

1 THE WITNESS: HERE IS THE SORT OF STATEMENT WE MAKE.
2 THERE IS NO STATISTICAL EVIDENCE THAT THE LOCAL CHURCH
3 DISCOURAGES THE LOOKING OF TELEVISION OR NOT READING NEWSPAPERS,
4 LISTENING TO THE RADIO ANY MORE THAN DOES THE METHODISTS, NO
5 STATISTICAL EVIDENCE. BUT LET ME HASTEN TO ADD, THAT SURPRISES
6 ME, BECAUSE THE LOCAL CHURCH IS, AS I SAID A WHILE AGO, IN
7 GENERAL TERMS, A SEPARATIST CHURCH, AND ONE WOULD EXPECT THEM
8 TO DISCOURAGE LOOKING AT TELEVISION.

9 IF THIS WAS A SOUTHERN BAPTIST SAMPLE, I HAVE A FEELING
10 THAT THE LEADERS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH WOULD SAY, I'M
11 VERY SORRY THAT THAT DOESN'T SHOW THAT OUR CHURCH DISCOURAGES IT
12 MORE THAN THE METHODISTS.

13 (LAUGHTER.)

14 THE WITNESS: (CONTINUING) YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM
15 SAYING? IF I WAS A LOCAL CHURCH MEMBER, I WOULD SAY, OH, THAT'S
16 DISCOURAGING.

17 I'M JUST BEING FACETIOUS.

18 Q (BY MR. MORGAN) LET ME ASK YOU THIS. IN ASKING THE
19 QUESTIONS, DID ANYONE INDICATE TO YOU THAT THE LOCAL CHURCH
20 FORBADE OR FORBIDDEN THE WATCHING OF MOVIES, TELEVISION, OR
21 READING THE PAPERS?

22 A NO. NOW THAT'S AN INTERESTING THING. IN NO CASE DID
23 THEY FORBID. THEY SAID, FOR SOME OF THE QUALIFICATIONS IN THESE
24 ANSWERS, SAID, WELL, I LIVED IN A BROTHER'S HOUSE WHERE THE
25 PEOPLE WHO -- THE MOTHER AND FATHER DID NOT TAKE A NEWSPAPER OR
26 WATCH TELEVISION, BUT NOBODY EVER TOLD ME NOT TO. IT WAS MORE
27 PEER PRESSURE, WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE WAS DOING, THAN IT WAS THE
28 LEADERS.

1 NOW THEY SAID THE LEADERS DID ENCOURAGE US TO SPEND WHAT
2 SPARE TIME WE HAD SERVING THE LORD. AT LUNCHTIME, IF YOU HAVE
3 GOT A FEW MINUTES, READ THE BIBLE OR TRY TO ATTEND ALL THE
4 MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH. BUT, YOU KNOW, I AGAIN WOULD HASTEN TO
5 ADD, WE ARE MAKING QUALITATIVE JUDGMENTS HERE. IN CHURCH LIFE,
6 IN PASTORAL LIFE, THERE IS A LOT OF TALK ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU
7 ARE SPENDING AT THE CHURCH AS OPPOSED TO HOW MUCH TIME YOU ARE
8 SPENDING WITH YOUR FAMILY. IT'S NOT ONLY LOCAL CHURCH THAT
9 REQUIRES PEOPLE TO BE THERE EVERY NIGHT.

10 MR. MORGAN: OKAY.

11 I MIGHT POINT OUT TO THE COURT, ON PAGE 197 OF THE FOUR-
12 WAY, THERE IS THE STATEMENT THERE AND IN THE GERMAN EDITION, AND
13 IT READS:

14 "LOCAL CHURCH POLICY EXPANDS THE NEW TESTAMENT
15 MANDATE TO SHED IMMORALITY TO INCLUDE FORBIDDING
16 MEMBERS TO WATCH TELEVISION, READ NEWSPAPERS, OR GO
17 TO MOVIE THEATERS."

18 THAT WAS CARRIED OVER INTO DIE SONDERLEHRE. BUT WHEN IT
19 GOT TO THE ONE PUBLISHED BY INTERVARSITY PRESS, IT COMES OUT
20 MORE OF DISCOURAGING. AND SO THAT WAS WHAT WE WORKED AT ON THAT
21 ONE.

22 THE WITNESS: I WOULD SAY, BY THE WAY, MANY OF US GREW UP
23 IN CHURCHES IN THE SOUTH, AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, WHERE THE OLD
24 ADAGE, "I DON'T SMOKE, I DON'T CHEW, AND I DON'T GO WITH THE
25 GIRLS THAT DO," WAS VERY PERVASIVE. YOU DEFINITELY DIDN'T GO TO
26 MOVIES, YOU DIDN'T BUY PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, YOU DIDN'T LISTEN TO
27 THE RADIO. ALL THOSE WERE WORLDLY ACTIVITIES. IT'S NOT NEW
28 WITH LOCAL CHURCH.

1 Q (BY MR. MORGAN) PUT IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, THERE IS NOTHING
2 THAT MAKES IT A CULT IF A MINISTER OR A LEADER ENCOURAGES THE
3 PEOPLE NOT TO WATCH TELEVISION AND NOT TO GO TO THE MOVIES AND
4 NOT TO READ NEWSPAPERS, BUT SPEND THAT TIME LEARNING THE LORD
5 AND BEING A PART OF THE LORD'S WORK?

6 A NOT UNLESS YOU WANT TO CALL A LOT OF CONSERVATIVE CHURCHES
7 CULTS.

8 Q OKAY. ALL RIGHT. FINE. LET'S GO ON TO THE NEXT ONE:
9 "WERE YOU TOLD WHEN AND WHERE TO GO TO SCHOOL?"

10 A NONE OF THE PRESENT MEMBERS, NONE OF THE EX-MEMBERS, NO
11 METHODISTS WERE TOLD WHERE TO GO TO SCHOOL, WHEN TO GO TO SCHOOL.

12 Q NUMBER SEVEN: "WERE YOU EVER COUNSELED BY CHURCH LEADERS
13 ABOUT YOUR BEHAVIOR?"

14 A ONE OF THE PRESENT MEMBERS, ONE OF THE EX-MEMBERS, NONE
15 OF THE METHODISTS.

16 Q WHAT, IF ANYTHING, DOES THAT INDICATE TO YOU?

17 A IT MAY INDICATE THAT THE PASTORS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
18 WEREN'T EXERCISING GOOD PASTORAL BEHAVIOR.

19 (LAUGHTER.)

20 A (CONTINUING) I'M BEING FACETIOUS THERE. I WOULD HOPE
21 THAT CHURCH LEADERS WOULD COUNSEL CHURCH MEMBERS ABOUT THEIR
22 BEHAVIOR. THIS IS ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHERE I THINK THE
23 IMPLICATION OF THE BOOK, BY THE BY, IS THAT PEOPLE WERE CALLED
24 TO ELDERS' MEETINGS AND CHASTISED AND HUMILIATED IN THE SAME WAY
25 THAT NUMBER NINE TALKS ABOUT CHASTISING PUBLICLY. I THINK THAT
26 IS THE IMPORT. THAT'S THE WAY I ASKED THE QUESTION.

27 Q OKAY. WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION?

28 A MY CONCLUSION IS THAT THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES ACROSS THE