

1 WAS LIKE A HAWK SOMETIMES.

2 THE COURT: BY THE WAY, IN ONE OF THESE PARAGRAPHS,  
3 FATHER, IT SAYS THEY ARE ASCRIBING TO WITNESS LEE THAT HE  
4 CONTROLS THE HOME LIFE AND THE VOCATIONS OF HIS FOLLOWERS.  
5 DID YOU EXPERIENCE ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

6 THE WITNESS: I SAW NO EVIDENCE OF IT.

7 THE COURT: OR IN HIS WRITINGS?

8 THE WITNESS: THERE IS NOTHING. BUT AGAIN IF YOU  
9 THINK IN TERMS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY, VERY MUCH  
10 AS A RESORT IS A COMMUNITY, I THINK YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT  
11 IS HAPPENING MUCH MORE EASILY.

12 IF YOU LOOK UPON IT AS A HUGE CHURCH WHERE PEOPLE ARE  
13 GOING THERE ONCE A MONTH, THEN YOU WILL NOT REALLY GET A GOOD  
14 GLIMPSE OF THE ACTUAL SPIRITUALITY AND DYNAMICS OF THE GROUP.

15 SEE, ONCE -- PEOPLE ALWAYS ARE AFRAID WHEN THEY SEE  
16 GREAT COMMITMENT BECAUSE GREAT COMMITMENT MEANS YOU PUT  
17 LIMITATIONS ON YOURSELF. BUT ONCE YOU ARE COMMITTED THEN  
18 LIMITATIONS ARE NEVER THAT DAMAGING TO YOU.

19 IF I MAY GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE FROM MY OWN VOCATION, THERE  
20 ARE MANY CATHOLICS AMONG CATHOLICS WHO ARE SURPRISED HOW NOT  
21 BEING MARRIED ISN'T A GREAT SACRIFICE FOR ME AND MY REACTION  
22 IS IT IS A SACRIFICE BUT I DON'T REALLY FEEL IT BECAUSE I AM  
23 COMMITTED, SO THAT IS THE REASON WHY I'D RATHER TALK TO  
24 PEOPLE IN THE GROUP RATHER THAN OUTSIDE THE GROUP BECAUSE  
25 OUTSIDE THE GROUP THEY HAVE LOST THEIR COMMITMENT, THEY HAVE  
26 LOST THEIR VOCATION, SO WHEN THEY LOOK BACK TO THEIR PAST THEY  
27 TEND TO LOOK AT THOSE YEARS OR MONTHS AS A WASTE OF TIME.

28 THE COURT: I AGREE WITH YOU.