

1 COULD MOVE IN?

2 A I WAS HAVING PROBLEMS AT THE HOME I WAS LIVING AT. THE
3 FACT THAT I WAS ATTENDING THE LOCAL CHURCH JUST MAGNIFIED THE
4 PROBLEMS TO THE POINT WHERE I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO LIVE THERE
5 ANYMORE.

6 Q OKAY. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WERE OBJECTING TO YOUR GOING
7 TO THE LOCAL CHURCH?

8 A YES. SOME VERY STRONG ACCUSATIONS WERE MADE, AND I JUST
9 DID NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE IN THEIR ATMOSPHERE ANYMORE.

10 THE COURT: EXCUSE ME, WHAT WERE THE ACCUSATIONS?

11 THE WITNESS: THEY WOULD SAY I WAS A CHILD OF SATAN AND
12 THAT I WAS BRAINWASHED, AND THEY WOULD LIKE LOOK AT ME AND START
13 CRYING, AND IT WAS VERY, VERY HARD ON ME BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS
14 REGARDED MYSELF AS VERY RESPONSIBLE, INCLUDING MY SPIRITUAL
15 LIFE, PERSON, AND TO BE ACCUSED OF BEING SOME TEENAGER ALL
16 SPACED OUT ON SOME HYPNOTIC THING WAS HARD FOR ME TO HANDLE.

17 THE COURT: WHAT DID YOU THINK DREW THEM TO THAT CONCLU-
18 SION? IN OTHER WORDS, DID THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CHURCH?

19 THE WITNESS: I REALLY WISH THEY HAD ATTENDED AT LEAST
20 ONE MEETING.

21 THE COURT: TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, DID THEY KNOW ANYTHING AT
22 ALL? HOW COULD THEY SAY THEY THINK YOU WERE BRAINWASHED IF THEY
23 DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING?

24 THE WITNESS: I BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE I HAD BEEN SO AVID
25 IN THE CHURCH I WAS GOING TO, THE VERY FACT THAT I COULD "FALL
26 AWAY" FROM THAT CHURCH AND GET MORE INVOLVED IN THIS CHURCH
27 WOULD MAKE THEM THINK I MUST BE BRAINWASHED. WHY ELSE WOULD I
28 WANT TO LEAVE?