

1 Q. Was anyone on the publisher's committee  
2 assigned to read the Encyclopedia of Cults and New  
3 Religions from cover to cover?

4 A. I don't believe so.

5 Q. Did you read the book from cover to cover?

6 A. No, I did not.

7 Q. Do you know whether anyone on the publisher's  
8 committee read it from cover to cover?

9 A. I do not know.

10 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Hawkins did?

11 A. I do not know.

12 Q. As the manuscript was in progress, did the  
13 publisher's committee receive reports, from either  
14 Mr. Strohmer or Ms. Fletcher, about how things were  
15 coming along?

16 A. Not necessarily.

17 Q. What do you mean by "not necessarily"?

18 A. Unless there was an issue that would change a  
19 release date or a size or price, which are at that point  
20 determined by the publisher's committee, those issues  
21 would stay in the editorial department.

22 Q. Did it ever come to the publisher's  
23 committee's attention that Mr. Weldon didn't want to  
24 work on the project?

25 A. I don't recall that.