

1 THE COURT: THE DUDDY MANUSCRIPT.

2 Q (BY THE COURT) AND WHAT DID YOU WISH TO EXPLAIN?

3 A THAT THE UNIVERSE IS THE CONTEXT IN WHICH GOD REVEALS HIS  
4 LOVE, HIS PURPOSE, AND THAT IT'S LIKE HAVING A BACKGROUND OR A  
5 STAGE UPON WHICH GOD MANIFESTS HIS PURPOSE IN THIS UNIVERSE.  
6 AND SO IN THAT SENSE THAT THERE IS A CONTEXT, SATAN IS PART OF  
7 THAT CONTEXT. THE FALLEN WORLD IS PART OF THAT CONTEXT.

8 Q ALL RIGHT.

9 A AND SO IN THAT CONTEXT, THAT PLATFORM, WE CAN SEE GOD'S  
10 LOVE, GOD'S REDEMPTION, GOD'S PURPOSE COMING FORTH IN THAT  
11 CONTEXT. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE NOT IN A VACUUM SOMEWHERE.  
12 THERE IS A DEVIL ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE. THERE IS SIN.

13 Q IN ANY EVENT, I THINK I GOT THE ANSWER FROM YOU.

14 A OKAY.

15 Q NOW LOOKING AT PAGE 163. HERE HE SAYS IN THE DUDDY  
16 MANUSCRIPT AGAIN:

17 "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELDERSHIP THAT IS  
18 PROTECTED BY LEE FROM AN INTERNAL CRITICISM, AN  
19 AUTHORITATIVE VOICE OF GOD, CREATES AN IMPREGNABLE  
20 STRUCTURE OF AUTHORITY WHICH PROHIBITS LOCAL CHURCH  
21 MEMBERS FROM THEIR RIGHTFUL EXERCISE OF FAITH; THAT  
22 IS SEEKING GOD'S COUNSEL THROUGH PERSONAL PRAYER  
23 AND SCRIPTURE READING AND CREATIVE ENTERPRISE; THAT  
24 IS, TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISION-MAKING AND  
25 WHOLLY LIVING. IN THIS SENSE, THE LOCAL CHURCH  
26 ELDERS ADMINISTRATE THE WILLING AND WORKING OUT OF  
27 SALVATION FOR THEIR SPIRITUAL SUBORDINATES."  
28 IS THAT STATEMENT A CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE TEACHINGS OF

1 THE CHURCH, THE LOCAL CHURCH?

2 A ABSOLUTELY NOT.

3 Q THAT IS FALSE?

4 A UH-HUH.

5 Q SO WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THE ELDERS DO NOT MAKE THESE  
6 DECISIONS?

7 A THAT IS RIGHT.

8 Q DOES THE CHURCH ALLOW CRITICISM OF THE ELDERS IN THE  
9 SENSE OF DISAGREEMENTS? IN OTHER WORDS, SUPPOSE SOMEONE SAYS  
10 ABOUT THAT TEACHING, I HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY OR I HAVE SOME  
11 DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING THAT. IS THAT OKAY?

12 A ABSOLUTELY.

13 Q BECAUSE FRANKLY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, I CAN'T ACCEPT  
14 EVERYTHING THAT THEY TEACH AND I UNDERSTAND I'M NOT ALONE,  
15 THERE ARE SOME PRIESTS IN THE SAME SITUATION.

16 (LAUGHTER.)

17 Q (BY THE COURT) ALSO ON PAGE 163:

18 "LEE DEMEANS CHRISTIANS FOR SEEKING GOD'S WILL  
19 WITH TRIVIAL MATTERS SUCH AS MARRIAGE, CAREER  
20 CHOICES, WHICH CARRY MINIMAL SPIRITUAL CONSEQUENCES."

21 AND I THINK HE MAKES REFERENCE IN THERE TO ONE OF PERHAPS  
22 LEE'S WRITINGS, AS AN APPENDIX REFERENCE. I GUESS LEE'S BOOK ON  
23 HERESY.

24 IS THAT A STATEMENT THAT LEE HAS MADE IN FACT?

25 A NO.

26 Q THAT IS NOT A PROPER QUOTATION?

27 A THAT IS NOT A PROPER QUOTATION.

28 Q DOES THE TEACHING OF THE LOCAL CHURCH INDICATE THAT