

Jim, about Dick Tropp's letter, everything he said about himself applies to me except the willingness to be shot. If I was shot when my usefulness was up, I'd feel exploited, used, and mad.

How somebody can betray - as a potential traitor I know how but it's hard to explain. The closest comparison is leprosy. A leper can cut his hand to the bone just by accident because the brain does not feel what the hand is going through. A traitor can hurt us, or anybody, because of not feeling for what others are going through. Call it moral leprosy. Debbie can do anything, and she will, because she does not feel for anybody else.

Me, there's no way I'd ever leave Jonestown of my own free will. I know too much about the cruelty of the USA. But if I was kidnapped and tortured, I'd talk. On a more immediate level, I've been daydreaming when I should have been studying. I don't trust myself; the only way I act right is with structure around my ass. On the other hand, I've improved my behavior quite a bit since coming to Jonestown. If I grow fast enough, maybe I'll grow to be able to take pain before it really comes down.

I used to assume that moral leprosy was the normal human condition - "each man his own prisoner, in solitary confinement for life." - the psychologists call it anomie. I grew up among atomic bomb scientists, and every single one had this quality. I guess that's how they could make bombs. I thought that was just how people were. I still think that a lot of people have moral leprosy, completely, and a lot more have a case which is complete except for a few relatives or close friends. When you wonder how Debbie could endanger black people with her racist lies, I think you're naive; she doesn't give a shit about a bunch of black strangers and never will. I wish you knew that, your strategy would be better. And if you knew and believed that people like Debby are perfectly normal on this plane, you might be able to reassure her mother Lisa. Debby isn't any worse than a lot of people in this movement; she just happened to get the one set of circumstances that would cause her to go. Or at least, Lisa might be better able to endure if she thought so.

I also think you make a tactical mistake, telling everybody you don't understand people like Debby. It contributes to people thinking they know more than you, they can get around you, etc, changing the strategy you lay down, etc.

You'd be better off asking somebody with an established record of paranoia to explain how people could be so evil. Jeff Carney is paranoid enough, and so am I. I'm going to start telling you when I think you're being idealistic and naive. Even if I'm wrong.

I think you're naive to imagine people will realize your goodness. It's like a radio broadcast; no matter how loud and clear, people won't pick it up unless they're tuned to the same vibration. Communists might pick it up. To people who don't understand communism, you're going to appear as a devil come to destroy their world, or a confusing, frightening, unpredictable mixture of good and evil, or stupid or crazy, or some combination of those ideas. You need to know this when you plan strategy. You can reasonably hope that communists will see you as another communist (maybe) and recognize you as good; if anybody else does, you should treat it as a pleasant surprise.

You got this far without being recognized as good by more than a fraction of the ~~the~~ Jonestown, so it must be possible to build without necessarily being recognized. As to what you actually are building, it's a sort of trade-off. It's as unstable as building on sand. I know, I've thought along these lines, and I suspect a lot of other people did too - "Well, this is a better situation than living outside in America, so I'll do enough work and show enough obedience to stay in the group and keep out of trouble." I believe this is the attitude of 9/10 of Jonestown. You should expect treason, ~~you~~ not be so shocked and shook up by it. People with that attitude don't have much loyalty to break, and it's very easily broken.

This does not necessarily mean that all your work is in vain. For instance, I didn't understand communism, I didn't understand what the hell you were talking about until after I came here and saw it and lived it for awhile. And I call myself smart. Others will probably be getting the message, one by one. Some will, and some won't.

I think you were naive not to recognize long ago that a lot of people are afraid of you, including many in Jonestown. You aren't tuned to fear, and you don't pick up on it; but hate and fear are two sides of the same coin. Every time somebody hates you,

and doesn't come to you to talk it out, they are also afraid of you.

People don't recognize your goodness, you've got to remember that. When you do something necessary like demanding work, people don't just hate you, they're afraid of you too. They don't understand what you're doing, or why it's necessary. What they do see is, you're causing them trouble and inconvenience now, you are likely to cause more in the future, they can't predict when or why. So they're afraid.

When I tried to express this about myself personally, you thought I had gone crazy. I'm telling you now that I believe 9/10 of Jonestown is afraid of you and will continue to be afraid until they get a full understanding of communism, which may take years if it ever happens. If you don't believe me, ask people to write up to you how much they're afraid of you. But have the doctor on hand before you read the answers, because the answers will break your heart.

People under a capitalist boss are usually much more afraid, and with much more reason. You haven't caused the fear, capitalism caused it, you just kind of inherited the fear when you took the role of leader. People resent you because you look physically like a white person - right? You learned to live with that. This is another emotion that you get and don't deserve. I also believe that if you recognize clearly that it exists, you will be able to strategize around it, and have a much better chance of actually reaching people by knowing what is the obstacle in the way. If you think people aren't afraid of you, just because you love them, you're too naive.

You were naive when you told me "People's Temple will accept you." To make a flat, blanket statement that way, it just isn't so. You could have said "People's Temple is more accepting than anywhere else" or "You'll find more warmth, more friendship, and less hassling here than anywhere else" or something like that. But there is no person completely accepted by everybody in People's Temple, it's naive to think there could be when we all grew up in capitalism, and I hope you won't make a flat statement like that very often. I got my hopes up so high, and then when I ran into a bunch of hassling, I didn't realize at that time you were too pure yourself to expect the

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evil that people do. I just thought you had lied. This sort of thing is not helpful. It upset me quite a bit and made me reluctant to talk things out with you. I wish you would quit it. - The last time I noticed, you were still speaking the same way. People's Temple is more accepting and less hateful than anywhere else in America. That much is true, and it should be enough, you're being naive every time you tell women that they'll be just as well accepted whether they get a guy or not. The leadership in Jonestown may feel that way, but some of the membership are still showing more respect to women who have a guy than women who don't. You'd be better off to ask women for the names of the individuals who respect them more when they have a man. Then blast those individuals for encouraging every form of sex and treason we've ever had. There is less of that bullshit around Jonestown than anywhere else I've ever been. I feel more free to act in a "man's job" here than anywhere else I know. If you want evidence, ask Mother or Eva how many women people showed less respect to Eva after she and Johnny Jones broke up. We've come a long way, but the job is not yet done. You were naive when you considered letting our enemies have you. So they'd leave us in peace. They already can't stand their consciences; with you dead, by their hands, do you think they'd suddenly be able to live at peace with themselves? Hell No! They'd attack Jonestown with more fury than ever. As a daughter of a loving father, I'm amazed at your love; as a follower of a battle commander in time of class war, I am appalled that you are so naive. Another thing you haven't considered is how many people would become class enemies if you die for John. People who don't have enough guts to die with you, but can't live with themselves afterwards, would be class enemies as evil as Tim Stoen, located in Guyana, and in our ranks. The same sort of things will happen, much more strongly, if you give yourself up to the enemy. The only way to get the enemy off our backs is to win the fucking war! I offer one more thought to help you predict Debby - anything that nearly killed us in the past, she's going to try it again. No matter how vile. I hope she's not smart enough to plan any new ideas of her own.