

FATHER DAVID IS NOW AMONG US. He tells me that Christ will not be late in coming back to Earth.—Has He maybe chosen this place as His future landing ground?

---Edmund E. Rodano
A STRANGE "FAMILY" IN OUR CITY
—MYSTICS OR LUXURIANTS?
--A Group of Girls that Talk about Religion and have Sexual Relationships with their Guests.
--Between One Dance and the Other, Paragraphs of the Bible.

A STRANGE SECT HAS APPEARED IN OUR CITY. Even our editors have been receiving much news about these men and women that talk about religion and invite to intimate meetings unhappy husbands and young students. A phone call to the municipal police made it possible for us to get on their trail. Later one of our correspondents went there and made contact with the sect. His impressions are exposed here in a careful but determined way.

WHO ARE THEY REALLY? Who do they pretend to be? Are they mystics or are they after the lusts of the flesh? We are going to postpone the answer to this question. The secrecy that surrounds them does not allow us to make definite statements. For the moment this is the news. Here you have the story of a correspondent of The Diary that lived the incredible experiences of those strange men and women. (Information on Page 3).

(Caption on picture on front cover:) A house very similar to this one is the key to the enigma.

THE STRANGE "FAMILY"—IS IT C.I.A. OR MAFIA?
--Many girls who talk about religion and have sexual relationships with their guests.
--Between one dance and the other they take you out to show you verses of the Bible.
--Who are they really or who do they pretend to be?

LATELY IN OUR COUNTRY we have been seeing everywhere patrons of those mysterious American secret services. All the world is talking about it. And on the other hand our television doesn't cease offering us detective movies in continuous instalments where there certainly isn't any lack of gangsters, dirty business, gambling houses, nightclubs and of course attractive women.

WELL, THEN SIRS! From the small screen it is sometimes possible to come to the reality of things like it has been proven recently by this report I read in a polemic magazine that had information about the C.I.A. in our country, and also I remember having read another article about the white slave trade in another city.

IN VIEW OF THIS and of other specific incidences that I've had the opportunity to witness, I am going to write the following article. Well, since I think that everybody's imagination is still glued on the TV films and the comments of that magazine of that article that we have read some time ago about prostitution and drugs...just a moment!

WHY DON'T YOU LET YOUR THOUGHT WANDER with me towards a certain city. Maybe you'll start laughing and you will ask yourself, "What does the above mentioned declaration have to do with our beautiful touristic city?" Generally we only have some elements of proof, maybe just pure coincidence. Strange coincidences!

IS THE C.I.A. HERE? Do we have the C.I.A. and the Mafia here? It seems logical to answer yes. We do not know exactly where, but in our fortunate place we already have everything good and bad--let's see.

IN A SPECIFIED CAFE DANCING AND NIGHT CLUB and discoteque of the Avenue, there where one likes to go in the afternoon to have a pleasant Irish coffee and listen to some music, one can find oneself quite surprised by an attractive blonde girl that doesn't stop to take her eyes off you. Since you see that it is possible to dance, the normal thing
is to invite her to shake her skeleton to the tunes of the orchestra or to the rhythm of the record that happens to be on at the moment.

A DANGEROUS BLONDE CHIC. Well, after two or three songs the above mentioned blonde chic invites you to sit down with a group of her friends. She more or less speaks your language and she says that she's visiting with her family.

SHE INTRODUCES YOU TO HER FRIENDS AND HER FAMILY, and to top it off the same blonde girl invites you to consume for free whatever you want. You start a conversation and if you have friends you have more blondes and brunettes ready to dance and follow their steps.

THE CONVERSATION, sometimes more than a conversation, seems an investigation, questions and more questions from her: What's your name? Where do you work? What do you think of this? What do you think of that? etc. etc.

AT THE END YOU WIND UP TALKING ABOUT RELIGION and in the meantime you mustn't be shocked if one of the girlfriends of your "conquest" invites you also to dance. We've already drunk by now four drinks too much and we are happier than on New Year's Eve.

SO, IT'S LIKE YOU CAME HERE with the idea to have a drink, and, like emerged out of Earth itself, a blonde girl appears and she puts on her dancing boots and still they invite you to a drink. You still haven't quite grasped what's going on, when, Oh! horrible moment, it is time to close the club! Everybody bids farewell, wishing you the best, and invites you to come back the following day.

YOU DRIVE BACK SLOWER THAN USUAL TO YOUR HOME in the company of your friends, asking yourselves a thousand questions about the fantastic night and lamenting about the "find" that you have made, but watch out, there are many kinds of "finds".

THE FOLLOWING DAY you pass the whole morning thinking about going back to the same place of the day before, and at the end you decide to go back to meet those mysterious friends, since the blonde girl, my friend, a blonde girl of that type I mean you can certainly not abandon easily. The hours pass by very slowly and the afternoon looks as long as a century.

FINALLY, ABOUT ONE O'CLOCK AT NIGHT YOU ARE AGAIN DANCING WITH THE AMERICAN VIKING of the day before, but today things have changed. They integrate you in a group where everybody talks about love; they introduce you to more people, a group of about ten or fifteen people, and you meet many local ones and everybody is happy.

SINCE IT IS THE SECOND DAY THEY TALK TO YOU ABOUT RELIGION MORE AND MORE. If you ask them questions they never answer you in the way you hope, since they always get off on a tangent. Now, really it's time for sure to have to listen carefully to a bunch of baloney and stupidity about religion, and at the end of the conversation you ask,

"WELL, THEN ARE YOUR FRIENDS PROTESTANTS?" "NO!" "Are you a part of some religious group?" "No!" We have to take as our only and definite answer to all the questions you have made that we are supposed to believe that they are a group of friends that love Jesus and read the Bible.

JUST LIKE THE DAY BEFORE the time has gone by and you go back, but the next day you go back again and this way the days and maybe even the weeks go by. For sure at the end they will know all about you, and instead what do we know about them? Let's see. With all of our research we still haven't cleared all the mystery.

THEY TALK ABOUT RELIGION and to your greater surprise, while you are dancing with them in a way that...
for sure you are really enjoying it, when right in the middle of it they pay homage to you with a little book which is no more and no less than the Gospels! What?!

ONE IS DANCING SO CLOSELY AND ALL OF A SUDDEN, ZAM... a glass of cold water! Get out of here with the Gospels, what a bore! While we keep on talking with our beautiful Viking or American girl about many things including politics.

GREEN BANKNOTES. On the other hand we are greatly surprised by the great quantities of green bank notes that every night are spent on drinks. They talk about love, and you can imagine our shock when we find out that we have been dancing for two weeks with a woman that at the beginning told us she was single and doesn't have a husband.

THEN AFTER SOME TIME SHE INTRODUCES US TO A MAN that we noticed was looking towards us a few times and that then turned out to be her supposed husband. One then hopes that some kind of a confusion will arise, but no—that gentleman husband is very happy with your behaviour, ha! I forgot to tell you that the husband can be an Italian or a South American that looks like a politician.

AS IS NORMAL, THE WHOLE THING STARTS TO TAKE MYSTERIOUS COLOURING, especially when we find out that they have Mercedes cars and some huge mansions on the outskirts where they celebrate certain kinds of meetings etc. etc. We ask the waiters of the discoteques where they usually go if they know something about them, but nobody answers.

SOME OF THEM TELL US THAT THE GROUP OF GIRLS ARE TRYING TO RECRUIT THEIR FOLLOWERS among hippies, drug addicts, and loose girls, but however they do not have this same opinion. The supposed Italian leader says that he has undergone superior studies and has a very good university curriculum, as well as possessing a nobleman's title.

THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE INTELLECTUAL. One thing that you notice is that the group prefers people with a lower than medium cultural level and with this kind of people they are used to having long conversations about topics that afterwards they don't want to make any comment about.

SINCE AFTER HAVING SPENT A DETERMINED AMOUNT OF TIME, they invite you to frequent one of their many chalets, where if you are lucky it is possible to have intimate sexual relations with the couple that you have happened to meet. You don't have to be afraid to fall into adultery since the offended mate is never upset—to the contrary he seems happy and satisfied. But all this does not mean that you have been included in the group, as it is undoubtedly a very closed one.

WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO DISCOVER for sure that the blonde and Vikings and brunettes and dark haired girls all write up an information sheet of every one of the people they have danced with the night before or had relationships with. Where do those information sheets go? While possibly they are talking to you about love and about forming a Family of Love, what is hidden behind this curtain of smoke?

FOR SURE YOU COULD IMMEDIATELY COUNT OUT THE WHITE SLAVE TRADE, since in no way they ever ask anyone for money, but to the contrary. Always we are being very generously invited. Is it the Mafia? They don't offer any drugs. They come partly from Italy and partly from the United States and also some of them come from South America and many are of local nationality.

THE POSSIBILITY REMAINS that they are an organisation that is here to make a study over the place and its people, character, typology, ideology, etc. But what are the doing then in the touristic part?
NOTHING IS CLEAR IN THIS DIFFICULT RIDDLE. The one thing that is sure is that they manipulate people, they play with them and they get out of them all kinds of information. They buy the friendship of the waiters and owners of the discoteques with money.

FOR SURE YOU ARE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT WHAT TO DO TONIGHT and if you are one of those people that looks at television and police movies, while I am still asking myself this question—C.I.A., Mafia or some other thing, what is it for sure?

(ACCOMPANYING CARTOON:)

DON'T TALK TO ME OF THE BIBLE NOW!
THE DIARY—February 9, 1977

(FRONT PAGE.)

THE STRANGE "FAMILY" IN OUR CITY

NEW DETAILS ARE COMING OUT INTO THE LIGHT ABOUT THE STRANGE "FAMILY" in our city who mix the intimate relations with religion and realise a peculiar work of proselytism, consoling the afflicted, within the most strict mystic line, with really curious methods.

TO THE EXPLOSIVE UNION OF SEX AND RELIGION, the money factor is united, seeing how they maintain eight houses that they have here.

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THE CITY AND THE STRANGE "FAMILY" —It appears they have 8 houses here —Do there exist curious movies about the activities of the Family?

(From our reporter:)

NEW REVELATIONS ARE COMING UP ABOUT THE STRANGE "FAMILY" that resides in our city, of which we talked about yesterday. Little by little, the airtight seal that surrounds them allows open a crack through which we can begin to see some light in their activities and we know more information about their form of acting, even though there remains still hidden their final ends and where they obtain the large sums of money that they dispose of for their expenses and to invite the people in the course of their campaigns of proselytism.

A REPORTER FROM "THE DIARY" continued his investigation about the "Family" finding some curious news.

IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAVE 8 HOUSES HERE, two of them chalets. Neighbours of one of these houses have had to put up curtains in their house in all of the windows, since daily they had a thought provoking view of the swimming pool, in which indiscriminately they swam naked.

(TWELVE NATIVE CHILDREN. In the time that they have been here twelve children have been born, all of them registered in the civil registry and with local nationality. The number of members of this sect here is around 60 people and their work of proselytism has had a special hit among the English subjects that visit or reside here.

A SIMILAR GROUP TO THIS ONE HAS HAD SOME PROBLEMS IN ANOTHER AREA and even one of the girls of "The Family" from a province of that area was processed for promotion of prostitution and public scandal. According to our information, in another major city there exists something similar, although at this moment we don't have more facts about this.

ANYWAY THOSE THAT RESIDE HERE, THOSE MYSTIC DANCERS THAT BETWEEN SONG AND SONG LET FALL PARAGRAPHS FROM THE BIBLE and it seems, let their desires of proselytism permit the intimate relations with the "unwary" that jump avidly into the tempting nets of the messianic blondes of "The Family", have received on some occasion the visit of the municipal police, although motives have never existed to call attention to their activities outside of their houses, because of the constant traffic of people of all countries in the touristic city they passed by as something unknown up till these moments.

BUT, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, WORTHY OF ALL CREDIT, IT IS ABOUT A MIXTURE OF SEX AND RELIGION, primarily the first and then the second, and even it is speculated that there are extremely curious movies taken about the particular activities of "The Family".
Our City, "Vatican" of the "Family of Love"

FATHER DAVID: I am here for health reasons and because God sent me here.

**I believe that the Word of God you can take to all places, to the restaurants, dance halls, etc.**

**The "Family" does not work, because I have sufficient money from my businesses in all of the world.**

**Our mission, to proclaim the Love of God among all men.**

(Declarations of the spiritual father of the sect, in page 9)

(Since that time my mission began just like they had informed me and in that way I am able to realise what today, thanks to these contacts, I am able to transmit to our readers. For all that and from the first moment my objective was only directed to appear among their members as a man that talked and that didn't look for any other end than to pass a time in a dancehall, more or less nice. My interest was founded in winning the confidence of the men, contrary to others, my investigation could fail.

It wasn't sex that I was looking for and that was the manner through which by my sporadic encounters with them I went finding the form that I had to conduct myself among the members of the sect. On many occasions I refused all interest in the attractive and suggestive young women with long hair that invited me to dance, answering

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OUR CITY, "VATICAN" OF THE "FAMILY OF LOVE"--Declarations of the spiritual father of the religious sect

I MET FATHER DAVID APPROXIMATELY SOME TWO YEARS AGO. They presented him to me and I have to confess, that in that moment he had passed before me totally unnoticed, like a foreigner that lived here with his family; well at that time he didn't identify himself as the spiritual father of a religious sect that was to take root here.

Anyway and after a little time, I was able to find out his real personality and of his authentic mission among us. Right away, and through a friend, he indicated to me the way that I could find out something concrete about this sect and of the winning of my confidence acting in a determined form.

SINCE THAT TIME MY MISSION BEEN...
them that I would rather talk. I have to confess that up to the moment nothing concrete have I been able to find out in any way about some of the things that another newspaper here has brought out.

I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE FIND OURSELVES BEFORE A SECT THAT IS VERY WELL ORGANISED and that if something strange happens behind them they make it totally impossible to find out about it. The members of this sect called "The Family of Love" conduct themselves in a very strange way in front of our eyes. When they have to say something among themselves they get close and talk in a whisper and that way even if you find yourself real close you don’t hear anything.

THE YOUNG WOMEN THAT BELONG TO THIS SECT have as their principle aim to invite men to dance that, according to their way of thinking, appear to be passing a boring time. There are very few of those that refuse the invitation. When this act happens the questions are always the same: What is your name? Where do you live? What do you do? Are you happy? etc.

IF THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES THEY INVITE YOU TO SIT in a place of the dance hall that they have reserved exclusively for them. No one that is not one of them can sit in this reserved place. Later the talk refers to passages of the Bible. I have to tell you that in general the cultural level of these young girls is mainly low. Something that among the men does not happen.

MANY NIGHTS I HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME OF THE MEMBERS about philosophical themes very profound and interesting, but never had we talked about politics. Politics for the "Family of Love" is something that does not have interest and when everything is at the point of talking about it, they answer me evasively. For that reason I think that this sect, even though it seems strange, has as its aim to preach the Word of God among the men of all the world. And therefore it must be lies that were said contrary to this. I at least didn’t find it.

ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF THIS SECT is that the future does not worry them in the least. The important thing for them is the present, the moment in which they live. The rest passes on to occupy a second place.

WHO IS FATHER DAVID? Apart from his biography, published previously the day of the 8th in this same newspaper, I think that it is necessary to add some new aspects of this North American Jew so as to arrive better to him.

HE IS, TO ADD IT UP, NICE AND ATTENTIVE AND EVEN HIS FACE GIVES OUT POSITIVE SPIRITUAL GOODNESS. On his lips is constantly the name of Jesus Christ. When one greets him and asks him how he is and he responds, "Very well, thanks to God". And then when you say goodbye, "Until another day, Father David", as I told him. He answered "If God wills".

WHEN HE ENTERS THE DANCE HALL all of the members of the sect stand up immediately and come up to greet with a kiss on the face their spiritual father. All of these actions, before the eyes of the observers are something tremendously strange that make them have various imaginations. All of this besides the fact that it is the young girl or the man that invited you to a drink.

IF WE TAKE THIS AS THE NORM we could say that the bill for one night could ascend to quite a lot of money, something that for them doesn’t seem to have great importance. In the field of economics they seem pretty unworried. But as their spiritual father tells us, they have sufficient money up to the point of permitting them the luxury of not holding outside jobs.

FATHER DAVID ARRIVES WITH AN
ATTIRE THAT CALLS QUITE A BIT OF ATTENTION. His long cape of a dark colour and his personal appearance give him the aspect of a Biblical person, which contrasts very much with the atmosphere that he visits every night.

WHAT IS CERTAIN AFTER I HAVE TRIED HIM AND HIS SINCERITY, never have I seen anything incorrect in him. His way of carrying himself and his way of conduct are that of a perfect gentleman.

WHEN WE MADE THIS INTERVIEW that later on we will describe for you, he gave us the impression of being a little bit contradictory and disillusionated with one of the latest publications relating to his "Family". But besides all this he tried to appear before our eyes happy and content. And so that you can verify yourself through this exclusive interview for our newspaper Father David expressed himself in the following terms:

WHO ARE YOU? You've known me for two years. I am David. (He laughs loudly)

WHAT AIDS DO YOU PERSIST? Only that of proclaiming the love of God among men.

WHY HERE? I didn't choose this place. Before I lived in London and I was in very bad health. So then in my prayers I asked God where I could go. One night in my dreams and when it was four in the morning, I saw the name of this place in large red letters. Before I had never heard this word. It woke me up and immediately I got up and asked for my map book that had some 11,000 names of all the world. I opened it and one of my fingers landed on the name of this place. L looked in the map book and then I found out for the first time where this place is situated. I am here because God sent me.

WHAT NORMS GUIDE YOUR ACTIONS? The law of the love of God. When they asked Jesus Christ what is the most important thing in the Bible He answered, "It is the law of love". It is the most important thing in life.

IS THERE SOMETHING THAT COULD PUT IN DOUBT THE WAY THE SECT ACTS? I don't think so. The Word of God you can take to all places, to the restaurants, to the dance halls, etc.

BUT IN A DANCE HALL...? Jesus Christ said, "Go and preach throughout all the world."

BUT DOESN'T THIS BRING YOU COMPLICATIONS? Yes, also our Lord had a lot of enemies who didn't understand His love and they said against Him a lot of lies. Jesus Christ had a lot of enemies. The love of God you can't understand. There exist a lot of aspects of love but everything is love and God is love.

AREN'T THERE OTHER REASONS WHY YOU DECIDED TO COME HERE? Of course not. Only for health reasons and for what I told you before. There's no other reason. In my house in London I have a lot of "families". But I am here for health reasons.

IS YOUR WAY OF ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NORMS OF THE BIBLE? Oh, yes. This is the principle law of the Bible, preach the love of God. We believe in all of the Bible, Jesus Christ said, "This is the Law: Love." Saint Paul said, "Don't go against the law of love." This is true.

HOW MANY MEMBERS FORM THE "FAMILY OF LOVE" HERE? Those that live with us are considered members of the Family and they are some 70 people. But we have our friends and followers.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE ME IN RESPECT TO YOUR SECT? I consider you a friend. I hope this and nothing more.

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE LOVE FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW? God is love. The Bible says everything is love but the whole world doesn't want love. Some people killed Jesus Christ who was perfect. He helped the poor and the drunks etc.

WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THERE BE-
TWEEN CARNAL LOVE AND SPIRITUAL?
The carnal love is a part of the spiritual love. When you love a person a lot and you want to live with her love exists. It is said that the carnal love and the spiritual are related in a measure of two percent.

WHY DOES THERE EXIST SO MUCH CONFUSION IN RESPECT TO YOUR "FAMILY"? It's that a lot of people don't want to understand the Bible. A lot of people are envious of us because we are happy and they are not.

HAVE YOU READ THE NEWSPAPERS?
I have read the newspaper "The Day" and it speaks all the truth. You all are correct because you asked me or some member of the "Family". But there are some that don't conduct themselves in this way. But if you're referring to what came out in the other newspaper, I don't know who invented it. To me it appeared as a very funny story, possibly it was a man who didn't have a lot of time for his work and in exchange he had a lot of imagination.

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT THEY SAY THAT THE "FAMILY" BELONGS TO THE "CIA" OR THE "MAFIA"? (Before answering Father David began to laugh and then added:) I don't like the CIA or the Mafia. No one in my "Family" belongs to any of this. We are just a very religious and united "Family". We can't help it if the people in some occasions have too much imagination. We want to love everyone.

IT IS KNOWN THAT YOU ALL DON'T WORK, WHO MAINTAINS ALL OF THIS "FAMILY"? It's not necessary to work. I have enough money for all the "Family" and for all my children. They work within the houses and in some occasions they work for their clothing and other needs.

THIS MONEY, WHERE DOES IT COME FROM? From where? From my businesses that I have in all the world. My money is outside of this country.

HOW DO YOU EDUCATE THE CHILDREN THAT YOU HAVE? We have schools for all the children of our "Family". We have teachers to educate them from very small. They learn the Bible and other writings of mine.

HOW DO YOUR LIVES DEVELOP? Our interior lives are similar to anybody else's, more or less.

DO YOU PRACTICE FREE LOVE? I don't know if my "daughters" do it like that. A lot of young ladies in this city want love with men from here. But if they accuse my "Family" of this and it is only them that do it then my "Family" is much bigger than I had thought.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE NEWSPAPERS LATELY? I don't know. Those that say that I belong to the "Mafia" or the "CIA" present a work that is totally comic like I told you before. In respect to the press I will tell you that I only know "The Day" and I think it is a very democratic newspaper.

THESE HAVE BEEN THE DECLARATIONS OF FATHER DAVID. Now let each one think as he pleases. Our mission has ended in these moments as the only thing that we tried to do was to obtain information of this religious sect called the "Family of Love".

--Benjamin Afonso.
OPINION COMMENTARY:

FATHER DAVID AND THE STRANGE CREATURE OF THE CANYON

I AM THINKING SERIOUSLY OF RETIRING FROM JOURNALISM and putting me in the list of the followers of Father David. Father David is that venerable man that has his mission in a discoteque of our touristic city. I'll let my hair grow, and I'll arm myself with a good Bible, and I'll dedicate myself to the pseudo-mystic contemplation of the blonde and brunette women that make up the spiritual army of the little old man.

I AM CRAZY ABOUT THIS LITTLE OLD MAN, BUT I LIKE MORE THE VALKYRIES that walk around the discoteque. I don't doubt that they have come from heaven, but I doubt if they will ever go back there. The doors of heaven are better guarded now than before, and they say that St. Peter has mounted a double guard.

ONCE I ALSO DREAMT ABOUT A GREAT LAND, full of fruits and water. I put my finger on the map, and I closed my eyes, but I didn't get transferred to this land, even by chance. Some people have luck.

WHAT'S MORE, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE FOLLOWERS OF FATHER DAVID DO NOT WORK, which adds another charming aspect to their liberal and free-thinking, delightful and democratic religion.

THE LITTLE OLD MAN, FATHER DAVID, that now gives interviews right and left, has now become a figurehead. Before only unhappy husbands, followers, mystics and freeloaders knew him, now Father David—I call him Father because of what he represents spiritually for his followers—gains more degrees on the gauge of popularity of this blessed land because of his dreams and his tips.

OF COURSE, NOW ONE IS DISORIENTED IN THIS MATTER OF RELIGION, this venerable little old man seems rich. If it may happen now that they go away from here we might lose a source of income. There are certain phenomena in history that move people towards the northern countries like migratory birds.

THE MASCULINE PUBLIC USED TO GO NORTH when that thing came out that got to be called "the weird animal of the canyon". The evil thinkers said that it was the paintings of a couple of lovers that lived in a grotto. The canyon filled with tourists from the country, and the happy pilgrimage took a long time before it died off. I remember that a friend of mine called Gilbert brought a gun to kill the strange animal.

NOW THAT THE WEIRD CREATURE IS DEAD, Father David comes into the picture with his girls and the public again starts in front of our eyes to go back in happy pilgrimage to our city. This is, if you want to call it so, a more charming type of happy pilgrimage. My friend Gilbert would now carry a Bible instead of a shotgun, so fulfilling that saying, "Make love, not war".

THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF LOVE, even that brute that was King Kong was capable of loving. I believe that it is all a question of different colourings. One day, somebody dressed like King Kong will go to visit the Valkyries of the little old man, Father David. I have firmly decided that I will not be shocked by anything.

--Andrew Chaves.