



The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

In Pagan Rome, especially at the time of the 4-year reign of Caligula, originally Gaius Caesar (AD 37-41), sex was, merely, one of the many enjoyments of life, probably on a par with such necessary bodily functions as urination, defecation, sternutation, imbibition of copious quantities of alcohol, etc. It was not until the Christian ethic entered the Roman culture, with the adoption of monotheism by Constantine I (also known as Constantine The Great), who was Emperor of Rome between AD 306 and AD 337, that indiscriminate and advertised sexual encounters between male and female or female and female, or male and male were considered socially unacceptable (homo sexuality was common at this time and it was not only performed in secret, but was openly encouraged). With Constantine I came the beginning of the end of the Roman (sex) Orgy. This is not to say that, during the reign of Constantine I, fornication did not occur; because it must have taken place, but it was done in secret, out of the sight of prying eyes. In China, today, prostitution is illegal, of course, but promiscuity, clearly, is rampant. I have come to this conclusion not because of the many reports in the media that ladies of the night are readily available in developing areas of the south and the north of country, but by the number of requests for DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) tests on the children of certain putative males. It seems that these males want to be certain that the children that they are raising are the fructus naturales of their sexual union with the ladies with whom they share, or previously shared, their beds. According to my sources in Zhejiang Province, requests for DNA identification are increasing, annually, at the rate of between forty percent and fifty percent, compound. What this means to me is that family ties are not strong, at all. The male partner, whether or not he is legally married to his female partner, does not trust his wife, or whatever the arrangement with his lover may be. It is a sad state of affairs because the family is the anchor of any and all feasible and enduring society in the Motherland. It is the strong root of the country from which springs its strength. From the family springs the leaders of the next generation. The correct and proper nurture of the offspring of the stable family unit is the foundation of any society. But I have noted that it is, usually, the richer males, who are demanding DNA identification of children. In the rural areas of China, requests for DNA testing are not as prevalent as in urban areas. In fact, such identification is, almost, non-existent. Which must mean, of course, that the richer people become China, the more apt it is for the vulnerable of society to become corrupted by the very wealth that is the envy of many other countries of the world. To put it bluntly, when a virile male gets a surfeit of money, he starts to stray from home. What to do about the situation? Well, I have considered the matter very carefully and here, I think, is a possible answer. What China needs is to produce a penile chastity sheath. If a husband/lover refuses to wear the chastity sheath, then, the wife/loveress would know, in a flash, that her partner could not be trusted. Chastity belts were very commonly used in Europe, during medieval times: AD 476 to AD 1453. Women, wanting to prove their sexual loyalty to their husbands, would openly admit to their friends that they were wearing their chastity belts, thus proving that they were copulating with their husbands, only. In this time of enlightenment, it is only fair that males reverse the traditional role of wives and wear the modern version of a chastity sheath, designed especially for males. In addition to guaranteeing the fidelity of the male partners in a marriage/whatever, such a chastity sheath would, also, have the added advantage of reducing the incidences of venereal diseases in the Motherland, and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), in particular. I have

discussed this matter with Grandpa and he supports me. As you and I know, only too well, men cannot be trusted because it is their nature to try to spread their seeds where-ever fertile ground can be found. While the male of the anthropological phylum, homo sapiens, following the extinction from the world of homo erectus, is, primarily, driven by the drive to impregnate as many females as he is physically able so to do, the female of the specie is charged with caring and protecting the family unit. And that mean keeping tabs on the male so that he can continue to perform his function of being the provider for the family unit. Control of the virile male is very important in China, especially in today's world. I don't think Hongkong can successfully legislate sanctions to be imposed on wandering males, but it would be possible, I think, to make fornication socially unacceptable. In Victorian England, that is the Nineteenth Century, there was a strict moral code, imposed during the reign of Queen Victoria (1837-1901), and males, who transgressed, could be financially ruined by courts of law. If a male of Victorian England, for instant, proposed marriage to a lady and, for any, considered-to-be invalid reason, prior to the official marriage ceremony, he did not proceed with the marriage contract, it was possible for the lady to sue him for Breach of Promise. One of the many penalties, aside from monetary compensation to be paid to the aggrieved lady, was to have his 'crime' be published on the front page of The Times of London. Socially, therefore, that was the end for the wayward male: He would be ostracised from genteel society, forever. Well, Hongkong has about one hundred and ten newspapers, not including the rubbish English-language Press, and there is no reason that we cannot usher in an era of enlightenment in these four hundred and sixteen square miles in order to control the activities of the sexually active males of territory. I am sorry to say, that it has to be done for the sake of all of us.

I must go my dear. This thinking is really hard work for me.

The Chief Lady of Hongkong

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