

1 A YES, I DO.

2 Q FIRST, AS A CATHOLIC PRIEST, DOES THAT TITLE GIVE YOU  
3 SOME CONCERN?

4 A NOT AT ALL. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SOME THEOLOGY THE  
5 LAST 20 YEARS YOU WILL REALIZE THAT THE IDEA OF CHRIST VERSUS  
6 RELIGION HAS BEEN FIRST IN THE PROTESTANT AND EVEN SOME  
7 CATHOLIC WRITINGS AND BASICALLY WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO SAY  
8 IS THIS, THAT OVER THE CENTURIES RELIGION, CHRISTIANITY  
9 INCLUDED, HAS BUILT UP A LOT OF ACCRETIONS AND OBVIOUSLY  
10 SOMETIMES WE HAVE MADE THE MISTAKE OF TAKING THESE ACCRETIONS  
11 AS BEING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE CENTER THEME OF CHRISTIANITY,  
12 AND THERE IS A CONSTANT BATTLE GOING ON IN THE CHRISTIAN  
13 CHURCH OVER THE LAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS FIGHTING THIS THING,  
14 AND AS DR. MELTON MENTIONED, KARL BARTH WAS PROBABLY THE  
15 FIRST ONE WHO CRYSTALLIZED IT IN THIS TERM. CHRIST VERSUS  
16 CHRISTIANITY -- OR RELIGION.

17 Q FATHER, LET ME GIVE YOU THE FOUR-WAY HERE. I AM GOING  
18 TO ASK YOU TO GO TO PAGE 141. DOWN HERE ON THE BOTTOM, IT IS  
19 THE LAST SENTENCE BEFORE THE LAST PARAGRAPH AND IT SAYS "THE  
20 LOCAL CHURCH, THEREFORE, NOT ONLY FAILS TO EXPRESS SOCIAL OR  
21 MORAL CONSCIOUSNESS BUT EXPLICITLY COUNSELS ITS MEMBERS TO  
22 AVOID ANY SUCH AWARENESS." NOW, FIRST, WHAT DO YOU UNDERSTAND  
23 THAT MR. DUDDY IS SAYING TO THE READER?

24 A WELL, FIRST, KIND OF -- MY IMMEDIATE REACTION IS THAT  
25 HE TRIES TO ISOLATE THEM FROM SOCIETY AT LARGE ALMOST LIKE --  
26 WHATEVER HAPPENS IN SOCIETY, FORGET IT. IVORY TOWERS.

27 SECONDLY, MORALITY IS OBVIOUSLY NOT INCULCATED. IN  
28 OTHER WORDS, WHAT YOU CALL THE AVERAGE THING, DON'T STEAL,

1 ET CETERA, ARE NOT PART OF THE AWARENESS WHICH THE MEMBERS  
2 ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP.

3 Q BASED UPON YOUR READINGS OF WITNESS LEE, IS THIS A TRUE  
4 STATEMENT OF HIS TEACHINGS?

5 A NO, IT ISN'T.

6 Q WHAT ARE THE TEACHINGS OF WITNESS LEE REGARDING MORALITY  
7 AND REGARDING SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS?

8 A I THINK I AM MORE SURE ON MORALITY THAN ON THE OTHER,  
9 BUT I WILL TALK ABOUT BOTH.

10 MY IMPRESSIONS ARE FROM THE READING OF LEE'S BOOK AND  
11 FROM HEARING WITNESSES AND PEOPLE TALKING DURING THE SERVICES  
12 THAT THEY ACCEPT BASICALLY THE SAME MORALITY I DO, AND IT  
13 MEANS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PLUS ALSO SOMETHING BEYOND THAT.  
14 MEANING YOU DO NOT ONLY TRY NOT TO KILL PEOPLE BUT ALSO TRY  
15 AND BE GOOD TO OTHERS TOO.

16 KIND OF LIKE AN ADDED DIMENSION TO IT.

17 FROM THE SOCIAL AWARENESS I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO  
18 INVESTIGATE, LIKE, TO WHAT DEGREE THEY INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN  
19 POLITICS, FOR INSTANCE.

20 Q IS THAT IMPORTANT?

21 A NOT PARTICULARLY. BUT, I MEAN, IF YOU ARE LOOKING  
22 FOR -- YOU SEE THERE IS A SECTION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
23 THE MORE LIBERAL, WHICH LOOKS ON INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL AND  
24 SOCIAL MATTERS AS BEING MORE -- ALMOST AS IMPORTANT AS OTHER  
25 MATTERS.

26 SO IF YOU WANT TO EVALUATE IT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW,  
27 I SUPPOSE YOU COULD.

28 Q FROM THE STANDPOINT OF YOUR MEETING THE MEMBERS OF THE

1 CHURCH, WHAT DID YOU OBSERVE AS FAR AS THEIR SOCIAL  
2 CONSCIOUSNESS?

3 A OKAY. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND ANY OTHER GROUP OR PERSON,  
4 I USUALLY TRY AND FIND SOMETHING SIMILAR IN MY LIFE TO WHICH  
5 I CAN RELATE, AND I THOUGHT WHEN I VISITED THE LOCAL CHURCH  
6 A COUPLE OF MONTHS PERIOD THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS I COULD  
7 COMPARE TO MY OWN JESUIT COMMUNITY IN DETROIT, MEANING THESE  
8 WERE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY PRAYED TOGETHER MORE THAN ONCE EVERY  
9 MONTH OR EVERY YEAR, SO TO SPEAK, WHO ATE TOGETHER SOMETIMES  
10 AND DISCUSSED PROBLEMS AMONG THEMSELVES VERY MUCH AS I WOULD  
11 DO IN MY COMMUNITY IN DETROIT.

12 THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THEY EVER TALKED TO  
13 ANYBODY ELSE BUT I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THERE WAS A COMMUNITY  
14 LIFE AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH WAS MORE PROMINENT THAN ANYTHING  
15 ELSE.

16 Q LET ME ASK YOU THIS. WOULD IT CONCERN YOU OR WOULD YOU  
17 SAY THAT THEY LOSE THEIR SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS IF THEY DIDN'T  
18 PARTICULARLY CARE TO WATCH TELEVISION?

19 A NO. MY REACTION WOULD BE THEY WOULDN'T BE MISSING MUCH.

20 Q LET ME GO ON TO ANOTHER ONE NOW. LET ME GO TO PAGE  
21 187, AND THIS IS AGAIN ONE THAT I HAVE COVERED WITH DR. MELTON  
22 BUT I WANTED THE COURT TO HEAR FROM YOU ALSO. THIS IS UP AT  
23 THE TOP OF THE PAGE WHERE IT SAYS "NOT ONLY IS THE LOCAL  
24 CHURCH UNWILLING TO EXERCISE DISCIPLINE BUT BY INTRINSIC  
25 THEOLOGICAL DESIGN ITS ABILITY TO DO SO IS FOUNDATIONALLY  
26 INADEQUATE BECAUSE AUTHORITY RESTS IN CONSCIOUS SENSATIONS  
27 FROM THE SPIRIT'S SPIRIT WHOSE VOICES MAY BE MANY AND VARIED."

28 FIRST, FATHER, CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND MR.