STEVE: We all want to have fulfillment. We all want to have what we can out of this life. We want to have a satisfactory life.

MAX: Well, just from, you know, the observations and, and what we're able to obtain, again, all taken with a grain of salt, it -- pardon me, but you jump from the frying pan into the fire. And it seems like you've got a situation there where there's more motivations than pure religion going on. Can you, can you argue that I'm wrong.

STEVE: You're very hard -- Max, I can hardly -- there's not the kind of connection we had earlier in the day. I don't know what's happened but it's -- you're very hard to hear.

MAX: Well, I'll try to speak up.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: See, I have a tendency to speak low, speak low.

STEVE: Yeah, the volume is -- even when you're speaking louder, it's not like, you know, a more easy conversation earlier in the day where --
there's no question -- I don't know what happened with the connection but it's just not strong.

MAX: Just, just listen real close, then, if you would, please.

STEVE: All right.

MAX: I'll try to, to stay with you.

STEVE: All right.

MAX: What I was saying, basically, just plain straight forward with it is I'm -- as I mentioned to Wayne the other night on the phone, I'm, I'm an investigator. I look around for facts and I look around at things.

STEVE: You are with the FBI, though, right?

MAX: Yes.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: I'm a Special Agent with the FBI.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: And I don't always see things in the light of or the shade of religion or theological considerations.

STEVE: I'm sure.

MAX: And, so, you know, looking in -- from all the, the facts and the rumors and, you know, and whatever sources and, again, taken with a grain or salt or whatever, it just appears to me that, you
know, there's lots of other motivations besides
religion emanating from that compound. I've never
seen --

STEVE: As an example, do you want to give a
few or --

MAX: Well, the, the, the sexual activity,
the monetary -- the way things are budgeted out there.

STEVE: The sexual activity at the compound
and the monetary --

MAX: Yeah. I'm, I'm puzzled by what my,
you know, factual oriented mind sees as, you know, --

STEVE: Your factual oriented mind sees
sexual orgies going on here and a lust for money?

MAX: Well, I'm just telling you how it, you
know, might -- how it appears to one person who has a
background in, you know, in looking at, at surface
issues and facts, you know.

STEVE: Just a minute. One second.

(Pause)

STEVE: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

MAX: Okay. It all goes back to that frying
pan into the fire. You made the comment in your story
that you looked --

(Steve talking to someone in the background)

MAX: You listening to me?
STEVE: Yeah. Someone just spoke to me here.

MAX: Yeah.

STEVE: They had, apparently, the T.V. time was getting near that 12:30 --

MAX: Yeah, that's right.

STEVE: -- or whatever it is.

MAX: That's right.

STEVE: Anyway, go ahead.

MAX: In the, in the story you were talking about people being greedy and having other motivations besides religion and, you know, I can just look in there now and it appears to me and it appears to a lot of us out here that, you know, there's a certain amount of greed. There's a certain amount of being domination.

STEVE: Well, let's speak about those --

MAX: It's not always, you know --

STEVE: Max, let's speak --

MAX: -- apparent as a religious goal.

STEVE: -- let's speak about those issues. Let's speak about those issues, taking them one at a time. What do you observe, what have you seen -- I mean, obviously, you've never met myself or David or many of these people here, none of these people here.
So, what are you speaking about when you say, let's take one at a time, the greed or money that you brought up? What do you see there?

MAX: I read and I have been -- I have seen interviews of people who say that there's one person that controls the money in there.

STEVE: Okay. If you read -- if you're reading about him by those that say they have known him or been around him, if you take a look, there's a book that's been written. It's called "The Great Controversy", and it was written by an E.G. White. And many examples are given through the years when reformers would rise up like Martin Luther --

MAX: Well, I thought you might have an opinion.

STEVE: -- like Calvin and Knox -- pardon?

MAX: I thought you might have an opinion on it, being in there.

STEVE: Oh, I do have it. I'm going to get to that opinion in just a moment.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: But when -- anytime you have a person that's been educated by David in this group -- like Mark Breault, for instance, was the man that introduced me to David. He was here for three and a
half years and he said that -- he told me he had never learned as much in his life as he did in three hours sitting with David, seeing him open up the Bible. This is what he told me. So, when I met David, the same thing held true in my experience with him and it's never been short of that. Mark, after three and a half years, chose to leave but he still called us friend and he said he was going to be -- those problems would be resolved between us. After six months of time, little by little, it became -- he became stronger and pretty soon he was adamant. He started telling us he was going to use every phase and agency of the government to get back at us. And pretty soon he started making up stories and we let it go. We could have got -- gained an attorney. We have one here. We could have gone after him for a libel suit, for slander and other such things. But if there's a God in heaven, he's in control. And if this is not of God, it will fall to the wayside and it will be nothing. It will have been a waste of time. On the contrary, if God is behind it, if there's a truth that can't be controverted, of which we open up and share with people, it will stand strong. And it has.

So, Mark Breault -- I, I flew back to Australia on behalf of David in November of '90. And we asked him
what his message was. This man didn't have one. But he's continued on. He's the one that caused myself and Sherri Jewell to take a trip to Michigan about a year ago in defense of her daughter.

MAX: Yeah. Well, the question was, does one person in there dominate all the money and the (Indiscernible) and all that?

STEVE: Oh, not at -- no, not at all. I've got plenty -- everybody here -- I could just go right through the, the list. When there's a project that we're working in, we all put in. We contribute what we're --

MAX: Okay. Okay.

STEVE: -- really convinced what it needs.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: There's not anybody here that does --

MAX: So, my understanding that one person is in control is not correct?

STEVE: It is not correct, positively not correct.

MAX: Well, why don't you all come out of there, then?

STEVE: We can.

MAX: Come on.

STEVE: The only reason why we're waiting
but it seems to go over the top of you because -- and I can understand that. I would not judge you because you lack understanding in what I speak of. You're ignorant of the things.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: Okay. You can -- you and I can read about people in the Bible, what happened to them 2, 3,000 years ago. That's not our experience.

MAX: Are you trying to say you don't want to come out? I, I -- we're trying to get through so you can watch T.V. So, is that what you're saying?

STEVE: No, what I'm -- no, in fact, more than that, I love the outside, I love the inside. I love truth more than anything. I want to live forever, Max. That's the bottom line. All my life, since the time I could comprehend, I've had a desire to know what the truth is about all issues.

MAX: I am really glad.

STEVE: Especially the spiritual world, especially the possibilities of lasting, living forever with total happiness. If there's something to that, I want to know about it. I want to ultimately experience that. So, wisdom to me is having your priorities straight. And what I've put first in my life is the pursual of that truth. And the truth has
taken me to a source called the Bible, over the
Bhagavad-Gita, over the Koran over the Buddha sutras,
over those other all so-called holy books on the
philosophies of men. It's that simple. And I have
found in that book, by reading Isaiah 40-66 and Hosea
35 and Ezekiel 20 and 34 through 36 and numerous
chapters of psalms. It talks about a young man that
comes in the final days, doesn't work miracles but he
opens the Bible and nobody can controvert him. And it
also shows him to be a, a stumbling block because like
it says in Psalms 40, he has more sins than the hairs
of his head. So, 2000 years ago the Jews judged the
Son of God, that we now believe was the Son of God.
They didn't believe it. They judged him --

MAX: Steve, where you going, where you
going? Come back, Steve. Earth to Steve. Listen --

STEVE: And now we Gentiles -- you and I are
Gentiles -- we are now going to be judged because
we're going to judge a truth for our day and we're
going to reject it just like all the prophets talk
about.

MAX: Come back, Steve. Come back. Come
back. You're going too far. Please.

STEVE: See, you and I are in two different
veins.
MAX: Yeah, that's what I said.

STEVE: I told, told -- in fact, the spiritual world is --

MAX: We agreed on that a few minutes ago. I live in a factual world, realism.

STEVE: Max, the spiritual world is not a reality to you but it is to me.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: This world around you, the tangible things, the chair you sit in, the car you drive, the wife you look at, the children you probably have, that's what's real to you. It is to me also but it's not some --

MAX: Is Judy still real to you?

STEVE: Oh, yes.

MAX: Do you have to share her with him?

STEVE: Not at all.

MAX: Is that right?

STEVE: That's correct.

MAX: Well, that's what a lot of this stuff is saying out here.

STEVE: I know that and that's why I --

MAX: And that's not true?

STEVE: -- would like -- that's why I'd give anything if you would have an open ear to hear what
David has to say. It --

MAX: Well, I've heard plenty of what David has to say.

STEVE: Have you listened to the tapes that were all -- that he had conversation with all the others?

MAX: Conversat-- no, I haven't heard all of them for sure.

STEVE: I'm talking about like, say, he spoke with John and he has spoke with John and there's been Dick and Henry and Gary and Jim. I mean that's quite a few guys, and the majority of these, he's opened up the Bible to. In fact, I believe he opened up a number of the seals to John Cox.

MAX: Well, there's been a lot of talk about it. I know that.

STEVE: I, I haven't seen a scholar in the world come forward.

MAX: You said you were happier.

STEVE: Pardon?

MAX: You said you and Judy were happier than you've ever been in there.

STEVE: Oh, most definitely because the closer, the greater the vision becomes of the things that aren't seen by the tangible eye --
MAX: Are any of those babies in there Judy's and David's?

STEVE: There's babies here that are David's. The majority of all of these here that -- or shown are his.

MAX: Yeah. Does Judy have one by him?

STEVE: Judy has a baby.

MAX: By him?

STEVE: I think just for a stumbling block, I -- you know what I think I'll do, is I think I'm going to leave that one as a, as an open thing for you. You can --

MAX: I think you answered it.

STEVE: You may say that but give me an opportunity to show you something from the Bible, and I'll give you the answer clearly.

MAX: I --

STEVE: I think I -- what I need is a little hook with you there, Max.

MAX: Well, --

STEVE: The sensational is always waiting around the corner for everybody, but there's a truth I definitely would like to have you see and to wrestle with. I know that you're a person -- I really -- I really have my doubts that you would ever dream we
could be in the final days of 6,000 years of human
probation, where man can prove to himself he can do no
better than those before him. In fact, he only does
worse, progressively degenerates, gets worse and
worse. There's no peace in the world, Max and --

MAX: Well, we all see degeneration a
different way, too, don't we?

STEVE: Well, this is true. But there's
some things that --

MAX: There's degeneration of the, the
family. There's degeneration of the government.
There's degeneration of this, that and everything
else.

STEVE: Positively. Sure there is. One
can't, you know, we can't be ostriches, I mean, it's,
it's all around you. Of course that's true. But, you
know, that -- all that we're about, we have a love for
people. We have a love for souls, a love for them to
be able to see a truth and not judge their fellow man
but judge the truth. I can't judge you, Max. I don't
know you. And even if I did, I couldn't because I've
not walked in your shoes. I don't have your mind set.
I haven't experienced what you have. That's why
Christ hanging on the cross said, forgive them for
they know not what they do. That's, that's the
greatest opportunity of grace given to mankind since that 2,000 year period. So, we're all given an opportunity --

MAX: Well, --

STEVE: -- to see a truth for our day and that's what we'll be judged by. The truth we reject one day will destroy us. That's why you have the story of Noah and the Ark. Those that rejected hearing Noah had to learn how to swim but they didn't swim for long.

MAX: Well, I'm accustomed to seeing things or to having thing -- people point out things to me from the scriptures or in theology that I'm -- I haven't seen but I'm not accustomed to, to seeing the communal living like is going on out there --

STEVE: Of course you aren't.

MAX: -- with the, with the cloak of religion and with the cloak of theology and -- on it. You know, it's, it's too unorthodox from my perception. And again, we have different perceptions.

STEVE: I can -- well, of course it would be.

MAX: And (indiscernible) having a great difficulty --

STEVE: No, not -- Max, we --
MAX: -- with that.

STEVE: We really don't because --

MAX: And a lot of people are out here.

STEVE: -- if what you're saying is true, it is more than bizarre.

MAX: Oh.

STEVE: I agree with you. There's no question about that.

MAX: Was this ever -- this issue ever confusing to you when you --

STEVE: But, remember, remember -- pardon?

MAX: When you looked in the window and first saw this all happening, before you gleefully jumped in the middle of it, wasn't it odd for you?

STEVE: Everything right from the beginning to me was a little out of the ordinary. Granted, no question about it. The very place that these individuals chose to live, it was a stumbling block in itself. And the manner and so forth.

MAX: How did they persuade you to leave with them --

STEVE: It comes down --

MAX: -- as strongly as you are, without going into a sermon, please?

STEVE: Well, there's no way I can share
with you without doing that very thing.

MAX: Tell me from your -- tell me from your
heart and not from, you know, a whole bunch of
scriptures.

STEVE: I -- because, well, number one, --

MAX: What was going on in your world when
you --

STEVE: -- I'm not into feelings. I'm not --

MAX: -- were magnetized to this?

STEVE: Max, I'm not into feelings. There
are men like by the name of --

MAX: Oh, oh, oh, I disagree.

STEVE: Forget -- well, wait.

MAX: I disagree.

STEVE: We all have those but I mean I don't
base my --

MAX: I'm looking at a picture right now on
the wall that says you are into feelings.

STEVE: Say what now?

MAX: I'm looking at a picture on the wall
that says you are into feelings.

STEVE: Explain yourself.

MAX: It's the one with you and Judy.

STEVE: Okay. Let me explain what I'm
speaking about. There are men that were called upon -
MAX: It's difficult for me to believe, after looking at that picture, that you're now in a situation you're in in there with the --

STEVE: Max, there are men in the Bible that were called prophets and they were asked by the God they believed in --

MAX: I'm not talking about prophets. We're talking --

STEVE: Oh, oh.

MAX: -- about men and wives here, relationships.

STEVE: For you to understand me -- for you to -- for you to -- hey, Max, for you to understand me and the choices I've made, the situation I'm in which you do not understand, which you do not have a clear picture of --

MAX: No, no.

STEVE: You've heard sensational rumors. You've heard things that are totally completely out, out of, out of context, things that aren't true, some things that are true. Those things that are true must be seen in a context as they are which you've not had that opportunity. Just like in the Bible, there are two reports -- if you ever look at Isaiah, Chapter 8, there's a report called the Uriah Report. There's
also a report by God's man, a prophet, God's man, who
sees things and reports it exactly like it is.

MAX: It's really hard to talk about Judy
now, isn't it?

STEVE: Would you like to talk about Judy?
I could get Judy and --

MAX: Yeah, let's --

STEVE: -- you could talk directly to Judy?

MAX: No, let's just you and I talk about
Judy.

STEVE: How about me talking to you a little
bit later? They're going to come on with the program
right now. Is that correct?

MAX: Well, that's correct.

STEVE: I've got, I've got twenty-five to
one right here and I see this program's over.

MAX: Like I said, I guess it is tough.

Okay. It is getting pretty close.

STEVE: We'll pick up on this, if you'd
like, how about 9:00 in the morning?

MAX: How about after the show?

STEVE: Wow, it's already going on, what,
twenty-five to one?

MAX: Yeah, but the show's going to keep
everybody awake when (Indiscernible).

    STEVE: I'll tell you what, call me when the
    show is over.

    MAX: All right.

    STEVE: Okay.

    MAX: Hey, thanks a lot.


    MAX: Bye.

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    STEVE: Hello?

    MAX: Hey, Steve, you are there?

    STEVE: Yo, Max, I'm here.

    MAX: Good. Well, that wasn't near as long
    a show as I thought it was going to be.

    STEVE: Nowhere near, very interesting.

    MAX: I didn't even get to see much of it. I
    was scurrying around doing other things.

    STEVE: Preparing to talk to me, huh?

    MAX: Well, that, too. Yeah. I was trying
    to read the rest of this article quickly so I could
    know a little --

    STEVE: You're -- you must be reading the
    newspaper maybe or --

    MAX: That's one of them, yeah.

    STEVE: Okay.
MAX: It's an article mainly about you.

STEVE: Sounds good.

MAX: Doesn't have --

STEVE: Don't believe everything you read.

MAX: Oh, hey, that's true.

STEVE: Yeah.

MAX: That's what we've been agreeing on for a long time.

STEVE: Oh, yeah.

MAX: But it does give something -- raised some questions we can talk about here or -- hey, you know, it gives me a lot of insight if -- if fifty percent of it's true, it gives me a lot of insight into you and where you're coming from.

STEVE: Well, number one, well, of course, you know, the newspaper or Wayne Martin, as he told I think it was Dick last night, he was saying that his right to read and to be informed and so forth was cut off so, obviously, no newspapers. We did get the Saturday paper --

MAX: Uh-huh.

STEVE: -- when it first aired. And then the following day Robert Gonzales was nice enough to bring over a paper to us that morning and show it to us before he left and --
MAX: Well, I know you don't get them all.

STEVE: Oh. Well, he's --

MAX: That's why I thought you might be interested in hearing something about this one, you know, this article since it was about you.

STEVE: Max, David was talking to me where he was saying, you know, what we just viewed on Current Affair, of course, they did mention and showed and talked about the Abrams coming in and --

MAX: Uh-huh.

STEVE: -- about statements by David. I was here almost every time David has spoken. I've never heard him say the very things that they're implying he has said. But, anyway, you know, that's -- that will be a judgment between you, God and us, I guess.

MAX: Well, we'll not argue specific semantics, but I think over, you know, the, the last few days the comments have escalated occasionally to the point when we were both now uncomfortable with what was said. So, we haven't prepared --

STEVE: Well, you know, like --

MAX: -- as like you said you all were preparing.

STEVE: There has been, you know, a great irritation, of course, because in starting the
communication process of Jim, you know, and you've heard this I'm sure by listening to the tapes of the conversations with us over and over again, there seemed to be a very clear agreement with all back Sunday evening, whereas we said that we didn't see any, any problems with having Bradleys on the perimeter of the property but not within or on the property itself. And that, and that never --

MAX: Yeah, I've heard that gone over many times.

STEVE: And, yeah, you have, but contrary to that, it's almost gotten to the place of redundancy that the amount of times I've been called late at night, early in the morning, throughout the day. You guys -- your men will see somebody peeking out a window. They'll see, I don't know what, a --

MAX: We just don't want any accidents. We just don't --

STEVE: But, no, but, you know, it's been, it's been a one --

MAX: -- one person out of control to cause --

STEVE: It's been a one way street, though. That's the point. See, it's been a one way street. There's been really --
MAX: Well, we listen to all your concerns.

STEVE: You know, you, you read intimidation by some of the words we've said, apparently, but on the other hand, your actions have spoken louder than your words.

MAX: Okay. Has anybody been hurt?

STEVE: On one hand, we -- on one hand --

MAX: That's our main action. Has anybody been hurt since this whole thing?

STEVE: Well, okay, wait now. Wait, Max, wait. On one hand, you've seen our good intent right from day one when we were barraged by bullets and men who first killed our dogs and they shot up where the women and the children were.

MAX: Uh-huh.

STEVE: And they killed an old man, Perry Jones, who's never hurt a flea or a fly in his life, 64 years old, no arms, no, no weapons, no anything, standing by the front door.

MAX: Most regrettable day.

STEVE: He was killed immediately. Well, not immediately. In fact, he groaned and moaned in, in pain for a long time. But that's the way it began.

MAX: A most regrettable day and we're all glad --
STEVE: Most regrettable day.

MAX: -- that nothing like that has happened since. And those are the actions that speak the loudest right now --

STEVE: But the point is -- wait now, but, Max, Max.

MAX: -- that tell us our communication is what it's going to take to resolve it.

STEVE: But the point being, we showed even our good intent that when your men -- or not your's, what -- the ATF --

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: I'm the one that initiated the communication, was Wayne Martin and myself --

MAX: Uh-huh.

STEVE: -- and initiating that communication and speaking with Larry Lynch of the Sheriff's Department and then, finally, the FBI, and, of course, the ATF. We were the ones that said, well, come on and get your wounded and get them to the hospital. We didn't fire on anyone. They were all in the sights of those that were here. These guys were mad but they were, they were hurt inside for the people that were hurt and what had taken place. They showed nothing but goodwill and good intent all the way through. And
right away that evening, here comes Bradleys, here
comes, you know, some pretty strong words on behalf of
the agencies. We still then didn't squawk and make a
big noise about it. But we have been constantly
barraged by, you know, phone calls from yourselves
about every time we go to the bathroom or look out a
window or something, we're to report to you. But you
run over our guard shacks. You move personal
property. You get into personal property, the
vehicles in front, with total disregard. I mean even
though you haven't called us, you haven't followed
through on agreements -- think about this now. Think
about this, Max. What an insult it is to any human
being, to humanity itself. First of all, to come with
the intent of murder. And I, I truly --

MAX:  Now, now --

STEVE:  -- No, I truly, truly -- no, no, I'm
telling you there were three --

MAX: Okay. I will give you the opportunity
--

STEVE:  -- choppers.

MAX:  -- to believe that way if you'll give
me the opportunity to believe another way.

STEVE:  But you weren't there. I was here,
though. That's the difference, Max.
MAX: I've lived in this system too long.
I've lived --

STEVE: Max, but you -- are you familiar with the ATF?

MAX: -- that I cannot, I cannot -- yes, I know --

STEVE: You're with the -- you're with a different agency.

MAX: Yes, I am, but we work for the same -- under the same general umbrella. We have the same --

STEVE: I can't believe the FB --

MAX: -- umbrella guidelines. And this is a week ago, Steve. I'm -- I really want to, to concentrate on what it's going to take to continue the safety net that we have and to make it even safer.

STEVE: Well, we've squawked and asked right from the beginning about having the intermediators, the press, about having a line open to them. It goes a long way to have something like that, viewing, filming, as one would walk out or there would be a connection ahead of time to see -- I mean right from the beginning, that Sunday and into the evening, we talked with a number of people. And it did not slow down the negotiation process of which we were ready to get involved in right from the beginning. In fact, we
were yelling, what is going on here? There are women
and men and children. Wayne and I were screaming on
the phone, saying, call them off. Whatever happened
to communication? Why -- if there was a problem here,
why didn't someone come to the door and talk to us.
David has told all your men that he jogs out front.
Him and I had been up to Dallas. We had been in, in
Waco doing business as of the last couple of weeks.
They could have taken him. The Sheriff could have
come and got him. He knows these men. He's, he's
trusted in them. And then Robert, himself, we
suspected him, like we've told the story over and over
again. And I'll tell you the details why. But,
still, we liked the guy. Is it wrong to like someone
that might be here for other motives and suspicious of
us? David tried every way possible to open up his
home and ourselves to him and we thought we were
really getting somewhere with the man. When he left,
we did suspect that he was up to no good because he
said he was going to go across the street and have
breakfast but instead he left. And then the way his
alarm went off with the car and someone happened to be
looking out the window, by the way, and saw one of his
roommates all of a sudden then move from the water
tower. See, this has never come out before but this
is what we saw. And, so, all these things -- and the
main thing, God told David and David told Robert
before he left, what you have to do, go out and do.
Seriously, I'm not making that -- I sat --

MAX: Well, that had some multiple
implications, too, multiple opportunities for
perception.

STEVE: I -- sure it does but that's not the
only --

MAX: It says here in this article that in
1989 --

STEVE: -- that's not the only thing he
said, though.

MAX: It said here in 1989, Howell announced
in Pomona, California, that all the women in the world
belonged to him.

STEVE: He announced in '89 that all the
women in the world belonged to him?

MAX: That's what it says here.

STEVE: Where does it say that?

MAX: The lamb who could open the seven
seals --

STEVE: He never -- come on --

MAX: I'm asking you to comment on that.

STEVE: Okay. He's never said that.
MAX: Oh.

STEVE: That's why -- do the same as at least Dick did before you and Henry and Jim and all these guys -- one thing I did like about John Cox, right or wrong or whether he was honest about his questions, he did give David the opportunity to open up a number of things. If you find a man in this world, a woman in this world that can match and that can controvert what he can show you from that book, man, I'll be out of here so quick. I'll more than listen ahead of time. So will any one of these people here.

MAX: You were -- you had a degree in --

STEVE: Pardon?

MAX: You had a college degree, did you not, in theology --

STEVE: In religion.

MAX: -- religion?

STEVE: That's correct.

MAX: Yeah. New Bolt (Ph) College?

STEVE: No, it's actually from the University of Hawaii.

MAX: Oh, okay. And what do you think -- you were so inspired by David's teachings that -- well, what was happening in your life when you first
met David? Can you tell me that?

STEVE: Well, sure. At that time, I was actually getting ready to take a call in the ministry in the Adventist Church. There was also an evangelistic's group that also had contacted me and also wanted me. They had shown me where I could live in the State of Washington with Mt. Rainier in the background. And they said I could be -- my expenses would be a lot. I was -- I would be allowed to travel all over America and the world. And I -- they were all great.

MAX: This must be --

STEVE: Pardon?

MAX: Must be frustrating to --

STEVE: Well, they were all great offers but at the same time, I told them I was looking for the truth. I was looking for an understanding of the entire Bible, not only a part here, a part there. I wanted to see why things were the way they were. And I heard about this man. So, I came -- I flew over to California. When I met him, immediately he started opening up chapters to me. He opened up the seven trumpets of Revelation 8 on through. Well, I never met a theologian that even had an opinion let alone had the ability to show where in the Bible that
subject matter was located. So, of course, it caught --

MAX: Did he show you that you were going to have to give up your wife?

STEVE: No, he did not. He never has done that, by the way.

MAX: I don't understand that, Steve.

STEVE: Where do you get this, where that he has showed where I had to give up my wife? I --

MAX: Well, --

STEVE: -- never have had to.

MAX: Well, the film, the video that I saw in here told me a lot. You know, that, that explains a lot and then just the --

STEVE: Well, remember what you saw, he showed you a truth, for sure. But, you know, be careful how far you take it. Don't go by the speculation, the rumors that are given in the paper. He'll come right out and tell you the truth, at the same time show you why. There has to be a reasonable -- there has to be a sensible answer to all things and there are.

MAX: And I can't make sense out of it, Steve.

STEVE: Max, I would not be here. I would
not be here if that were not true.

MAX: Yeah, and I can't make sense of it.

And that's, that's been what's troubling --

STEVE: Well, no, not --

MAX: -- me for a week now and I just --

STEVE: -- and you will not --

MAX: -- cannot make sense of this.

STEVE: You couldn't. There's no way you could, from the little bit -- from you hearing the kind of a report and the subject matter you have from the sources you have, there's never -- I could not see how you could be judged otherwise in what you're doing unless you hear from his mouth the very convicting information in its context.

MAX: I've heard it and it's, it's not that convicting or convincing to me. It's --

STEVE: Well, --

MAX: -- skipping around, interpreting a horn as a dick one day and an eye and a stone. And I just can't follow it. And it does not make any sense to me.

STEVE: Max, give yourself a little break, though. Give yourself a little break. He's right here --

MAX: You give me one for having some -- one
foot on the ground, Steve.

STEVE: Max, he's right here.

MAX: I, I imagine he is.

STEVE: Would you like to talk with him?

MAX: No. I'd rather talk with you.

STEVE: He would -- in fact, I would like --

MAX: Just continue, just continue. I'm sorry I interrupted you. Go ahead and tell me how your life was going when you got entangled in this.

STEVE: No, no. I was going to say, that which you're -- okay -- that which you're speaking about is found in the Bible. It's actually called doctrine. And if he can't or if I cannot show you where it is and how it relates and if, in fact, it is there, then there's -- this is all for nothing. This has been a loss, a loss of time, a waste of time, a great travesty.

MAX: Well, that's -- I can see why you wouldn't want to give it up for just that reason, Steve. You've got a lot invested in it. And if it's not right --

STEVE: Well, really, do I, though, really? I still --

MAX: it's really -- really confusing day for you.
STEVE: -- have time in front of me. I still, you know, there's still --

MAX: There can be a recovery come out of this.

STEVE: This is true. There most definitely can be, positively.

MAX: You can lead your own flock to whatever you see is the way out of there?

STEVE: I don't, I don't choose to lead people. I don't choose to be some kind of a leader where I have a flock or a following. I, myself, am one that have all my life have been looking and wondering and weighing out evidences to see what is true and what is false. I've always gone by the weight of evidence in regards to any subject, any subject. And that's what I've done in this case, also, in a spiritual realm, in the religious realm. Going by the weight of evidence, where does it lie because no one has all the truth or but do they? I don't, but I've been -- I've come to a source where truth has opened up continually and it continually harmonizes. And there has been nothing conflicting with that truth day by day. But those things that you raised to me, I would like to give you to the source of which you should really ask the questions and see
if there's not a logical answer from a book that
everybody claims to believe.

    MAX: I have heard his --

    STEVE: Max, there's only -- there's --

    MAX: -- interpretation for a long time and
it, it does not encourage me to want to hear more of
it.

    STEVE: You -- there's almost two billion
people that --

    MAX: I'm trying -- you seem like you have
or had a real sense of direction in this world, some
real things going for you. You had education, you had
a family started, you had the future ahead of you, you
had some solid beliefs that -- and, and and --

    STEVE: Can I ask you a personal question,
Max?

    MAX: And suddenly, for some reason, there
was an earthquake in your life, Steve, and it was
turned around and --

    STEVE: Max, could I ask you a personal
question?

    MAX: -- and you lost so much of it and you
got misdirected somewhere along the way.

    STEVE: Are, are you a spirit -- are you a
spiritual man?
MAX: It really doesn't matter tonight.

STEVE: No, it does.

MAX: Trying to get this situation resolved (Indiscernible).

STEVE: I mean let's, let's, let's find a common source. Let's find a mind set that we can speak on a common ground.

MAX: I think we do here. Your past is good enough for me.

STEVE: Is your -- are you, are you a religious man?

MAX: I don't think it matters tonight.

STEVE: I'm curious.

MAX: I'm -- I don't want even to get into it. I've avoided discussing --

STEVE: What, what were you raised as? You must have had some kind of religious --

MAX: I've avoided the discussion of that all along and will continue. I am so concerned with the --

STEVE: Well, then, let's not talk -- let's not talk about mine, then.

MAX: Those subjects can be discussed any day, any time and especially --

STEVE: Well, there's nothing -- no better
time than the present.

MAX: When there are not lives in the balance. When there are not lives in the balance, when not guns aimed at one another.

STEVE: But that's where -- that's where --

MAX: That is not the time to do your serious --

STEVE: -- the fallibility is in your thinking, Max.

MAX: -- religious thinking is when we have guns pointed at one another.

STEVE: Lives are weighed in the -- Max, that's where your thinking is fallible because lives are in the balance moment by moment every day. People are dying of disease, of accidents, of old age. You don't know what's going to happen to you today or tomorrow. I don't either. And if you haven't found enough wisdom within yourself to see -- to make sure that if there's an eternal world, you've made the assurances that you will be there, what a foolishness and the vanity this short life has been. A few moments of breathing, a few moments of this and that.

No one is going to remember you and I unless you are a Beethoven. And so what good does it do for the dead Beethoven that we -- you and I do even know his name?
Do you understand what I'm saying?

MAX: A lot of us still appreciate Beethoven today, though.

STEVE: They do but what good does it do Beethoven who's molding in dust? Now, if there's no God, if there's no eternal life -- well, he did the best he could. He found an enjoyment. Me, I'm gambling. I'm putting all my chips and all the --

MAX: You have, you have really gambled, Steve, --

STEVE: I have.

MAX: -- and, and it was a long shot for you. I can understand how you've --

STEVE: No, no. Like I told you, you give me the oppor --

MAX: -- got so much invested in it.

STEVE: Max, you give me the opportunity, and I'll show you where that weight of evidence is. And I'll --

MAX: Haven't heard any evidence --

STEVE: -- let you get the greatest scholars and theologians and you try to controvert it. And I'm not even a match to David who showed me all these things. If I've traveled the world and gone to places like London, taken on scholars, and Melbourne,
Copenhagen, Jerusalem, all these places all over America and these men shut their mouths and I tell them that's nothing, wait 'til the man who showed me these things come. And it happens over and over again. I end up being an observer again. I sit back and I just observe, listen and watch. And it's amazing the way their mouths are shut, the way this man can open up God's word and it stays, it remains as it's shown. And no one's been able to controvert it. All the prophets saw something happen in the last days. Those days are now. The events are unfolding. The Book of Nahum is a, is a current event right now, with these Abram tanks coming, the, the chariots with the flaming torches. That's what those things are. You're about ready to see the very prophecies fulfilled that these men saw thousands of years in advance and could not describe it with their lack of vocabulary.

MAX: See, that's one of the things that confuses me, is one time everything must be taken literally with no symbolism and then the next time, a chariot is a tank and a horn's a dick. And I just get confused when there's no, you know --

STEVE: Well, let, let me give you to the teacher that can unlock these things for you.
MAX: Okay, put him on.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: But I'm not going to get into religion with him.

STEVE: You don't want to get into religion, though?

MAX: No. I want to ask him -- I want to thank him for the videotape.

STEVE: All right.

MAX: And see how everything is doing.

STEVE: Well, he'll -- he would definitely appreciate that.

MAX: Well, okay.

(Speaking to someone in background):

STEVE: -- well he didn't say that, he just (indiscernible)

DAVID: Hello, Max?

MAX: Hello, Dave.

DAVID: How's it going?

MAX: Pretty good. How are you?

DAVID: Oh, as fair as can be expected at the present.

MAX: I wanted to, to thank you on behalf of all of us out here for sending out the video and to tell you that we enjoyed watching it. We were touched
by it. There's a beautiful group of children there.

DAVID: I think so.

MAX: It increases our need to make sure that we can resolve this thing without getting anyone hurt, you know. And it also helped by being able to see your face, as you speak, and some of the conviction in your words that don't always come through on the phone and to -- and for some of the things that you said which were very encouraging. And you said a lot of the things that we've been saying, you know, over the past few days in private out here and probably you all in private in there. It just did good to see and hear the conviction, you know, that you do want to get this resolved and that we're going to get this thing sorted out soon. So, we really appreciate that. Did you watch the T.V. show?

DAVID: Yeah, we watched the, the movie there. You know, I could tell my brother there. He's all -- you know, like I say, he knows basically what we teach. You know, my mother, she's like, like, like, you know, she's always considered me to be a strange one but, you know, God bless her soul. She did the best she could.

MAX: Well, --

DAVID: Huh?
MAX: Mothers always do.

DAVID: Yeah, she shows up with the old baby snapshots there, I guess. A long time ago.

MAX: There was a picture in the Waco paper this morning that shows her leaning across -- yeah, it's a picnic table. She's seated at a picnic table being interviewed by Mary Gorafolo (Ph) or whoever the lady is on "The Current Affair".

DAVID: Uh-huh.

MAX: It looks like they're out in the park there somewhere. There's some tractors in the background. She looks like she's too young a lady to have a child your age.

DAVID: Because she had them when she was young. You know how that goes in our world today.

MAX: It runs in the family, doesn't it?

DAVID: Yeah. It's -- when you're dealing with higher perspectives of knowledge and truth and what happens is is that you'll find the group becomes smaller and smaller and smaller. But, of course, you know, when --

MAX: I'm not sure I followed you through that.

DAVID: Well, I'm saying that --

MAX: Would you restate --
DAVID: I'm saying that, you know, the grace of God is expended upon humanity as the truth becomes more and more indepth regarding scripture. The amount of people that will follow it becomes less and less. And, you know, sad to say, the scripture tells us in the days of Noah, there were only eight souls that were preserved from that calamity. Now, whether a person believes that or not is up to the individual. But it's kind of like an omen, you know, it's kind of like a, a warning to the generations to come of the forbearance in mercy and yet still the exact judgments of God. You know, God never saves people, you know, in a wholesale manner.

MAX: Now, you said here that you -- God will sort it out. That's one of the statements that I wrote down when I was reviewing your, your video there. And I think we're probably all convinced of that, whether -- but the puzzlement to us is, you know, if he's going to ultimately sort it out anyway, you know, can, can he do it with you all on the outside as well as on the inside.

DAVID: Well, that's what I've already told --

MAX: Or his will be done regardless, so,
let's end this, you know, safely, and, you know, he'll do what he wants.

DAVID: Yeah, see, the thing -- our contention -- our sole contention --

MAX: Okay.

DAVID: -- is that, first of all, there are seven things that scripture has placed in context for men who are categorized as a service of God to know. Now, Matthew definitely made a big statement, so did Mark, Luke and John. Each one of these men definitely inscribed their testaments in scripture and they made a statement, you know. They're trying to explain that although Judaism rejected at large Christ, yet, nonetheless, they say and they witnessed that this man was resurrected from the dead and that he was taken to heaven, accepted of God although rejected of man.

MAX: David, I, I really don't want to get into it.

DAVID: Okay. Well, --

MAX: I, I think I've heard it all before.
I would ready -- indulge in some conversation --

DAVID: Okay. Well, let me, let me say this much.

MAX: -- that might be able to lead to reduction in number of guns and safety for people and
resolving this in a realistic way.

DAVID: Well, when you're talking to David Koresh, let me explain, again, what you're talking to, okay? You're talking to a witness. You're talking to a person who says that he knows something that is a life and death matter for all mankind. And if you ask anything to me in regards to me, myself, or my position or my thoughts, you're gonna get a biblical witness. You're gonna have me direct what my life is, the way I think, my patterns. Everything revolves around a testament. And, you know, what I have asked the FBI is really not a radical thing. Most of the men that I've talked to thus far, each and every one stated that they've had a religious background and some claim to be highly associated to, you know, the Jesuit colleges, you know, their degrees in Jesuit or ecumenical colleges which, you know, are religious institutions. And, so, I've asked them that -- I said, while we're here waiting for an answer from God, they could possibly speed up things by getting in touch with the religious personages of their, of their beliefs, those who should know, those who have years to study, those who should know the Bible. And that if they could simply show where the seals are found in the prophetic voice, then that right there would
discredit my claim as the sole and independent, you know, one responsible for these truths. And then there would be nobody here with a foundation. And, you know, everyone would be --well, definitely they'd, they'd come out because, you know, once my position being destroyed, then they have nothing really to hope for here, anyway, in the first place.

MAX: Those people have a lot invested in you, David. That is very true. And --

DAVID: Well, the thing of it is --

MAX: -- and even more reason why you shouldn't let them down.

DAVID: Well, --

MAX: Why you should lead them to safety.

DAVID: -- what you fail to understand in your statement is that it's not a matter of them having anything invested in me.

MAX: Yeah, they do.

DAVID: No. This is your perception.

MAX: They gave up property, they gave up will, they gave up self-direction, even spiritual --

DAVID: Well, if you, if you would -- now, wait a minute, wait a minute. That is where, again, your statement is incorrect.

MAX: They gave up their wives.
DAVID: That, again, is your statement. You're incorrect. You've been filled with the same kind of information that you're telling us to disregard.

MAX: I just watched the video.

DAVID: On the media, on the media, we're hearing that you're bringing Abrams in, you're going to plow through the building, you are going to resolve this by violence. You say that I've been threatening you. And all the media is catching this stuff and this is what you're planning to do, they say. And then you're telling us that we need to --

MAX: Well, --

DAVID: -- not so much pay attention to it. Where's on the other side of the table, you've got newspapers there and you fail to understand the source of this information is not coming from people that will say, you know, from an argumentive point of view, that the guy misled me from scripture. They just simply are saying any and everything they can to deface my character and my position in this message. Now, you know, --

MAX: It comes down to a lot, a lot of people's words against a lot of other people's words and you said one thing and --
DAVID: Well, actually, a small group -- a small group against a large group is what it comes down to.

MAX: Well, --

DAVID: The, the group making accusations is small.

MAX: You said, and we'll sort this thing out. Well, you know, come out and let's sort it out. We can have the -- you know, everybody have their day in, in the court.

DAVID: And I've already agreed with you on that but what you still fail to understand is you discredit my association with God. Now, you know, the priests tell you that God speaks to them, yes or no?

MAX: I'm not going to come into that conversation with you, David.

DAVID: Okay. Well, then --

MAX: I was that way with Steve and, you know, I'm just going to keep it that way.

DAVID: Okay. Well, then --

MAX: It's only going to lead to a longer night and --

DAVID: Steve, here, needs to talk with you then because when you're talking to me, you're talking to a man. That's my main podium of discussion is the
subject of my God.

MAX: Okay. But I could tell you that we appreciate sending -- you sending out the tape. We appreciated the statements in it that look like --

DAVID: Well, that's my life.

MAX: -- that look like you were leading toward some understanding with us, that we saw some commonality in that. And that the milk issue -- and I just want to say that over the last 24, 36 hours --

DAVID: We appreciate that.

MAX: -- or so, we have -- we've taken some giant steps. We've come a long way.

DAVID: I really appreciate that and --

MAX: That's what I want you to know regardless of (Indiscernible).

DAVID: -- Mr. Jack Harwell, I love, I love these people. And that, that softens my heart greatly because, like I say, I just could not understand and my prayers towards God is why you would want to take it out on the babies like that.

MAX: In return, the video softened hearts out here.

DAVID: Well, I appreciate that, too.

MAX: And I think that is a common catalyst there. Those two, two things, two moves, were a
common catalyst that moved everybody's heart and mind towards patience, peaceful resolution. And we did that right here on this acreage between us.

DAVID: Well, you can see the children don't have horns, do they?

MAX: That's right.

DAVID: Whether their daddy does or doesn't, the children don't. So, you know, God save the children and God bless the children, you know. When we -- in good faith, you know, like I stated, in good faith, we sent a lot of other children out to you. A lot of parents are concerned in regards to, you know -- it was stated to us that the children would be put with their next in kin primarily their mothers, grandmothers and grandfathers.

MAX: Yeah.

DAVID: And I know we're trying to resolve that.

MAX: Steps are still being taken in that direction. There are some, some legal, you know, some Department of Public Safety issues and backgrounds and what have you that --

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