

1 Does he teach, as is there, that you have to look
2 at the scripture or the Bible and if it isn't in there, then
3 you've got to go by what is in the Bible?

4 A Yes, that's correct.

5 Q Does witness Lee give any sort of teaching that
6 condones immoral acts?

7 A No, absolutely not, quite the contrary.

8 Q What does he teach in this regard?

9 A He teaches that everyone must obey the Ten
10 Commandments. Everyone must live a proper, human, moral life.
11 Just as a human being on this earth, we have to obey God's law
12 of morality.

13 Q Let me show page 139 of the Economy of God. When
14 the word, the law, what does the law refer to there?

15 A The law there means the -- basically the Ten
16 Commandments, the law given by God to Moses.

17 And he says this is a changeless rule and everybody
18 must keep it. There is no need to second guidance about
19 honoring one's parent. The law is fixed.

20 Q What does he mean by that?

21 A That means one of the Commandments is to honor your
22 father and mother and that is fixed. There is no changing
23 that. You have to obey that as a human being. That's God's
24 law of morality.

25 Q But now, if we go to page 405.76 of Mr. Duddy's
26 manuscript, he talks about Lee incorporating moral pygmyism

1 in his discussion in ethics and he says moral pygmists are
2 believers whose standard of conduct plunges far below the
3 ethical code of the law while remaining oblivious to
4 disparity.

5 Does Witness Lee incorporate any concept of moral
6 pygmyism in any of his teachings?

7 A No, he does not.

8 Q Does Witness Lee give any standard as to how one
9 should follow the Bible and the Ten Commandments?

10 A Yes. He gives -- he teaches that the teaching of
11 the New Testament is even a higher standard than the Ten
12 Commandments because the Sermon on the Mount teaches we
13 should not only not kill but that we should not hate people,
14 that we should not only not commit adultery but that we
15 should not lust after someone.

16 So his teaching is that the New Testament standard
17 of Christ is even a higher standard than the basic standard
18 of the Ten Commandments.

19 THE COURT: Could I ask a question about the
20 Economy of God and Lee's statement there?

21 When he says that the Ten Commandments' thou shall
22 obey thy parents, does that mean under any circumstance,
23 assuming that the parents' demands on their children is a
24 violation of moral law? Do you get a conflict then?

25 THE WITNESS: Yes. Of course there is always the
26 qualification according to New Testament that one has to obey

1 God rather than man and if the parents, for instance, over
2 the children require something that is against their
3 conscience or against their faith in God --

4 THE COURT: Or the moral law?

5 THE WITNESS: -- or the moral law, surely then, they
6 are not required to obey. So the human obedience is
7 superseded by the obedience to God and God's law. That would
8 be a qualification.

9 THE COURT: That would be assumed when he makes the
10 statement?

11 THE WITNESS: He has said that in other places in
12 his writings and teaching. That is made clear, that is
13 correct.

14 MR. MORGAN: Q Can you explain to the Court as an
15 example the Economy of God? What does that represent, that
16 particular booklet?

17 A That is a book, one of the early books, that
18 Witness Lee published which outlines, I think it's the
19 earliest comprehensive outline of his view of God's economy.
20 This is a New Testament word, God's plan for man.

21 Q Then does he publish different books covering
22 different subjects in different areas?

23 A Yes, he does.

24 Q Let's now talk a bit about the authority. First
25 let's talk about the authority of Witness Lee.

26 Does he exercise authority over the members?