

I received yesterday (May 2, 2012) the following letter from UK solicitors representing Vassula Ryden and the Foundation for True Life in God, **demanding that I turn over to them the domain name Infovassula, because "Vassula" and "True Life in God" are registered international trademarks** and I cannot use those words in my domain name. **They state that I am using the domain name infovassula.ch as an instrument of fraud, because it contains negative information regarding Vassula.** They claim they have been damaged because some of their followers didn't understand (!) that it is a critical website and not an official website of Mrs Ryden's. They also accuse me of trying to pass myself as a member of Vassula's organization! I'm not even going to comment the letter, just read it below.

Unfortunately, **I can take no more of this. So, I am going to close the website** at the end of May and unfortunately, since I do not have the means financially nor mentally to face another lawsuit (see tliglawsuit.htm), no matter how ridiculous it is, **I am constrained to hand over the domain name to Vassula in June 2012. Infovassula will then cease to be a critical website and will join the cohort of pro-Vassula websites that proliferate in the Internet.**

Maria Laura Pio

3 May 2012, (minor edits 8 May)

confusing to those who read it and which are damaging to the international reputation of Vassula and TLIG. By way of example

- i) we are well aware that you published on this website between the 24 March and 14 April 2011 an untruthful report stating that Vassula had been excommunicated by the Holy Orthodox Church by virtue of a document published by the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. In consequence both members of TLIG and others were led to believe that Vassula had suffered the processes of excommunication from her own Church, contrary to the truth. This misinformation published on the website you are using was believed to be true because of a widespread belief in England and Wales that your website was associated with Vassula and TLIG.
- ii) In other instances, members of TLIG having read the contents of your statements published on this internet site have been led to believe that your statements carry the authority and approval of Vassula and in consequence their allegiance to Vassula and to TLIG has been undermined and has resulted in members forming the view that Vassula no longer holds to the beliefs expressed in the messages.

Furthermore, the domain name "infovassula.ch" is an instrument of fraud in your hands in that, realistically, it can only be used to denote a connection to our clients. It does not have an independent legitimate use, that refers to something other than our clients. Your name is not "Vassula" and nor could you legitimately claim to wish to use or transfer the domain name to anybody by that name. It is the distinctive name of our client. This passing off is unacceptable to our clients and in the circumstances they require from you signed undertakings in the form attached to be returned to us no later than 4pm on the 20th day of May next. If you provide the undertakings in accordance with this request, our clients will bear their own legal costs incurred in this matter to date.

If proceedings in the High Court of England and Wales become necessary (which may be issued and served without further notice to you), the remedies that our clients will seek include an injunction restraining your use of the domain name and its transfer to our clients, damages or an account of profits, legal costs and interest. An order made in the English High Court would be enforceable in Switzerland and elsewhere. In the meantime, our clients reserve all their rights in this matter.

This is a complex area of law and we strongly recommend that you seek independent legal advice immediately from a specialist English lawyer.

We look forward to hearing from you by the 20th day of May next.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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Date: day of 2012

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Solicitors

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UNDERTAKING

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In consideration of the Foundation for True Life in God and Mrs Vassula Ryden (the Claimants) refraining from bringing legal proceedings against Maria Laura Pio Cafaro for passing off as referred to in the letter dated the day of from [REDACTED] Solicitors, I hereby undertake, whether acting by myself or otherwise howsoever, as follows:

- i) not to use, own or have any interest in whether directly or indirectly the name Vassula (within a domain name) or operate a website under or by reference to any domain name that incorporates the words "Vassula or True Life in God".
- ii) Not to pass off myself as being associated or in any way connected with the Claimants
- iii) To transfer to the Claimants the domain name www.infoVassula.ch and all other domain names owned by me as of the 30th day of April 2012 containing the word Vassula by 4pm on the 20th day of June 2012
- iv) To provide to you by the 20th day of June 2012 a Schedule of benefits to the use of the domain name infoVassula.ch and any associated website.
- v) To provide a sworn statement to you by the 30th day of June 2012 confirming that I have complied fully and promptly with the obligations imposed by paragraphs i) to iv) above and the information supplied under paragraph iv is accurate and comprehensive.

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