

Commentary on a Phase Swedish Life

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From the many Swedish homes I have visited in Sweden, I have found that the harmony of love which should be within a family is absent.

CHILDREN are raised to be independent and to follow their every whim without being restrained.

One does not find a mother in Sweden embracing her children, nor the father showing affection for his offspring in general. (I am referring to Stockholm, capital of Sweden, and southern Sweden, where I have spent 2½ months.)

I recall one family where a girl 10 years of age was living with her father, who was a professor of mathematics, I believe. Her parents were separated.

THE CHILD ill with a bad cold, was left alone in the house from the time that the father left in the morning to the late afternoon when he returned. After cooking dinner, he would go wherever he wished and do whatever he felt like doing, leaving her at home.

The child got up from her bed when we (two original male university students and me) arrived at her home. She wanted to be comforted and she came to us, the black visitors, seeking sympathy.

All of us know that when one is ill, one wants and needs companionship, especially children. Extra care and attention must be given to children when they are ill, to make them feel secure

and loved.

THIS child's father made her return to her bedroom. We asked him about her condition — being ill and left alone daily. He said that she had to learn to be independent.

This is an example of the family love one will find in Sweden.

The father, aware of his society, knew that his child would have to grow up being able to take care of herself without depending on any one person for help or even affection.

When one hears of Sweden, one hears of free love, loose morals and habitudes and a naked people.

NAKED indeed are they, for they are stripped of the basic necessities of that unifying force in a family—love.

When one is brought up without love and without having someone to care for them one develops an emptiness for this love.

It is in the nature of man to want love and to be loved. But mankind, knowing their way, their path and their society, tries to extinguish this natural feeling of desire, at the beginning — killing this feeling of humaneness in early childhood. Thus, when the child becomes an adult, no traits of this natural instinct will affect that individual's acts, decisions, etc., enabling the end product to rule without humane feelings.

WHEN ONE goes against the Natural Law of Order, one will only find oneself in confusion.

This is the state of Sweden

— confusion.

The Swedes have a loneliness within them. They seek affection. They want companionship. They want a unity and a harmony of a family love. They try to fill this cavity of aloneness, which lurks within them, with loose and immoral activities. These activities are too short lived and do not satisfy their thirst for love.

When they see a black man or woman, they come near seeking warmth. Many tales, both true and false, have come to them of the love and warmth of the black man and black women.

THE KNOW the nature of the natural black man. They feel that with a black man they will no longer have this emptiness. Those who have been in the company of the original man never wish to be detached from this black company. And once detached or left behind, they tend to follow and attach themselves to any original (black) man they find, if and whenever possible.

The devil knows our nature and has used the benefits of our good nature to his advantage whenever possible. The devil has kept us blind to the knowledge of ourselves. Our dear Messenger, Elijah Muhammad, has, through his teachings, made us see our natural selves and the nature in which the devil was made.

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