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MAX: -- is for an adult. Some adult person
to come out of there the next time a tape comes out or
there's some reason for us to come physically close
together an adult come out. And I'm recommending Judy
because of the injury. I really am. And I think -- I
don't see how you could object to that.

STEVE: I haven't.

MAX: Okay. And I think -- okay, I know.

She's got her choice. But you, you and she have a
long history. If you can think back, you and she have
a bond.

STEVE: Well, this is true. We do --

MAX: And, and you have to do sometimes what
is right for her whether she at the moment realizes it
or not. And an adult, significant adult coming out of
there to gain medical treatment would --

STEVE: I see I -- Max, I, I --

MAX: -- go so far right now --

STEVE: -- I appreciate. I --

MAX: -- to continue.

STEVE: I --

MAX: Do you remember what a big step the
milk was? It would just be that much and more.

STEVE: I appreciate all that you're saying,
the considerations. But she's still an individual that has her own conscience that she has to answer to and her own convictions. I can, I can sit there like I told you and lay out the pros and the cons. But ultimately it's for her to decide.

MAX: Well, okay. Let's -- if I may interject, Steve, you know.

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: We go -- we look back and we see when the children were released. We know who released the children. David said you go and you go at this time. And then he said you go and you go the next time. Or you four or you three. He didn't send any of his own out.

STEVE: Well, he did ask --

MAX: It's funny that this --

STEVE: -- he did ask the mothers.

MAX: -- funny that just the children that were not his --

STEVE: He did ask.

MAX: -- all volunteered to go out at the given times when David decided it was time to release someone. So I really think, you know, you look at the political side of the, the structure you have in there. David is in control of those things. And if
you can use your influence on both David and Judy.
And I don't think you've totally lost it with Judy.
There's still got to be something there somewhere.
That you -- the two of you could do the right thing
for her before she is disabled somehow or worse.

We are your best friends out here. Those of
us that plead with you on the phone and try to, to
make you think back a few years before you were so
deeply involved in this thing, we are trying our best.

We are the best friends you have.

STEVE: I realize where you're coming from,
Max.

MAX: All of you have.

STEVE: I do realize where you're coming
from.

MAX: And without us, things are going to be
different. I can't say just how. But I don't know.
But I know without the influence we have out here --
it's kind of like the influence you have in there.
Without the influence --

STEVE: I really --

MAX: -- we have out here the situation is
going to turn --

STEVE: Max, I don't have the kind of --
MAX: -- to others. And you've seen how
some of the others deal.

    STEVE:  Max.

    MAX:  Without you in there, I know this
 situation would be a lot worse.

    STEVE:  I don't have the kind of influence
 you think I do.  I don't.  You don't understand.  I
 really don't.  People will hear my opinions, but
 that's about as far as it goes.

    MAX:  No.  You have more credibility than
 that, Steve.

    STEVE:  You don't --

    MAX:  You know you do.

    STEVE:  You're giving me credit that, that
 is not even so.  That, that doesn't even belong.

    MAX:  You stood up and argued with us the
 first day.  You have something, or you couldn't have
 done that.

    STEVE:  Oh, I mean of course I've been in
 (indiscernible), you know --

    MAX:  You get angry and you tell us -- you
 put us in our place sometimes verbally.  You --

    STEVE:  Well, we all do that.  You do
 that --

    MAX:  -- know that you've got some stroke in
 there.  It comes from you.
STEVE: We all have our opinions and, and believe in certain things that we'll stand up for and try to lay down as we see it. You and I both. But you know, again we're looking at a book that talks about if you put father, mother first, sister, spouse, brother, you're not worthy of me Christ said 2,000 years ago. He repeats that in all the gospels. That's not a reality to those people that claim to know him throughout all the churches, but it is to this group.

MAX: Why --

STEVE: So you got, you've got to keep that in mind.

MAX: Why is it so hard for you to accept credit for, for being someone of influence, someone worthy and someone --

STEVE: It's not --

MAX: -- that gets something done?

STEVE: -- it's not that I don't accept credit. It's just that once --

MAX: It hasn't all been stripped from you, has it?

STEVE: Well, here's the thing. Once these people have met him and have seen his ability and what he can do with that book, it's night and day between
them and myself.

As an example, when I went to England in '88 in about June, July of that year, I went to a couple of religious schools and raised questions. And a number of theology students stopped, and they were amazed at the questions. And they looked at me, said do you have the answer? And I says well, they're in the book. Would you show us? So I raised more questions. When I showed them where it was found they were astounded after spending 10,000 a year to go to a school that showed them literally nothing.

So in the process, I studied with about oh, 30, 40 people for 6 weeks, Max. And they had never heard anything like it in their life. Even though they were listening to many scholars in a particular school they were going to. I finally told them, I said what I'm showing you is nothing. There is a guy that will blow you and I both away that will come behind me if you're really interested.

MAX: I know you think a lot of his interpretations. No question about it, you really do.

STEVE: Well, I'd give anything if you could come up with some, some of the greatest scholars in Catholicism or in the Lutheran church, Methodists that could either on the phone or in some manner debate
with him on any given topic that they would like.

    MAX: I would give anything in the world if I could have had this conversation with you 6 years ago. I think you would have hopped on one of those motor scooters out back and, and raced to the front gate with Judy on behind you.

    STEVE: One never knows.

    MAX: But --

    STEVE: One never knows.

    MAX: -- a little too much influence here is --

    STEVE: I, it's --

    MAX: -- you know, you've lost something to it I guess.

    STEVE: Max, I know. I realize.

    MAX: Where's your drive?

    STEVE: I know from your perspective it would seem that way. I know that. If I were in your shoes now, I would be saying the same thing to this human being sitting where I am now myself. I'd be going through the same process you are trying to talk myself out of it using the same arguments.

    But see, the whole thing is it comes down to that book which you don't believe nor do you understand. Now if I can see that that book is not
credible itself, all the book talks about is some guy that comes in the final days. It may not be this man, Max. It may not be.

MAX: Well --

STEVE: But so far he's been able to do --

MAX: -- you're taking an awful big gamble it is, aren't you?

STEVE: Well, why can't the scholars shoot him down? Why can't they rip him apart? Why can't they controvert what he has? I mean if it wasn't --

MAX: I don't think it's a matter of knowledge. I think it's a matter of presentation.

STEVE: Oh, presentation --

MAX: He's a great BS'er.

STEVE: -- presentation is nothing. There are guys that are have, are such -- have such ability to speak to --

MAX: Um-hum. Um-hum.

STEVE: -- articulate their words --

MAX: This looks good.

STEVE: -- to really express themselves.

MAX: (Indiscernible.)

STEVE: There, there are times, you know, I mean he'll even say himself it depends upon who he's talking to. But that's not what impresses me. It's
the very information, the knowledge. And Mark Bro
(phonetic sp.) himself who gained a Master's degree
was not able to, to shoot this guy down to controvert
what he has.

David flew all the way to Australia to give
him that opportunity. Then he sent me back a second
time, 6 months later. And he didn't want me to debate
with him. I, I really did want to. But he says take
down what he has. Let him open up his doctrine.
Bring it back. Let everybody have an opportunity to
hear it, to wrestle with it, to decide. So that's
exactly what happened. But no one --

MAX: You, you are, you are so -- calling
yourself up so short, counting yourself in so short,
Steve. We talked to -- how many people do you think
there are that are former members of your group or
your sect or that have been involved with you and Mark
and David over the years. Former members.

STEVE: I have no idea.

MAX: Be quite a few of them, wouldn't
there?

STEVE: Not really. Not that many at all.
The majority would have been Australians. And even
that there's not that many.

MAX: Um-hum. Okay. There's a few in
California, and there's a few people out --

STEVE: Yeah, the Bunds family.

MAX: -- there still associated with --

STEVE: But the father remained, you know.

MAX: But the, the people that have been associated with you or are knowledgeable of you and David are not all in that compound. We've talked to a lot of them. That's our job. We go out --

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: -- and we find these people, and we talk to them.

STEVE: Okay.

MAX: And you, you would be amazed at what we're hearing.

STEVE: I wouldn't be because --

MAX: You've got the most credibility in there. You are the one that is the, the person, as I said earlier, that has the organization, that has the, not necessarily the feeling but the cause, the drive to keep it going and get it done.

STEVE: Not at all.

MAX: And, and David is the preacher.

STEVE: That's not -- there's no truth to that, Max.

MAX: He is the figurehead, and you are the
organizer.

STEVE: Max, these people --

MAX: You're the one that's respected.

STEVE: They would never --

MAX: He's -- he may be feared.

STEVE: Max --

MAX: And he may be held --

STEVE: They would never --

MAX: -- in awe. But you are the one that holds the respect.

STEVE: These people would never stay here because of me. Never, ever.

MAX: No, no. I'm not saying --

STEVE: In fact, when Mark --

MAX: -- they would stay there because of you.

STEVE: -- when Mark and I had a dividing of ways back in the summer of '89 in the month of August-September, we were in communication. When we went our ways, these people did not see me in a positive light at all nor have they really since those days.

They've realized they've got to trust their own conscience to dictate to their own mind and hearts. They've got to decide by the information they see coming from the book. And if it does -- if it's
not actually there, they're out of here. We have had people that have left here. We've encouraged people to leave here.

There was a girl not long ago that traveled here from, from one of the eastern states. And David sent her out. Get away from us. Take time to go to scholars, to wrestle with the information, and then make a decision. You can come back and hear more. See this is normally and usually what we do.

MAX: Well, I'm just telling you what people are telling us on the outside after so many of these interviews that, that we do.

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: And --

STEVE: Well, I, I'm --

MAX: -- you know, who's going to represent the people that come out? You know, the children and, you know, whenever this is over with, days, weeks from now, there's going to be some people who are going to be involved with legal difficulties, because they will be accused of crimes in connection with this. And there's a process for that. And then there will be a lot of people, a majority of them probably, that will be leaderless.

STEVE: Well, see right from the beginning
there --

MAX: Who's going to handle them? Who is going to be the --

STEVE: See --

MAX: -- leader of that lost flock?

STEVE: Well, right from the beginning there have been, there -- we have been here to try to get this thing resolved --

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- to, to get to the bottom of the thing, to get on with business as usual of course. And the only thing that has slowed down the process is what these people want to do is wait to see what he might have to say.

MAX: Do you think there will ever be business as usual again after this week --

STEVE: Who knows. Who knows. In reality it --

MAX: Somebody's going to have to pick up the pieces and go forward with the beliefs.

STEVE: Well, look. You know --

MAX: If, if --

STEVE: -- it's, it's always come down to, Max, if this isn't true, I'm back to Hawaii to finish up whatever kind of a life I might have.
MAX: Well --

STEVE: I mean if, if there's no God, if the Bible's not true --

MAX: You can't sail away from this. I don't think you can go, go and walk away. You can't shrug your -- you may -- you're in all of this, and if it doesn't work out, you're going to shrug your shoulders and go back to Hawaii.

STEVE: Hey, look.

MAX: Without a church, without anything?

STEVE: In my -- oh, of course. Of course. Because in my past there was like I told you my mother being Catholic, Dad, Lutheran became Seventh Day Adventist. I rebelled in my high school years. I did not -- I saw hypocrisy in all the churches. So I left for about 4 or 5 years, hung around with movie stars, actually made a lot of connections. But that got to be old hat. I got kind of tired of that scene.

I had a friend, he was going to be a quarterback for the Rams. He gave up his life to get into Hinduism.

MAX: Well --

STEVE: So that, that got me checking into eastern religions. Why would a guy give up such an awesome career for something so off the wall? So I
started studying comparative religion. I wanted to see what men had to say about all the different possibilities of another world. So after that, one thing led to another, I got into the Bible.

But the bottom line has always been either I'm in it or I'm not. If, if this isn't true, then forget all religion. I'm going back to just do what I can in this world for others, for myself, and that will be my religion.

MAX: Well, that doesn't sound like 100 percent dedication to me, Steve. Seems like you leaving a loophole there. You got a ticket in your pocket to Hawaii in case the Lord doesn't come next week.

STEVE: Well, it's not quite like that.

MAX: (Laughing.)

STEVE: What I've said I'm either or I'm out --

MAX: I made light of it, Steve. I --

STEVE: Oh, I, I know you are. I know are.

MAX: -- I apologize for that.

STEVE: But no, the bottom line is I'm either in or out. I'm either -- you know, I've always tried to go -- the key catch phrase for me has always been by a weight of evidence. Where is the weight of
evidence? Where does it lie?

MAX: Where do you use evidence? You got to have a court to use evidence in.

STEVE: I'm glad you brought that up because --

MAX: So come on out here --

STEVE: -- the whole Bible deals in a judiciary system with attorneys, with mediators, with a judge. You know, you -- if you're used of Western literature you would be familiar with the Bible, how it's based in fact and, and law. All the way through, right from Genesis through to Revelation. That's what David's message is is there's a, there's a judgment set in Revelation 4 and 5. And all the eyes of all the beings of the universe are on that book.

What's in the book? One that sits on the throne is quiet. He's not speaking any longer. The information's already been written. It's been foreordained. There it is. Who wants to know ahead of time --

MAX: Come back, Steve. Come back.

STEVE: I know. I know you don't like to get off into anything to do --

MAX: You're going too far for me.

STEVE: -- with the Bible or religion.
MAX: How many pockets you -- how many tickets you got in your pocket? One or two?

STEVE: Well, I don't have any. But anyway --

MAX: Well, you're plan. You going back to Hawaii alone, you going to take Judy with you?

STEVE: Oh, I have no plans of that. I just take a day at a time and try to do the best one can for that day.

MAX: Well, there's, there's another one that give you reason to, you know, make your loophole a little bigger. Make it big enough to drag Judy through to and both of you go back to Hawaii.

STEVE: Oh, I have, I have the highest respect for Judy. Always have. We've always, we've always been seen as the, the most perfect couple anybody's ever known.

MAX: We hear the same thing. We hear the same thing. In fact, that article --

STEVE: And it's not changed.

MAX: -- I, I was reading the other --

STEVE: It's not changed.

MAX: -- night to you.

STEVE: Um-hum.

MAX: Someone said just the same thing.
Said she was "sweet." And let me find it here. I still got the article. They said your apartment in Hawaii was dinky too. I left that out last night, because you were so down, but I'll tell you today.

STEVE: That it was dinky?

MAX: Said she was -- huh? Yeah.

STEVE: That it was --

MAX: Dinky apartment. Is that right?

STEVE: Oh, yeah. It was not large. It was a one-bedroom apartment.

MAX: (Laughing.) Well, I can remember when we first started, my wife and I first started. We had a very dinky apartment too. Former cult members say that Judy was sweet if the word was ever used properly. That they were -- Judy and Steve were a team and that they couldn't -- whatever Steve couldn't do she could. So --

STEVE: Oh, yeah. We've always --

MAX: -- that's, that's about the nicest thing that can be said about --

STEVE: David himself has said as Mark and everyone else said if there was ever a marriage where two really worked out they had never seen anything like it, it was her and I. This is -- and it's always been that way. It's not changed.
But when it comes down to spiritual things, when it comes down to one soul and the possibilities that there's a God, I've always told her don't ever let me make up your mind. I can't be responsible for your decision. That's between you and your maker if there is a God. I mean everybody's got to come to that on their own. And there's -- I can share with what I understand, what I know, what I think. But the bottom line is everyone has to make up their own mind, their own decision with something so serious as that.

So right from the beginning when I met Mark Bro and he opened up what he did I said to Judy look, if I go, don't you go before -- because I do. Or if I stay and you believe it, don't you stay with me and you believe it. I says go with what you see. Go with what you believe. And that's the way it's always been. Always has been.

And I've even been very hard with her on that. But I have seen that it has, it's not been necessary, because she has followed the dictates of her own conscience.

MAX: Well, that's, that's strange. It's very unorthodox following that, you know, a marriage would be treated that way in a religious --

STEVE: Well not, not if you read the -- not
at all, Max, if you read the -- read any --

MAX: Well, like I say --


MAX: -- it's a little hard to understand.

Little hard to --

STEVE: Any book of the New Testament. Any, any -- you could go to any minister, they'll tell you the same thing. It doesn't matter what --

MAX: Not many people thought you have to give up your wife to be, you know, part of the --

STEVE: Oh, the ministers will --

MAX: -- to be dedicated to, to --

STEVE: -- the ministers will tell you that also. If you put mother, father, spouse, sister, brother before God, you're not worthy of God. But of course, you put God first, first and the scriptures say he'll put you first. He'll work it out for you. So I mean it's always worked for me, and we've not had any problems.

MAX: Hmmm.

STEVE: But when it comes to something like --

MAX: I bet that was hard to accept in the beginning, wasn't it?
STEVE:  Pardon?

MAX:  Wasn't that a little hard to accept in the beginning?

STEVE:  No, because all through my life as I read that Bible I always figured how come it was for the apostles of 2,000 years ago and the people they worked with, and it no longer exists in this generation.

There's definitely I -- in honesty I'll tell you the truth. I don't believe there is any such thing that exists in this generation as Christianity. It doesn't exist anymore. I'm not a Christian. I don't know of any. A Christian 2,000 years ago they would lay hands on one another's heads, they would have a supernatural power to be able to raise the dead, heal the sick, feed thousands. That doesn't happen anymore.

So I can't blame the world in their worldly wisdom when they see all these religious social clubs taking money and like say Baker and like Swaggert and all the others. I, I mean anybody that has any insight should be able to read through all of this.

So people say that about this group from what they understand. But they haven't -- those that take the time to hear, then they can evaluate, and
then they have something to judge by. But if one doesn't take the time, they'll never be able to see the points laid out, the consistency, and thereby they'll be doing themselves a disservice.

MAX: Well, let's if we can, can we just assume for a minute that, that the exact conclusion that David envisions has a flaw. How would you like to see it resolved?

STEVE: Well, you know, it's such a weird situation that we're in. It's so strange. I mean in regards to number one I mean all that took place and --

MAX: Hey, hey, little equivocation there. If there's a flaw in David's vision or his perception, how would you like it to work out? Let's discount the way he says it is going to for a moment. What's the alternative?

STEVE: I really don't know. In honesty I don't. I mean I -- how, how do you second guess something like this that has taken place and where it might go and where it could go. I don't have the foggiest idea.

MAX: Second guess. Let's look at it as a fall back plan.

STEVE: Okay. For instance like with him,
if he says that he's expecting something, it has always happened. There's never been a time where he hasn't had an answer or hasn't at least given one. And in, in doing that, you're going to have people reacting pro or con to it and making a decision and going with it. But they've all decided they on their own, it's concluded on their own that they've wanted to give him the opportunity one last time to see what he has or what he has to say.

And of course, this is why on a day-by-day basis I still go and ask people do you want to leave today? What do you think?

MAX: Oh.

STEVE: Do you see?

MAX: Oh. Are you saying their, this is sort of a test?

STEVE: It, it would seem like --

MAX: Wait a minute. If he pulls this one off then, you know, it's, it's 100 percent. And if he doesn't then --

STEVE: No, it would seem like it is. It actually would seem like it is.

MAX: Well, yeah. I, I can see that.

STEVE: So --

MAX: If he doesn't, you go back to Hawaii.
STEVE: Well, it's true.

MAX: Uh-huh.

STEVE: It's true. This thing falls apart, if he's not able to show and to continue to do so -- I mean I've -- see I make my judgments every day. It's not like I accepted this 6-1/2 years ago and I'm stuck. In honesty if you, you talk to those that know me that are on the outside or that were part of this, they'll tell you for a fact that every day is a new wrestling match looking over the issues. Is this right? Is this wrong? Do I go with this today? Do I throw my hands up in disgust and go back to Hawaii and go back to what I was and what I had?

MAX: How about just throwing your hands up in disgust and walking out the front gate?

STEVE: Well, you don't think I consider it constantly?

MAX: Well, I sure wish you'd think about it more seriously.

STEVE: I do. It's a daily thing. It's something that I'm wrestling with constantly moment by moment.

MAX: Well, I'm glad to hear you say that. I really am. It, it leads me that there's some hope here. It leads me to believe that you have a mind of
your own and there is some hope for this thing.

STEVE: Well, I'm not the only -- they all -- I mean I'll give you names of people that come to me today like yesterday also, and they'll say -- they'll tell me their thoughts. And I'll sit there quietly and listen.

MAX: Yeah.

STEVE: And what they're going through. And, and I tell them well, do what you think you've got to do. Do what you think is best for yourself. I mean always, you know, wrestle with the issues. So I mean that's the way it's got to be, and I'm always expecting, you know, anybody can go. Anybody can choose to and they may.

MAX: Well, is there, there any questions in your mind that we could answer out here or find the answers to or anyone we could talk to for you to, to give you facts or give you reason to, to tip these scales in one direction or --

STEVE: Well, the biggest --

MAX: -- anything you need --

STEVE: Max.

MAX: -- to help you make a decision.

STEVE: Well, the biggest thing would be for honestly for these people, you've got to be able to
find a scholar from maybe the university of this or
the -- there's got to be some man out there that's,
that knows --

MAX: No, no. Somebody to come in there and
argue with David. He's too --

STEVE: Well, not quite.

MAX: -- big of a manipulator. That's not
going to happen.

STEVE: Well, no, not quite like that.

MAX: It's, it's the presentation.

STEVE: You don't by choosing --

MAX: It's, it's not the, the show, it's the
showmanship.

STEVE: Could there be a way -- see well,
these people are expecting that there, there should be
a scholar out there with a number of degrees or the
ability of language that, that's older than David that
in their ability of memory, memorization, holds and
understands something of scripture where they can
raise the questions or shoot him down. Or at least
show that he's fallible, that he's not able to have a
consistent answer directly from that book. There's
got to be.

I mean before I came here, I went to Andrews
University. I went to the University of Hawaii. I
spent some time studying on my own at the University of Wisconsin and had spent time in England. And with all the comparisons and, and listening to these men of different ability, there was a man over there in England, his name was Dr. Scoil (phonetic sp.), who could speak many languages. There's been many men I've met through the years that have quite an ability.

But I would like to see these men take this guy and controvert what he has. You would see these people walking out of here so quickly you wouldn't believe. Seriously. Just let them raise some questions that he can't answer clearly or consistently or that, that it's very questionable.

There's got to be men out there like that. I mean look at all the millions of people that, that say they're into the Bible that make money off of this book that have studied it all their lives that are, that are more than twice his age, maybe almost three times his age. Do you understand what I'm saying?

MAX: Yeah. I've, I've heard it all before.

STEVE: There's got to be some men out there. What about Baylor University? There's over 10,000 students that go there. They've got to have some sharp minds there, some doctors and so forth. But where are they? Where are the arguments? Why
don't they raise the questions with the man? Have you considered this? What about that? I mean if this group here could hear and see a dialogue --

MAX: Well --

STEVE: -- questions raised that he could not answer or at least that where it's questionable, it would make a huge, a huge difference. I mean if you look at that tape tonight, it's because these people have experienced Adventist ministers, Lutheran ministers, Catholic priests, and they've not seen anyone that even came close to having an ability to have answers, always having answers. But it's not to say that they're not out there, Max. It's not to say that at all. And, and --

MAX: No, there's no one out here. There's no one anywhere in the world that we can bring in there with David and with the people in there and sit and have a discussion that you and everybody in there would not see David as really 100 percent winner. Whether he said a word or not, he would be declared the winner.

STEVE: Max, no, it's not like that.

MAX: There's nobody going to win in a religious argument with him in front of that audience.

STEVE: It's not like that. Max, honestly,
it is not like that.

MAX: It is.

STEVE: They will always take the time like I did with Mark Bro in November over in Australia of 1990. I did not interrupt him. I sat there quietly, attentively -- in fact, I've even wanted to see an underdog like Mark come about and, and come up with some doctrine or the ability to shoot him down. I really -- if you ask Mark back in '89, I says Mark, you've claimed to be a prophet all these days. You know, Mark is another human being that has claimed to have visions and dreams. Did you know that?

MAX: No, I, I didn't know he did that.

STEVE: Oh, yes. I've got -- you ought to -- I've got stacks of papers that he typed out of his visions and dreams. He denied that he ever had this experience and that he was a prophet in Michigan a year ago before the judge. And that really floored me. Because he had made the biggest thing of that right up until the very time he took, his seat, stand in the courtroom.

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: And so that blew his credibility with me. I told him Mark, well what's the thing now. Now you're saying you're not a prophet. And then
after the courtroom situation was over, then he went back, reverted back to that yes indeed, he was a prophet.

MAX: Well, wait a minute. He lost credibility with you because he had visions --

STEVE: Well, yeah. I've got --

MAX: -- and David didn't need the credibility with you because he has them.

STEVE: He volunteered -- you see, Max, he volunteered giving me those visions. I never asked for them.

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: He sent them to me. I, I could send you copies. I could give --

MAX: No.

STEVE: -- or I could get them out to you of course to the gate out there, and you could look them over. This is the guy that introduced me to David.

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: I never knew this David. Not at all.

MAX: Well --

STEVE: It was, it was he.

MAX: -- you know, he says that he introduced you to him to be able to shoot him down.
Thought you were the only one that could. And then you got taken in also.

STEVE: Well, not -- that's not exactly how it happened at all. It was Mark --

MAX: Well, excuse the phraseology but --

STEVE: It, it was Mark --

MAX: -- basically --

STEVE: -- that actually wanted me to look over his phenomena, his experience. And I told him I was very dubious, very skeptical of his experience. I said if it was based in fact, it was a continuation clearly of that which the prophets had written, the apostles. Well, and it takes some time of scrutinizing.

Well, I took all his information, and I sent it to a professor friend of mine at a university. And he got back to me. I says well, what do you think? And he said to me I'm also dubious. And I says well, take more time with it. Wrestle with it and get back to me.

Well, we were in contact probably six different occasions long-distance from Hawaii to Michigan where the professor was. But ultimately when Mark came back, he had all this information. I says Mark, where did you get it? And you know, ultimately
told me from the source. And so I finally flew over to that source.

And Mark took a back seat when David spoke, and I could see why. Because his information was so far beyond what Mark had, I could then see the very mannerisms that Mark was using he had picked up from David.

But through the next 6 months I went back to Hawaii to get away from him and wrestled with those scriptures, with the text. Some friends of mine in Hawaii called up a man by the name of Ortega. And I think he's got a doctor degree if I'm not mistaken. But they flew him over to deal with me to show where this was wrong. And I was such a, so naive and a novice as to the information David had opened up. But I had the basics down.

So I started saying to him well, show me what you think about what he has shown me. And I, I laid out that number of chapters. The man kept on reverting to the scholars' opinions. I says I don't need that. Show me what the writers have said. Go back to that same source. Well, he was not able to do so. And those people that sat to listen and see what happened were astounded at the lack of ability of this man that was much older than myself. So that just
gave more strength to the arguments to the very
doctrine that David had opened up.

So and every day since that day, I've never
been able to rip the man apart. And I have tried.
I've lost my patience with him at times and said what
about this, what about that. What are you going to do
with -- I've had it with this. And he's always been
able to go back to chapters and context. Always has
been able to do that.

See, that's the reason why I'm here still.
If that, if that would stop, if it, if it had quit, if
it had abruptly come to a close. But it has not.
That's why I even hoped that Mark on the outside would
still be able to have some strong arguments.

We invited Mark to come back and bring
anybody. We'd pay his way. Fly him back. He could
present whatever he wanted before everybody. But of
course, he would not do it. So that showed to the
people that he had nothing. That he, he was not able
to do it even though he boistered (sic) his opinion
and, and made some pretty strong statements, when it
came right down to it he was not there to, to back
what he thought he might be able to do.

MAX: Okay. Well, it's, you know. I've
never seemed to accomplish much. We never seem to
accomplish much toward resolving this with discussions of, you know, the religious issues and the, the connections therewith. It's too big of a gap in, in the perceptual world or perceiving worlds that we have here.

What we are able to put together from out here, and as I said earlier, you know, we talked to people and, and they tell us the position that you're in and the position that David's in and a lot of what goes on in there and what is necessary to, to be a member and to stay a member in good standing and all those things. And we pretty well know how that fits in with the, the society in which we all must function, this real world that exists around you, around Mt. Carmel. And you know, that's one of the problems that brings us up to where we are now.

And I -- and, and that's where we all believe the situation is going to be solved is from in that real world setting. And I think David knows that. I believe you know it. And it's a matter of -- I think David is very concerned if not if I may be a bit stronger afraid of what an unknown judicial system might do with him. The difficulties that he might face in this system. I think that's the bottom line.

STEVE: I --
MAX: And if we --

STEVE: -- I don't really think so, Max.

MAX: -- if we through you could help answer some of those questions for him, it might bring about a resolution that we can all be happy with. And you can use your ticket.

STEVE: I really don't believe the man is afraid of the system. I really don't. I think that he's the type that in his own mind would accept and, and do what he would have to do. And I mean just by what I saw a week ago Tuesday, he was ready to march on out of here. I mean of course --

MAX: Steve, look, look at what we see. Look at what a lot of people who came from there earlier see. David is in a, a cocoon. He's in a safety bubble. He -- there are not any threatening men around him. He is, has surrounded himself and resides with the women and the children of the commune with which he takes his own liberties and keeps anybody who might be a possible threat at a distance. Or if they're too big a threat he says you don't belong here, and he runs them off.

And he is in relative control in there. He is the figurehead, and everybody has yielded to him their will, their power, their money, their will,
their women. And he --

STEVE: Not at all.

MAX: -- is using it. And he can't have that out here. He can't have that out here in this system. He is, he is reluctant --

STEVE: Max.

MAX: -- to come out.

STEVE: What does he have?

MAX: And face a world that would take some of that from him.

STEVE: Monetarily --

MAX: And all he has to do to, to stay in there --

STEVE: Let's look at the issues.

MAX: -- is to whip everybody up into believing like he does --

STEVE: Let's --

MAX: -- into sharing his paranoia of the world.

STEVE: Max, I'm, I'm familiar with --

MAX: That's what he's done.

STEVE: -- I'm familiar with cults, how they work and all that sort of thing. And I go along with you. I, I mean we all see stereotyped pictures. But let's, let's take that point step by step here.
Monetarily, financially, what does the man have?

MAX: Well, he has everything.

STEVE: This is the -- this is a dumpy building. It's a, it's a lousy --

MAX: He's got everything you had, and he's got everything everybody else in there ever had.

STEVE: He -- but he does not. That's the whole --

MAX: What's yours is his and what his --

STEVE: What does he have? Max, what does he have? What does he own?

MAX: He has money. He has motorcycles. He has --

STEVE: I've got motorcycles.

MAX: -- cars. He has stereos. He has all --

STEVE: Why --

MAX: -- the women he wants.

STEVE: -- there's two things, there's two things he has bought. And he never has used it. And the -- and I'll come right out and tell you the reason why. He bought a Harley-Davidson, a used one.

MAX: Oh, yeah --

STEVE: And he bought a --

MAX: -- you told me. That was to reach
someone who was lost. I, I remember the story.

STEVE: Well, yeah. The rock and rollers out in --

MAX: Yeah.

STEVE: -- the Hollywood strip. And it was a draw. It didn't bring people to a place where we could then communicate with them. He never liked the big, loud thing, the way it rode and so forth. And it's always sat.

Same with the, an old Corvette, a '67 Vette. And when, if it didn't work, there it sits. He's talked right from the beginning, Steve, go have it sold. Let's do this or that with it so we can use the money for helping someone else.

But he -- when it comes to clothes he has nothing. He owns nothing with gadgetry. The group all of us because we believe in music have --

MAX: He's --

STEVE: -- we've --

MAX: -- he's reported -- you say he has nothing. He's reported to run around town rolling off $100 bills to purchase things that he wants, and you people come in there in sackcloth.

STEVE: With like what familiar?

MAX: Looking for groceries and crumbs.
STEVE: No, I've got, I've got a myself the wardrobe I own, no one, not David doesn't even have a tenth of what I have. No one does here. I mean I've always been into clothes. I still am. And there are other people. I can give you their names. Some people are into one thing. Someone's into something else. They've all got their things or hang-ups or whatever else --

MAX: Well, nobody out there has it as good as David.

STEVE: We all have money. Hey, seriously, no one's hurting. No one's wanting. If someone needs something, they all go out, and they're able to get it. There's not been a problem with that.

MAX: Nobody out there has it as good as David. We all know that. We all know, you know, what the situation is there. He's, he's on the throne. Not that he --

STEVE: You really don't.

MAX: -- has all the respect and all the, the control, the organization. But he's on the throne.

STEVE: He does have. He does --

MAX: And --

STEVE: -- have the control of the
organization in that if they're willing to allow that.

      MAX: No, you got a big piece of that.
You've got a big piece of that whether you want to
accept it or not.

      STEVE: I don't have. That's where you're
not right. I do not -- they could care -- I'm like
they are. I, I don't have inspiration, Max. They --

      MAX: You have common, a little more common
sense I believe than, than those --

      STEVE: Common sense.

      MAX: -- with the great inspiration.

      STEVE: See I mean if you can show from the
Bible like in the last --

      MAX: Ah, ah, don't go that --

      STEVE: Look, this -- I'm giving you the
very reason why these people are here and what they
see.

      MAX: Well, I'm, I'm giving you the very --

      STEVE: Like I told you last night --

      MAX: I'm trying to give you the very reason
they're in there today. And that is that it's a
cocoon, and David fears outside that --

      STEVE: Not at all.

      MAX: -- cocoon.

      STEVE: That's not what it is.
MAX: I, I really believe. What I would like for you to do, what I would like for you to do or at least consider is for -- do you have any law books in there, any legal books or --

STEVE: Wayne Martin does. He's got --

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: -- I've never really looked at them. But he's got quite a library I'm sure there.

MAX: Why don't you get a hold of some of those books and get Wayne -- not necessarily Wayne to review them for you. But why don't you sit down and review some of the, the books on the federal process and just learn what is in store here. How structured a system it is. And where, you know, the days between events is even set out and how things go overboard for the defendant's rights and things like this. There's, there's no way that system can abuse him the way that he fears it.

STEVE: When does the --

MAX: It's not as bad outside that bubble as he would lead you to believe. And you I think need to convince him or help us allay his fears of coming out that he will be treated properly, and he will be treated with respect. That is everyone's right. And paranoia in there be what it may, that right exists
out here in this world. And will be given to him and
will be given to you and any and all in there.

    Wayne is very curious about what's going on
here. He's very concerned.

    STEVE: Well, of course he is. I mean what,
what he's a person --

    MAX: And I think both of you share a lot in
that regard. And --

    STEVE: Well, he's been a person that's
always been --

    MAX: And he can help you do that research.

    STEVE: He's always kept himself updated as
to current events, what's been taking place in the
world nationally, internationally. And he doesn't
like being cut off as he has been. I don't know if --
I think he was on the phone the other night. I think
it was with -- was it with you or John?

    MAX: I've talked to Wayne.

    STEVE: You have.

    MAX: Um-hum.

    STEVE: I believe then that was you that he
was talking to when --

    MAX: He has a bit of a incorrect maybe
twisted view of what we as an organization do, what
the Federal Government as an organization does --
STEVE: Are you talking about the FBI?
MAX: Yeah.
STEVE: I know. I -- in fact I, I --
MAX: Law enforcement in general. But
FBI --

STEVE: Well, yeah.
MAX: -- in particular.

STEVE: I, I do remember. I, I was here when I, I heard him make the comments. And I must admit I was quite surprised. I don't know -- I never heard that before. I don't know where he got it from. Apparently he had been reading some books about J. Edgar Hoover.

MAX: Well --

STEVE: Where I was raised with --

MAX: (Laughing.)

STEVE: I know. I know. I was raised on the other hand where my folks I once said when I was in the 8th grade I said who are some of the greater men in this country, because it was part of a civics class I had. And in their estimation, that was one of the names that they jotted down on a piece of paper for me that he was the opposite of what his views were.

So my, my understanding of that organization
through the years is I've never seen any or had any
negative things said or thought about the
organization.

MAX: Well, help give us some credibility
then. Help us resolve this thing.

STEVE: Well, I have. I have. And you
know, I've tried to give it as I see it and as I
always have. I, I must admit I'm, I'm very leery of
this other group, this ATF, of which I never -- but at
the same time I told you --

MAX: Well --

STEVE: -- I've never been involved with
that group, because I was not into firearms or alcohol
or whatever else.

MAX: Um-hum.

STEVE: And even seeing, being a Seventh Day
Adventist, we don't drink or smoke. And being part of
this group it was something only we've done only in
the past maybe 4 years.

MAX: Well, you can avoid the alcohol and
the firearms, but you better not avoid the tax part of
that. I mean --

STEVE: Well, this is --

MAX: -- ATF, you know, the T does stand for
taxes.
STEVE: Uh-huh. Well, I don't --

MAX: (Laughing.)

STEVE: -- see the whole thing as I don't, I
don't really know a whole lot about it nor do I know a
lot about weapons either. Nor I never --

MAX: Okay.

STEVE: -- really have. I've never had an
interest in those things.

MAX: Now point being it is, you know,
certainly at this point two different agencies with --
and we have our goals, objectives, and we're trying to
get this thing resolved. Putting the past behind us
for everybody.

STEVE: No, I realize that. I really do.

MAX: And I as I say, I really, really we,
speaking on behalf of all of us who have been
whispering in this phone for a week now, need some
credibility, or we're going to lose that credibility.
We're going to lose that, the ability to continue in
this vein if we don't do something. And --

STEVE: See, I wouldn't --

MAX: And from in there, Steve --

STEVE: I realize --

MAX: -- I've told you what a lot of the
world perceives out here.
STEVE: Do you know --

MAX: A lot of people who have been where you are now say you have an ability to help. That you can do it.

STEVE: That's why I'm constantly communicating --

MAX: And I'm asking you from our weakening position here as negotiators to your strengthening position as one who is --

STEVE: Do you know if I walked out of here I could nothing for them though? While I'm here, I can talk to them. If I were gone, I could do nothing.

MAX: There are people going to be out here. When this is resolved, there are --

STEVE: I know. That's what I'm saying.

MAX: -- going to be people out here looking around for a leader.

STEVE: That's what I'm saying. Right now --

MAX: And I don't think David will be one of those that they're looking --

STEVE: I'm not -- I'll tell you what. I leave here, I'm no --

MAX: -- after.

STEVE: -- leader. I'm nothing. I'm going
to go back to some walk of life where -- I'll tell you one thing. If I ever -- if I leave here I mean this organization, it's all over for me with this whole business. I'm going to get into the world, back into the world of being a sales rep or something.

    Religion is -- I'm not into religion because I'm into money, I'm into fame, I'm into any of that sort of thing. I've looked for something better, and if it's not there I'm going to -- as every day I've got to weigh out and evaluate. If it's not there, I leave it be. It's behind. I gain an experience. It's something that isn't, it wasn't. It didn't work. I mean every day I'm looking at issues like that in that manner. So and I --

    MAX: That sounds so good, Steve. But it hasn't played through in what, in your actions.

    STEVE: That's -- well, that's what I'm telling you. But this is what I have to weigh out, and every day I've got to wrestle. And at this point of time I've put so much into it, I'm looking to see what he's got to say. And he's not disappointed me yet. So I'm going to give him an opportunity here yet. So I'm waiting to see what he -- see that's -- there's a curiosity. There's a, there's a wonder. People are wanting to see well what is it? What are
you waiting for? What do you have? And I'm wondering
the kind of time or what the element will be myself.

MAX: Well, Steve, you're saying that you,
you don't, you know, are not fully dedicated to this
anymore. And, and in some circles --

STEVE: I always believe --

MAX: -- in some opinions, you know, lives
are on the line.

STEVE: You don't understand. Understand I
always leave the option open. I'm a free moral agent.
I make choices. Those choices I can't -- I'm not,
I'm not stuck in any of the choices. I, I see myself
as being --

MAX: Well, you're --

STEVE: -- free to always review --

MAX: You've stuck --

STEVE: -- to look back and to compare.

MAX: -- yourself in this one though, Steve.

You are stuck in this one. You have a lot -- you've
lost a lot already and have a lot to lose.

STEVE: And what's that?

MAX: For just a --

STEVE: What do you see that I have --

MAX: -- for just exploring a theory here,
one that you don't have total commitment to in your
mind, you've really got a lot hanging out here, buddy.

STEVE: No, what I'm -- remember again, remember the phrase that I use that works for me. Weight of evidence. I'm here because of weight -- not because all the answers are here. I've never been anywhere in my life or to a source where all the answers are there. But --

MAX: I don't have them all out here either.

STEVE: Well, see that's the point.

MAX: But my answers are safer.

STEVE: That could be. And I mean no question about it as to today. No question about that.

MAX: Come out of there and start another life. No, no gamble to it. Bring Judy out of there, Mina if you wish. But come out of there.

STEVE: We're working on that. We're working on that.

MAX: And have a life for Steve and Judy.

STEVE: Well, that's what we're talking about. I mean it's not only me. It's, it's others here --

MAX: Buy those --

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