

Dr. Goetcheius

1 A THEY ARE EXTREMELY FAMILY ORIENTED. THEY HAVE THE BEST  
2 BEHAVED CHILDREN THAT I HAVE EVER MET, EN MASSE, CERTAINLY.

3 WHEN THEY CAME TO MY HOUSE AT THE CAPE, THERE WERE  
4 12 FAMILIES. TWELVE MEN AND THEIR WIVES AND AN UNCOUNTABLE  
5 NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

6 THE LOCAL CHURCH MAY BE A SMALL CHURCH NOW, BUT JUST  
7 WAIT.

8 IT WAS RAINING THAT DAY AND WE HAD TO STAY IN THE  
9 HOUSE AND IT WAS ALL RIGHT. THERE WASN'T A LOT OF CRYING.  
10 EVERYONE -- NEITHER WAS ANY CHILD UNDER ANY ADULT'S THUMB.  
11 THERE WAS A LOT OF SMILING. WE SAT AROUND AND READ BOOKS TO  
12 THEM. WE SANG HYMNS OUT OF THE LOCAL CHURCH HYMNAL, WHICH  
13 THEY HAD THOUGHTFULLY BROUGHT ALONG WITH THEM, AND THEY GAVE  
14 ME A COPY, AND I MUST SAY IF YOU THINK THE THEOLOGY OF THE  
15 LOCAL CHURCH IS UNORTHODOX YOU SHOULD READ THE HYMNS.

16 THEIR HYMNS ARE MUCH MORE ORTHODOX THAN THOSE OF A  
17 CERTAIN CHURCH THAT I COULD MENTION. IT IS REALLY RATHER  
18 SURPRISING TO SEE -- CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE EXPRESSED IN A HYMN  
19 BECAUSE IT IS A LITTLE HARD TO SING SOME OF THE DOCTRINE,  
20 BUT IT IS THERE AND IT IS VERY CLEAR.

21 Q WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES? DO THEY APPEAR TO BE  
22 ZOMBIES OR ARE THEY NORMAL, OR WHAT ARE THEY LIKE?

23 A WELL, THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT ZOMBIES. I AM NOT QUITE  
24 SURE WHETHER NORMAL IS A PERJORATIVE TERM OR NOT. BUT I WAS  
25 PROUD TO HAVE THEM IN MY HOUSE, I AM PROUD TO HAVE THEM AS  
26 FRIENDS.

27 I AM NOT SURE I WANT TO BE -- MANY PEOPLE WOULD NOT  
28 DESCRIBE ME AS NORMAL BUT I LIKE THEM AND THEY SEEM TO LIKE ME.

1 Q DID THEY HAVE SOME AIR OF EXCLUSIVENESS ABOUT THEM OR  
2 WERE YOU ALLOWED TO JOIN WITH THEM?

3 A THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT HAVE ANY AIR OF EXCLUSIVENESS.  
4 MY CHILDREN WERE ALSO THERE. MY CHILDREN ARE FAIRLY  
5 OBTRUSIVE BECAUSE THEY TAKE AFTER ME AND WE ALL ENJOYED EACH  
6 OTHER.

7 Q FINALLY, THE PRAYER READING. HAVE YOU OBSERVED THAT?

8 A I HAVE. I HAVE TAKEN PART IN IT. BECAUSE I WAS  
9 EPISCOPALIAN AND NOT A CATHOLIC, SO I AM JUST ONE STEP  
10 REMOVED. IT WAS HARD BUT THIS WAS ONE THING THAT PUT ME OFF  
11 A LITTLE BIT, BUT I FIND FROM RESEARCH ABOUT THEM THAT THIS  
12 IS JUST NOT JUST A TRADITION IN THE EASTERN CHURCH BUT THE  
13 GERMAN PIETISTS PRACTICED SOMETHING LIKE THIS, USING THE BIBLE  
14 TO PRAY. I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY WHERE THE TRADITION WOULD  
15 COME FROM.

16 IN ANY CASE, IT DOESN'T MAKE -- IT CERTAINLY IS NOT A  
17 MANTRA. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH HAS MEANING AND IN FACT THE  
18 PURPOSE OF THE PRAYER READING IS REALLY TO DIGEST THE WORD.  
19 THAT IS THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT. YOU ARE PRAYING IN THE WORDS  
20 OF SCRIPTURE, WHICH IS THE WAY BOTH YOUR MISSAL AND OUR  
21 PRAYER BOOK ARE MADE. THEY ARE MADE IN WORDS OF SCRIPTURE.

22 Q DID YOU SEE ANY EVIDENCE THAT WHEN THEY PRAY READ THEY  
23 HYPERVENTILATED AND THEY GOT IN AN ALTERED STATE OF  
24 CONSCIOUSNESS WHERE SOMEBODY COULD IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON THEM?

25 A NO, AND THERE WASN'T ANYBODY TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON,  
26 FOR THAT MATTER. THIS WAS AT A HOUSE AND EVERYONE EXCHANGED  
27 OPINIONS AND PRAYED TOGETHER OPENLY AND FREELY. THERE WASN'T  
28 A VISIBLE LEADER TO THIS.

1 Q HAVE YOU ATTENDED ANY LOCAL CHURCH FUNCTIONS?

2 A YES. TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO I WENT TO THE DEDICATION  
3 OF THE NEW MEETING HALL AT THE CHURCH OF NEWTON WHERE THE  
4 CHILDREN OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL GAVE THEIR LITTLE SKITS, LIKE  
5 MANY OTHER PLACES.

6 THE MAYOR OF NEWTON WAS THERE, THE MAYOR OF NEWTON  
7 HAPPENS TO BE JEWISH. HE KNEW A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE  
8 LEADERSHIP OF THE LOCAL CHURCH THERE BY FIRST NAME. HE GAVE  
9 THE LEADER A YARMULKE, WHICH WAS ACCEPTED AMID LAUGHTER AND --  
10 IT WAS A VERY FINE OCCASION.

11 THE CHILDREN ACQUITTED THEMSELVES BEAUTIFULLY. MY  
12 WIFE BORROWED THE TAPE OF THE MEETING SO SHE COULD GET THE  
13 MUSIC, THOUGH NOT THE WORDS, FOR THE SONGS AND TAKE TO THE  
14 SCHOOL WHERE SHE TEACHES. IT WAS DESIGNED FOR THE CHILDREN.  
15 THE CHILDREN WERE BEAUTIFULLY BEHAVED.

16 I SAW ONE CHILD CRYING AND THAT WAS BECAUSE SHE HAD  
17 STEPPED ON A NAIL.

18 Q ARE YOU DESCRIBING, REVEREND, THEN, A GROUP OF PEOPLE  
19 THAT APPEAR TO BE ABOVE NORMAL IN INTELLIGENCE AND IN THE  
20 MANNER IN WHICH THEY COMPORT THEMSELVES?

21 A WELL, THEY CERTAINLY WERE -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU  
22 MEAN BY ABOVE NORMAL, BUT THIS WAS A VERY PLEASANT GROUP OF  
23 PEOPLE TO BE IN.

24 I WAS INVITED SO IT WAS CLEAR THEY WEREN'T THAT  
25 EXCLUSIVE. MY WIFE WAS INVITED. THE MAYOR OF NEWTON WAS  
26 INVITED. ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF MY GREEK CLASS WHOM I KNOW  
27 BEST OF ALL, HE WAS THE ORIGINAL GO-BETWEEN FOR ME AND THE  
28 GROUP IN ANAHEIM, HIS SISTER WAS PRESENT. HIS SISTER IS AN

1 ORDAINED METHODIST MINISTER SO OBVIOUSLY HIS FAMILY HAS NOT  
2 BEEN BROKEN BY THIS.

3 HE HAS LOVELY CHILDREN. THE CHILDREN ARE IN MANY  
4 WAYS THE MOST IMPRESSIVE THING ABOUT THE CHURCH, I THINK,  
5 TO ME.

6 Q DOES THAT MIRROR SOMETHING OF THE CHURCH?

7 A YES, I THINK IT MIRRORS THE RIGHT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP  
8 BETWEEN THE ADULTS AND THE CHILDREN. IT IS THE KIND OF  
9 THING THAT WITNESS LEE TEACHES, WHICH IS THE KIND OF THING  
10 THE BIBLE TEACHES.

11 HE TEACHES A SORT OF SUBORDINATION, WHICH IS NOT  
12 TERRIBLY POPULAR IN SOME CIRCLES TODAY, BUT IF YOU HAVE  
13 EVERYBODY EQUAL YOU HAVE SORT OF A RIOT, WHICH IS WHAT ONE  
14 DOES HAVE IN SOME HOUSES THAT I HAVE VISITED, BUT THIS WAS AN  
15 ORDERLY AND CHEERFUL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO -- I WOULDN'T SAY  
16 THEY KNEW THEIR PLACE BUT THEY HAD A PLACE WHICH BELONGED  
17 TO THEM AND THIS WAS THEIR PLACE AND THEY LIKED IT AND THEY  
18 WERE RESPECTED FOR BEING WHAT THEY WERE.

19 MR. MORGAN: THANK YOU, I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

20 THE COURT: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21 MR. MORGAN: MY NEXT WITNESS IS RODNEY STARK,  
22 YOUR HONOR.

23 RODNEY STARK,  
24 CALLED AS A WITNESS ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFF, AFTER BEING  
25 FIRST DULY SWORN, WAS EXAMINED AND TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

26 DIRECT EXAMINATION

27 BY MR. MORGAN:

28 Q WHERE DO YOU LIVE, MR. STARK?