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STEVE: -- I don't know. Because I haven't been -- he wants usually he's in there on his own. So I'm not -- I would imagine he will be quoting constantly from the Bible.

RICK: I would think.

STEVE: Because, you know, that's the, that's the test of all tests. For him it's like in Isaiah 8:20, if they don't speak according to this word it's because --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- there's no light in them.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: So I'm sure that's what he'll be doing. Even on this tape I got to hear the last oh, I think about 15 minutes' worth of this tape for Clint and whoever else wants to hear it.

RICK: That's stuff he dictated in the, in the tape?

STEVE: Well, this was done just specifically when Clint asked four, four to six questions, he answered his questions on this tape. He took about a half hour off or so and answered those.

RICK: On the tape. Why isn't he doing his manuscript on the tape then?
STEVE: I don't know to be honest. I really don't. I -- in fact I was going to just suggest to him again today to do that, so I'll just take the tape and write it out myself.

RICK: Yeah, because it would be so fast.

STEVE: Oh, yeah. For sure. I don't, I don't know. I think --

RICK: Because he could just speak and you could, you could, Judy or whoever does the 120 words a minute could type it, and you could edit it.

STEVE: Rick, you must, you must know that if I have any intelligence at all or whatsoever any education that, you know, of course all through the years, that's what I'm telling you the frustration has been seeing the obvious what would work, what one should be doing.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: And then having him do something totally opposite.

RICK: So, so you're saying that although you can suggest things like that --

STEVE: Exactly.

RICK: -- in the past it hasn't worked.

STEVE: Well, meaning that he's directed by the -- see, wherever he got the information from.
RICK: All right.

STEVE: Let's say in '85 he went to Israel. You and I don't know if he met a rabbi or, or some guru out in the desert, if God talked to him. I don't know anything about that. I just know what he says. The only thing I know is the information he, he gives out, I go back and spend weeks looking to see if in fact it is in the place he says and if it means what it says by comparing the other chapters that --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- before that I was not able to do or see the connection.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: So see that's why I'm here. No other reason. I mean --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- it's a daily -- that's what I've tried to tell the other negotiators. It's not that I'm adamantly in this place. Any day I could come out. But for me it's a day-by-day thing of re-looking at the book. Why am I here? How did I get here? Those basic kind of questions one has to ask.

RICK: Well, how do you, how do you reconcile that with the need for us to resolve all this --
STEVE: Well, see I --

RICK: -- uncomfortable stuff that's come up, you know?

STEVE: Yeah, well, you know, like for instance like you saying that, you know, I agree that it is very important even in my own mind as a human being living in this world right now to come out to get this thing taken care of.

RICK: Yeah, just to get it over with and behind us.

STEVE: Yeah, exactly. You know that -- right -- I'll tell you the truth. Those first 3 days I was ready like the next day, you know, the first night I, it was a little scary. Because from our perspective, Rick, they, somebody came to kill us. I don't -- they -- there was no regard of women and children. You'll --

RICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- see that one day when you view this building. You will see it clearly. So I mean I don't care what Troy and all those people say. Let the evidence speak for itself. So I was anxious at least by the next day or Tuesday. By then I thought (whew), you know, it's like it's off your chest. You're going --
RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- to get out of this thing. You're going to go through it. You're going to be done with it.

RICK: Sure.

STEVE: So in my mind, okay. And, and since then even, you know, that's always there. It's always there. But there's a deeper and I -- there is no way for me to be able to explain without the Bible and even that I don't think would make even that much sense to you, because it's an experience gained that you just can't tell somebody.

But I fear God more than I do the system, answering the questions and all -- I mean I'm going to appear in two courts. This one on earth and the one in Revelation 4 and 5 which all the prophets talk about judgment, judgment, judgment, judgment.

RICK: Right. Right.

STEVE: So see that's why that judgment is first and foremost to me.

RICK: And all of us are, even ATF, are going to appear in that court, aren't we?

STEVE: Exactly. But see to me it's a, it is a positive reality. It's not like oh, yeah, that too. But no, that's first. You know like in your
minds the first, the first of the first things, the
priority here is, you know, of course us coming out
and going through that which is extremely important.
No question.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: But at the same time there's
something higher than that for me, more important.
And I've seen a picture. But I would still need to be
given the time to show you how Nahum relates to
Zephaniah, to Habakkuk and, and back to Revelation.
Things of that nature. And it's very simple. It is
not hard.

And then one could oh, yeah, I see where
you're coming from. It may not be something I agree
to or that is for me. I mean you know, people can say
what they want and choose, and it's between them and
whatever. But for me, you know, I really am convicted
that there's something here, and that's why I've been
slower to move on out here even though, you know, many
things have been offered to me.

And I appreciate these guys trying
everything in this world. And I, I understand. I
really do. I mean it's -- but like I say, I do have a
fear for this God that's going to --

RICK: Right.
STEVE: -- do everything he says he's going to do. And for some, the punishment, the responsibility is greater. Because for those that have heard and seen more, more light has been manifested to, the greater responsibility is on them.

RICK: Sure.

STEVE: Like, like let me just say the statement like in I Peter, 4:17, it says judgment begins with the house of God. Those that have been shown the most in this world get judged first. They get judged the most harshly. So that's how I see myself in this even though you've heard of many incredible, bizarre things about everybody here, especially David, wait until you get to hear from our own lips and mouth and so forth.

RICK: Yeah, I'm looking forward to that day too.

STEVE: You know, there's a lot of things I have not answered purposely on the phone.

RICK: Sure, sure.

STEVE: Because there's -- I wouldn't be able to unless you gave me enough time to show what it means. There's some things I'm going to acknowledge that you're going to be surprised about --

RICK: Sure.
STEVE: -- that I can give an answer.

RICK: Well, well, I'm looking forward to that day. I think we both are looking forward to that day.

STEVE: Right.

RICK: How -- are the children doing okay?

STEVE: Yeah, they are. They are doing very well, in fact.

RICK: Are they?

STEVE: Yeah, they are.

RICK: You know I, I have not been here since the beginning. Are they mostly boys or little girls or what?

STEVE: Well, see now again, I sent out a couple tapes.

RICK: Yeah, I saw the tapes but --

STEVE: In my -- I've never counted them up --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- personally. You know, I'm so busy with adults, you know --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- and taking care of problems that the mother is usually involved, yeah --

RICK: Mothers usually take care of the
STEVE: I mean, of course, I'm around Mayanah all the time and, but let's see how -- girl, boys, it's probably -- I would think that there would be more little girls than boys.

RICK: Are there?

STEVE: I think so.

RICK: Because I -- it seems to me they were -- I looked at the tape, and the boys wear their hair kind long.

STEVE: Cyrus does.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: He's never had his hair cut.

RICK: Really?

STEVE: He's got -- yeah, his dad, you know, of course is a musician. You know, David actually had long hair right up until very, not too long ago. And he's always -- because when he was younger his, apparently his stepfather always gave him burrs, he decided when he'd get older he'd want his boy to have the opportunity to have it cut or long, whatever. And being that he's in music his, his son has --

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- he's at an age where he chooses to have his hair long.
RICK: Sure. Sure I --

STEVE: And I think there's one other little boy that has long hair.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: Yeah, that's right --

RICK: Are those the only two boys?

STEVE: That have long hair? Yeah.

RICK: Or no, I mean the only two boys period.

STEVE: No, no. There's -- there would be Cyrus. There would be, let me think, Isaiah. There would be Joseph, Dayland, let me think. That's the only ones that are coming to mind right off. That might, that might be it even.

RICK: Just those four?

STEVE: Pardon?

RICK: What do -- well, what do you consider a boy, what --

STEVE: Just a minute. Someone -- huh? That's it? Yeah, they think that's it.

RICK: That's it?

STEVE: Someone was just standing here by me.

RICK: Yeah. It -- what do you consider a boy? Like one of the, the real youngsters or is it
teenager boy --

STEVE: Probably those that are what -- I still those under 12 I would imagine.

RICK: Yeah, yeah.

STEVE: Yeah, I mean that's Biblically speaking, 12 is, is an age where you --

RICK: They were, they're -- those are some good-looking kids. I saw in --

STEVE: Yeah, they're healthy and --

RICK: -- the video. They were good, they were --

STEVE: -- yeah, a lot of them are, you know, they're not ugly by any means.

RICK: No, they look very fresh-scrubbed, wholesome looking kids.

STEVE: Right. Of course, everyone is always proud of their own child. But I, I always like to have people talk with Mayanah, because she is for a 2-year-old, just a few months past 2, she is a talker and will communicate at a level that you'll be shocked over.

RICK: Oh.

STEVE: Seriously.

RICK: Did -- does David still wear his hair long like, like Cyrus is --
STEVE: No. He had his hair cut a couple times recently.

RICK: Really.

STEVE: What happened was the -- he got frustrated over the music. I think it was in '91, the summer of '91.

RICK: Uh-huh.

STEVE: And he left Hollywood, came back out here and started working on his car, getting greasy and all that. The hair was -- and he got so frustrated and tired of the whole thing.

RICK: Cut it all off.

STEVE: Exactly.

RICK: Hey, I heard, I heard he has a tattoo or, or a mark on his chest. Is that true?

STEVE: That he's got a what?

RICK: A tattoo? David does.

STEVE: No, he has no tattoos. Nothing.

RICK: No, no marks or burns or anything on his chest?

STEVE: No. Uh-uh.

RICK: I just read somewhere that they thought he'd been, had a tattoo from somewhere.

STEVE: Really?

RICK: Yeah, like --
STEVE: Oh, you guys will get --

RICK: -- like of a cross or something like that?

STEVE: No, nothing. No -- he has no marks on his body that, you know, not that, that's visible anyway. No. I mean I've only seen him in shorts and --

RICK: Oh, really?

STEVE: -- swimming but, but no, he has no, no marks on him at all.

RICK: Somebody is trying to pass me a note from outside the door. Can you hold on one second?

STEVE: Sure.

RICK: Okay, hold on.

[gap]

RICK: Hi. Sorry about that.

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: They were -- they had been checking on the, on the attorney situation. They are in fact gone.

STEVE: Okay. Okay.

RICK: So we're kind --

STEVE: Yeah, I want to tell you too I'm kind of glad --

RICK: Anyway, I --
STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: -- I, I -- in our break there while I was waiting I remembered that there was something about an interview where he had talked about dropping a burning crucifix or something on his chest. Do you remember --

STEVE: What?

RICK: -- reading that? Yeah, yeah. I'm serious. This was in the, in, in an interview.

STEVE: In an interview (indiscernible) --

RICK: Back in, back in '88 after this Roden thing.

STEVE: In '88?

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: Wow, that's -- seriously, that would be news to me.

RICK: See I -- that's why I'm asking you. Because I've read all this stuff and I'm curious.

STEVE: I don't know anything about it.

RICK: No? Something about how, how he -- they asked if he had a cross on his chest. And he said yeah, I was heating up a crucifix and it dropped on my chest upside down.

STEVE: You know what? I never knew -- if that's true --
RICK: Have you --
STEVE: -- I've never seen and I have been with him -- I mean, you know, in the summertime it gets hot here and --
RICK: Have you ever seen him with his shirt off?
STEVE: Oh, a lot of times. You know, that's why I'm saying in the summer it gets hot here. And he takes his shirt off frequently like a lot of the guys and --
RICK: Nothing on his chest?
STEVE: Nothing. Absolutely nothing.
RICK: Chalk it up to another media thing then.
STEVE: Yeah, well that's, that's interesting.
RICK: Yeah.
STEVE: Shoot, I never heard anything about it.
RICK: Yeah. Because somebody just, somebody overheard me asking that question. They said David said it in that interview.
STEVE: Well, he --
RICK: Maybe he was pulling their chain?
STEVE: I haven't -- and I, I don't know a
thing about it. I really don't.

RICK: That's weird.

STEVE: It, it is.

RICK: Well, look, look next time he's got his shirt off (laughing) --

STEVE: Yeah, I'll look all the more.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: Sure.

RICK: I'd be curious. I'd be curious.

STEVE: That is definitely a strange, weird thing.

RICK: Are you into tattoos?

STEVE: Not at all.

RICK: Oh.

STEVE: Nobody -- I, I don't -- I'm not aware that there's a person here that has a tattoo.

RICK: Hmm.

STEVE: I've never seen anybody with one.

Let's see. Who might have had one? It seems like someone's been here. I've seen somebody with some on their arms, but I can't remember who. I don't believe it's anybody that's been here, you know, like in the last say maybe 3, 4, 5 months. Maybe it will come to me. But I, I don't -- there's -- I'm not aware that anybody here does have one.
RICK: Oh. Well, tell you what, let's work on those papers that maybe you can bring them out and give them to Zimmerman yourself.

STEVE: The seals.

RICK: Your papers.

STEVE: On my papers?

RICK: Yeah. They're all ready, right?

STEVE: For me to bring them out myself.

RICK: Yeah, and meet with Zimmerman.

STEVE: Well, you know, like I said there's two parts to me. But the part that over, usually overwhelms me, the part that I've been going with is that spiritual part.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: So I've been kind of stuck with in that mode I guess.

RICK: You think David, you think David would ever be able to take that suggestion about dictation or do you think he's --

STEVE: Oh, well I, you know, I will --

RICK: -- he's pretty much closed on that?

STEVE: -- you know I still will and always do suggest a lot of things. I do.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: But you know whether it's heeded or
not is --

RICK: Sure.

STEVE: -- another story. Sometimes he will. A lot of times not.

RICK: Does he act, does -- or how does he respond when you make those kind of suggestions? Sometimes is it like a deaf ear or is he --

STEVE: No, it's usually --

RICK: -- does he listen and nod his head and go about his own way? Or how does he react?

STEVE: It's always different. It's like you can usually tell if he's definitely directed it's like he's more firm like this isn't of me. And I've seen that since day one. I'm talking about like going back to '86 when I didn't know who he was from Adam. And you know, I asked to take him along with me to meet some scholars and so forth. And that's when he informed me he doesn't do or go anywhere without an answer or direction from God.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: But then the next morning that soon he said do you have some tickets? Let's go. And I, I kind of looked at him. I thought well -- and he says well, he was told to go.

RICK: Um-hum.
STEVE: So you know, I mean --

RICK: Kind of coincident with you bringing it up.

STEVE: Pardon?

RICK: Kind of coincident with you bringing it up. They happened to --

STEVE: Well, yeah. Well, yeah, a lot of --

RICK: -- they happened to happen together.

STEVE: No, sometimes I guess if there is an answer I mean meaning that sometimes he himself will just up and ask God what do I do.

RICK: Right. Yeah.

STEVE: He said the most frequent answers he's ever had are the two words trust or wait. And a lot of times --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- it's trust, my son.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: And he says as a human being in the flesh like anybody else, he says sometimes when you hear that voice so much it's like you, you get kind of a, what would you say, a rebellious attitude like trust, my son. Trust my -- I mean he'll bear every thought as you can tell by a lot of, some of the negotiators he's spoken with. He has talked about his
past and, and all sorts of things. He'll, he'll tell anybody every and any thing about himself.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: Because he'll tell you that his life is written in the Psalms, 150 Psalms that talk about his stomach problems, about back troubles, everything.

RICK: Where the, where the Psalms describe the Lamb?

STEVE: The Psalms are -- yeah, in fact, they do. The strangest thing -- me being a Christian for so many years believing in Christ of 2,000 years ago but never having the power or, or living his lifestyle like the almost two other billion Christians, you know. In the last days it says we all have a form where we were into rituals. But none of us are doing what they did 2,000 -- no, who's raising the dead, for instance, huh?

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: You know, so I mean really it's a dead religion. It's people that have a lot of feelings and emotions about thoughts about God. And that's what most people's religion is. Mine is now based on the, as the facts as I see them from the Bible. So like with David -- what was the -- I got off here.
RICK: (Laughing.) That's okay.

STEVE: What was your question, Rick? You must --

RICK: I was -- (laughing). No, I was just sitting here thinking that maybe it will be like the trip where --

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: -- you bring it up, he'll think to ask and, and then we can get it dictated.

STEVE: Okay, yeah, I remember what I was talking about. Okay.

RICK: I, I know it seems like, I know it seems like it's, we're always asking when, when, when. But --

STEVE: No, I know it. And you can ask as many --

RICK: But --

STEVE: -- I don't -- I mean I would be doing the same thing.

RICK: But that's extremely important to all of us --

STEVE: I wish, you know, like I always said, if, if it wasn't for -- well, I don't know. I mean I know for sure if I'd have been in Hawaii and I'd have gotten involved in something well, good
grief, it would have been done then.

        RICK: Yeah.

        STEVE: But --

        RICK: I believe that too. I believe in your heart you want to come out and --

        STEVE: Well, I do. I mean --

        RICK: -- and resolve --

        STEVE: -- you know, I still, I see responsibilities that have to be, you know, still answered to and, and taken upon oneself.

        RICK: Yeah, and get clarity.

        STEVE: Exactly.

        RICK: You know, because so far like as, as you said you haven't been able to really talk freely the way you need to talk and want to talk.

        STEVE: Well, I don't even know if I'll have that opportunity. That remains to be seen. But that's not even a consideration whether I come out or not.

        RICK: Oh, I know. I know.

        STEVE: Because I will anyway. So whatever happens there. I, I like David in that letter or whatever it is, that statement he gave to DeGuerin about at least giving him an idea of when he's coming out in relation to getting those seals out.
RICK: Right.

STEVE: He -- it's like -- I forgot what I was going to say. Can you believe it?

RICK: The --

STEVE: Second --

RICK: -- we were talking about the when, when, when and --

STEVE: Yeah. Well, even with that, same with me, he himself has been like wanting to come out on one side, but it's like he still puts God first. He's waited for this.

And he actually showed, you know, he was almost like breathing a sigh of relief yesterday morning when I went to talk to him and he gave me this paper. And when I read the paper, it kind of surprised me. Because it's like well, I had a -- I was kind of -- they said like in the press conference someone said something about me, I guess it was Zimmerman, being somewhat excited or something of that nature. And well, I don't know if it was that. But I was definitely upbeat and glad that, you know, there was something even for me to look at.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: And that -- because I've been waiting here myself. Well, how long am I going to
wait here, until hell freezes over or just what here?

RICK: Sure.

STEVE: Like anybody else. But you know it's at least -- he's been well, what is -- he didn't himself know what he was waiting for.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: He got a one-word answer, and he's asked a few times since then. And now remember, you and I, I'm sure you like me do not hear any kind of voices in your head or otherwise. I mean I never bought that sort of thing. I'm highly skeptical of people that say they have supernatural experiences and, and if anything at all I usually suspect the person's hitting on maybe seven of eight.

RICK: Um-hum. Well, it sounds like that from what he's telling you this is kind of like the last direction he's gotten to, to --

STEVE: Exactly.

RICK: -- to finish.

STEVE: It seems like this is the thing that all of a sudden I think he's implying it would seem to me that some time from God's perspective has been allowed for people to start hearing something about seven seals, and now finally it's time for them to go out. Now that --
RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- it's like primed and ready. And whatever they want to do with him or the seals well, that's fine. Like the truth of the matter is he doesn't think that he will be anything but made some kind of a spectacle and a bizarre, weird thing. You know, that there's not going to be really any opportunity to really get serious into theological or into truthful statements from the Bible. He doesn't see that opportunity presenting itself. And that's what was in the letter.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: I don't either. I think that when I come out -- he especially, when he comes out he's going to be looked on as some kind of a freak oddity, and that's how it's going to be treated. And however he languishes in jail until whatever they want to do with him. I -- that's what I see happening. I think that the press will go away. The story is ended. They'll go off onto their other things. The world spins around until either we're exonerated by God if there is a God or not.

RICK: You know, it's funny we, we did talk about that before, you and I, and --

STEVE: Yeah.
RICK: And you and I, I think agreed to disagree on that. And because in reality I think when he gets out and when you come out that there's going to be tremendous interest on it. I think there's not --

STEVE: Well, there --

RICK: -- we're not able to give people a lot of answers and the media --

STEVE: Right. There may be a few, Rick. There's, there's always --

RICK: -- and, and there's a tremendous --

STEVE: -- there's always some people that are honest. Like you know, the --

RICK: I think people are really curious.

STEVE: -- the masses overall though have always been like sheep. You and I know that.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: I mean if you look at governments of the world and, and like communism of old or what's happened to the Constitution since its inception --

RICK: But look how this is, but look how this is such a unique situation. I mean you're --

STEVE: I, I truly --

RICK: -- you're, you're college educated. You're a very bright person and yet deeply committed.
And these people are, are going to be curious as to what has caused you to be so deeply committed to this something.

STEVE: Well, yeah. There's always going to be those people that want to know how they got here, where they're going. I've always been interested in three things in life. And two of those things most people, in fact all three do not like to talk about. My first interest has been God or religion. Also health of my, the condition of my body, my mind. And also politics. Those three things I, I've loved to talk about, because they all affect me day by day.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: So a lot of people do not like to talk about politics and religion. I'll talk about that all day long.

RICK: Yeah. I -- yeah. Because it's an area of study for you.

STEVE: Because of course I'm concerned about where my money is going. I'm concerned about being taxed to death. I'm concerned about people, others taking my freedoms from me. I'm concerned about others losing their freedoms. I like to hear people totally express themselves like yourself or have the ability to create or do what they can do or
want to do. So I mean I've had an interest in politics and, of course, religion and, and health.

RICK: Steve, did you read the letters that he sent out?

STEVE: Yeah, I did.

RICK: All of them?

STEVE: Yes, I did.

RICK: It seems to me, and I don't remember which one it was, but he refers to this beast meaning himself it seems.

STEVE: You know, I was -- I wanted to ask him about that too. Because I wondered what he meant too. Because in the Bible in Revelation 13 and Daniel 7 many places the beast, of course, is the whole system, the man-made system, you and I. We're, we're basically the Bible calls us beast.

RICK: Right. And also the beast --

STEVE: Because we eat, we sleep, we drink, we do all that a beast does. The only thing different about a man is you can make decisions, choices. And that -- and also you can be called to a higher plane of understanding existence.

RICK: And the devil has been referred to as the beast too. And you know, and that's why I'm really --
STEVE: The devil has been -- is that what you're telling me or --

RICK: Well, I -- you studied the Bible more than me have. But it seems like the, you know, the --

STEVE: As a serpent maybe? As a dragon?
As a lion?

RICK: Yeah, yeah. You know, right. It's also --

STEVE: You know, it is interesting that everything that Satan has been called in the Bible so has Christ.

RICK: Yeah. And I'm sure he was not referring to himself as that. And that's why I was curious as to what he meant by --

STEVE: Yeah, you know what?

RICK: -- this beast referring to himself.

STEVE: Yeah, obviously I --

RICK: I was very confused.

STEVE: Me too. I was too. And I, I wanted to ask him and I, I actually did forget. Because when I read it I came to that one statement. I know what you're talking about, because I looked at when he says this, this beast.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: Is he talking about that of the
world which I'm familiar with in his studies? Is it a word error, or is he talking about himself as one? I wondered myself.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: And it, it wouldn't make sense to me that he's talking of himself. But it could be. I mean I, I read it --

RICK: Yeah, it's not consistent with what, what he's --

STEVE: No, you're right.

RICK: I'm curious --

STEVE: I agree. I agree. I'm glad you raised that. And I'll definitely be asking him that.

RICK: When you find out for yourself, let me know too. Because I think I'd be real curious about what he meant by that.

STEVE: Okay.

RICK: You know?

STEVE: Right.

RICK: I'd be -- because believe it or not, everybody here does read everything that's put out --

STEVE: I, I suppose they almost have to.

Maybe it's part of their assignment there.

RICK: No, no. It's part of an interest in --
STEVE: Trying to figure out this off-the-wall character personality.

RICK: (Laughing.) No. I think, I think you're putting -- we're, we're --

STEVE: No, no. I'm just -- you know I'm just saying that with a grain --

RICK: I know --

STEVE: -- as they say in the Bible with a grain of salt.

RICK: Yeah, exactly. Sometimes a block of salt, right?

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: (Laughing.) But no, actually just trying to --

STEVE: That said it.

RICK: -- trying to understand, believe it or not, what -- may, may or may not believe that. But trying to -- I don't think anybody could really understand without studying and, and working with as long as you have or, or David has. But what glimpse one can get by just the limited communications we have as to trying to understand for whatever reason.

STEVE: I was interested in Swenson's remarks about myself today. It talked about --

RICK: What did, what did he say?
STEVE: -- me being as a docile person on one hand. And then, of course, flying off on the other. And --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: I think if he was stuck in a building with more than 10 people over a period of a few days even.

RICK: Uh-huh.

STEVE: Along with --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- along with just some of the intimidating statements, the threatening statements made from your side. I mean you know, there's a point that a human being who has such a deep love for freedom.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: You just say hey, wait a minute here, you know.

RICK: Well, I think the gist of the question by the media was whether or not when talking to Steve Schneider all this time whether or not we're talking to a robot. And clearly you're not. You're a person of emotion and of passion and of feeling and of thinking.

STEVE: Oh, well, no, I haven't --
RICK: And so --

STEVE: -- I haven't heard that stated on the air.

RICK: Well, I think that's what they wanted to know. And I mean he's not going to give a psychological analysis of you. He doesn't know you and --

STEVE: No, of course not. He's --

RICK: -- everything. But he can certainly represent to them that he's not talking to a machine either, you know. I think that's all that was meant by that.

STEVE: Well, you know, that hardly matters anyway. Because there's been so many untruths from before this incident that I mean you ultimately live with until you're exonerated by a God if there is one.

RICK: Well, yeah. And it -- and for whatever it's worth in the minds of and eyes of men when you come out and talk and give your --

STEVE: Well, you know, like --

RICK: -- and give your side.

STEVE: I don't know, Rick, if I told you that. But I -- like even when I went to England one year, I went back the following year, and I went into this church. Because I was raising questions they
could not answer, they started allowing me to give the answers.

    But then when it was over, I had this mob of people come up to me, and they wanted to know who I was, where I got all the information. Because you know, they couldn't controvert the information.

    And then in the process -- the first thing they want to know is something about your past like as if that's going to change the truth you speak of which they can't controvert. I'm aware of that. You know, they -- mankind always judges what he sees, the bearer of something.

    So they said what is your name? I gave them my first name. They wanted to know my last. I gave them my last. Oh, we heard about you. You're the guy that -- and then they went on in this, this long explanation of this guy that came a year before in a brown robe. And you wouldn't have believed --

    RICK: Were you wearing a brown robe?
    STEVE: Of course not. I mean we don't do that foolishness.
    RICK: Yeah, I wouldn't think so.
    STEVE: No. I --
    RICK: It wouldn't, it wouldn't be very comfortable --
STEVE: You asking me that shows that, you know, with all the things that you're hearing about us anything is possible. And, and --

RICK: Well, no, I'm just asking.

STEVE: No, no, no. I, I wouldn't wear a brown robe.

RICK: (Laughing.) I don't know.

STEVE: Pair of blue jeans maybe and an oxford shirt possibly.

RICK: I just don't see how you could wear a heavy robe in Hawaii.

STEVE: You're right.

RICK: That's why I asked.

STEVE: And in fact, if anything I ran around in shorts and a T-shirt when I wasn't busy with work.

RICK: There you go. There you go. But --

STEVE: Well, I mean I had all, you know, right from the beginning and meeting David and then sharing these things with I hoped very intelligent, educated people and everything in between with maybe open minds that they would give me a very good response to what he had.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: But on the contrary, I learned very
quickly that when they had no response whatsoever, no answers, I'm talking about scholars, then all of a sudden I started getting these rumors and slanderous statements that were floating around all over the place against me. I'm talking about places like England, America here. I mean it happened all the time.

RICK: How, how were they able to hear about you all the way in England?

STEVE: Well, when I was there. It's because like you deal in one denomination. Let me give you an example. I was kicked out of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. They kicked me out because when I first met this man Mark Breault who introduced me to David, he was, he's blind in his right eye, has little vision in his left. He's, he's a young guy that didn't seem to know a lot about the Bible.

He went away and came back 6 months later to Hawaii. This was in '86 when I was there. And he starts opening up all this information. And I says well, Mark, where did you get this? And he started telling me, he, I wouldn't believe it if he told me. And I says well, try me. And then he tells me about this guy that's in California.

So after a while, I started checking it out.
I went around to a lot of the scholars there. I brought the person, you know, David back. And then in the process, of course, went through all the information and like they analyze it, re-analyze it, checked it out and --

RICK: Um-hum. Um-hum. Somebody, somebody asked me about, to ask you something about the kids.

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: Because they're trying to -- because you said there were four boys. And --

STEVE: I -- that I'm remembering.

RICK: And Isaiah is a boy?

STEVE: I'm trying to picture them in --

yes, he is.

RICK: Okay. And is, is -- are Isaiah and Joseph both David's children?

STEVE: Well, really, all of --

RICK: Were they adopted by --

STEVE: -- you know, all of us, you know, we all, you know, because we, we love people, children included, of course, especially. You know, everybody has a real soft spot for children, innocent kids. But you know, David considers all of them to be his. And he treats them, you know, some children have come here without a father at all.
RICK: Oh, I understand that. I'm --

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: I --

STEVE: You know, like there's a lot of these that aren't that he calls his that are even in the video so.

RICK: Right. I understand that. And I'm not trying to be indelicate. But I was wondering if he, if he conceived them.

STEVE: No, not all of them. No.

RICK: How about Isaiah and Joseph? That was, that was what I was --

STEVE: Well, I could, you know, it's -- I think it would be very clear to you if he did or didn't. But let, let him, the next he's time he's on the phone, make that a question to ask him.

RICK: Okay, I'll tell them --

STEVE: Those, you know, those kind of things I, you know, when it comes to personal and things, I don't know what he wants to say about himself or how, you know, he will get into it and even beyond what you're asking. So I mean that's why I'd rather leave that to him. But anything you want to know about me or my personal life, but be expecting for me to ask you about yours also.
RICK: Well, what I'll do is I'll suggest to them that when they talk to David that they --

STEVE: You know --

RICK: -- that they ask him so that they're not asking you.

STEVE: Okay.

RICK: Does that, does that sound good?

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: Okay. (Laughing.)

STEVE: Sure.

RICK: Okay.

STEVE: Sure.

RICK: I think, I think just sometime I'm trying to get a feel for, for these children. You know, because you have made it real clear and David has too that you're concerned about their welfare. It's been no secret that we're concerned about their welfare.

STEVE: Well, should I, could I, could I let you in on something? I'm more concerned about your welfare than I am of any day of the week of these children.

RICK: In the spiritual sense.

STEVE: In any and all senses.

RICK: Well, I appreciate that.
STEVE: Because I mean if what we believe is true, and I know no one buys it. No one does. And I don't -- I probably would not either if it wasn't all the time I've spent looking at the Bible. But I am extremely concerned for your physical well-being. And that's just because of course it's natural disaster that he wrote about and was sent to you.

RICK: And you think something is going to happen to me out here? With a natural disaster?

STEVE: Well, I don't know that anything will happen to any of you. But I mean definitely, you know, there's -- it is a warning. And it's in response to this God that he says talks to him.

RICK: Right. Right.

STEVE: So I mean I'm concerned because I know these seven seals which hold the wrath of God and says how he's going to react to men in the final days which I believe are right on us. I mean after all, how long is this earth going to go on like this? Six thousand years is a lot of time for man to do it his way and figure out it doesn't work.

RICK: Yeah. What -- is there -- do you think that this might coincide with his manuscript like for example he's --

STEVE: Oh, I would have no idea about that,
Rick. I mean, you know --

RICK: If he, if he's explaining say the
sixth seal, seal to us, will that trigger some kind of
event do you think?

STEVE: You, you -- your guess is as good as
mine.

RICK: Because I don't, you know, again I'm
not as familiar --

STEVE: Unless he, unless he makes a
statement, you know, there is no -- I mean we don't --
we're never into a guessing game or speculation. Even
the students here that have been here with him a long
time.

Like if you look at II Peter 1:20 it says
know this first. No prophecy of the Scripture is of
any private interpretation. Meaning you can't just
guess at it. So even what he gets in relation always
to the Bible --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- it's not a guessing thing. You
can hit him with any kind, the hardest questions you
have. You can try to pull the carpet out from under
him. When I first met him, I'd ask him the same
question four, five different ways in the course of
the conversation, coming back to the question,
rewording it, trying to catch him. But what he would do is go deeper and deeper into the subject matter until I was totally lost for any kind of questions.

RICK: Well, that question was based more on what you know rather than what you think or what --

STEVE: Right, I understand. No, no. I know that. But I -- you --

RICK: Because I don't know.

STEVE: -- you saw I took that opportunity to drop in a statement from the Bible.

RICK: (Laughing.)

STEVE: You, you know that.

RICK: And I (laughing) --

STEVE: (Laughing.) Rick, you're --

RICK: And I've learned, and I've learned it. That's something you enjoyed doing and that's fine.

STEVE: (Laughing.)

RICK: No, I have problem with it.

STEVE: I know those guys there, I mean they tolerate me to say the best. I mean I, I mean I can -- in my mind, I can see them all laughing. And this stupid jerk, when are we going to get him out of there? And but at the same time I do have a deep appreciation for these guys. I like them. I don't
care what happens to me. I hope every one of you make it.

I -- all I can imagine is one day living in such total harmony and perfection. And I don't see that too far from now. I really don't.

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: And I'd give anything in this world if people just -- you know, people like to watch TV. They like to be entertained. The movies --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- and this is a movie.

Everything -- we've always said -- David has always stated that Satan, the highest archangel under God that has such power and himself works with men even now. I mean he has never been an originator or a creator. Only perverts and counterfeits realities, truths of God that exist in this universe.

So this is why I used to ask people have you ever seen the movie Cocoon? And if they said they have, well, of course, these beings, these aliens take off their rubber suits which are really humanity, the clay. They're beings of light. Well, that's really found in the Bible all over the place.

I mean you can look at so many of these movies, like Raiders of the Lost Ark for instance.
You probably saw it I would imagine. Most people have. You ever -- have you ever seen that, Rick?

RICK: I sure did. I, I thought it was very interesting.

STEVE: Well, that actually is taken from, jot it down, Zechariah 14. And you'll find like verses --

RICK: What, the movie is?

STEVE: Oh, yeah. Yeah. I mean the very subject matter about the ark, about their eyes. Did you notice how they melted out the tongues, the skin, the face? That's all Biblical. That's -- look at Zechariah 14. And you'll find that's where Steven Spielberg which, of course, he's Jewish. So his background would have some, he'd have some relationship to the Scriptures or at least to the old.

RICK: Let me, let me ask you something, Steve --

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: -- that kind of relates to something you said a second ago where, where you talking about asking him five different ways trying to trip him up?

STEVE: Right.

RICK: Without asking you to admit to something or anything like that have you ever really
thought, though, about what if he's wrong and what kind of implications that might have?

STEVE: All the time. I must say I did more in the first say 4 years. And since then, of course, it's not that you don't. I still do. In fact --

RICK: Yeah. I, I was thinking --

STEVE: -- let's say, let's say as soon as even I think it was yesterday or yeah, yesterday was a day that I spent a lot of the day wondering if there actually even is a God, if this book is true.

RICK: Well, no. I'm not talking about fundamental about whether or not there's a God. We're talking about David. And I'm talking --

STEVE: Oh, yeah. But of -- I mean --

RICK: In light of --

STEVE: Listen, Rick. If I, if I question the Bible and God how much more David.

RICK: And I'm wondering --

STEVE: Do you understand what I'm saying?

RICK: And I'm wondering if in light of what's happened the last month or so if you've really thought about it and, and what the risk is involved.

STEVE: Oh, yeah. For sure.

RICK: If you're wrong, what's going to happen to your soul?
STEVE: Positively. Positively. I mean frequently everyone here has. That's why believe me, it's not an easy thing. Believe me, these are not robots here. These are not brainwashed Moonies.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: Hare Krishnas. These are people that, you know, you're concerned every minute of every day about am I doing the right thing. You get -- you have butterflies, apprehension. You know, all of it. And I mean no, I don't -- there's nothing I've ever taken for granted. I don't now. I, I still don't take for granted this man is factually, positively, unquestionably right. No way.

You know, I mean more than I even question like the Bible. It was written by a lot of guys over a period of time. I don't know if they were burping over their pizzas and having bad dreams late at night and writing them down.

I'll tell you the truth. I think a Christian is a very gullible, stupid person if they accept the Bible just traditionally because their parents believed in it. Because --

RICK: Sure.

STEVE: -- if you open up its pages it's, it's nuts. I mean it's worse to me than Alice and
Wonderland when you read, for instance, Isaiah 20 through 23. The -- most of Zechariah. A lot of Daniel. What are these guys on?

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: Seriously. You know, so that's why through the years when I looked at a lot of so-called holy books and the philosophies of men even including bar-room philosophy. And I mean you compare all these things. You're looking for something solid and always keeping, knowing that probably you'll never find anything totally, holistically perfect. But I, that's why I say I've always gone by weight of evidence.

RICK: You know, if, if all of you are really soul searching or, or searching your hearts on this kind of the thing and the doubts, it's real curious to me, I'm wondering why more people haven't come out then. Because invariably if, if folks are really --

STEVE: I think --

RICK: -- challenging themselves that some might --

STEVE: Right.

RICK: -- might think that they need to come out in --

STEVE: And I have.
RICK: -- in perspective.

STEVE: You know, you'll find out one day, you know, whether you believe it or not that I really have done that.

RICK: Have done what?

STEVE: You know challenged the people and their thinking myself.

RICK: No, I'm wondering why they haven't challenged themselves.

STEVE: Well, they have. They have. That's why I said it's not an easy thing. But I guess those that still remain here yet to this time like me what probably the best way to express or explain it is the weight of evidence. It seems to be with him or in his court.

Not that all the answers are there. Because there's questions I still have that have not yet been answered. But there have been questions I've had that I never dreamed you could ever even mention to another human being and even hope for any kind of an answer.

RICK: Do you think, do you think part of some of these people motivation might be that as hard as it is in there, at least that's known, and they really have an unknown coming out? Do they really have doubts about how well they'd be treated and
everything?

STEVE: No. I really don't. I think, you know, there's some that are, of course, afraid. No question. You know, I mean they don't say that. But you can tell. You know, you can tell. But that would not be a reason to keep on staying in here. Because everyone knows you've got to. And like you say, it's been implied that the longer you stay, the worse it gets.

RICK: Because I, you know, I would think that there's a real mistrust or a real, of coming out. And that they --

STEVE: No, not really. I --

RICK: -- really don't think they'll be taken care of.

STEVE: -- I don't think anybody has total, complete faith in the system just because of their own experiences through life being from all over America and knowing that it's men judging men, and me are so fallible. And you know, there's, there have been people innocent that have been sent up. And on the other hand, there's been many that have been bad that have been let loose. And so, you know, they're aware of that just like I am.

And you always hope that you'll get the
right kind of a judge that's, that's a man of wisdom, of years and experience who will really --

RICK: And if they have, and if they have faith in whatever happens is the way it's supposed to happen.

STEVE: I must admit, my experience with judges, though, have not, it's not been good. I mean I have been in, in view of some where I've not been had to be in court but for someone else. And there's been a few that I've thought did a very good job. But overall these -- a lot of these guys I, I don't put a lot into.

RICK: But you would also grant me that if you have faith what happens is what's supposed to happen.

STEVE: I do.

RICK: I mean that's the essence of faith, right?

STEVE: I do.

RICK: And it doesn't matter what a human judge --

STEVE: That's why overall -- yeah.

RICK: You know. It's not in the human judge's hands. It's --

STEVE: Truly, oh, that's about -- you're
right about that. I'm glad --

RICK: I mean that's pretty fundamental.

STEVE: -- you brought that up. Because that's, that's the bottom line.

RICK: Yeah. What happened to those three folks that you'd been working with that were talking about coming out?

STEVE: They -- when I started pushing them the next day or two I started -- I'd walk away a little while, come back. And they said that yes in -- it was true that I did notice that, you know, they were thinking about a lot of things.

RICK: Right.

STEVE: And they says -- you know what really kind of made -- I can't remember what day it was. But then right after that is when I was still talking with them when that letter came out. And that made a lot of difference to them.

RICK: Well --

STEVE: They kind of thought if they stayed a few more days maybe that -- what even they had themselves waited up and, you know, until now. And maybe he was going to have something they could just breathe a sigh of relief and come out.

So now that he's not started working on
these seals, actually putting them into written form. I've asked a couple of them. They just, they just look at me well, you know, you know. Don't you worry about it. We'll let you know if we want to. That's kind of what they, how they've answered me now.

RICK: I wonder why they're waiting for that instead of just leaving David to write his, to write his manuscript --

STEVE: Well --

RICK: -- without them?

STEVE: Maybe what I'll end up doing, I'll go talk to those three and see if they want to get on the phone with you. And if they want to, you know, I mean I'm never around unless people want me to be. I mean --

RICK: Yeah, sure.

STEVE: -- I don't care who talks, who says what. But --

RICK: Well, I'm speaking even in a general sense.

STEVE: Yeah.

RICK: Why people would be wanting to stay there while he's writing as opposed to just coming on out. If they know that this is going to be finishing soon as soon as he does his manuscript why they're not
say the mothers --

STEVE:  I think it's because --

RICK:  -- or something like that coming on out --

STEVE:  Okay --

RICK:  -- and then he can finish --

STEVE:  Probably because --

RICK:  -- finish his business.

STEVE:  Here's the biggest reason, Rick.

Because we still get the most awesome studies. We really do. And there's still like he said. You know, like Clint asked a good question in regards to the seal what seal are we in and so forth.

But even though we know where the seals are located in the Bible, the seventh seal which it means complete, the final on all seals, has not really been opened completely and totally to, to a great understanding for all involved here. And for that reason, you know, we're all looking to see the final bits and pieces. It's like all the bricks are there and a lot of the mortar.

Just a minute. I -- one second here.

[gap]

STEVE:  I'm back.

RICK:  Yeah.  Yeah.
STEVE: So the reason is I think they want to, you know, well see the last bits and pieces and how this whole picture is. I think that they don't see that if they got into the system that they're going to have that opportunity.

RICK: That, that they're not going to have --

STEVE: You know, they won't have direct access to him to hear what it was or that they'll hear right from his own words, you know --

RICK: Yeah.

STEVE: -- how this picture all fits together.

RICK: Uh-huh. I want you if you would explain something about the seals to me.

STEVE: Okay.

RICK: Because it's not something that I've studied. And we were talking about the opening of the seals versus a manuscript writing about the seals, correct?

STEVE: Right.

RICK: Okay. And we are, we are in the seals now. And are we --

STEVE: Well, you aren't. See he -- this tape that I wanted to get out to you sometime today he
explains that. So all that is answered. And I don't want to be redundant by --

RICK: Yeah, I know. And I'm, I'm kind of looking for the table of contents version. Because I know you don't want to get into a long thing and neither do I but --

STEVE: Right. Well, like, like he says on the tape, you and those that are with you are not in any of the seals.

RICK: Because we haven't been --

STEVE: Well --

RICK: -- it hasn't been revealed to us yet.

STEVE: Well, see a seal, if you go into the book of Ephesians and all over, a seal is, is information. It's, it's information that's true information. That's simply what it is. And you don't have the seal unless you hear the information --

RICK: Okay.

STEVE: -- you evaluate it and judge it and say you believe it to be true, then it's in your mind. You see it. You believe it.

RICK: Okay.

STEVE: It's part of you. You have the seal.

RICK: So it's individualized.
STEVE: Oh, yes. Yes.

RICK: It's individualized.

STEVE: Positively.

RICK: And, and then we work through the sixth and the seventh seal. But the seventh, opening of the seventh seal to a person results in the end, end of the world or life as we know it, correct?

STEVE: I can't -- no, I can't even say, you know, that's, it's too simple. It's not quite --

RICK: Okay, that's over simple.

STEVE: -- like that. Yeah, it is.

RICK: So, well what seal are you in then if you've been working on this?

STEVE: Well, right now we're in the -- we've gone through the fourth. We're in the time of the fifth.

RICK: In the time of the fifth.

STEVE: Right.

RICK: Okay.

STEVE: But see, it's so in-depth because like the statement is in Revelation 4, there was no one even able to look thereon. I mean there's a book. It's a Bible. It's been around for years. People have made of all denominations many applications to the Bible. There's been no one that has come along
that has been able to show the literalness of the book in relation to every testimony left by all the writers of that book.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: I mean I could give you some of the greatest scholars in the world. Because I do know them personally. They're -- some of them are living legends. Some are archaeologists. And --

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- like this David Noel Freedman (phonetic sp.) who's at the University of Michigan, phenomenal. I mean phenomenal. If there was a man that -- in fact, David has never met him. It's somebody I've met years ago. And I -- tell you the truth, I'd like to get him involved in this. I'd like to have him really nail David.

Because the guy has been in so many archaeological digs over in the Mideast. He was aware very early on of the Eblephines (phonetic sp.), these like 20,000 clay cuneiform tablets that have --

RICK: Right.

STEVE: -- information even dealing with Biblical things like Abraham and the kings he fought against.

RICK: Right.
STEVE: And --

RICK: I think that would be a very interesting exchange.

STEVE: Oh, I -- it would be. And if --

RICK: I'm --

STEVE: Early on you guys, you people have never believed me. But I wasn't kidding when I said if these people, if you would have had them out in the first few days after that March 2nd, it would have been by getting a man like himself to -- even in if --

RICK: You know, you know, Steve, that's been a continuing offer though is --

STEVE: No, no. I know. But I'm talking about having -- they would come out by first hearing somebody that had the ability to blow some of his statements away. Because I've been able to do that with everyone else in the world.

RICK: Uh-huh.

STEVE: I have not been able to do it with David, Rick. That's true.

RICK: And it would be an --

STEVE: That's, that's why I'm here.

RICK: -- and it be a very interesting exchange. Sure.

STEVE: So if David Noel Freedman --
RICK: And that's, and that's why we've encouraged David to do -- why do you think David hasn't been willing to do that?

STEVE: Oh, he has been.

RICK: To --

STEVE: But he doesn't --

RICK: -- to come out and confront these people?

STEVE: No. Well, the thing of it -- now remember, you're -- we're mixing a couple of things here. Number one, whatever information David has he got it not by the way Dave Noel, David Noel Freedman did. That man studied and studied. He's got the talent, the ability that was his by birth to, you know, he's got an awesome memory. He has got I don't know how many doctor degrees. At least two.

RICK: Um-hum.

STEVE: And the man has been just a, you know, a sponge of soaking up information all his life. And he can of course give that information to anyone.

At the same time, David, here's a guy that, you know, physically had problems, dyslexia and many other things. A stutter. Could never get his thoughts together to make them plain to anyone. I mean that's common to those that knew him all the way
through up until the age of 24 or whatever.

RICK: I understand that, yeah.

STEVE: And all of a sudden, you know, he gets all this information supernaturally or so he says.

RICK: Does he still have seizures?

STEVE: Pardon?

RICK: Does he still have seizures that he had when he was younger?

STEVE: I never knew he had seizures. That's the first I've heard of it. If that's true, I never knew that.

RICK: No, you've never seen him do that?

STEVE: No.

RICK: Okay, maybe that's --

STEVE: No, I've never seen him have a seizure.

RICK: Maybe he's grown out of that then.

STEVE: Well -- yeah, well, I never knew such a thing. I mean I, his mother --

RICK: I believe his mom, his mom said something about that.

STEVE: Oh, really?

RICK: Yeah, that's my --

STEVE: His mother used to be here. And I,
I knew her for a number of years. But I never remember her telling me anything about anything like that.

RICK: I think that's where I got it. Because I read, I read an interview of her -- from her. And I believe that's where I got it.

STEVE: Well, that's a new one. That's, that's strange.

RICK: Yeah, I believe that's where it was. Answer -- let me -- do you mind if I ask you --

STEVE: Oh, you're, you're --

RICK: -- another question about this manuscript?

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