

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.