

1 THROUGH THE GOD-MEN I. I HAD TAKEN THAT AS AN EXAMPLE IN MY
2 ESSAY OF WHAT I CALLED BAD APPROACH TO NEW RELIGIOUS MOVE-
3 MENTS.

4 Q WHY?

5 A BECAUSE THE METHODOLOGY THEY USED, IN MY OPINION AND
6 THE OPINION, I THINK, OF MOST SCHOLARLY WORK, IS TOO NEGATIVE,
7 MEANING THEY START TRYING TO, INSTEAD OF UNDERSTANDING, THEY
8 ARE TRYING TO DEBUNK AND THEY DEBUNK BEFORE THEY UNDERSTAND,
9 SO THEY SAY, "WAIT A MINUTE, CAN'T YOU FIGURE OUT --" AND
10 MORE WHAT THEY MEAN BEFORE YOU START TO SAY YOU ARE WRONG.
11 AND I TOOK THAT BOOK AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE SIMPLE REASON
12 IT WAS THE MAJOR BOOK THAT THEY HAD PUBLISHED. THE REST WAS
13 JUST KIND OF TWO-PAGE LEAFLETS.

14 THE COURT: GOD-MEN WAS THEIR FIRST BIG PUBLICA-
15 TION?

16 THE WITNESS: YES, AS FAR AS I KNOW.

17 MR. MORGAN: I BELIEVE, YOUR HONOR, THE ONLY TWO
18 MAJOR PUBLICATIONS THEY REALLY HAD HAVE BEEN THE TWO GOD-MEN.

19 THE WITNESS: AND LOTS OF LITTLE LEAFLETS WHICH
20 IN SCHOLARLY LANGUAGE WERE CALLED JUNK. AND THEN THERE IS THE
21 SCP JOURNALS WHICH I THINK ARE NOT NAMED PROPERLY. THEY
22 SHOULD BE CALLED THE SCP DIATRIBES.

23 Q (BY MR. MORGAN) LET ME ASK YOU, TELL US WHAT YOU
24 UNDERSTOOD WAS YOUR ASSIGNMENT FROM ME AND WHAT YOU DID IN
25 THAT REGARD.

26 A OKAY. AS FAR AS -- IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU CORRECTLY -- I
27 MAY NOT HAVE. I FIRST HAD TO GO OVER THE GOD-MEN II AND GO
28 OVER SOME OF THE MATERIAL THEY QUOTED AND THEN FIGURE OUT