

1 Q ALL RIGHT. NOW ON PAGE 207 THAT WE HAVE REFERRED TO
2 BEFORE, IT TALKS ABOUT "DATING AND CONFIDENCES BETWEEN THE SEXES
3 IS FORBIDDEN." IS THAT A TRUE STATEMENT?

4 A NO, IT'S NOT.

5 Q WHEN YOU WERE LIVING IN SEATTLE, LET'S SAY AFTER YOUR
6 WIFE TO BE CAME UP THERE, WERE YOU LIVING WITH ANYONE ELSE?

7 A YES, I WAS. I WAS LIVING WITH SOME OTHER BROTHERS WHO
8 WERE IN THE CHURCH IN SEATTLE.

9 Q OKAY. AND WERE THEY AROUND YOUR AGE?

10 A YES. THEY ALL WERE RIGHT AROUND MY AGE AT THAT TIME.

11 Q AT THAT TIME, WHAT AGE ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

12 A TWENTY-FOUR, I GUESS.

13 Q OKAY. HOW ABOUT THE OTHER BROTHERS, DID THEY OCCASIONALLY
14 GO OUT ON DATES?

15 A YES. OCCASIONALLY.

16 Q ALL RIGHT. SO AS FAR AS YOU KNEW, NONE OF THE BROTHERS
17 YOU WERE LIVING WITH FELT THERE WAS SOME PROHIBITION AGAINST
18 DATING. IS THAT RIGHT?

19 A RIGHT.

20 Q AND I GATHER THAT YOU DIDN'T FEEL THAT THERE WAS ANY
21 PROHIBITION AGAINST TALKING AND SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS WITH YOUR
22 WIFE TO BE BEFORE YOU MARRIED HER?

23 A NO, THERE WAS NO PROHIBITION.

24 Q ALL RIGHT. NOW WHO MADE THE DECISION TO GET MARRIED, YOU
25 OR THE ELDERS?

26 A I MADE THE DECISION TO GET MARRIED.

27 Q BEFORE YOU MADE THAT DECISION, DID YOU GO TO THE ELDERS
28 TO GET THEIR PERMISSION OR ANYTHING?

1 A NO, I DID NOT.

2 Q ALL RIGHT. AND DID YOU FEEL YOU HAD TO?

3 A NO, I DID NOT.

4 Q AND YOU HAVE REMAINED IN THE CHURCH, I GATHER, SINCE 1973
5 UP TO THE PRESENT. IS THAT RIGHT?

6 A YES, I HAVE.

7 Q CAN YOU TELL THE COURT, TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IN THE -- LET'S
8 TAKE THE SEATTLE CHURCH FIRST. HAS THERE EVER BEEN ANY PRACTICE
9 OF ARRANGING MARRIAGES FOR PEOPLE?

10 A NO, THERE HAS NOT BEEN.

11 Q ARE YOU GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CHURCHES IN THE AREA
12 THERE?

13 A YES.

14 Q TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, HAS THERE BEEN ANY SUCH PRACTICE IN
15 ANY OF THOSE CHURCHES IN THE NORTHWEST?

16 A TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THERE'S BEEN NO SUCH PRACTICE.

17 Q LET'S SAY SINCE 1975, WOULD YOU REGARD YOURSELF AS A
18 FAIRLY ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBER?

19 A DEFINITELY.

20 Q LET'S TALK ABOUT A FEW OF THE OTHER PRACTICES IN THE
21 CHURCH. FIRST, LET'S TALK ABOUT SPORTS THAT HIS HONOR HAS
22 RAISED.

23 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS, FIRST, ANY PROHIBITION
24 AGAINST ENGAGING IN ANY SPORTS?

25 A NO, THERE IS NO PROHIBITION AGAINST ENGAGING IN SPORTS.

26 Q LET'S TALK ABOUT ENCOURAGEMENT, DISCOURAGEMENT. FIRST
27 LET'S TALK ABOUT PRACTICE.

28 WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF, DO YOU DO ANYTHING OF AN ATHLETIC