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### **Undue influence: what Specific Approach for Women?**

The MIVILUDES (Mission Interministérielle de Vigilance et de Lutte contre les Dérives Sectaires), advising the Prime Minister of the French Republic, meets many women during its observation, prevention or repression missions.

We lack data to support that women are more often victims of cultic aberrations than men, and the analysis of some 2,500 reports received annually by the Mission is not conclusive.

1) We find women victims within deviant groups.

Cases recently concluded in France show that sexual predation (sexual aggression or rape) against women are often the result of cultic influence. This is illustrated by the horrible testimony of Amoreena Winckler, who escaped from “The Family/The Children of God” group (you can read her biography in two books – Purulence, 2009, and Fille de Chair, 2014).

- I think about a case concluded in May 2014 by the Paris Court of Appeal dealing with forced sexual relations during psychotherapy. The therapist and his wife were sentenced respectively to a suspended 1 year and 6 months sentence for abuse of weakness and 50,000 and 25,000 euros in fines.
- I would also cite the case of the “French Society of Jungian Analysts and Practitioners” led by Jacques Masset (sentenced to 4 years in prison for abuse of weakness, and banned from practising any profession in relation to the infringement, and one of his establishments was closed in 2016).
- So that you don’t assume that deviant psychotherapy is the only danger, I would refer to the “Zeus” guru (Claude Alonso currently charged with rape) who promoted “group orgasms” to save humanity, located in South-West France.

Among the victims, I would cite the subordination of young women by Daech recruiters. Their organisation sends them on missions to create future fighters or to provide care, but for certain it is about ensuring rest and reward for warriors, which has been known in many armies.

2) We find female gurus at the other extreme end of the spectrum.

There are also women in positions of leadership within deviant groups.

They present themselves frequently as the self-proclaimed link between a divine being or a “higher being” and the rest of humanity.

Two French examples illustrate this position of female guru (the term is still surprising, proof that public opinion still thinks it is a position for men).

- The female guru from the Lisieux Welcome Centre, Françoise Dercle, in January 2013 was sentenced to 5 years of prison for abuse of weakness and 444,000 euros in compensation for about twenty civil party victims. Notably, she forced her followers to sleep with different sexual partners, sometimes within the same family.

- The female guru of the “Amour et Miséricorde” prayer group, Eliane Deschamps, who claimed she saw the Virgin, was charged with abuse of weakness in 2014.

These women led their groups with an iron fist, attracting both men and women, but requiring total submission from their followers.

3) Between the position of women both as victims and co-authors of abuse of their co-followers.

- Here I am referring to women who are close to a guru, appearing to fully support their actions, and as such are led to participating in forced sexual relations within the group, in particular to climb the “ladder” in the hierarchy. For example, Brigitte Boisselier, French chemist who was the herald of the first human cloning in 2000 and 2002 by the Raelian movement.

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Source: <http://fr.rael.org/seminars/?c=6&s=241> et <http://raelcanada.org/fr/gotopless-day-2014-pour-liberer-les-femmes-devieux-tabous/> (Consulted May 12, 2016).

- I am also referring to mothers who are persuaded that their child is “special”, with specific talent of an “indigo child”. The “intervention” takes place when the parent is concerned by their child’s “abnormal” behaviour (attention deficit, hyperactivity, dyslexia, autism, high potential...) and is looking for solutions. The child is called “indigo” because its “aura” is supposed to be this colour, as such revealing their “little god” or superhuman characteristics, possessing superhuman powers.

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Source: <http://angelsplace.perso.sfr.fr/EnfantsIndigos.htm>, consulted May 12, 2016

- Finally, I can refer to the case where a mother accepted “giving” her daughter to the guru because she was “chosen”. It is the common scheme of the “divine woman” chosen by the guru. As such, Hervé Granier, guru in Eastern France, raped a minor with the consent of her mother who was under pressure (sentenced to 15 years of criminal detention, sent to appeal in October 2013).

I would like to draw your attention to the development of two worrying phenomena. One is the emergence of movements that only focus on women and the other is the complacency of women’s magazines.

4) Women talking to women

The emergence of groups led by women addressing women exclusively is on the rise. Here are a couple of the many examples from around the world: “tentes rouges”, “Bénédiction de l’Utérus”, “Femmes-lumière”, “International school of the sacred feminine”, “Women within”.

These groups rely on women who have developed “personal fulfillment” methods focusing exclusively on femininity and energy brought on by her gender that every woman gives off when she accepts to cultivate it. Followers are “feminine”, of all ages, from puberty to maturity; they find themselves victims of a “belief” created by other women, and often promote the popular image of the strong-woman-in spite-of-her-cruel-destiny-that-she-was-victim-of or is-victim-of...

We can cite the “Bénédiction de l’Utérus”, practised and “taught” by Miranda Gray. It is a meditation aiming at bringing out the divine in the woman, accompanied with “care” and healing energy “channelings” which start from the uterus. Miranda Gray is author of Red Moon – Understanding and Using the Creative, Sexual and Spiritual Energy of the Menstrual Cycle, published in France in 2011.

5) The complacency of women’s magazines towards methods of alternative care is worrying.

Many women’s magazines promote personal development or alternative care methods, or publish interviews with fortune-tellers.

This is an increasing trend, and compares to the alerts received by Miviludes concerning websites or training programmes focusing on powers of feminine energy and femininity. Women’s issues forums are also a target to communicate around these themes, and many are strongly influenced by the “New Age” ideology.

MIVILUDES maintains good relations with the media in general and in particular with the daily press, which is a good relay for the actions by our Mission. On the other hand, we note aberrations in other media, which is an obstacle in educating the French population against pseudo-therapists in the field of health, specifically by promoting the merits of “soft” medicine.

To illustrate my statements relating to women’s magazines and magazine media in general, I have chosen a few significant examples:

- During the month of June and July in 2013, the magazine ELLE published four portraits of astrologists.

The first, Patricia Darre, author of the book "Les lumières de l’invisible", published by Michel Lafon, declared: “Like others, I am able to communicate with a parallel dimension (...). I communicate with the deceased in a way that I cannot scientifically explain. I receive their messages from the beyond and I communicate them in a natural and spontaneous way, without making a fuss about it”.

(image)

<http://www.elle.fr/Societe/Les-enquetes/Patricia-Darre-Les-mediums-sont-des-gens-comme-vous-et-moi-2465568>

- In June of 2013, the monthly magazine Marie France published an article called “I tested photographic therapy”. To enlighten us (if I dare say) about this new method, Alexia Perchant, photographic therapist, explained her method. To the question “what tools do you use during your sessions” the photographer answered “tools that I have used during my personal work sophrology and relaxation to help me let go, neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) to “anchor” positive emotions in ones’ own image. I also use aromatherapy, head massages, music to help promote positive emotions. But, be careful, all of this is highly supervised; my protocol was validated by specialists from different professional fields (psychologist, sophrologist, art therapist and coach) to ensure the strictest and most serious work environment possible”.

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<http://www.mariefrance.fr/psycho/coaching/retrouver-confiance-avec-la-photographie-therapie-12690.html>

- Certain websites offer forums and as such interaction. Internet users who wish to exchange and dialogue look for this. Hundred or even thousands of websites and forums exist. You can find the address for a therapist, a miracle remedy or a health centre that uses only unconventional practices. You can find anything!

For example, on the Doctissimo forum, a discussion about “the law of attraction”:

Posted 01/29/2012 at 22:19:51

Good evening, I just read “the secret” and I now have the power of focused intent can someone tell me about how to become a practitioner please? I am passionate about the subject, the results seem to be positive but I feel lost and do not know where to start to put it into practice thanks in advance

[http://forum.doctissimo.fr/psychologie/developpement-personnel/sujet\\_152407\\_1.htm](http://forum.doctissimo.fr/psychologie/developpement-personnel/sujet_152407_1.htm)

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