

1 A. I don't remember what my interpretation was.

2 Q. Would you agree that the fact that you were  
3 involved in putting a part of that quote in there indicates  
4 that you interpreted it to apply to the elders?

5 A. I must have.

6 Q. As you read it now, are you still of the belief  
7 that by applying it to the elders that that's a fair  
8 representation of what Witness Lee has said?

9 A. I don't know the setting of that paragraph or  
10 set of paragraphs in Mr. Lee's book.

11 Q. Okay. And that's from the Knowledge of Life  
12 and that's one that you read, right?

13 A. I'm sure I did.

14 MR. MORGAN: Let me mark as Exhibit 351 pages 214  
15 and 215 of The Knowledge of Life in which that came from.

16 [One-page document entitled "The  
17 Knowledge of Life," marked as  
18 Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 351 for  
identification.]

19 MR. MORGAN: Q. First, Mr. Buckley, do you have  
20 enough there to determine the context in which the words of  
21 Witness Lee were used?

22 A. No, I would like to look at the broader context  
23 of the book.

24 Q. Go right ahead then, we'll hand you the book,  
25 The Knowledge of Life.

26 A. [Examination of documents.]

27 Q. Okay. First, let me ask you, is there anything  
28 that you have read in those pages of  
The Knowledge of Life that indicates to you that those

1 quotations from Witness Lee were applying to elders?

2 A. No, there's not.

3 Q. All right. Would you agree to that extent that  
4 the quote has been taken out of context?

5 A. It would seem to be. There is a reference to  
6 ministers who speak without inconjunction with the Holy  
7 Spirit who speaks within us, and it would depend on what  
8 Mr. Lee means by the terms ministers, which is another word  
9 for servant. Whether this would be an official minister or  
10 ministry that one believer has with another, but apart from  
11 that, there's no indication that this is anything but a  
12 general teaching.

13 Q. All right. And the general teaching itself is  
14 proper, is it not?

15 A. It would seem to be.

16 Q. All right. And -- but the way it was put in  
17 the book, it was put in there solely for the purpose to  
18 convey the impression that the elders have this  
19 authoritative power; isn't that right?

20 A. That's what the context is saying.

21 Q. And that's a misuse of that quote, isn't it?

22 A. It seems to be.

23 Q. Okay. Let's go on now. After the quote it  
24 says "Such" -- this is on page 45, "Such authoritative  
25 leadership exerts great leverage in the church member's  
26 life, generating intense dependency on the leader's  
27 approval in both personal matters" paren "home life,  
28 vocation and the like" end of paren "and church affairs,"