
Subject: Need Your Help

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Dear Samantha:

Karen and I need your help. Six months ago Lisa dropped out of Berkeley and joined a cult in Marin County north of San Francisco. This isn't like the moonies or hari krishna or any other cult you've ever heard of. I wish it was. Believe it or not, Lisa is running around having sex with strangers out of some crackpot belief that this is going to lead to world peace.

We just returned from California an hour ago. We went there in the futile hope that we'd be able to persuade Lisa to leave the cult. We weren't sure if we'd be able to see her but the cult leader, excuse me - the "spiritual guide" - a bizarre woman named Simone couldn't have been friendlier. She knew damn well that Lisa wasn't coming back home with us.

Simone invited us to sit in on one of their workshops. It was called Freeing Sexual Energy. The girls took turns talking about the sexual attitudes in their homes when they were growing up. When it was Lisa's turn she told everyone how Karen and I raised her to believe that sex was dirty. When I denied that we had ever said anything like that, she said she was referring to the subliminal messages we sent out. It was very clever - how could we deny doing something we weren't aware of? Then she told us that she forgave us. Everybody applauded. It was the most humiliating day of our lives.

As you can imagine, we're both heartbroken about this. We haven't told anybody except Danny. Frankly we were too ashamed. I'm only telling you because we have nowhere else to turn. Karen has taken it especially hard. Of course it's not her fault but she blames herself anyway. She's had to go on disability leave from the school board; it's all she can do to drag herself out of bed in the morning.

When I saw you at the boys' graduation, you said you wanted to get back into investigative journalism. Believe me, there is a great story here - I've only given you the tip of the iceberg - so if you're interested, please call me as soon as possible. Maybe if you reveal the truth, Lisa will come to her senses.

Hope you, Peter and Max are well. Please call me.

Don
