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Dear "Father Peeples

Alford ask for me to write you a few lines to let you hear from an old man, that have been in trouble for 13 years, by not thinking, I use too run a ~~cafe~~ Cafacafe or a place were sell meals, and my brother-in-law come in and ask me too lend him my pistol and I did; I did not think too ask him what he wanted with my pistol, so he took my pistol and kill a girl with my pistol. And I went too trial and got death to the electric chair, and after I stayed on death row for 10 years and goverment John West took me off and gave me life in prison, so I went up for parole 1973 -2-7, and got turn down, my next time I will go up be 2-1975 and I dont know what day it will be.

I am 71 years old or just turn 9 august, I would preshake if you would pray for me and I trying too live for god. God who save me from dieing when they gave me death, I ask god too save me and he answer my prayer. I got too go back too the Doctor tomorrow for a check up, I hope I be able too come back hear, I dont like the Hosp they have hear.

I hope this letter find you all well, and doing fine, as this leave me sick, I will close for now write soon, May god bless you and family,

Your truly yours

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Dear Brother Peeples

I am very ashamed of my self for not writing too you before now. And I surly do thanks you for your long letter I got from you four weeks ago. One excuse I didn't have the money to buy a stamp envelop to write: I have got all the radio fix and don't have any work to do. Well I got my final ~~of~~ letter on going up for parole the August 21, I didn't miss it but six days, I figure I would go up the 15 August.

As you wrote me in your letter that my wife still living in my home, I hate too tell you she left there and went to Olanta Ky, and come back to her mothers and she run my wife and children off. I had too put my children in forsty home and my wife live with her brother and his wife at Cope S.C. And my children live in Orangeburg when I get out I will get my family back together for I love all them and miss them. I pray for God too put us back together. I got my self a job working up ~~up~~ town work in Office just answer tell phone call.

I notice in the State paper were land sell for from fifteen hunder to two thousand per acre. I pray for God to gave me strenth were I can make a good living ~~g~~ for my family and learn them to live for the Lord; Impressive though these facts are, there are more important reason for investigating the Bible. No matter who you are, no matter where you live, the Bible deal with matters that vitally concern you your personal welfare, your happiness, your security. The possession of genuine happiness, with ~~peac~~ peace of mind, requires having sufficient good food, clothing and shelter. It must includ protection from harm for oneself and one's loved ones. It must also provide ~~fr~~ for good health and long life. The Bible claims to show how these vital needs can be satisfied. Can we afford not to investigate what it contains ?

Many, it is true, have declined to investigate the Bible because they identify it with the churches of Christendom. They note a marked loss of faith among many churchgoers and hypocrisy in the lives of others.

All of us, if we went back far enough, hundered of generation, would arrive at the base of the human family tree with the first Homo sapiens. Our common ancestor could as well be called Adam, which also mean man in Hebrew, for the familiar Biblical story foreshadowed the evidence of science that present men derive from a common stock.

The Bible story of Adam and Eve, father and mother of the whole human race, told centureies ago the same truth that science has shown today; that all the peoples of the earth are a single family and have a common origin.

Sincerely Faithfully your frind ~~R~~
In Jesus Christ I pray
Alford Padgett

P.S. If you don't mind write to the parole board at CCI Columbia S.C. A nice letter for me I surly would thanks you.

If you write to the parole board put my name name Alford Padgett 63408

Dear "Brother" Peeles

June-26th 1974

I got your nice letter today, and surly was glad that you all are well. As this leave me getting along fine as usaly/ some days I get along fine and some days i don't feel to well. I have a bad heart and uslers and asburn, and in April 16- 1966 i had a stroke on my left side i am not able to do to much work. I work on radio coffee pots electric pots. That were i make my spend money. I did one time made $\frac{1}{2}$ Lady hand bags to sell, and i made good out them. Untill i got two nervious i had to stop making handbags. I just wish i were able two work; & I dont have any helth at all.

You ask about about my place all i planted on it were a garden, and rent the rest. You ask me do i ever read the news papers. no i can't aford the newspaper i dont have the money to buy any. We have a small stand of library books, I AM not inresf in them. I read my Bible when i am not a sleep or working on radio. Oyes i were 32 years old and my wife were 15 years old when we got married. I have been married once before then. My first wife wefe already married to another man. I find it out after we were married ten days; and i got my ~~marry~~ married license analogy. When i was 23 years old.

I go up for parole 14 AUGUST this year. And my plain or i going to live/ in Columbia. Then i going to sell my place at Smoaks. and buy a house up hear. At my church they have change pastor since i been in this place and i dont know his name.

Oyes Mr. Peepler furnize my Father 20years ago my Fathers and Mr. Peepler were good frinds.

All i am doing living for God for my $\frac{1}{2}$ savior frome now andon. Jeremiah also spoke of a future time when we could hope to justice on the earth. Behold the days come, saith the LORD, that i will raise unto Davied a righteous branch and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgement and jutice in the earth. Jer-23:5

When Paul who was very familiar with these prophecies about this coming judgement and how it would be done right or in "righteousness" had to talk to people over in Greece who did not have any part of the Bible and who worshipped many gods he used this coming judging of the world in righteousness AS his subject to talk about. * Paul said in part: Because he had appinted a day, in the which he will judge the world in "righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; wherof he hath givin assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:31

So if we belive that Jesue was raied and is alive right now with all power in heven and earth, woulde'n't we have to belive that our earth will someday soon have a righteousn judge?

Sincerely as Brother in Christ Alford Padgett

Dear Father Peeples

June-17-1974

I rec your letter today and surly was glad to hear from you. And glad you and your wife are well; as this leave me doing fine. You ask mein your letter did i get someone to type my letters, know i type my on letters, I have a ROYAL Type writer and i type lots letters for other men.

I did work three days and the Warren took me off work today, I am a total 100 per cent no good by the Army. my wife and children get my pension check from uncle Sam. I retire from work April 16-1966 haven't work to much since then. When i was home I were a R Sale for Amercian Oil Co. And that were riding most the time. I have a bad Heart and low blood and ulser stomick also asburn to. 20 years ago i weight 235 lbs. My church are Little swamp Methodist Church zaround 6 miles West Smoaks; And I live 5 miles West Smoaks, or that were i use to live. Oyes i know were Rivers Bridge Memorial State Park I have been there many times in my life. I use to go to see a girl around three miles from there. Her name were Beaty Thomas.

Iwent to school to 8th grade it no school at Goodman CENTER.

If, as my representative, you give even a cup of cold water to a little chile, you will surely be rewarded" (Matt.10:42, LW)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world; Red and yellow black and white, They are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world."

Laughing on the outside, crying on the inside, whate am i doing wrong, Lord? Following the other blind sheep, when i should be following you; when will I ever learn? Following my old selfish ways and forgetting about you; when will I ever change? Laughing on the outside, crying on the inside; Help me in spite of myself, Lord; May GOD Bless you Sincerely Alford Padgett

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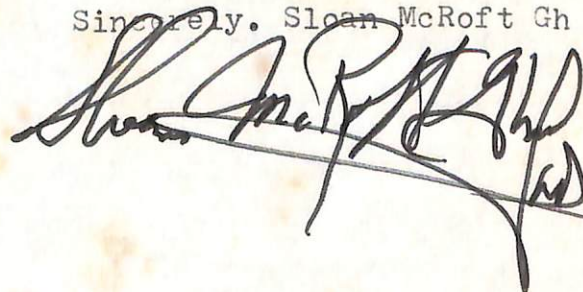
My dear Rev Peoples;

Even though, under no experince could I possisble consider this as an adequate reply to your missive that was posted last evening-or rather that I saw on the announcement board last evening, for some reason, it impressed me immensely and has be en on my mind since then-therefore in order to receive some temporary serenity, I found it expedient to at least drop you a few lines to let you know that there are a number of men here whom deeply appreciate the fact that there are still some humans, I know that you find this rather strange, but to me it is factual and vercated. Unfortunately, this penological business is practically completely dehumantized and the individuals are robotalized-if they permit this. I shalln't go into any massive details of my personal pecadillios with this captivation nor dod I feel it essential to go into any facts of my case since I don't think that an individual case is really relevant as to the over-all facts.

But somehow, after reading your letter, I felt a personal warmth and experince that out there christian-practicing individual still exisit. I have no compunction in speaking for the men of this center in stating that as you said you may not be in position to proffer anyefficient assistance that you wanted us to know that there was someone whom care, to me this is beautiful, this is mentally and morally pregnant.....perhaps if by some miracle, mof of your opinion charisma and chracter could be visulized, certain practices which are dehumanizing would cease. I know you are aware of the millions that a e being misued for the encapt~~ure~~ of humans, and the edifices are impressive, but very fe w, if any, take time to find out what is occurring within these edifices and in the operation of this penological business.

Again thanks and personally I deeply appreciate your thoughtfullness, and I am sure here are many more, some you may hear from, some you won't. Ma y the Gods bless you and yours,

Sincerely, Sloan McRoft Gh

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sloan McRoft Gh", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Tuesday Morning

My dear Father Peoples;

Indubitably, as the saying goes "It is strange, indeed, this life we live." Unfortunately, or fortunately-depending on how one views, I am me and I have always refused to be pretentious or delusionary that I am could be, or want to be anything else. I have undying faith in the wisdom of the superior being that myself has been placed here for some purpose; of course sometimes, I wonder what, but we shalln't get in that phase at this time. I must admit that I was enthralled at the reception of your letter, and read and re-read it with a deep sincerity indepth of profound appreciation. Not that I am unaccustomed of receiving mails since I fortunately have a big family and numerous socio-culture contacts that haven't as yet forgot me. But beleive it or not I have learned more of life and the value and appreciation of all it's diversities since my socio-political captivation- which probably we can discuss at a latter time. I took the liberty of presenting your missive to the Warden and several individual. Since I always have to be for real because fallaciousness irritates me, I am not coignizant for what intent it was done- since I try not to judge otheres, but Mr. Barfield brought me a letter that you had writen sometime ago, and neitherles s to say that I was ahast at your reference of wanting to limit your correspondance to "younge white man." I sincerely pray that by now you have begun to rally experi nce the beliefs of Jesus Chr is\$ with his tenets of brotherhood, and humanity. Of course, I was like that before my exposure to the diversities humanity, and this expe4ince has changed me, by learning what I didn't know-and taking people as they are, not bathed in sociotal-cultural apartheidism. I must sy that not I considr some of my truest friends as of different innate birth t hics. And I do hope that with the blessing of God and the realism of humanity that you will finally find the true meaning of life. However, after deep meditation last night and this morning, I have concluded that I shall disregard this as the true you since I think it was completely dichotomous to your letter to

me exemplified, and personafied an entirely di ferent individual. I havve african, irish, indian, and only God knows whatelse mixture in my blood stream, but to me this is no longer indicative or essential. However, I could not be so fallacious as to proclaim a true friendship until I informed you of this knowledge and I pray with and for you that full acception of the true humanity of man and the profession of Jesus Christ our Christian Savior. Of course, I am not holding this agaainst you, but just couldn't be so fallacious as to no to let you know how I feel.

Irrespectively of the above incident I do a ppreciate your letter and apparently we have a number of things in common. I helped to developed the Horticulture Department here which is a new Federally funded project and consist of gardening and flowers, we attempt to train the men in this field. However as of Tuesday, I am now working in the Canteen by special request. We also have being in part of Charleston since my father ministered at Royal Street Baptist in Charleston for 20 years, I think the church was destroyed four years a go during the time of Rev. Dumbar's tenture. I have no compunctio in forgetting your apparently cultural apartheeddism and stil be friends. Because accept me a s I am, and I would think that actually knowing each other that we can develop a true friendship.

R'aison D'etre

Sloan McRoft Gandy M.D.

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June-11-1974

Dear "Brother Peeples

I got your letter Saturday and surly was glad to hear from you, and are glad that someone care for me. I would have wrote you back sooner i was wateing on going back to the Doctor today and i am much better, I will start back to work tomorrow i have been of work eveyy since Janury 7 this year five mounth ago, and that been a long time for me as i know God have been good to me, in every way God cares for me every day he at my side when i call on hem.

You ask in your letter were i am from, my home at Smoaks S.C. FIVE miles West Smoak I have house and six acre land on one track and another house and oné acre land at Padgetts that between Smoaks and Lodge. And i am 5'9, tall weight 245 lbs, i have dark red hair, have blue eyes, and have been married 16 years, and have 4 children 2 boys 2 girls living i gust. I haven't herd from my wife and children in 15 mo. It long story what i am in hear for. I am got 10 years and i have done 51 mounth to on this lost time, i will go up for parole 8 mounth 14 day this year.

I am 48 years old.

I am a white man and are ~~kind~~ kined to the Padgetts in Walterboro. Lawer Hever Padgett are my second couison. I dont know if my wife will have me back or not, i would have her back when i get out. For i love my wife and children very much.

The picture you mail to me from Charleston look good, I know Charleston good i use to work at the Navy yard. Do you have any children. I would like for you and family to come to see me if you can, you can come any day out the weak from 10- to 4 pm. When your pears get ripe bring me some or mail them.

May we not conclude that the request. He made of his Father at that time is the same request recognizing our oneness with all christians everywhere irrespective of race color denomination or social status. This was, and is the great burden on the heart of our Lord.

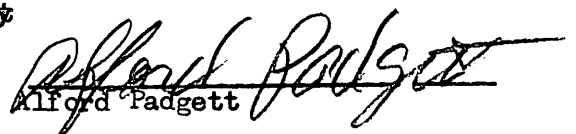
I have PSALMS 51, & C 19: Read this , I cant understand
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt Offering: then shall they offer bullpcks upon thine altar,

~~I like for you all to pray for me i need all the prayer i can get, God have been good to all of us.~~

I will close write soon, I am praying for you all.

May God bless all of us,

Your truly
Sincerily


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June-4-1974

Dear "Brother" Peeples

I read your letter today on bulletin board saying were you be able to help someone who don't get any visitors, so i am one, and also dont get any mail from anyone, I come from a high class people, my sister and brother are high head; I am in hear on a farm up but God know the truth that they railroad me.

I would like to get mail from some who believe in GOD for i believe in him and also i like to get whole Family people to come to see me for i am very lonesome dont get no one who care for me. Not another to care to drop me a few lines.

My prayer for all of them is that will be one heart and mind, just as you and i are, Father that just as you are in me and i am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me."

This "high-priestly prayer" of our Lord, uttered on the evening before His crucifixion in the presence of His disciples, must have made a profound impression on the Apostle John, who was able, by the Holy Spirit, to remember and reproduce it in such detail a generation later.

I know i have sin a lots in my life, by mistake not thinking at the time. I have ask GOD to forgave my sin, and i think and know he have by the feeling my self.

I will stop for now looking forward to hear from you real soon.

AS Brother in Christ
Alford Padgett