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Dear Ms. Seele.

It was a pleasure seeing you with T.D. Jakes on TBN this past Tuesday night. I commend you for your ministry for the elimination of AIDS in New York, in other parts of the country and in Africa.

When you and Pastor Jakes spoke of the increase of AIDS among Black women, up to 60% in the recently cited study, most of which are sexually transmitted and not drug related, I wanted to share a theory which I have been considering.

With such a large number of our Black men incarcerated in prisons where homosexuality and rectal sex are practiced, I tend to believe that whether Black men are participants or not, they witness such acts and later may imitate anal sex with their wives and girl friends, when they are released.

Perhaps there is a "safe way" to have anal intercourse, when the intestinal system is completely clean, but the very nature of the rectum could make that difficult to achieve. The muscles of the rectum coil irregularly downward, in order to eliminate the feces from the body. The ridges along the right muscles can be ruptured and torn by the repeated penetration of a foreign object.

I theorize that if feces gets into torn and bleeding cuts, it gets into the blood stream, overwhelming the quality of blood feeding the cells, contaminating the body, and eventually causing death.

To prevent new AIDS cases, perhaps we need to adopt a NO-RECTAL-ENTRY Policy, man or woman, by any foreign object, which could cause the rectum to bleed, and feces to enter the blood stream. Not even in my Concordance of the Bible, can I find the word, "sodomy," and I am not a Bible scholar to know where it may be referenced, but I do believe that the theory may have some Biblical validity.

I have also considered, by extension, that AIDS cases already identified may be cured by any number of blood transfusions, administered over a period of time, to replenish the "diseased blood" in the body.

I am not a doctor or health care professional. I am simply a Black woman concerned for my people, and trying to think through the sudden increase of AIDS in our community, and why it might be happening. The theory might be way off base, but perhaps in sharing it with you, we can begin to bring light to stop the devastation of many of our people.

Thank you again for appearing on Pastor Jakes' spirit-filled program. God continues to work through many of us, guiding us to figure out what plagues us, and changes them.

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Through God's love.

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