

BETRAYAL ★★

It is quite a common practice for Copts to pay visits to priests to seek a prayer or two, or to confess their sins so that the priest, acting on behalf of god, as though god needed assistance, would erase the sins and absorb all malevolent and wicked doings. No one knows what these priests did or do to young children; but there is one tormenting true account of which he learned.

This incident took place long after he had forsaken his birthplace and left it forever. It took place much more recently. The presiding archbishop at the time called for her to pay him a visit to his residence, which was in the church.

Evidently had done
that before, as she, as
well as many others,
knew him on a
somewhat personal
level.

She innocently
entered the not-so-
holy archbishop's
residence. A few
words, and his
holiness, or far from it,
started to fondle her,
touch her body in
inappropriate places,
and he freely
expressed his unholy
desire to have sexual
intercourse with her.

Frightened and
confused, and in the
meantime, she had
respect for him
because churchgoers
believe that these not-
so- sacred priests and
archbishops are
divine and represent
Jesus on earth. She
was muddled,
mystified, and
confused.

She moved away from
him as swiftly as she

could, but he chased
her around the area
where they were.

Granted, she was a
very beautiful and
attractive young lady,
but that should never
be an excuse for
molestation, sexual
attacks, or abuse.

She finally managed
to reach the door, and
in utter confusion,
humiliation, and
perplexity, she exited
the not-so-hallowed
residence of the not-
so-sanctified
archbishop. She ran
home and once there,
she started sobbing
and weeping for the
violation she had just
experienced. The
violation was from a
man of a god, which
made the impact
much harsher for the
innocent young girl to
absorb and restraint.

She lay on her bed, silent and spellbound; she gazed at
the emptiness around her watching nothing, touching nothing, and feeling
nothing. She was entranced. ★★ "

"The Bible and the church have been the greatest stumbling blocks in the way of woman's emancipation."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton