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THE COURT: OKAY.

Q (BY MR. MORGAN) LET ME ASK YOU THIS. IS THERE SOME BASIC RULE, THOUGH, IN THE FIELD OF RELIGION ABOUT RELIANCE UPON EX MEMBERS?

A WHEN YOU ARE INVESTIGATING GROUPS SUCH AS THIS YOU NEVER RELY UPON THE UNVERIFIED TESTIMONY OF EX MEMBERS.

Q WHY?

A TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, HOSTILE EX MEMBERS INVARIABLY SHADE THE TRUTH. THEY INVARIABLY BLOW OUT OF PROPORTION MINOR INCIDENTS AND TURN THEM INTO MAJOR INCIDENTS, AND OVER A PERIOD OF TIME THEIR TESTIMONY ALMOST ALWAYS CHANGES BECAUSE EACH TIME THEY TELL IT THEY GET THE FEEDBACK OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION FROM THOSE TO WHOM THEY TELL IT AND HENCE IT WILL BE DEVELOPED AND MERGED INTO A DIFFERENT WORLD VIEW THAT THEY ARE ADOPTING.

Q LET'S GO TO PAGE 235. I BEG YOUR PARDON. PAGE 59, EXCUSE ME. YOU WILL SEE THE SECTION "SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY" AND THEN WE WILL GO DOWN A FEW SENTENCES AND IT SAYS "RELIABLE SOURCES TELL US THAT LEE HIMSELF DOES RULE WITH AN IRON ROD."

THE COURT: WHAT PARAGRAPH WAS THAT?

MR. MORGAN: I AM SORRY. DO YOU SEE WHERE IT SAYS "SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY"?

THE COURT: YES.

MR. MORGAN: JUST ABOVE WHERE IT SAYS PAGE 001029 YOU WILL SEE THE SENTENCE.

Q FIRST, WHAT IS THE IMPORT OF THAT STATEMENT? WHAT IS MR. DUDDY CONVEYING TO THE READER?

A THAT WITNESS LEE RULES WITH AN ADMINISTRATIVE

1 AUTHORITY THAT HAS REAL POWER AND THAT HE DOES IT IN A
2 KINKY SORT OF WAY, ARBITRARY AND AT HIS OWN WHIM.

3 Q IS THAT SOME ANALOGY TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CULTS THAT
4 WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING?

5 A WELL, CERTAINLY THAT WOULD -- LATER ON AS HE BEGINS TO
6 DISCUSS PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES, A PERSON WHO RULES WITH AN IRON
7 ROD WOULD BE LIKE UNTO AN AUTHORITARIAN GURU WHO RUNS HIS
8 DISCIPLES LIVES.

9 Q HOW ABOUT A JIM JONES?

10 A VERY MUCH SO.

11 Q OKAY. NOW, IS THAT A CORRECT STATEMENT?

12 A I HAVE FOUND NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THAT IT IS. LEE
13 HAS A LOT OF AUTHORITY WITHIN THE CHURCH. MOST OF IT IS THE
14 AUTHORITY THAT HE HAS BROUGHT UNTO HIMSELF THROUGH YEARS OF
15 PEOPLE READING HIS BOOKS AND LISTENING TO HIS TEACHINGS AND
16 ACCEPTING THEM, SO HE HAS EARNED HIS POSITION BY HIS LABORS
17 OVER THE YEARS, AND THE RESPECT AND AUTHORITY HE HAS IS
18 PRIMARILY THAT.

19 HIS AUTHORITY IS AT ONE LEVEL, THAT IS AS A TEACHER
20 AND AS A TRAINER WITHIN THE CHURCH. HIS AUTHORITY IS
21 STRICTLY LIMITED IN THAT HE CANNOT GO INTO A LOCAL CONGREGA-
22 TION AND BEGIN TO RUN THE AFFAIRS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH AND
23 HE HAS KEPT HIMSELF PRETTY MUCH SEPARATED FROM BEING A
24 CONGREGATIONAL LEADER HIMSELF, SO HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT
25 LEADERSHIP ROLE OVER PEOPLE.

26 Q HAS MR. DUDDY THEN QUOTED FROM A COUPLE OF STATEMENTS
27 OF WITNESS LEE ON THE NEXT PAGE, PAGE 61, TO SORT OF SUPPORT
28 HIS POSITION?