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## ABSTRACT

### AN ANALYSIS OF SUICIDE COERCION

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This paper aims to define and understand the linguistic mechanisms behind incidents of suicide coercion. This is accomplished through case studies where there are sufficient records of the incidents that can give insight into the language the perpetrators used. Using well-established research on coercion in a general sense, this paper adjusts those ideas to specifically describe suicide coercion. To do this, quotes from each incident are broken down using speech-act theory to study the effect of the words on the listener, the perlocutionary acts of the perpetrator. This approach shows promising applications including legislating effective laws that target suicide coercion.

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

The goal of this paper is to define and characterize the act of coercion in cases of suicide. This may feel rather straightforward on the surface, but things become messy when we start to look at this issue from a legal perspective. Prosecution of suicide coercion is a very recent development in our legal system with very little precedent and many pitfalls still in the road ahead. Most people will be familiar with the case against Michelle Carter in 2017. This was one of the first legal cases to successfully prosecute the coercion of suicide. With the public eye finally on this issue, people are starting to draft and campaign for laws that will make more cases like this prosecutable. However, current attempts have run into a few issues.

#### 1.1 Freedom of Speech

The very first amendment to the constitution ever made was to guarantee our right to free speech. But how far does that right go? Where are the legal boundaries? We often perform meaningful actions with our speech - a priest can declare a couple married, a district attorney can charge somebody with a crime, a friend can apologize to you. When we start to conceptualize our speech as a form of action, the idea of free speech becomes a bit more complex.

Freedom of speech is seen as our most basic protection of expression - it allows us to voice grievances towards our government and express our opinions and values without fear of governmental retribution. When we look at the other parts of our First Amendment

and the history surrounding it, we can see its original intention - to protect the basic liberty of individuals to disagree publicly with their government and to express their values, religions, and opinions. The intention of the Bill of Rights was to guarantee basic protections under our constitution - it was the compromise between the federalist and anti-federalist politicians so that our government could hold power as a union, while avoiding the more tyrannical aspects of the government the US had just separated itself from. But how does that original intention translate into the modern day?

The idea of free speech is often misunderstood. If you spend 20 minutes on American Twitter, for example, you will find someone defending themselves with the phrase “it’s a free country” or “freedom of speech means that I can say what I want”. In recent years there has been a lot of discourse surrounding free speech - particularly how those rights extend to private companies. Many people dislike that social media sites like Twitter have the right to moderate content or ban individuals because of the things they post. In a sense, Twitter is a powerful sphere of public discourse because it is free to join and access. But on another hand, Twitter is a private company that has the power to moderate its own platform - and many other people think that it has a responsibility to do just that, especially as the internet has given rise to mass misinformation and increased global communication.

But public opinion does not determine how the right of free speech is applied in a legal sense. First, our right to free speech extends beyond just our use of language - it includes actions that “speak” for us, such as burning the flag in a protest or wearing something to show support for a political movement. Historically, there have been several types of speech that are not protected by our First Amendment - making and distributing

“obscene materials”, libel or slander, violations of copyright, and my primary interest - crimes involving speech, and speech inciting lawless action.

## 1.2 Speech Acts

We have briefly touched on the idea of our speech being and performing actions. This idea is reflected in our First Amendment and how it is applied selectively to certain speech acts. For example, we know that speech that commits a crime, such as harassment or perjury, is not protected by our First Amendment. How do we classify speech acts? How do we prove that an action was done with speech? For these questions we have to turn to the field of linguistics.

Speech Act Theory was first developed by J.L. Austin in 1962 - and originally it was considered a topic of philosophy. It is easy to see why, however, as linguists have had their hand in the development of Speech Act Theory, more systematic and tangible aspects of speech acts have come into focus.

There are three different categories of speech acts, as we study them from a pragmatics perspective. Locutionary acts are the acts of producing the speech itself. You push air through your vocal cords and create speech sounds that give rise to meaningful words. All verbal speech is a locutionary act. Illocutionary acts are the actions of the words you produce - giving thanks, declaring a state, giving an order, or answering a question. Perlocutionary acts are the effects of that action on the listener, usually an emotional effect of the locutionary act. Perlocutionary acts include things like changing someone’s mind, eliciting fear, or giving people hope. They can be intentional or unintentional, and it is usually hard to be certain of what they will be until afterwards.

Speech acts can be either direct or indirect. Direct speech acts tell you exactly what they are doing. By that I mean, these speech acts usually have specific semantic requirements (Navarro-Reyes, 2010). A semantic requirement is usually a word that meets certain semantic criteria. For example, if someone is speaking a promise, there must be a word that semantically denotes the idea of promising. They could use the word “promise”, “swear”, “vow”, or any other word that has the same semantic connotations. Because of this, the speech act of promising directly states its own intention.

Indirect speech acts do not usually have the same kinds of semantic requirements (Navarro-Reyes, 2010). This makes the illocutionary act undertaken by the speaker harder to identify. Luckily, cases of coerced suicide have a precedent as being tried as involuntary manslaughter cases. This means that prosecutors do not need to prove the perpetrator’s intended illocutionary act, they only need to prove the effect that the perpetrator’s language had on the victim - the perpetrator’s perlocutionary act.

Let’s use these ideas to break down the idea of perjury. Before someone can perjure themselves, they must have performed the action of taking an oath to tell the truth. So, we can see that some speech acts require certain contexts or prerequisites. Taking an oath is a speech act of its own. However, unlike perjury, taking an oath is a direct speech act. This is demonstrated in Figure 1.1 and 1.2.

Oath (to tell the truth)

*Direct Speech Act*

- A. Prerequisites: N/A
- B. Locutionary Act: producing speech sound that make up the words of the oath
- C. Illocutionary Act: creating a promise that they will tell the truth
  - a. Semantic Requirements: a word that indicates the promise in the oath applies to the speaker (e.g., I), a word that indicates the creation of a promise (e.g., promise, swear), a phrase that clarifies what is being promised (truth) (e.g., to tell the truth).
- D. Possible Perlocutionary Acts: gaining the trust of the listener, making the speaker's claims more credible, causing the listener to take the speaker seriously

Figure 1.1: Break Down of the Oath Speech Act

Perjury

*Indirect Speech Act*

- A. Prerequisites: the speaker must have taken an oath to tell the truth
- B. Locutionary Act: producing speech sounds that make up the words used to perjure themselves
- C. Illocutionary Act: lying while under an oath of truth, therefore perjuring themselves.
  - a. Semantic Requirements: a statement or phrase that directly contradicts what the speaker believes to be true
- D. Possible Perlocutionary Acts: breaking the trust of the person they swore the oath to, making the listener angry, or deceiving the listener

Figure 1.2: Break Down of the Perjury Speech Act

When we use these ideas to look at something like coercion, we can immediately see the complexity that can be involved. This paper will start by exploring the act of coercion as a whole. How do we legally define coercion? What needs to be present to prosecute crimes involving coercion? What does the act of coercion involve in other contexts?

Then, we will move into an analysis of several cases that have involved suicide coercion, or suspected suicide coercion. My goal here is to identify the common characteristics of the language used by perpetrators of suicide coercion, and use those to create a guideline for identifying, and eventually proving coercion in some cases of suicide. Finally, potential further applications will be explored.

## CHAPTER 2

### COERCION

#### 2.1 Definition

Coercion can be present in many different contexts, but surprisingly it often looks very similar across those contexts. In this section, we will explore some of the foundational literature exploring coercion and coercion elements. To start, let us form a loose definition for coercion. In American law, coercion, sometimes used interchangeably with “duress”, is defined as some kind of pressure exerted upon the victim to get them to do something they would not do under normal circumstances. Coercion as a concept appears most often in our legal systems as a defense. The accused argues that, while they did commit a crime, they did so under duress. Unfortunately, all of the legal convention and precedent in this particular area cannot be directly applied to our goal of prosecuting the coercion of suicide. In most cases where coercion is used as a legal defense, there must be physical threats of violence in order for the defense to stand. In coerced suicide cases, threats of physical violence from the perpetrator themselves are very rare. In the cases analyzed in this paper, the types of coercion used are primarily psychological.

For this reason, a more broad and useful definition for our purposes is this:

*Coercion is defined as physical or psychological pressure that undermines a victim's consent and causes the victim to act against their own interests.*

With this definition, it is important to note that suicide, or death in general, is always considered against the interest of the victim.



Let us briefly take a moment to define suicide in the context of this paper. There are many kinds of self-caused deaths, and not all of them are generally considered suicide. If an elderly patient is sick and refuses further treatment because they, for whatever reason, cannot handle it, their death is not generally considered suicide. If a soldier jumps to cover a live grenade with his own body to protect his fellow soldiers, their death is also not generally considered suicide.

Tolhurst explored the philosophy behind this in his 1983 paper. His analysis yielded a tentative definition of suicide – the self-caused death must be intentional, and the chain of events leading to their death must be consistent with the individual’s action plan (Tolhurst, 1983). Note here that “consistent” does not mean the same thing as “identical”. For example, if an individual plans to hang themselves in order to break their neck but their fall is insufficient and they suffocate, their death is still considered a suicide. Their death by hanging was consistent with their plan, even if it happened by way of suffocation.

In the case studies we will explore, such as the Heaven’s Gate Suicides or the case of Leslie Wangsgaard, the victim’s conceptualization of death was majorly distorted at the time of their suicides. Nevertheless, their intent to end the functioning of their physical body was intentional.

There is also some importance assigned to the motivation of the victim in defining suicide. Their motivation must be to die – whatever that means to them. A soldier jumping on a grenade is motivated by his desire to protect others. As Tolhurst mentions, this definition is flawed, and there are certainly still case exceptions. However, it does provide us with a sufficient starting point for this paper.

## 2.2 Elements of Coercion

What was found through the research conducted here is that, in cases of coerced suicide, psychological coercion is by far the most common. Even in extreme situations of coercion, psychological coercion has been shown to be more effective than physical threats, or physical threats alone (Biderman, 1957).

The most detailed and precise chart of coercive elements was developed in a paper by A.D. Biderman in 1957 detailing the methods used to coerce confessions and information out of American prisoners of war in the Korean War. This extreme case may seem too fringe to be applicable to other contexts, but on the contrary, this extreme case allows us to clearly observe the elements of coercion because of how overt the coercive elements are. This will help us identify these same elements in more nuanced contexts. The eight elements of psychological coercion Biderman identified and the perceived intended effect of those methods are laid out in Table 2.1. The intended effect is important, as some of this coercion methodology does not translate directly to other contexts, but the same intentions can be carried out in different ways.

Table 2.1: Biderman's Chart of Coercion

General Method	Purpose/Effects
Isolation	Deprives victim of all social support Victim develops an intense concern with self Makes victim dependent on perpetrator
Monopolization of Perception	Fixes attention on immediate predicament Fosters introspection Eliminates stimuli competing with those controlled by perpetrator Frustrates all actions not consistent with compliance
Induced Debilitation	Weakens physical and mental ability to resist
Threats	Cultivates anxiety and despair
Occasional Indulgence	Provides positive motivation for compliance Hinders adjustment to deprivation
Demonstrating Omniscience or Omnipotence	Suggests futility of resistance
Degradation	Makes the cost of resistance more damaging to self-esteem than capitulation
Enforcing Trivial Demands	Develops a habit of compliance

### 2.3 Coercion Priming

From my research, I have concluded that suicide coercion cases fall into one of two categories -

Type 1 - A non-suicidal individual is slowly manipulated into committing suicide through long-term coercive tactics and psychological manipulation

Type 2 - A perpetrator takes advantage of the coercion-primed individual who is already suicidal to coerce them into committing suicide

Let us take a look at a few ways that suicidal individuals are “coercion-primed”.

In Biderman’s paper he discusses why psychological coercion is more effective than physical coercion. In physical torture situations, the conflict is between the victim and the perpetrator. The physical pain they experience comes directly from the perpetrator themselves. All of the victim’s mental energy is focused outward on not giving into the perpetrator’s will. In psychological torture, the perpetrator creates conflict that is between the victim and their own mind. This creates emotional turmoil for the victim, and their mental energy is split between both sides of that conflict. If the victim gives into the perpetrator’s will, then the pain they feel would stop. This exhausts a victim’s mental energy and makes them more compliant to the perpetrator. It can also prevent the victim from seeing the perpetrator as their antagonist, which means they see the perpetrator as someone without malicious intent. This makes it easier for the victim to accept the perpetrator’s directives.

Suicidal individuals are already experiencing a form of inward conflict - their desire to escape their psychological pain versus their natural desire to continue living. Therefore, this conflict does not have to be crafted by the perpetrator, they can just take advantage of this mental ‘torture’ that pre-exists in their victim. It is common for suicidal individuals to already be in extreme mental anguish and believe that one way to relieve this anguish would be suicide. This is one of the ways a victim can be “coercion-primed”. This can pose another issue when we are trying to prove coercion in a suicide case. Since less work had to happen for the perpetrator to put the victim in a mind-state conducive to coercion, there will usually be less evidence of coercion.

## CHAPTER 3

### CASE STUDIES

Something to keep in mind as we approach these cases of coerced suicide is how the context makes this unique from other kinds of coercion. As mentioned above, the perpetrator rarely situates themselves as the victim's direct antagonist. So, another common element we find in the language of these perpetrators are these self-aggrandizing statements that give them credibility or endear them to the listener. Often, they even suggest that the perpetrator is the only person who will truly care about the victim. These manifest in a few different ways and often overlap with demonstrations of omniscience.

Each case study will start by giving the reader a brief overview into the situation as a whole, talk about coercive elements that are present outside of the language of the perpetrator, and then examine specific quotes from the perpetrator that demonstrate the language they used in their coercion.

#### 3.1 Type 1 Cases

As defined above, Type 1 cases are cases in which the victim was not suicidal when they first encountered the perpetrator. These cases tend to be more extreme, occur over longer periods of time, and have more overt evidence of coercion. The following section will discuss and analyze two major Type 1 cases. In both instances, there were multiple victims, an abundance of language-based evidence, and sufficient knowledge of case context. This made ideal case studies for this analysis.

### *3.1.1 The Jonestown Massacre*

The most infamous case of coerced suicide is the Jonestown Massacre - and for good reason. Jonestown made national headlines and brought to light the dangers of some of the neo-religious movements in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. First, I will provide a general overview of the facts of this case, followed by a brief analysis of the non-linguistic coercive elements that were involved, and finally I will use the tapes recorded by Jim Jones in my linguistic analysis of the language Jones used to coerce hundreds to take their own lives.

#### 3.1.1.1 Background

Jonestown was home to The People's Temple, a religious and political group led by Jim Jones. Jones situated himself as a prophet - a religious leader who incorporated many elements of charismatic Christianity, such as faith-healings and glossolalia, or speaking-in-tongues. Jones warned of a "capitalistic apocalypse" and promised his members that he would lead them to the "promised socialistic land". After beginning to receive negative attention from the media and pop-culture in the US, the group migrated to Guyana in 1977, where they set up a community they called Jonestown (McGehee & Beck, 2013).

In 1978, a congressman named Leo Ryan traveled to Jonestown after concerned relatives of Jonestown inhabitants issued Accusations of Human Rights Violations against Jones. Ryan, as well as members of the press and some of the concerned relatives of Jonestown inhabitants, arrived to Jonestown on November 15<sup>th</sup> (McGehee & Beck, 2013). When Ryan's delegation left on November 18<sup>th</sup>, they took 14 People's Temple defectors with them. They also took a man named Larry Layton, who posed as a Temple defector,

and they were escorted to the Port Kaituma Airstrip by several other Temple members (McGehee & Beck, 2013).

Once Larry Layton had boarded the plane, both he and the Temple members who had escorted the Ryan delegation began to shoot at both the Ryan delegation and Temple defectors. In total, 5 people were killed, including Congressman Ryan, three members of the press, and one Temple defector. Twelve more people were injured in the assault, but they and the rest of the survivors managed to escape into the surrounding wilderness and hide themselves until help arrived (Hearing by Committee on Foreign Affairs, 1979).

In response to this, Jim Jones called together the rest of the Temple members. Over the course of about 45 minutes, Jones led his followers to take their own lives by drinking cyanide-laced Flavor-Aid. This resulted in a total of at least 909 known deaths, about 300 of which were children (McGehee & Beck, 2013).

### 3.1.1.2 Non-Linguistic Coercive Elements

The most immediately obvious element of coercion in this case is that of extreme physical isolation. Jones took his followers over 4000 miles away from all of their relations who were not a part of The People's Temple. All media and communication that Jonestown inhabitants received was filtered through Jones and his leadership.

Besides extreme isolation, Jonestown was set up such that each inhabitant had to work as a part of the community. This work was often brutal and long, physically exhausting and debilitating Temple members. Chronic exhaustion was surely a factor in their coercion, and we can find evidence that this sort of physical debilitation is a common coercive tactic when we look back at Biderman's Chart of Coercion (1957). There was also a secondary effect of the hard work and exhaustion among the members - an overwhelming

sense of camaraderie. Many members who made it back alive, or had come back before the 18th of November, called their time at Jonestown the best time of their lives for exactly this reason. This is an important factor that Jones takes advantage of during his appeal for ‘revolutionary suicide’.

There were also meetings in Jonestown that were dubbed “White Nights”. These nights, members would rehearse mass suicide by lining up and drinking the Flavor Aid. It is reported that on some of these White Nights, members did not know if the Flavor Aid was poisoned or not. This rehearsal is an extreme version of forming habits of compliance. Jones already had strict rules for his members that built this habit. These rehearsals were simply a way to test if his rules had been effective enough in developing habits of compliance for suicide coercion.

#### 3.1.1.3 Linguistic Coercive Elements

The language discussed here is taken from the FBI transcript of Jonestown Tape Q042, colloquially known as the “Death Tape”. The transcript in its entirety is located in Appendix A. Beside each quote I have added the page and line number where that quote can be found in Appendix A. This tape is approximately 45 minutes long and is part speech, part open-discussion of mass-suicide. Before I talk about Jones’ language directed at the entire congregation, I would like to draw your attention to an exchange he had with a Temple member named Christine Miller. Christine was the only Temple member to speak up against Jones’ plan of mass-suicide (Bellefontaine, 2013).

Christine, from her dissent, was not suicidal and held a strong belief that there must have been another option for them all to take. There have been some disagreements over whether she was driven to suicide, or if she was murdered outright (Bellefontaine, 2013).



However, either way, her exchange with Jones is an incredible example of a perpetrator actively utilizing coercive tactics in an attempt to convince a victim to take their own life. That attempt, whether or not it was actually successful, gives us clearer insight into the mechanisms of suicide coercion.

Christine's first appeal to Jones is asking about the possibility of The Temple escaping to Russia. Jones responds: "*Christine, and I appreciate — You've always been a very good agitator. I like agitation, because you have to see two sides of one issue, two sides of a question. But what those people are gonna get done, once they get through, will make our lives worse than hell.[42,5]*" Jones' first attempt here is to avoid the question completely by first complimenting Christine, then by doubling down on his prophetic threat of what is to come if they do not choose to die together. This compliment he gives Christine serves a very specific purpose: it is an indulgence so that, from the very beginning of their interaction, Christine does not see Jones as her antagonist. This is Jones' way of saying 'I appreciate you and I care about your concerns', and then Jones immediately introduces his intended antagonist: the threat of violence from outside forces.

It is important to remember that Jones has declared himself a prophet in The People's Temple. Later in his address, he comes out and says this directly. "*I'm speaking as a prophet today.[47,3]*" "*I've never lied to you. I never have lied to you. I know that's what's gonna happen.[40,10]*" When victims believe a perpetrator's claims of omniscience, it makes resisting the perpetrator's demands seem futile and unwise (Biderman, 1957).

In Christine's case, Jones' initial response is not enough to convince her. After another exchange concerning the possibility of fleeing to Russia, which Jones shut down,

Christine said this: *“I feel like that — as long as there’s life, there’s hope. That’s my faith.[44,8]”* Jones’ response was an appeal to their relationship, his ‘care’ for the Temple members, and a threat. *“I’m going to tell you, Christine, without me, life has no meaning...I’m the best thing you’ll ever have...I’m standing with those people.[44,19]”*

Christine had another appeal. *“I look about at the babies and I think they deserve to live, you know?[45,12]”* Jones responded to this by providing motivation for compliance. *“I agree. But they — But don’t they also they deserve much more? They deserve peace.[45,13]”* This statement was not only a promise of peace, but an admonition of Christine’s appeal. Jones is letting his followers know that what he desires for them is more valuable than life.

Jones also appeals to the group’s loyalty to one another. As I had mentioned before, one of the effects of the extreme isolation and physical debilitation at Jonestown was a very strong sense of community.

*“I cannot separate myself from the pain of my people. You can’t either, Christine...You can’t separate yourself.[47,5]”* *“I can’t separate myself from your actions or his actions. If you’d done something wrong, I’d stand with you. If they wanted to come and get you, they’d have to take me.[50,10]”* *“Are you going to separate yourself from whoever shot the congressman?[53,4]”* *“We can’t — we can’t separate ourselves from our own people.[58,27]”* *“You can’t separate yourself from your brother and your sister.[59,2]”*

The social pressure to comply with the will of the group was absolutely a contributing factor in the success of Jones’ coercion. Multiple times during this discussion, members who had defected earlier in the day were shamed and spoken poorly of. This

creates a greater pressure to comply with the will of the group so that they are not shamed in the same way, as some people shamed Christine for speaking against Jones([48,1],[49,21]).

When Jones spoke to the whole congregation, his language was even more overt than when he addressed Christine, particularly in his minimization of the idea of death. *“Step over quietly because we are not committing suicide. It’s a revolutionary act.[40,16]”* *“All they do is taking a drink. They take it to go to sleep. That’s what death is, sleep.[61,17]”*

The combination of the minimization of death, the promise of peace (which he claimed was more valuable than life), and the threat of imminent violence was extremely effective. However, it would not have been as effective without the long-term coercive tactics that Jones enacted in his organization. An outside observer would be more likely to recognize that a handful of members committing assault and murder did not mean that the US government would decide to massacre all 900 Jonestown residents. This demonstrates the time and effort that must be expended by the perpetrator in a Type 1 case.

### *3.1.2 The Heaven’s Gate Suicides*

Similar to The Jonestown Massacre, The Heaven’s Gate Suicides added to the fear surrounding 20<sup>th</sup> century neo-political movements. This case is unique in that each victim was not just prepared to commit suicide; they were eager. Each victim recorded a “Earth Exit Statement” that can still be found on Heaven’s Gate’s website today (heavensgate.com). This group kept extensive records of their beliefs, practices, rules, and sermons, which were later published as the book *How and When HEAVEN’S GATE May*

*Be Entered*. This wealth of information and record of the language used within the group made this case ideal for analysis in this paper.

### 3.1.2.1 Background

Heaven's Gate was a pseudo-Christian religious organization founded in 1974. It was led by Marshall Applewhite, or "Do" (pronounced [dou]), and Bonnie Nettles, or "Ti" (pronounced [ti]). The duo claimed to be what they called "the keys to Heaven's Gate", a modern reincarnation of God and Jesus. The goal of the members of this group was to leave behind everything that made them human and become what they called The Evolutionary Level Above Human. Ti and Do preached that The Heavens were a literal place occupied by humanoid extraterrestrials who were The Evolutionary Level Above Human. These extraterrestrials identified as a mind living in a physical container.

In 1985, Ti died of liver cancer. This spurred a major change in the group's religious theology. Prior to Ti's death, Ti and Do preached that one day, the extraterrestrials from The Kingdom Of Heaven would fly down and land on Earth to pick up the members of Heaven's Gate and take them to join The Kingdom of Heaven. After Ti's death, Do began to preach that Ti was called back to the Kingdom of Heaven and to do that she had to leave her 'container' behind. Do began to preach that, in order to be accepted into The Evolutionary Level Above Human, his followers would have to reject every aspect of their humanity - including their physical body (Telah Foundation, 1998).

Coinciding with the arrival of the Hale-Bopp comet in 1997, 39 members of Heaven's Gate committed mass-suicide in the hopes of leaving behind their 'human containers', being 'beamed up' to a spaceship of The Kingdom of Heaven and given 'containers' from The Evolutionary Level Above Human (Telah Foundation, 1998).

### 3.1.2.2 Non-Linguistic Coercive Elements

Ti and Do demanded a lot from their followers. Just in order to be accepted as their ‘student’, followers had to cut off all outside relationships. The duo justified this mainly by quoting Luke 14:26 (ESV), “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple” (Telah Foundation, 1998). This is a very clear example of extreme isolation that Ti and Do enforced.

Ti and Do taught that followers had to cut themselves off from everything that made them human. To do this, they instituted a long list of rules that followers had to abide by. The first of these lists was called The 17 Steps, which you can find in Appendix B.

These steps give us clear examples of how Ti and Do built habits of compliance in their followers. Additionally, several of these rules shut down any attempt to push-back against Ti and Do’s teachings. Members of Heaven’s Gate were expected to be restrained, unemotional, compliant, unquestioning, and unintrusive.

As time went on, Ti and Do’s rules became more extreme. They published a new set of rules under the name “Major and Lesser Offenses”, also available in Appendix B.

Members of Heaven’s Gate were hyper-regulated from what they ate, to their gender presentation, to their demeanor, and to their personal relationships. Members were taught, through this, to trust no one except Ti and Do, not even themselves. Through these rules, Ti and Do established complete isolation, monopolization of member’s perceptions, and mental debilitation.

### 3.1.2.2 Linguistic Coercive Elements

In 1996, as the group started to prepare for their planned suicide, Do recorded two video tapes appealing to the public to reject their humanity and join them in ‘advancing to The Evolutionary Level Above Human’. These tapes give us incredible insight into the language that Do was using with his followers, and the language he ultimately used to coerce them to take their own lives. The transcripts of these tapes can also be found in Appendix B. Beside each quote I have added the page and line number where that quote can be found.

First, Do established a threat - something to make life on Earth look undesirable. *“Planet Earth about to be recycled - Your only chance to survive or evacuate is to leave with us.[96,11]”* This threat is unlikely to have any effect at all on someone who has not been subjected to the other coercive elements that Do used on his followers. This is why Type 1 cases can take so long to develop. Do goes into further detail, explaining that after his followers ascend to The Kingdom Level, the Kingdom of Heaven will *“spade-under”* the Earth, resetting human civilization. With all of these statements, Do is repeatedly claiming his own omniscience.

To Do’s followers, it was futile both in practice and in theory to resist Do’s directives. This is because of Do's enforcement of rules and his perceived omniscience. This is key in Do’s coercive strategy.

That is not to say that Do never addressed opposing arguments. *“To most people who would consider themselves intelligent beings, they'd say, "Well, that's absurd. What's all this doomsday stuff? What's all this prophetic, apocalyptic talk?" You know, intelligent human beings should realize that all things have their own cycle.[96,13]”* This is one of

the few indulgences we see from Do, and he immediately follows this brief indulgence with a harsh restatement of his own perspective. This superficially addresses the listener's doubts in such a way that shuts down that train of thought, without actually addressing those doubts seriously.

Another tactic that Do uses is to blame the listener's doubts on something outside of their control.

*“Even as you listen to me you might recognize me and that information, but the lower forces and your genetic programming says, "Oh, don't listen to that. Don't listen to that. That's horrible. That's the Anti-Christ..I'm afraid that what you have been listening to - I'm not blaming you for listening to it, you hardly stood a chance - are the lower forces. These lower forces are so strong, that they have brainwashed and kept humans totally intoxicated at every level around the globe...It's not your fault. I know that's where your trust is, I know that's where your faith is. And I am desperate to give you help so that you can leave this place.[78,5]”*

This creates a perceived enemy, an antagonist for the listener other than Do himself, and an antagonist for Do that is not the listener. It turns the conflict from the listener versus Do into the listener and Do versus ‘the lower forces’.

Do also offered significant incentive to those who followed his directives.

*“If you want to know My Father, if you want to move into My Father's Kingdom, then shed everything of this world - leave everything behind - and come and follow Me.[102,14]”*

*“Next Level bodies are perfectly beautiful "suits of clothes." They are perfectly beautiful bodies - neither male nor female...It's a body that exists for the most part, in a non-*

*destructive environment, except when it has to go to a place like planet Earth. So, it's potentially an eternal body - an everlasting body.[82,19]”*

Do offered his followers a potentially everlasting body, everlasting life for the spirit, and a place in The Kingdom of Heaven. This dual system of threats for non-compliance, and promises of rewards for compliance, is extremely effective. Especially on individuals who are already in the habit of complying with such a comprehensive list of demands, such as those Do had instituted.

Through these tapes we also get insight into the language Do used to isolate his followers.

*“I hope for your sake that you will, at least, ponder this - don't ask your neighbors, your friends, what they think of this. Instead, go into the privacy of your "closet" and see if you can connect with the purest, highest source that you might consider "God," and ask: "What about this? Is this information for real? Is this for me? If it is, then please give me the strength I need to pursue it." As soon as you tell anyone else, they will likely be used by the lower forces as their instruments to have you not believe, to have you stay in this world and wait for the "Heaven on Earth." [118,9]”*

Again, Do situates himself as the listener's ally against this constructed antagonist. However, in this quote, Do takes it one step further. Do implicates the listener's trusted friends and family as agents of this antagonist. By combining this argument with his teachings that The Kingdom of Heaven can only be achieved by abandoning all human connection and socialization, Do was very successful in isolating his followers from all outside influences or perspectives.



Interestingly, Do does not use many direct minimizations of death like Jones did. This is partially because Do's entire theology that he preaches culminates in a minimization of a very specific kind of death: the death he asks of you, when he asks it. This indirect minimization of death is uncommon and is unlikely to be seen in a Type 2 case, or a Type 1 case that does not involve some form of spirituality.

### 3.2 Type 2 Cases

As defined previously, a Type 2 case is a case where the victim was suicidal at the time they encountered the perpetrator. This means the victim is in a state of being 'coercion primed'. We cannot say for certain whether these cases are more common than Type 1 cases, however it seems likely due to the fact that we find that Type 2 cases develop with less effort, less overtly, over a shorter period of time. So far, Type 2 cases have been the only type of cases to be tried in court. Since it is unlikely for a Type 2 case that does not go to trial to make the news, well-documented Type 2 cases are harder to find. This section covers 2 cases with sufficient evidence for linguistic analysis, and the first suicide coercion case to ever result in a conviction, *Persampieri vs. Commonwealth*.

#### *3.2.1 The Death of Leslie Wangsgaard*

Leslie Wangsgaard's death is a case of suspected coerced suicide. It has never been tried and unlike cases previously analyzed in this project, there are no recordings or records of Leslie that can definitively link her death to the alleged perpetrator. However, the alleged perpetrator, Teal Swan, has gained notoriety for her language concerning suicide, and has had as many as 4 deaths attributed to her teachings in some way (Brown, 2018). Additionally, in the analysis below, several coercive elements can be clearly identified.

Swan frequently posts videos of her teachings, seminars, and other spiritual content on her YouTube channel, including her teachings on death and suicide, and her experience with Leslie Wangsgaard. This makes this case ideal for linguistic analysis due to the amount of language-based evidence available.

#### 3.2.1.1 Background

Leslie Wangsgaard and her husband John were close followers of spiritual guru Teal Swan. After they met, Swan soon began having one-on-one ‘therapy’ sessions with Leslie. Soon after this, Leslie decided to stop taking her antidepressant medication without psychiatric supervision at Swan’s suggestion. During one of these therapy sessions, Leslie recovered ‘suppressed’ memories of childhood sexual abuse inflicted by her father. On the night of May 19th, 2012, Leslie committed suicide by overdose and died in her bed.

Because of Swan’s public discourse regarding suicide and death, many people believed that Swan is the reason that Leslie decided to kill herself. Swan has never been tried or implicated in this case. However, Swan has been connected to at least three other cases of suicide. Because of this, I believe the language she uses to talk to her followers about death and suicide is appropriate data for identifying elements of suicide coercion.

#### 3.2.1.2 Non-Linguistic Coercive Elements

In Leslie’s case, we can identify some facts that we can consider ‘coercive elements’. Firstly, by suggesting that Leslie stop taking antidepressants, Swan was able to mentally debilitate Leslie and increase her level of internal conflict. Leslie had tried before to stop taking her antidepressants without doctor supervision and, according to her husband, John, it had gone very poorly and had resulted in increased suicidal thoughts and mood swings.

Secondly, Swan helped Leslie “recover suppressed memories” of extreme childhood trauma. There is a lot of controversy around the idea of “suppressed” or “repressed” memories. Studies show that it is possible for child sexual abuse survivors to completely forget the incidence of their trauma, sometimes even after remembering it again. However, there is also evidence that recovered memories can be planted, especially if there are psychoactive drugs, hypnosis, or spiritual experiences involved. Furthermore, therapists can plant these fabricated memories without even intending to, and most mainstream psychologists believe that most, if not all, instances of repressed memory recovery are actually false memories (Goodman et al., 2019).

No one can prove Swan’s intention or actions regarding this. What is important though, is that we can surmise the effect that this incident had on Leslie. This was another level of mental debilitation as well as a motivation for Leslie’s isolation. Leslie was unsure which family members she could trust after remembering her trauma, so she distanced herself from almost all of them. Additionally, Swan also has directives for her followers. Leslie had built a habit of complying with those directives whenever possible.

Swan also had an unusual connection with Leslie’s husband, John. Swan had told John that they had been married in a past life, and to this day John will still talk about his “spiritual attraction” to Swan. This may have also been an isolating factor in Leslie’s case if this extra-marital attraction had caused any emotional strain on her and John’s marriage.

### 3.2.1.3 Linguistic Coercive Elements

The Teal Swan quotes discussed here come from a podcast put together by reporter Jennings Brown called The Gateway. Brown conducted extensive investigative journalism into Swan’s past, teachings, and allegations of suicide coercion. All Swan quotes used here

come from audio clips of Swan speaking that are included in that podcast, and the episode number and timestamp has been included next to the quotes.

To start, let us look at some of what Swan said during a workshop where Leslie was not only in attendance, but that Leslie had monetarily sponsored. *“It feels so fantastic to die[ep2, 0:59]”* Swan’s language here is very overt. We can see both a promise in this quote, as well as an indirect minimization of death. To suicidal, coercion-primed individuals, the concept of anything “feeling fantastic” is very alluring. Additionally, there is usually conflict within the victim such that they already believe that suicide is a potential relief. Confirmation of this from a trusted source is already extremely coercive.

*“What suicide is, is pushing the reset button. What is suicide? It’s giving up completely on life. So let yourself give up physically on life by falling on the floor. When you are on the floor, I want you to imagine dying. Here is the thing, you have been loosely and mostly subconsciously toying with the idea of suicide. You have been thinking about it. But not really consciously. This time what I am going to encourage you to do is to consciously imagine committing suicide. Imagine how you want to kill yourself and where you want to kill yourself, imagine every grizzly detail.[ep 2, 1:14]”*

In this quote, we can see Swan actually lead her audience through a rehearsal of suicide. This exercise that she leads them through has a low perceived cost to her audience, so they follow along without protest. However, this rehearsal starts to build a habit of complying with Swan’s directives, and it desensitizes the listener to the severity of suicide. Swan’s language also dictates directly to the listener what they should be feeling, or what they have been experiencing. This is a powerful way to actually create those experiences

in those listeners. This increases the tension in a victim's internal conflict and can aggravate their suicidal tendencies.

Leslie's husband, John, has also given some second-hand accounts of what Swan had said to Leslie during their time together. It is important to know that John and Leslie fully believed that Swan had supernatural and psychic powers, so Swan's statements carried a lot of weight.

*"Because Teal can see these things, she said she had never seen a human being that was still in physical form whose soul was so wanting to get out of the body. She commented to me and to Leslie. She said, "I have never seen a human being that is still alive whose soul so badly wants to get out of the body." [ep2, 21:52]" - John Wangsgaard*

Coming from a trusted source, a comment like that can cause serious mental debilitation. The victim can start to believe that they are beyond help, that resisting suicidal urges was pointless.

More support for Leslie being led to this perspective comes from how Swan herself talked about Leslie's death.

*"And so we had that very serious sit-down talk where we had to say, alright, we're either committing or not committing to life because every time I gave her a suggestion she'd stop in two days doing the suggestion. So then we have to ask the question do we really want this to work? And what's interesting is that when she asked herself that question the answer was, "No. I'm done." There's nothing that any healer could ever do for that type of vibration which is totally fine. From source energy there's nothing wrong with death from that perspective. So, she chose to commit suicide. [ep2, 28:58]"*

Swan created a false dichotomy for Leslie: either Leslie committed to Swan's suggestions, or Leslie was uncommitted to life and she had a 'vibration' that no one could heal. This is an incidence where Swan was in complete control of Leslie's perception of her situation. Furthermore, Swan used that control, intentionally or not, to create further mental debilitation and anguish. All of this, combined with Swan's consistent minimization of death, as we can also see in this quote, created an environment that led to Leslie Wangsgaard committing suicide.

### *3.2.2 Ilario Persampieri vs. Commonwealth*

Persampieri vs. Commonwealth was included primarily for its legal relevance and did not contribute meaningfully to any linguistic analysis due to the fact that there was not enough language-based evidence available. This was the first case of coerced suicide that resulted in a conviction. Specifically, a conviction of involuntary manslaughter. Below are the details of the case that are available to the public, and their relevance to more recent cases. This legal precedent was groundbreaking, and how it occurred is important to how it can be used in future cases.

#### *3.2.2.1 Background*

On December 6th, 1957, Ilario Persampieri and his wife had dinner with his wife's parents. After the dinner, Persampieri informed his wife that he wanted a divorce. After this, an argument ensued that ended in Persampieri's wife inflicting herself with a gun wound that she died from the next day. Persampieri was charged and found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, due to the fact that he demonstrated criminally reckless behavior (Justia Law, 1961).

The information about this case is very limited. There are no details outside of the night of the event, and no public records regarding the Persampieri's relationship. There are no public elements of this case that could be considered overt non-linguistic coercive elements. However, Persampieri loaded the gun, noticed the safety was off, and handed it to his wife. With these actions, especially coming from a spouse, comes a level of mental distress and debilitation that could have contributed to his wife's death.

Besides for this potential induced mental distress, this case does not actually show any overt signs of suicide coercion. Instead, this seems to be a case where the victim had already decided to commit suicide, and the perpetrator simply assisted them in carrying it out. However, Persampieri's actions did encourage his wife's decision, and it is unclear whether his wife would have been successful in her attempt if he did not assist her.

It is also possible that without Persampieri's goading and encouragement, his wife would not have committed suicide. However, this case has so few details that go beyond the night of the incident, and the details regarding that night point more towards a woman who encountered a level of mental distress that caused her to decide to commit suicide, much like any other suicidal individual, and a man who actively helped her carry it out.

However, this case set a precedent that wanton or reckless behavior that led to the suicide of another is considered involuntary manslaughter. Acts of suicide coercion, coercive elements that we have discussed before, fall into this category of wanton or reckless behavior. Additionally, since these cases are charged as involuntary manslaughter, the intention of the perpetrator does not need to be proven. Proving the intention of spoken or written language is much more difficult than proving its effect.

### 3.2.3 *The Commonwealth vs. Michelle Carter*

This case, when it went to trial in 2017, used the legal precedent set by *Persampieri vs. Commonwealth* to prosecute Michelle Carter for involuntary manslaughter. After this case made national headlines, the issue of suicide coercion has been introduced once again to the public eye. This case is currently the most well-known case of suicide coercion, largely in part to a recent Hulu TV series based on the case. Currently, the victim's parents are some of the most out-spoken advocates for legislation prosecuting suicide coercion directly and they remain influential in that process.

#### 3.2.3.1 Background

In 2014, 18-year-old Conrad Roy drove to a store parking lot and started running a portable water pump inside his car in order to generate carbon monoxide. Conrad had been suicidal for a few years and had attempted suicide multiple times, but he had sabotaged every previous attempt. This time, too, he left the car after he started to feel dizzy, but he re-entered the vehicle after a call from his girlfriend, Michelle Carter, and eventually died from asphyxiation (Kafker, 2019).

Roy and Carter's relationship was primarily through text messaging due to the fact that they were unable to see each other very often. At the beginning of the relationship, Carter urged Roy to seek professional help for his mental health issues. As Roy rejected these suggestions, Carter's behavior changed and began to display some of the coercive elements discussed previously in this paper (Kafker, 2019).

#### 3.2.3.3 Linguistic Coercive Elements

The quotes used here are pulled from the text messages between Roy and Carter that were submitted into evidence during the trial against Carter (Kafker, 2019). Any typos



therein are a part of the original message.

Carter's primary coercive tactic against Roy was induced debilitation through the creation of mental distress. When she believed Roy was not complying with her directives, she would berate and guilt him forcefully.

*“SEE THAT'S WHAT I MEAN. YOU KEEP PUSHING IT OFF! You just said you were gonna do it tonight and now you're saying eventually....” “WELL WHEN ARE YOU GETTING IT” “You better not be bull shiting me and saying you're gonna do this and then purposely get caught” “u can't break a promise.”*

There is one instance where Roy expresses concern over how his family would react to his suicide, and Carter responds with a message that utilizes several coercive tactics.

*“I think your parents know you're in a really bad place. Im not saying they want you to do it, but I honestly feel like they can except it. They know there's nothing they can do, they've tried helping, everyone's tried. But there's a point that comes where there isn't anything anyone can do to save you, not even yourself, and you've hit that point and I think your parents know you've hit that point.They know how sad you are and they know that you're doing this to be happy, and I think they will understand and accept it. They'll always carry u in their hearts”*

Here, Carter starts by claiming her own omniscience by telling Roy how his family would feel about his suicide. She then restates the perception of the situation that induces feelings of isolation, and mental distress - that there is nothing anybody can do to help him. Lastly, Carter minimizes the idea of death and offers the promise that death will bring Roy happiness and take away his sadness.

*“I thought you wanted to do this. The time is right and you're ready, you just need to do it! You can't keep living this way. You just need to do it like you did last time and not think about it and just do it babe. You can't keep doing this every day”*

In this quote, Carter uses a similar strategy to Teal Swan. She speaks to Roy in second person, substituting her own perspective for his. Unlike the Persampieri case, there is very clear evidence of Carter engaging in the coercive tactics we have seen in other coerced suicide cases.

## CHAPTER 4

### CONCLUSION

#### 4.1 Elements of Suicide Coercion

Table 4.1 was created by adapting Biderman's Chart of Coercion (1957) to fit the specific context of coerced suicides. This was done using the data collected from the case studies in Chapter 3. Examples are included in order to fully explain each coercive element and where it came from.

Several elements, such as Isolation or Monopolization of Perception, were not significantly changed from Biderman's chart. How these elements were accomplished, however, differed considerably from how they were accomplished in the context of eliciting false confessions from prisoners of war. This is part of the reason why examples are included in Table 4.1, so that the reader can have a sense of what this element looks like in this specific context

Table 4.1: Coercive Elements in Cases of Coerced Suicide

Coercive Element	Purpose / Effect	Example
Isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deprives victim of all social support</li> <li>- Victim develops an intense concern with self</li> <li>- Makes victim dependent on perpetrator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “They don’t really understand you”</li> <li>- Taking victim to remote physical location</li> <li>- Degradation of everyone besides the perpetrator</li> </ul>
Claiming Omniscience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggests futility of resistance</li> <li>- Shuts down victim’s hope of alternative option</li> <li>- Elevates victim’s view of the perpetrator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “I know what will happen” “I know what is best”</li> <li>- Claims of supernatural powers or knowledge</li> </ul>
Monopolization of Perception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fixes attention on immediate predicament</li> <li>- Fosters introspection</li> <li>- Eliminates stimuli competing with those controlled by perpetrator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explicitly guiding victim through introspection</li> <li>- Not allowing the discussion of other viewpoints</li> <li>- Creating an environment without distraction or interruption</li> </ul>
Threats and Promises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultivates despair</li> <li>- Creates motivation for compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reminders of the hardships the victim must face if they continue living</li> <li>- “Death will set you free”</li> </ul>
Minimization of Death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lowers the perceived cost of compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Death is just like a peaceful sleep.”</li> </ul>
Occasional Indulgence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Helps keep the perpetrator out of the role of direct antagonist</li> <li>- Hinders the victim’s adjustment to psychological torment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compliments for the victim’s resistance to compliance</li> <li>- Perpetrator briefly sympathizes with opposing view</li> </ul>
Enforcing Lesser Demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develops a habit of compliance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enforcing arbitrary rules</li> <li>- Making the victim rehearse suicide in some way</li> </ul>
Induced Debilitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Weakens victim’s physical and mental ability to resist</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sleep deprivation</li> <li>- Food deprivation</li> <li>- Causing mental distress</li> </ul>

Biderman's element of "Demonstrating Omniscience or Omnipotence" was refined into "Claiming Omniscience". Perpetrators in cases of coerced suicide have very little opportunity to actually demonstrate omniscience or omnipotence to a victim. However, similar results are acquired through claims of omniscience. If the perpetrator has gained enough trust from the victim, no explicit demonstrations are required.

The coercive element Threats was expanded to include Promises. In cases of suicide coercion, threats usually come in the form of a reminder of the pain a victim will have to suffer if they continue living. These threats are more effective when combined with a promise that death will relieve the threat and reward the victim with things, such as peace or happiness.

Minimization of Death was added to the chart. This is a coercive element that is very context specific. However, within the context of suicide coercion, the analysis revealed that the minimization of death is a powerful tool to reduce the cost of compliance in a victim's mind.

Biderman's element "Enforcing Trivial Demands" was changed to "Enforcing Lesser Demands". This is because the directive the perpetrator is trying to make the victim to comply with is one that comes at such a high cost. Therefore, it is very beneficial to train the victim in habits of compliance in progressively more costly demands. In many cases, the demands eventually enforced are anything but trivial.

Lastly, Biderman's element of Degradation was moved under Induced Debilitation. This is because the effect of degradation in this context aligns with that of Induced Debilitation. Additionally, in the context of suicide coercion, victims often already have

low self-esteem. Appealing to that self-esteem in order to try to gain compliance is unlikely to be productive.

#### 4.2 Potential Legal Applications

Exploring suicide coercion from a linguistic standpoint can give legislators and prosecutors a more tangible way to identify and isolate cases of coerced suicide. There is currently a legal need for explicit differentiation between different types of self-caused death. A major concern with potential legislation prosecuting coerced suicide directly is that it would inadvertently also affect the legal status of euthanasia.

There is a possibility that the development of concrete benchmarks for what is considered suicide coercion could help to solve this issue. More research is needed to evaluate the potential of using language-based evidence of coercion as one of these benchmarks.

Additionally, future legislation in this area would benefit from clear distinctions between speech protected by the First Amendment, and speech that is considered wanton and reckless such that it constitutes a crime. It would be beneficial to look into how the elements of suicide coercion described and examined in this paper could help to develop these explicit distinctions.

Finally, utilizing language-based evidence of coercion to prosecute suicide coercion may aid in overcoming some of the legal uncertainties in cases where the persecutor and the victim were separated by distance and communicated through technological means. As the definition of coercion expands within the legal sphere to accommodate the need for a way to prosecute suicide coercion, it is imperative that we

develop a deeper understanding of the elements and signs of coercion through continued research and application.

APPENDIX A

Q042 TRANSCRIPT, BY FIELDING M. MCGEHEE III



(**Note:** This tape was one of the 53 tapes initially withheld from public disclosure.)

**Jones:** How very much I've tried my best to give you the good life.

**Crowd:** Response

**Jones:** But in spite of all of my trying, a handful of our people, with their lies, have made our life impossible. There's no way to detach ourself from what's happened today. Not only are we in a compound situation, not only are there those who have left and committed the betrayal of the century, some have stolen children from others, and are in pursuit right now to kill them, because they stole their children. And we — we are sitting here waiting on a powder keg. I don't think it is what we want to do with our babies. I don't think that's what we had in mind to do with our babies. It is said by the greatest of prophets from time immemorial: "No man may take my life from me; I lay my life down."

**Crowd:** Response

**Jones:** So to — to sit here and wait for the catastrophe that's going to happen on that airplane — it's going to be a catastrophe, it almost happened here. Almost happened — The congressman was nearly killed here. But you can't steal people's children. You can't take off with people's children without expecting a violent reaction. And that's not so unfamiliar to us either, if we — even if we were Judeo-Christian — if we weren't Communists. The world— the kingdom suffereth violence and the violent shall take it by force. If we can't live in peace, then let's die in peace.

**Crowd:** Applause

**Jones:** (Weary) We've been so betrayed. We have been so terribly betrayed.

Music and singing

**Jones:** But we've tried and as Jack Beam often said — I don't know why he said it — I just know (unintelligible word) Jack, he said if this only works one day, it was worthwhile.

**Crowd:** Applause

Tape edit

**Jones:** Thank you. (Tape edit) Now what's going to happen here in a matter of a few minutes is that one of those people on that plane is gonna — gonna shoot the pilot. I know that. I didn't plan it, but I know it's going to happen. They're gonna shoot that pilot, and down comes that plane into the jungle. And we had better not have any of our children left when it's over, because they'll parachute in here on us. (Pause) I'm going to be just as plain as I know how to tell you. I've never lied to you. (More emphatic) I never have lied to you. I know that's what's gonna happen. That's what he intends to do, and he will do it. He'll do it. What so being so bewildered with many, many pu — pressures on my brain, seeing all these people behave so treasonous — there was too much for me to put together, but uh, I — I now know what he was telling me. And it'll happen. If the plane gets in the air even. (Pause) So my opinion is that we be kind to children and be kind to seniors and take the portion like they used to take in ancient Greece, and step over quietly, because we are not committing suicide. It's a revolutionary act. We can't go back. They won't leave us alone. They're now going back to tell more lies, which means more congressmen. And there's no way, no way we can survive. Hmm?

(Voice too soft)

**Jones:** Anybody. Anyone who has any dissenting opinion, please speak. (Pause) Yes. You can have an opportunity, but if our children are uh, are left, we're going to have them

butchered. We can make a strike, but we'll be striking against people that we — we don't want to strike against. And what we'd like to get are the people that caused this stuff, and some — if some people here are p — are prepared and know how to do that, to go in town and get Timothy Stoen, but there's no plane. (Pause) There's no plane. You can't catch a plane in time. He's responsible for it. He brought these people to us. He and Deanna Mertle. The people in San Francisco will not — not be idle over there. (Pause) They'll not take our death in vain, you know. Yes, Christine.

**Christine Miller:** Is it too late for Russia?

**Jones:** Here's why it's too late for Russia. They killed. They started to kill. That's why it makes it too late for Russia. Otherwise I'd said, Russia, you bet your life. But it's too late. I can't control these people. They're out there. They've gone with the guns. (Self-evident tone) And it's too late. (Pause) (Weary tone) And once we kill anybody — at least that's what I've always — I've always put my lot with you. If one of my people do something, it's me. (Pause) And they say I don't — I don't have to take the blame for this, but I can't — I don't — I don't live that way. They said deliver up Ujara, who tried to get the man back here. Ujara, whose wi — mother's been lying on him and lying on him and trying to break up this family. And they've all agreed to kill us by any means necessary. You think I'm going to deliver them Ujara? Not on your life.

**Crowd:** No.

**Jones:** No.

**Ujara [Don Sly]:** Is there any way that if I go that it'll help us?

**Jones:** No. You're not going. You're not going.

**Crowd:** No.

**Jones:** You're not going. I can't live that way. I cannot live that way. (More emphatic) I've lived with — for all, and I'll die for all.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** I've been living on a hope for a long time, Christine, and I appreciate — You've always been a very good agitator. I like agitation, because you have to see two sides of one issue, two sides of a question. But what those people are gonna get done, once they get through, will make our lives worse than hell. They'll make us — make the rest of us not accept it. When they get through lying. They posed so many lies between there and that truck that we are — we are done-in as far as any other alternative.

**Miller:** Well, I say let's make an air — airlift to Russia. That's what I say. I don't think nothing is impossible if you believe it.

**Jones:** How are we going to do that? How are you going to airlift to Russia?

**Miller:** Well, I — Well, I thought you — they said if we got in an emergency, that they gave you a code to let them know.

**Jones:** No, they didn't. They gave us a code that they'd let us know on that issue, not us create an issue for them. They said if we — if they saw the country coming down they agreed they'd give us a code. They'd give us a code. We — you can check on that and see if it's on the code. We can check with Russia to see if they'll take us in immediately, otherwise we die. I don't know what else you say to these people. But to me, death is not — uh, death is not a fearful thing. It's living that's cuts ya.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** I have never, never, never, never seen anything like this before in my life. I've never seen people take the law uh, and do uh — in their own hands and provoke us and try to purposely agitate murder of children. There is no — Christine, it's just not — it's just not worth living like this. Not worth living like this.

**Miller:** I think that there were too few who left for twelve hundred people to give them their lives for those people that left.

**Jones:** Do you know how many left?

**Miller:** (Casual) Oh, twenty-odd. That's — That's a small (Jones speaks over)

**Jones:** Twenty-odd, twenty-odd.

**Miller:** Compared to what's here.

**Jones:** Twenty-odd. But what's gonna happen when they don't leave? (Pause) I hope that they could leave. But what's gonna happen when they — when they don't leave?

**Miller:** You mean the people here?

**Jones:** Yeah. What's going to happen to us when they don't leave, when they get on the plane and the plane goes down?

**Miller:** I don't think they'll do that.

**Jones:** You don't think they'll go down?

**Crowd:** Murmurs

**Jones:** I — I wish I could tell you were right, but I'm right. There's one man there who blames, and rightfully so, Debbie Blakey for the murder — for the murder of his mother — and he'll sh — he'll stop that pilot by any means necessary. (Pause) He'll do it. That plane'll come out of the air. There's no way you can fly a plane without a pilot.

Miller: I wasn't speaking about that plane. I was speaking about a plane for us to go to Russia.

**Jones:** How — (Sighs)

**Crowd:** Stirs

**Jones:** — to Russia? You think Russia's gonna want — no, it's not gonna, it's, it's, it's — We're not, uh — You think Russia's gonna want us with all this stigma? (Pause) We had — we — we had some value, but now we don't have any value.

**Miller:** Well, I don't see it like that. I mean, I feel like that — as long as there's life, there's hope. That's my faith.[2]

**Jones:** Well — someday everybody dies. Some place that hope runs out, because everybody dies. I haven't seen anybody yet didn't die. And I'd like to choose my own kind of death for a change. I'm tired of being tormented to hell, that's what I'm tired of. (Pause) Tired of it.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** — twelve hundred people's lives in my hands, and I certainly don't want your life in my hands. I'm going to tell you, Christine, without me, life has no meaning.

**Crowd:** Applause

**Jones:** I'm the best thing you'll ever have. I want, want, I have to pay — I'm standing with Ujara. I'm standing with those people. They're part of me. I could detach myself. I really could detach myself. No, no, no, no, no, no. I never detach myself from any of your troubles. I've always taken your troubles right on my shoulders. And I'm not going to change that now. It's too late. I've been running too long. Not going to change now.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Maybe the next time you'll get to go to Russia. The next time round. This is — what I'm talking about now is the dispensation of judgment. This is a revolutionary — it's a revolutionary suicide council. I'm not talking about self — self-destruction. I'm talking about what — we have no other road. I will take your — your call. We will put it to the Russians. And I can tell you the answer now, because I'm a prophet. Call the Russians and tell them, and see if they'll take us.

**Miller:** I said I'm not ready to die.*[Alternative Transcription: It's not that I am afraid to die.]* But I know (unintelligible)

**Jones:** I don't think you are. I don't think you are.

**Miller:** But, ah, I look about at the babies and I think they deserve to live, you know?

**Jones:** I — I agree. But they — But don't they also they deserve much more? they deserve peace.

**Crowd:** Right.

**Miller:** We all came here for peace.

**Jones:** And we've — have we had it?

**Miller:** No.

**Jones:** I tried to give it to you. I've laid down my life, practically. I've practically died every day to give you peace. And you still not have any peace. You look better than I've seen you in a long while, but it's still not the kind of peace that I wanted to give you. Uh — A person's a fool who continues to say that they're winning when you're losing. (Pause)

Win one, lose two. What? (Pause) I didn't hear you, ma'am. You'll have to speak up.  
Ma'am, you'll have to speak up.

**Woman:** (Unintelligible)

**Jones:** That's a sweet thought. Who said that? (Pause) C — Come on up and speak it again, honey. Say what you want to say about (unintelligible) is taking off. No plane is taking off. (Pause) It's suicide. Plenty have done it. Stoen has done it. But somebody ought to live. Somebody — Can they talk to — and I've talked to San Francisco — see that Stoen does not get by with this infamy — with this infamy. He has done the thing he wanted to do. Have us destroyed. (Pause)

**Miller:** When you — when you — when we destroy ourselves, we're defeated. We let them, the enemies, defeat us.

**Jones:** Did you see — did you see, "I will live to fight no more forever?"

**Miller:** Yes, I saw that.

**Jones:** Did you not have some sense of pride and victory in that man? Yet he would not subject himself to the will or the whim of people who tell — that they're gonna to come in whenever they please and push into our house. Come when they please, take who they want to, talk to who they want to — does this not living? That's not living to me. That's not freedom. That's not the kind of freedom I sought.

**Miller:** Well, I think where they made their mistake is when they stopped to rest. If they had gone on, they would've made it. But they stopped to rest.

**Jim McElvane:** Just hold on, sister, just hold on. We have made that day. We made a beautiful day, and let's make it a beautiful day. That's what I say.

**Crowd:** Applause



**Jones:** We will win. We win when we go down. Tim Stoen has nobody else to hate. He has nobody else to hate. Then he'll destroy himself. I'm speaking here not as uh, the administrator, I'm speaking as a prophet today. I wouldn't have set in this seat and talked so serious if I didn't know what I was talking about. Has anybody called back? The immense amount of damage that's going to be done, but I cannot separate myself from the pain of my people. You can't either, Christine, if you stop to think about it. You can't separate yourself. We've walked too long together.

**Miller:** I well know that. But I still think, as an individual, I have a right to —

**Jones:** You do, and I'm listening.

**Miller:** — to say what I think, what I feel. And I think we all have a right to our own destiny as individuals.

**Jones:** Right.

**Miller:** And I think I have a right to choose mine, and everybody else has a right to choose theirs.

**Jones:** Mmm-hmm.

**Miller:** You know?

**Jones:** Mmm-hmm. I'm not criticizing (unintelligible) — What's that?

(Unintelligible woman's voice)

**Jones:** That's today. That's what 20 people said today. We're alive.

**Miller:** Well, I think I still have a right to my own opinion.

**Jones:** I — I'm not taking it from you. I'm not taking it from you.

**McElvane:** Christine, you're only standing here because he was here in the first place. So I don't know what you're talking about, having an individual life. Your life has been extended to the day that you're standing there, because of him.

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** (Unintelligible word) I guess she has as much right to speak as anybody else, too. What did you say, Ruby? Well, you'll regret that this very day if you don't die. You'll regret it if you do, though you don't die. You'll regret it.

**Lue Ester Lewis:** (Unintelligible) You've saved so many people.

**Jones:** I've saved them. I saved them, but I made my example. I made my expression. I made my manifestation, and the world was ready — not ready for me. Paul said, "I was a man born out of due season." I've been born out of due season, just like all we are, and the best testimony we can make is to leave this goddamn world.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Lewis:** You must prepare to die.

**Miller:** I'm not talking to her. Will you let — Would you — would you let her or let me talk?

**Jones:** Keep talking.

**Miller:** Would you make her sit down and let me talk while I'm on the floor or let her talk?

**Jones:** How can you tell the leader what to do if you live?

**Crowd:** Stirs

**Jones:** I've — I've listened to you. You asked me about Russia. I'm right now making a call to Russia. What more do you suggest? I'm listening to you. You've got to give me one slight bit of encouragement. I just now instructed her to go there and do that.

(Voices)

**McElvane:** All right now, everybody hold it. We didn't come — hold it. Hold it. Hold it. Hold it.

**Jones:** Let (unintelligible word — “law”?) be maintained.

(Voices)

**Jones:** To lay down your burden. I'm gonna lay down my burden. Down by the riverside. Shall we lay them down here in — by Guyana? What's the difference? (Pause) No man didn't take our lives. Right now. They haven't taken them. But when they start parachuting out of the air, they'll — they'll shoot some of our innocent babies. I'm not lying — I don't wanna (unintelligible), Christine. But they gotta shoot me to get through to some of these people. I'm not letting them take your child. Can you let them take your child?

**Voices:** No, no, no, no.

**Woman 2:** — gonna die?

**Jones:** What's that?

**Woman 2:** You mean you want us to die — (Jones talks over)

**Jones:** I want to see —

**Crowd:** Shouting

**Jones:** (Pleading) Peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace, peace.

**Marceline Jones:** Christine, are you saying that you think he thinks more of him than other children here?

**Jones:** John— John—

**Marceline Jones:** Because if you're saying —

**Jones:** (Unintelligible name), do you think I'd put John's life above others? If I put John's life above others, I wouldn't be standing with Ujara. I'd send John out — out, and he could go out on the driveway tonight.

**Marceline Jones:** Because he's young.

**Jones:** (Defensive) I know, but he's no — he's no different to me than any of these children here. He's just one of my children. I don't prefer one above another. I don't prefer him above Ujara. I can't do that. I can't separate myself from your actions or his actions. If you'd done something wrong, I'd stand with you. If they wanted to come and get you, they'd have to take me.

**Man 2:** (Weepy) We're all ready to go. If you tell us we have to give our lives now, we're ready — at least the rest of the sisters and brothers are with me.

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Some months I've tried to keep this thing from happening. But I now see it's the will — it's the will of Sovereign Being that this happen to us. That we lay down our lives in protest against what's being done. That we lay down our lives to protest in what's being done. The criminality of people. The cruelty of people. Who walked out of here today? Did you notice who walked out? Mostly white people.

**Crowd:** Stirs

**Jones:** Mostly white people walked. (Pause) I'm so grateful for the ones that didn't — those who knew who they are. I just know that there — there — there's no point — there's no point to this. We have — We are born before our time. They won't accept us. And I

don't think we should sit here and take any more time for our children to be endangered. Because if they come after our children, and lu — we give them our children, then our children will suffer forever.

**Miller:** (Unintelligible)?

**Jones:** I have no quarrel with you coming up. I like you. I personally like you very much.

**Miller:** People get hostile when you try and —

**Jones:** Oh, well, some people do — but then, you know, yes — yes, some people do. Put it that way — I'm not hostile. You had to be honest, but you've stayed, and if you'da be — you wanted to run, you'd have run with them 'cause anybody could've run today. What would anyone do? I know you're not a runner. And I, I would — I'd — your life is precious to me. It's as precious as John's. And I — and I don't — what I do I do with weight and justice and judgment. I'm — I've weighed it against all evidence.

**Miller:** That's all I've got to say.

**Jones:** What comes now, folks? What comes now?

**Man 3:** Everybody hold it. Sit down.

**Jones:** Say it. Say— Stay peace. Stay peace. Stay peace. Stay peace. Stay peace. What's come. Don't let — Take Dwyer [Richard Dwyer, U.S. Embassy official] on down to the East House. (stumbles over words) Take Dwyer.

**Woman 4:** Everybody be quiet, please.

**Jones:** (Unintelligible) — got some respect for our lives.

**McElvane:** That means sit down, sit down. Sit down.

**Jones:** I know. (Pause) (Groan) I tried so very, very hard. They're trying over here to see what's going to — what's going to happen in Los Angel — Who is it?

(Voices)

**Jones:** Get Dwyer out of here before something happens to him. (Pause) Dwyer? I'm not talking about Ujara. I said (Emphatic) Dwyer. Ain't nobody gonna take Ujara. I'm not lettin' 'em take Ujara. (Pause) Gather in, folks. It's easy, it's easy. Yes, my love.

(Tape silence for several seconds)

**Woman 5:** At one time, I felt just like Christine felt. But after today I don't feel anything because the biggest majority of people that left here for a fight, and I know, it really hurt my heart because —

**Jones:** Broke your heart, didn't it?

**Woman 5:** It broke my heart, to think that all of this year the white people had been with us, and they're not a part of us. So we might as well end it now because I don't see —

**Jones:** It's all over. The congressman has been murdered.

(Music and singing)

**Voice:** It's all over.

**Jones:** Well, it's all over, all over. (Pause) What a legacy, what a legacy. What the Red Brigade doin' one bit that made any sense anyway? They invaded our privacy. They came into our home. They followed us six thousand miles away. Red Brigade showed them justice. The congressman's dead.

(Music only)

**Jones:** (Speaks authoritatively) Please get us some medication. It's simple. It's simple. There's no convulsions with it. It's just simple. Just, please get it. Before it's too late. The GDF [Guyana Defense Force] will be here, I tell you. Get movin', get movin', get movin'.

(Voices)

**Woman 6:** Now. Do it now!

**Jones:** (More excited) Don't be afraid to die. You'll see, there'll be a few people land out here. They'll — they'll torture some of our children here. They'll torture our people. They'll torture our seniors. We cannot have this. Are you going to separate yourself from whoever shot the congressman? I don't know who shot him.

**Voices:** No. No. No.

(Music)

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Just speak their piece. And those who had a right to go, and they had a right to — How many are dead? (Pause) Aw, God Almighty, God Almighty. Hmm? Patty Parks is dead?

(Tape edit)

**Woman 7:** Some of the others who endure long enough in a safe place to write about the goodness of Jim Jones.

**Jones:** I don't know how in the world they're ever going to write about us. It's just too late. It's too late. The congressman's dead. The congressman lays dead. Many of our traitors are dead. They're all layin' out there dead.

(Voices)

**Jones:** Hmm? I didn't, but — but my people did. My people did. They're my people, and they — they've been provoked too much. They've been provoked too much. What's happened here's been to — basically been an act of provocation.

(Unintelligible voice)

**Woman 8:** Want Ted? If there's any way it's possible to, uh, have and to give Ted something to take, then I'm satisfied, okay?

**Jones:** Okay.

**Woman 8:** I said, if there's any way you can do before I have to give Ted something, so he won't have to let him go through okay, and I'm satisfied.

**Jones:** That's fine. Okay, yes. Yes. Yes.

(Unintelligible voice)

**Woman 9:** — and I appreciate you for everything. You are the only — You are the only — You are the only. And I appreciate you —

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** (Urgently) Please, can we hasten? Can we hasten with that medication? You don't know what you've done. (Pause) And I tried.

(Tape edit.)

(Applause, music, singing)

(Tape edit)

**Man:** Wesley [Breidenbach] told me there were two GDF not to—

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** They saw it happen and ran into the bush and dropped their machine guns. I never in my life. (Pause) But there'll be more. (Pause) (Tape edit) You got to move. Are you gonna get that medication here? You've got to move. Marceline? You got forty minutes.

**Maria Katsaris:** You have to move, and the people that are standing there in the aisles, go stand in the radio room yard. Everybody get behind the table and back this way, okay?



There's nothing to worry about. Every — Everybody keep calm and try and keep your children calm. (Pause) And uh, all those children that help, let the little children in and reassure them. (Pause) They're not crying from pain. It's just a little bitter tasting. It's not — They're not crying out of any pain. Annie McGowan, can I please see you back —  
(Tape edit)

**McElvane:** Things I used to do before I came here. So let me tell you about it. It might make a lot of you feel a little more comfortable. Sit down and be quiet, please. One of the things I used to do, I used to be a therapist. And the kind of therapy that I did had to do with reincarnation in past life situations. And every time anybody had the experience of it — of going into a past life, I was fortunate enough through Father to be able to let them experience it all the way through their death, so to speak. And everybody was so happy when they made that step to the other side.

**Jones:** (Unintelligible) — to do, but stop that way. It's the only way to step. (Microphone off briefly, unintelligible word) But that choice is not ours now. It's out of our hands.  
(Children crying in the background)

**McElvane:** If you have a body that's been crippled, suddenly you have the kind of body that you want to have.

**Jones:** Somebody give them a little rest, a little rest.

**McElvane:** It feels good. It never felt so good. (Unintelligible word), may I tell you. You've never felt so good as how that feels. (Pause)

**Jones:** And I do hope that those attorneys [Charles Garry and Mark Lane] will stay where they belong and don't come up here. (Pause) What is it? (Pause) What happened? What is it? (Pause) They what? (Pause) All right, it's hard but only at first — only at first is it hard.

It's hard only at first. Living — when you're looking at death, it only looks — as uh, living is much, much more difficult. Raising up every morning and not knowing what's going to be the night's bringing. It's much more difficult. It's much more difficult.

(Crying and talking)

**Irene Edwards:** (Joyous) I just want to uh, say something for everyone that I see that is standing around and — or crying. This is nothing to cry about. This is something we could all rejoice about. We could be happy about this. They always told us that we could cry when you're coming into this world. So when we're leaving, and we're gonna leave it peaceful, I think we should be — we should be happy about this. I was just thinking about Jim Jones. He just has suffered and suffered and suffered. We have — We have the honor guard, and we don't even have a chance to (Unintelligible word) got here. I want to give him one more chance. There's just one more thing I want to say. That's few that's gone, but many more here. (Unintelligible) That's not all of us. That's not all yet. That's just a few that have died. I tried to get to the one that — there's a kid over there (unintelligible) I'm looking at so many people crying. I wish you would not cry. And just thank Father. (Unintelligible) I been here about —

**Crowd:** Sustained applause

**Irene Edwards:** I've been here ah — one year and nine months. And I never felt better in my life. Not in San Francisco, but until I came to Jonestown. I had a very good life. I had a beautiful life. And I don't see nothing that I could be sorry about. We should be happy. At least I am. That's all I'm gonna say.

(Applause, music)

**Woman 11:** (Weepy) — good to be alive today. I just like to thank Dad, 'cause he was the only one that stood up for me when I needed him. And thank you, Dad.

**Woman 12:** (Unintelligible word) I'm glad you're my brothers and sisters, and I'm glad to be here. Okay.

Voices

**Jones:** (Pleading) Please. For God's sake, let's get on with it. We've lived — we've lived as no other people have lived and loved. We've had as much of this world as you're gonna get. Let's just be done with it. Let's be done with the agony of it.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** It's far, far harder to have to walk through every day, die slowly — and from the time you're a child 'til the time you get gray, you're dying. (Pause) (Tape edit) Dishonest, and I'm sure that they'll — they'll pay for it. They — They'll pay for it. This is a revolutionary suicide. This is not a self-destructive suicide. So they'll pay for this. They brought this upon us. And they'll pay for that. I — I leave that destiny to them.

(Voices)

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Who wants to go with their child has a right to go with their child. I think it's humane. I want to go — I want to see you go, though. I — They can take me and do what they want — whatever they want to do. I want to see you go. I don't want to see you go through this hell no more. No more, no more, no more. (Pause) We're trying. If everybody will relax. The best thing you do is to relax, and you will have no problem. You'll have no problem with this thing, if you just relax

**Man 4:** (Unintelligible phrase) A great deal because it's Jim Jones. And the way the children are laying there now, I'd rather see them lay like that than to see them have to die like the Jews did, which was pitiful anyhow. And I'd just like to — to thank Dad for giving us life and also death. And I appreciate the fact of the way our children are going. Because, like Dad said, when they come in, what they're gonna do to our children — they're gonna massacre our children. And also the ones that they take captured, they're gonna just let them grow up and be dummies like they want them to be. And not grow up to be a socialist like the one and only Jim Jones. So I'd like — I'd like to thank Dad for the opportunity for letting Jonestown be, not what it could be, (Emphatic) but what Jonestown is. Thank you, Dad.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** It's not to be afeared. It is not to be feared. It's a friend. It's a friend (Tape edit) — sitting there, show your love for one another. (Tape edit) Let's get gone. Let's get gone. Let's get gone.

(Children crying)

**Jones:** (Unintelligible word) We had nothing we could do. We can't — we can't separate ourselves from our own people. (Pause) For twenty years laying in some old rotten nursing home.

(Music)

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Taking us through all these anguish years. They took us and put us in chains and that's nothing. This business — that — that business — there's no comparison to that, to

this. They've robbed us of our land, and they've taken us and driven us and we tried to find ourselves. We tried to find a new beginning. But it's too late. You can't separate yourself from your brother and your sister. No way I'm going to do it. I wi — I refuse. I don't know who fired the shot. I don't know who killed the congressman. But as far as I am concerned, I killed him. You understand what I'm saying? I killed him. He had no business coming. I told him not to come.

**Woman 13:** Right, right.

(Music and crying)

(Tape edit, Long pause follows)

**Jones:** (Pleading) I, with respect, die with a degree of dignity. Lay down your life with dignity. Don't lay down with tears and agony. There's nothing to death. It's like Mac [Jim McElvane] said, it's just stepping over into another plane. Don't be — Don't be this way. Stop this hysterics. This is not the way for people who are Socialists or Communists to die. No way for us to die. We must die with some dignity. We must die with some dignity. (Pause) We will have no choice. Now we have some choice. (Tape edit) Do you think they're gonna stand — allow this to be done and allow us to get by with this? You must be insane. (Pause) Look children, it's just something to put you to rest. (Tape edit) (Despairing tone) Oh, God.

(Children crying)

**Jones:** Mother, Mother, Mother, Mother, Mother, please. Mother, please, please, please. Don't — don't do this. Don't do this. Lay down your life with your child. But don't do this.

**Woman 14:** We're doing all of this for you.

**Jones:** Free at last. Peace. Keep your emotions down. Keep your emotions down. Children, it will not hurt. If you'll be — if you'll be quiet. If you'll be quiet.

(Music and crying)

**Jones:** It's never been done before, you say. It's been done by every tribe in history.

(Emphatic) Every tribe facing annihilation. All the Indians of the Amazon are doing it right now. They refuse to bring any babies into the world. They kill every child that comes into the world, because they don't want to live in this kind of a world. So be patient. Be patient.

Death is — I tell you, I don't care how many screams you hear, I don't care how many anguished cries, death is a million times preferable to ten more days of this life. If you knew what was ahead of you — if you knew what was ahead of you, you'd be glad to be stepping over tonight. Death, death, death is common to people. And the Eskimos, they take death in their stride. Let's be digni — let's be dignified. (Reprimands) If you'll quit tell them they're dying — if you adults would stop some of this nonsense. Adults, adults, adults. I call on you to stop this nonsense. I call on you to quit exciting your children, when all they're doing is going to a quiet rest. I call on you to stop this now, if you have any respect at all. Are we black, proud, and Socialist, or what are we? Now stop this nonsense. Don't carry this on anymore. You're exciting your children. No, no sorrow that it's all over. I'm glad it's over. (Tape edit) Hurry, hurry, my children. Hurry. All I think (unintelligible) from the hands of the enemy. Hurry, my children. Hurry. There are seniors out here that I'm concerned about. Hurry. I don't want to leave my seniors to this mess.

(Pause) Only quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly, quickly. (Tape edit) Good knowing you. (Pause) No more pain now. No more pain, I said (unintelligible). No more pain. Jim Cobb is laying on the airfield dead at this moment.

**Crowd:** Applause

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** Remember the — this — the Oli — Oliver woman said she — she'd come over and kill me if her son wouldn't stop her? These, these are the people — the peddlers of hate. All we're doing is laying down our life. We're not letting them take our life. We're laying down our life. Peace in their lives. We just want peace.

(Music)

(Tape edit)

**Man 5:** All I would like to say is that my, uhm — my so-called parents are filled with so much hate —

**Jones:** (Clapping in reprimand) Stop this, stop this, stop this (unintelligible word). Stop this crying, all of you.

**Man 5:** — hate and treachery. I think you — you people out here should think about how your relatives were and be glad about, that the children are being laid to rest. And all I'd like to say is that I thank Dad for making me strong to stand with it all and make me ready for it. Thank you.

**Jones:** All they're doing is — All they do is taking a drink. They take it to go to sleep. That's what death is, sleep. (Tape edit) — of it. I'm tired of it all.

**Woman 15:** Everything we could have ever done, most loving thing all of us could have done, and it's been a pleasure walking with all of you in this revolutionary struggle. No other way I would rather go to give my life for socialism, communism, and I thank Dad very, very much.

**Woman 16:** Right. Yes. Dad — Dad's love and nursing, goodness and kindness, and he bring us to this land of freedom. His love — his mother was the advance — the advance guard for socialism. And his love and his principles (unintelligible) will go on forever unto the fields of —

**Jones:** Where's the vat, the vat, the vat? Where's the vat with the Green C on it? Bring the vat with the Green C in. Please? Bring it here so the adults can begin.

Woman 16: Go on unto the Zion, and thank you, Dad.

(Tape edit)

**Jones:** (Unintelligible) Don't, don't fail to follow my advice. You'll be sorry. (Tape edit) You'll be sorry. (Tape edit) — if we do it, than that they do it. Have trust. You mu — You have to step across.

(Music)

**Jones:** We used to think this world was — this world was not our home — well, it sure isn't — We were saying — it sure wasn't. (Pause) He doesn't want to tell me. All he's doing — if they will tell 'em — assure these kids. Can't some people assure these children of the relaxation of stepping over to the next plane? They set an example for others. We said — one thousand people who said, we don't like the way the world is. (Tape edit) Take some. (Tape edit) Take our life from us. We laid it down. We got tired. (Tape edit) We didn't commit suicide, we committed an act of revolutionary suicide protesting the conditions of an inhumane world.

(Music)



APPENDIX B

EXCERPT FROM “HOW AND WHEN ‘HEAVEN’S GATE’ MAY BE ENTERED”

## **The 17 Steps**

1. Can you follow instructions without adding your own interpretation?
2. Can you deliver instructions as you receive them or do they change according to your computer?
3. Do you participate in inconsiderate conversation, polluting the ears of others while you and your partner work things out?
4. Are you physically clumsy - breaking things because you handle them too harshly or carelessly?
5. Do you half way complete a task because of your poor standard of what is thorough?
6. Do you put tasks off - procrastinate?
7. Are your patterns of cleanliness, sensitivity, gentleness, etc. consistent or are they good only when spotlighted?
8. Do you use more of something than is adequate (for example, excessively high cooking flame, more toothpaste than necessary, etc.)?
9. Do you go from one extreme to another: as from overeating to undereating, etc.?
10. Are you sensitive when approaching another individual about something you want to discuss? Do you permit that individual the choice to continue what he is doing, or do you force him to drop it in order to give attention to you? Do you stop and check, or do you assume that what is on your mind is more important than what is on theirs? (Know the difference between your relationship with your teachers and your fellow classmates in this regard.)
11. Do you needlessly ask a question when the answer is obvious or a moment of silent observation would quickly reveal the answer?

12. Are you pushy, aggressive, interfering, or demanding in any way?
13. Has familiarity caused you to become so relaxed with your partners or others that your actions or words don't hold enough restraint?
14. Are you gentle, simple, cautious, and thoughtfully restrained in your steps and all other physical actions or words?
15. Have you outgrown defensiveness and its flip side, martyrdom?
16. Can you understand and review in your mind all the ways in which members of the Next Level are sensitive? If you can, you have no excuse for not working on improving in these areas at all times.
17. When your teachers have asked someone to do a task and it relates to you, do you treat that task and its deliverers with as much respect as you would if it came directly from your teachers?

### **Major Offenses**

1. Deceit
  - a. Doing an act "on the sly."
  - b. Lying to my teachers or any of my classmates.
  - c. Keeping an offense to myself, not exposing it the same day.
2. Sensuality - permitting arousal in thought or in action (not nipping it in the bud).
3. Breaking any instruction or procedure knowingly.

### **Minor Offenses**

1. Taking any action without using my check partner.

2. Trusting my own judgment - or using my own mind.
3. Twisting procedures for my own benefit.
4. Responding defensively to my classmates or teachers.
5. Criticizing or finding fault with my classmates or teachers.
6. Allowing blatant or lingering negativity, accepting the position of "I can't."
7. Permitting physical or verbal abuse (outbursts, harsh words, sarcasm, swearing, anger, hurtful teasing, loss of temper) toward classmates.
8. Allowing jealousy towards any classmates or comparing myself to others.
9. Staying in my own head, having private thoughts, not staying open with my partner - separateness.
10. Putting myself first, wanting my own way, rebelliousness - selfishness.
11. Entertaining inappropriate fears and worries, e.g.: Am I going to be asked to leave the class? Will our rest or consuming be adequate for my needs?
12. Inappropriately offering suggestions, second-guessing, or jumping ahead of my teachers.
13. Exaggerating vehicular symptoms.
14. Allowing anxiety, stress, tension, hyperness to affect my performance.
15. Picking or choosing certain tasks.
16. Having likes or dislikes.
17. Permitting laziness or slothfulness.
18. Procrastinating, having misplaced priorities, or poor timing.
19. Permitting lack of control over emotions to the point that it interferes with my work or rest or is a distraction to others.

20. Participating in extremes in sensitivity - either blatantly insensitive or overly sensitive - to the point of hurt feelings, either hurting my feelings or the feelings of others.
21. Desiring attention or approval - wanting to be seen as good.
22. Using inadequate restraint (responding or acting too quickly, voice volume, noise level with feet, doors, or other objects).
23. Engaging in familiarity, casualness, gossip, lack of restraint with others.
24. Being too aggressive or pushy.
25. Exercising poor control of thoughts running through my head, being easily distracted.
26. Lacking in effort and commitment.
27. Permitting impatience or intolerance.
28. Being vain about my appearance, vibrating femininity or masculinity in any way.
29. Having inappropriate curiosity.
30. Identifying with influences - using the "I" or "me" pronoun in application to an offense instead of recognizing that it was an influence using me.
31. Overexamination - finding a negative where there isn't one.

**Edited Transcript of Videotape - September 29, 1996:**

This is the 29th of September, 1996. I'm "Do." "Do" probably doesn't mean anything to many of you. To those who have heard of "Do," I might relate "Do" to "Ti and Do," of the "UFO Two," or of what the media dubbed the "UFO cult" that made some splash in the news in 1975 and disappeared from the scene shortly after that. And some of you might have heard of some efforts that we have made to try to share a little bit of what we have learned with the public, periodically, between 1975 and now. We put out a statement called

'88 Update, and we did a videotape series a little while after that, I think it was 1992, 1991-1992, called "Beyond Human." Now, today we have quite a different urgency. It's urgent to me, and it's urgent to the students that sit before me. Our reason for speaking to you is because we feel to warn you of what is just around the corner.

I'll try to just put it as briefly as I can and as clearly as I can. This planet is about to be recycled, refurbished, started over. That doesn't mean it's going to be destroyed, it doesn't mean it's the end of the world. But it does mean that it is going to be spaded under. Now, you can say, "Well, who are you to say that?" And I'll tell you who I am. As to whether or not you believe who I am is up to you. And whether or not you believe that this civilization is going to be recycled or refurbished is up to you. Now, the purpose of this tape is to warn you that this is about to happen, and that it's going to happen very soon.

If I would title this tape, it would be "Last Chance to Evacuate Planet Earth Before It Is Recycled" - last chance to evacuate Earth before it is recycled. If you've read any of our teachings - the information that we have - you know that our discipline is strict, that we teach "overcoming human ways," overcoming human addictions. The purpose of that is not for religious reasons, or for morality, or in order to become "righteous." The purpose of that is to go to the heavens. Humans have some idea, because of what the negative forces have let them believe, or have led them to believe - humans have the idea that through religion, if I live a good life, then I get to go to Heaven when I die. And they don't know what Heaven is, but they think that Heaven is where God is, and Heaven is where whoever

the leader of their religion is, and they'll get to go be with them if they've lived a good life by whatever standard their religion teaches.

The fact is, that there is only one Kingdom Level - a Kingdom Level, just like there's a human kingdom - there's only one Kingdom Level above the human kingdom, and that Kingdom Level made the human kingdom, and designed the planet, designed all of its resources, designed all of its life forms, designed humans, and even designed humans with the potential of leaving the human kingdom in order to go to the Kingdom Level Above Human.

Now, the startling thing to many is that the Kingdom Level Above Human is physical. There's some idea that the Kingdom Above Human is spiritual, as if it is limited to being spiritual. It is spiritual in the sense that, if you think of "mind" as synonymous with "spirit," and you become something that identifies with your mind instead of the "suit of clothes" you wear, then it is spiritual, because that mind/spirit becomes your identity. Even in the human world - if humans identify with the mind that they have, or the spirit that they have (remember, those two are synonymous) - if they identify with that mind, then they don't think that they die when the body they are wearing drops. They think that they move into another world. When they move out of the body, whether they do, in fact, move into another world depends upon whether they're connected or not, or what their information is, or what they are capable of knowing or doing, what they've been willing to learn.

You know, the Next Level, or the Evolutionary Level Above Human - oops, I said that bad word: Evolutionary Level. Because religious people think, "Oh, `evolution', does this mean that you don't believe in creation?" That's the most ridiculous thing that someone could think - that evolution is not a part of creation. That Kingdom Level created everything that is, or made everything that is, and among those things it made, it made a number of things that advance in an evolutionary progression. So to speak of that Level Above Human, we shouldn't be afraid to use the word "Evolutionary" Level Above. It's not really an Evolutionary Level Above Human, in that creatures here can, on their own, advance into that Kingdom Level, because they can't. That sounds strange. Well, they can advance, but they can't do it - on their own.

The same Evolutionary Level that created the human kingdom has to physically incarnate into the human kingdom to offer life to them - to offer information to them - while incarnate in a human body. If a recipient is thirsty enough for that mind, that recipient recognizes that he has literally connected with a source from that Next Level (that incarnate Representative) who is in their physical presence. Don't forget, the Next Level is not a spiritual Kingdom. Its members identify as the mind or spirit/soul, but wear physical bodies. Do you look at the heavens at night? Why do you see physical bodies in the heavens? If it was a spiritual heaven, you wouldn't see any of those bodies. They would all be etheric. But you see those Heavenly bodies. You see only a tiny, tiny fraction of those physical bodies in the Kingdom of Heaven. There are also many physical Heavenly bodies that cannot be seen by the human eye.



That doesn't mean that our Heavenly Father's Kingdom, or the Kingdom of God, or the Evolutionary Level Above Human, is anything less because it has physical characteristics. It has all characteristics - everything that you can talk about came from them - including "evil" - including the design of everything that can lead you to go astray if you listen to the wrong sources. You could say, "That couldn't possibly be true." There is nothing that is that was not created by the Kingdom Level Above Human. And the reason they created everything that there is, including negative options, is so that you could become exactly what you choose to become when you have the opportunity to become it.

Now, the only time we have an opportunity to leave the human kingdom and go to the Kingdom Level Above Human, is when there is a Member from that Kingdom Level, incarnate in human form, saying to you, "I'll tell you about a Kingdom Level beyond here, and if you want to go there then you have to follow me, because I am the guy who's got the key at the moment." Whatever Representative is sent from that Kingdom Level and comes into the human kingdom, then that's the Representative who has that key to that Kingdom, for that period of time. And it requires, if you move into that Evolutionary Kingdom, that you leave behind everything of human ways - human behavior, human ignorance, human misinformation.

A long time ago, long before this civilization began (and I don't know how many subsequent times this occurred), that Kingdom Level had a Representative in a human civilization, and members of a classroom who were in the process of overcoming their human characteristics. Some of those members who began to serve in elementary ways for

that Kingdom Level Above Human decided that they didn't want to listen to that Representative any more, that they could do the things they wanted to do, and they weren't sure they wanted to get rid of human ways. And so they began to find fault in the Representative who was offering them a way out of the human kingdom. Well, you know the story from there - fallen angels, Lucifer, Satan, a third of the Heavens following a renegade who decided, "This world is not for me. I can be my own `god.' I don't need that Kingdom Level. I resent that I cannot be my own individual - that I can't lead my own flock."

Well, that Kingdom Level Above Human let that individual and his following lead their flock - let them do what they wanted to do - and used it for means that could serve a purpose in the design of the Next Level progression. And that very evil presence is thick on this planet because it's the End of an Age. It's so thick that it would have you not believe a word I say, and have you not accept anything that I tell you so that you will not be a recipient of the Kingdom they left (that they got booted out of and want no one else to go there). They are resentful - and are in opposition to the real Kingdom Level Above Human. don't forget, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, the End of the Age, the End of the civilization, is the worst time for presences of that renegade level (those who were students of that Level and went renegade). When you read in historical data that there was also a Hell (and there is a Hell) and the Hell is where those evil forces are - you can imagine that part of that Hell is planet Earth. When those "evil" individuals (those followers of Lucifer, of Satan) chose to go awry, they were then booted

out of the Kingdom Level Above Human. They were confined to not only planet Earth, but any other planet with this type of gravity or environment that could serve as a natural environment for a human level. They need a human civilization. They use bodies from human civilizations. They make hybrid bodies because they have to continue to live.

Don't forget, they had learned what "spirit" was. They had learned to separate their mind - their spirit - from a human body, and knew that their identity was not lost if they lost a body. They learned to move out of that body without losing their consciousness, and even invade and take over another body that was "prepared" for them. They could sustain the life of it. For the most part, they are taking advantage of the human "plants" - the creatures of this civilization - using them for their own means. Those aliens - I call them aliens because one way you could speak of them is as "space aliens," evil space aliens - but they aren't really "space aliens" because they can only circulate in a very limited part of space. They are confined to environments (such as this Earth civilization) where there are mammalian human- equivalent or human civilizations existing. So they are not really "broad" space aliens. But the common term is "space alien." And I don't mind calling them space aliens.

When the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Evolutionary Level Above Human, is in close, assisting us, because of our presence here, they certainly wouldn't be called "aliens" because this is their garden. They made it. We are their experiments, we are their creatures, we are their cre-ations. They made us - everything that we are.

Now, I've got to go back to the beginning of this tape, because I don't want you to listen to my philosophy, my ideology, the knowledge that I have. I want you to be aware that the focus is on the fact that this is the End of the Age. At the End of the Age the planet is wiped clean - refurbished - rejuvenated. The mess that the humans have made of it during this civilization is cleaned up. It is healed. It is probably done on "fast forward." It probably wouldn't take very long to do it by standards of human time. But even if it took a thousand years to do it, that's a very brief time according to Next Level time. We don't know how long it's going to take to do it. We can't estimate that because we're talking two different times anyhow. I mean, I'm trying to relate to you in human time and yet I am more at home in relating to the time of the Next Level.

If this planet is about to be recycled - spaded under - refurbished - the only ones that get to leave it are the ones who want to leave. The only ones who survive the recycling are the ones who want to leave - have found a teacher, someone who can give them the information they need to leave, or give them the information that will eventually lead them to leaving. Now, what I mean by that is that information is available only during the time that we're here. And here I am, I'm Do, Do of Ti and Do, of the little religious "UFO cult," (because that's what the media dubbed us). And yet Ti, who is my Father, who is my "Older Member," who gave me birth in the Kingdom of Heaven long before this civilization began, Ti was here with me on this particular mission.

Now, let me describe this mission for a moment. Ti left, in Earth time, 1985, because Ti had assisted enough that it was time to turn responsibility over to Do, and for me then to

begin a more serious communication with my Older Member, and to be dependent upon it and reliant upon it. When Ti and I were awakening, we entered this environment (to any significant degree) in the early '70's. You're looking at the body I'm wearing, and you're saying, "You entered in the early '70's? You're certainly more than 20 something years old." The body I'm wearing is, wow!, 65 years old. "I" (the mind/soul of the Next Level) entered at the same time my Older Member entered, which was in the early '70's. You could think, "Well, that doesn't make any sense." If you're "new age" - or whatever your belief is regarding reincarnation - you could think, "Well, I don't understand, I thought reincarnation occurs at the beginning of an infant's life." No, I'm sorry to say, that's not accurate. A mind begins when that infant is born, and that infant's genetic package begins to express itself as that mind develops. And it is a mind, it is a spirit. But then a spirit or a mind that had previously occupied another human plant, but has gone into the spirit world (or is outside of a body because it lost its body from death or whatever, but is still in the environment), can move in and take over that vehicle and be stronger than the mind that is the mind of that vehicle. In other words, it can invade that vehicle. It can take it over. It can pretty much keep the mind of that vehicle quiet and do what it wants to do with that vehicle.

Now, the lower forces know this. They teach spirits to do this after they leave their bodies. They let them know that they're capable of doing that. You can say, "You mean that you and Ti came into bodies in '72, so you're 'body snatchers,' in a sense." Well, the Level Above Human made this garden and its design, made the human plants for their purposes, and my Grandfather (Ti's Father) sent us into this environment with a crew that had work

to do. Now, we did come in and prep the "vehicles." We actually set aside this "plant" that I'm wearing (this "vehicle" that I'm wearing) and the plants of the crew (the classroom), and the plant that Ti chose to wear. A "deposit" of a little bit of information was put in those plants that set them aside for the time when the mind was to significantly come in. And therefore, the mind that is now in my vehicle (body) cannot relate to that plant's history, prior to the time that my mind came in significantly. So, who the plant was that I'm now wearing, prior to the early '70's is just a fuzzy, dismal memory, because it is just like putting on a suit of clothes that had a history to it. And if I tried, I could invade some of that history and dredge it up, but it is so unattractive to me and it's such a low vibration to me (if I can use that word without sounding "new age" to some) - it's repulsive to me because it's certainly very human. This vehicle certainly indulged in human behavior, human addictions, human ways, as every other human does.

When Ti and I were brought into this environment in the early '70's, a spacecraft brought us in - remember, it's a physical world. And actually we came in earlier and made deposits, or little "information deposits," in our vehicles when they were infants. So, that means we had to come in during the late '20's and early '30's. We also had to come in and make deposits in the vehicles of all the classroom that are sitting here in front of me at the various times when those vehicles were infants.

Now, it's difficult to accept the information that I am telling you. If you knew how to interpret some of the religious documents that have been left for you, you would interpret them exactly as I am telling you. But it's not popular to do that - the lower forces would

have you interpret that information, those documents, entirely differently. Because the lower forces (Satan, Lucifer, the fallen angels - all of those who are against the real Kingdom of God) would have you not reach that Kingdom. They are delighted to serve as your "god." They will give you the things that will make you happy in this world. If you want to, you can praise their name and ask for riches, or ask for anything that you want. They will give you the things that you want and make you feel good about it. It's even so popular today in religions to preach that, "God wants you to live an abundant life, so ask Him for what your needs are. He doesn't want you to be raggedy and poor." And of course, that's true, He doesn't. But that doesn't justify seeking a kingdom here, instead of seeking His Kingdom. You don't seek His Kingdom unless you seek to get out of this kingdom. You can't have both. His Kingdom is never going to coexist with the human kingdom. That's impossible. That would be like the humans getting down on their all-fours and existing with the dog kingdom, staying restricted to dog houses, and restricted to dog food, and restricted to dog behavior. It doesn't make any sense. Why would the Kingdom that made the human kingdom find fulfillment in the human kingdom?

Now, a remarkable thing exists - the most remarkable thing that you can possibly imagine, and that is - their design enabled them to make small "mental deposits" in human plants. We'll call those "deposits," for sake of understanding, the "soul." And those deposits are really like a small bit of Next Level "hardware" with capacity for Next Level information. That deposit/soul is not only a storehouse but a separator for information. And that deposit/soul comes with an initial bit of Next Level mind. And wherever the Next Level makes those deposits of souls in human plants, they contain a little bit of information that

permits the recipient to actually recognize the kind of information that I am passing on to you. It even has the capacity to recognize the bearer (the Representative) of Next Level mind or information.

Even as you listen to me you might recognize me and that information, but the lower forces and your genetic programming says, "Oh, don't listen to that. Don't listen to that. That's horrible. That's the Anti-Christ. That's not God as I know it. That's something altogether different." I'm afraid that what you have been listening to - I'm not blaming you for listening to it, you hardly stood a chance - are the lower forces. These lower forces are so strong, that they have brainwashed and kept humans totally intoxicated at every level around the globe, so much so that they are totally preoccupied with: make money, put it in the bank, have more children, have more grandchildren, send them to college, leave plenty of "security" so that they can have a future, and their children can have a future. What does that yield? - extending the human kingdom, and extending the human kingdom, and extending the human kingdom, with no idea of the possibilities that exist beyond that. You say, "Oh yes, we go to church once in a while and we talk about Heaven, talk about the Kingdom of Heaven." But most people don't even want to touch the topic of the Kingdom of Heaven, because they don't really know what it is. They just have to have the faith that, "that's what I go to if I've been good, and I just have to trust that that's where I go." That doesn't make any sense. Well, you can say, "Why are you telling me it doesn't make any sense? That's where my trust is. That's where my faith is." I know that it is. It's not your fault. I know that's where your trust is, I know that's where your faith is. And I am desperate to give you help so that you can leave this place.



Now, three kinds of individuals can have a possible future with the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven. Oh, a few minutes ago I started to tell you about this remarkable design, and I've got to go back to it. This remarkable design is what a soul can become, and how a soul can be deposited in a human vehicle. Those deposits are made just prior to a Representative of the Kingdom Level Above Human coming into the human kingdom, taking a human body, and telling the truth about what the human kingdom really is, what the Kingdom Level Above Human really is, and giving that information a chance to build in those souls. Now, if a human plant has a soul, then that human plant has to find and connect with someone who is from that Kingdom Level. And since that Representative is here to try to help those get the information that can lead them out of the human kingdom, that individual is going to say, "I'm from the Kingdom of Heaven." Oh my goodness, how blasphemous can someone be to say, "I am from the Kingdom of Heaven." How else can a Representative offer anything if He doesn't identify who He is? He's saying, "Do you want to go to Heaven? I'm here! I was sent here for the express purpose of helping you get to the Kingdom of Heaven."

Now, the remarkable little process that happens - if an individual who has that little deposit of soul hears that voice that says, "I'm from the Kingdom of Heaven, I can help you go to the Kingdom of Heaven," - then that individual experiences severe pain, and begins to break away from the world, and begins to go to, physically go to and be with that Representative from that Kingdom of Heaven. Knowing quite well that they are questioning all the time, "Is this really someone from the Kingdom of Heaven or from the

Level Above Human? Because if it isn't, you know, I don't want to get caught up in some 'cult.' I don't want to listen to somebody who could lead me astray. But if it is somebody from the Kingdom of Heaven, and if I've got that little bit of information in my head, then I'm going to have some awareness that there could be some truth in what that individual is saying, who says He is from the Kingdom of Heaven."

Don't forget, a couple of thousand years ago, there was a Representative from the Kingdom of Heaven or the Evolutionary Level Above Human, present, and He said, 'I am from the Kingdom of Heaven. Go and tell the Good News.' He told His followers, 'Go tell the Good News that the Kingdom of Heaven is here.' Meaning, 'This is your chance, I'm here. I can take you out of here. I can lead you into that Kingdom Level Above Human.' But He also said, 'That can't happen unless you leave the human world that you are in and come and follow Me. Come and follow Me.' That didn't mean on Sundays, it didn't mean part-time. It meant totally - 'Leave everything and come and follow Me.' And you can say, "Well, my information says that's terrible." Well, check it out. Go read your New Testament. Go read the red letters in the New Testament. See what that Representative actually said, 'Unless you leave everything and follow Me, unless you hate everything of this world and come and follow Me, you will not know My Father nor His Kingdom.' Go read it. It's long. It's thorough. It's remarkable that it's still there. I'm sure that the Level Above Human had to intercede because I'm sure that the lower forces would have, long ago, had that eliminated from documents that people would call religious documents or religious literature.

Every religion is less than the "Truth." It becomes a religion when it is less than the Truth. Now, every religion can prepare an individual to be more prepared for the time when a Representative from the Level Above Human comes in. So it's not like the Level Above Human is available only to whites, or blacks, or Jews, or Christians, or Muslims, or whatever the case might be. It's open to anyone who, when a Representative is present, chooses to leave all behind, follow that Representative, and "graft" to that Representative; and that graft grows as they take in more mind. Now, they're not really taking in the mind of the Representative, because the mind that is in the Representative is not His mind. The mind that comes through me is not my mind, it is the mind of my Older Member - we're in bad shape if it's my mind. It is mine because it was given to me by my Older Member, and by the Kingdom Level Above me - but it is not of me. I do not care for glory. I know that is the last thing that anyone would give to me on this planet, and I do not care for it. But I do care to glorify the Level Above Human. I care to glorify my Father who gave me life. It is hard for me to speak of that without weakening, as you can observe.

Okay, here's an individual who says, "I will break away from the world." Now breaking away from the world is not easy. It's difficult. It's tough. And breaking away doesn't mean that, I'm going to go live in some place with this little cult, and I'll spend time on weekends or at least on holidays with the family that I left, because they're my family. No, it means that you leave that world behind. You even become another individual. It means that even the "mind" that you had as a human is "aborted," and the soul that was given to you is filled with Next Level information - Next Level mind - and a new creature is born, one that is not human. Now, the mind that is filling that soul came from the Kingdom Level Above

Human - the Kingdom of God. So that means that even what fills that soul came from that Kingdom. And therefore that new creature becomes something that is of, or even from, that Kingdom. It's the most interesting way that a creature comes into being. It's like how babies are made in the Kingdom Level Above Human - certainly not in mammalian ways, certainly not in acts that are abhorrent to them.

Now, that doesn't mean that it's "evil" to have an act of reproduction in the human kingdom - it's "evil" if I'm leaving the human kingdom, certainly. It is "evil" because it's barbaric, it's primitive, it's beneath me. The members in the Kingdom Level Above Human are not mammals - there are no males, there are no females. They don't need to consume things that require fangs or teeth. They can receive nourishment from a pill or a simple wave or vibration that they would walk through. The environment that they are in determines what the vehicle (or "suit of clothes") they are wearing for that task requires. Now don't forget, they identify as the mind - synonymous with spirit - they are not the "suit of clothes." But they wear physical "suits of clothes," and those physical suits of clothes look very much like - well I started to say like "extraterrestrials." However, most renditions by human artists of extraterrestrials are the most grotesque things that you can possibly imagine. They make them look like some praying mantis or some insect that has some crazy shape or form. And that's ridiculous. Next Level bodies are perfectly beautiful "suits of clothes." They are perfectly beautiful bodies - neither male nor female. They don't have hair that needs to be cut, they don't need to have curlers. They don't need to use makeup. It's a body that exists for the most part, in a non-destructive environment, except when it has to go to a place like planet Earth. So, it's potentially an eternal body - an everlasting body.

Now, I don't like to use terms like "everlasting," because, bingo, it sounds like I'm talking spiritual talk, or religious talk. Don't forget, religion is less than Truth. Spiritual talk is less than Truth. It is an abuse of Truth - it is a replacement for Truth that the lower forces have brought in. The more religious you are, the more you become dependent upon artificial information that would lead you away from the Truth. It's just like the rituals, and the prayers, and the trappings that go with religion - they can be so addictive, they can be so soothing, they can be so calming that they feel so wonderful. And to drop those things for a reality that is a Kingdom Level Above Human, that does not need those things, is a difficult thing to do. It is as difficult to drop religious trappings as it is to drop attachments that the plant that you are wearing had - those attachments to offspring or to spouse or to the parents of those plants.

The funny thing is, that in reality, those human parents do not possess the offspring they have. It is a very "evil" thing for them to think that their offspring are theirs, that they are products of theirs, property of theirs. Rather than wanting for that spirit, that mind (that is in that body that they supplied for that mind or spirit) to become what it wants to become, the humans are programmed by the alien forces, or the space aliens, or the negative creatures, to have you believe that children owe their parents or that parents possess their children. That is not true. It is cruel to even think that way. The more Next Level way of thinking is to want that individual to have their life, and not to be selfish and say, "Well, I brought you into this world. I want to cling to you. You owe me." That doesn't hold up. They didn't ask you to bring them in to the world. Is there some document that says that child owes its parent? Now the parent is responsible for the child, because the parent made

the choice of creating (reproducing or replicating) another plant. And since they made that choice, or they took an action - oh, yes, we get down to that don't we - reproduction, human reproduction.

Boy, the worst thing you can imagine is for humans to be taught by these space aliens - even using their religions and their government morality to teach them - that the act of reproduction is a God-given, wonderful thing. It's God-given in the sense that dogs and horses came from God. Everything came from the Kingdom of Heaven, including humans and human reproductive systems. But what the Kingdom Above Human, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven wants is to offer you their Kingdom, which they very systematically do, periodically. But it requires that when they do, you listen to them, and that you do what they require if you want to get out of the human kingdom. And to get out of the human kingdom requires that you leave the human kingdom, and go and follow someone who can lead you to the Kingdom Level Above Human.

Now, I told you a little while ago, that there are pretty much three types of individuals that can avoid the spading under at the end of an Age. One would, of course, be those souls that were deposited, and those souls were awakened, and those souls received nourishment, and left everything behind, and became attached to - grafted to - a Representative from the Level Above Human, and separated from everything. Now, I've got a bunch of these individuals sitting in front of me who, I may be mistaken, but I don't believe that any of them had the beginning of their Next Level life in this time period - in this generation. I know that every one of them were in the keeping of the Kingdom Level Above Human

before they came into this time period. This time period was a chance for them to learn a lot of things that they didn't learn very well, or didn't get a chance to complete, or needed to work on more, as far as separating from the human kingdom. They are having an opportunity to develop that more, so that they don't have to be planted back in a human garden in another time - so that they can move into the Kingdom Level Above Human, take on costumes, or suits of clothes, or bodies that belong to that Kingdom, and serve and do their work in that Kingdom Level Above Human.

You know, I can hear some of those humans who are watching this tape now saying, "Oh my goodness, if I did what you would do, I would not even be a humanitarian. I would be forsaking my responsibility to the human kingdom." You have to forsake the human kingdom if you expect to ever know service in the Kingdom Level Above Human. You can't do both. You can't say, you know, "12 hours a day I'll work for the human kingdom, and the other 12 hours I'll work for the Kingdom Level Above Human." No, to leave the human kingdom requires everything you have.

A second type is one who recognizes the Representative, recognizes the information of the Next Level that is coming through the Representative, knows it is true, and has not yet had the strength to complete it. This type still trusts the Next Level, still believes that that is the only Truth, and whatever faith they have and trust they have, that's where it is. And they will be kept in the keeping of the Kingdom Level Above Human, and replanted at another time, and given another chance.

However, even though that Kingdom Level is fair, just because someone with a deposit of soul comes to them, is no guarantee they will get to the Kingdom Level Above Human. When they come, they can apply their effort toward change to the best of their (big question mark on this next word) ability or capability. It takes a lot of effort. And even your effort cannot get you there. You have to please your Older Member. I also had to, and have to, please my Older Member. When I first took my birth into that Kingdom Level, it was because I pleased my Teacher - my Older Member - the one who gave me birth into that Kingdom. No matter how hard I work, that work is of no value if it doesn't please my Older Member, the one who took me into that Kingdom. That is still true. In other words, this classroom here not only has to please me, they have to please my Older Member. So, just because they're sitting here, having left their world behind, does not mean that they will receive a body or suit of clothes belonging to that Next Level.

Okay, let's say they try to the best of their ability, and according to the Next Level's judgment they're not quite ready for a body of service, belonging to that Kingdom Level. If they did the best that they could, and they still pleased their teacher and pleased their teacher's Teacher, then they will have a future. They'll be replanted, have another time for a Representative to come into the human kingdom, and have that nourishment. Now that's the second type. So one is the type of soul that becomes a new creature, is ready to go into the Kingdom Level Above Human, receive a body, begin service. Two, is one who is in the process of that but doesn't quite make "quartermaster" - not quite ready to have a body because of more work that needs to happen as far as separating from human. We'll talk later about some of the work that is required in separating.



There is a side issue to the Next Level's presence that is a very interesting phenomena. During the time that the Next Level is close to a planet because they have a Representative there, and they are communicating continually with that Representative, then there is mind of the Next Level present that even the lower forces can tap and take advantage of, and increase a broad scope of their knowledge and their technical advancement, etc. Now, how long has the Next Level been here with me and my Older Member? Since the early '20's. Well, think of the advancement that has taken place on the planet, as far as technical advancement and scientific development since the early '20's, because that presence was here that all creatures could draw upon and use, including lower creatures who are here who don't believe that they want to go to my Father's Kingdom at all. They want to remain human.

Okay, back to the three types: One, those ready for quartermaster; two, those not quite ready, and the third type: those who recognize the information of the Next Level and are attempting, even without knowing of the Representative's presence, to break away in their own way. Now, when they attempt to break away in their own way, not even aware that I'm here or that my Older Member has been here at this particular time, they somehow or another find themselves drawn to others who are breaking away. They are also finding themselves surrounded with an opposite type of people who say, "What's wrong with you guys? Are you crazy? You're leaving your career? You're not paying attention to your children?" This is happening a lot. Many people are going into what the mainstream likes to call "cults" - they are breaking away. People who love their God so, in their own way, that they end up like what happened with Randy Weaver at Ruby Ridge, what happened at

Waco, what happens in nations that, even in their government, want to honor God - listen to God - entirely, instead of taking man's laws, man's requirements, man's rules. They are breaking away. They are conscious that there is some presence of God here and are saying, "I want to go in that direction. I'll even put my life on the line in order to get closer to God at this time."

I am not qualified to specifically tell you who all these various types are. But I've given you some illustrations. It's like even in patriot movements, or in militia movements, or in "cults," or in this type of religious radical or another who know that this world is rotten, they are saying, "I would rather die in service to my interpretation of what God is than stay here." Those young souls, those young spirits, those minds will be saved. They will be set aside - "put on ice," so to speak - and have a future, have another planting in the next civilization for further nourishment.

What does this add up to? This adds up to that the ones who love this world and love the human kingdom, say to me and all those like me (or all those I just discussed - all those various categories) that, "They're nuts, they're crazy. They're radicals. They're against the world. They are not human - they're inhumane. They're tyrannical or their terrorists." Now, don't misunderstand me. I'm not advocating violence. I'm not advocating going out and trying to create some war. The war that is a natural phenomenon that comes with the End of an Age, is forced upon those who want to leave this place. It's not anything that we have to do or we have to create. And some, aware that that will happen - even some who want to get to the Kingdom Level Above Human - mistakenly feel responsible for creating those

wars. They don't have all the pieces right. But if they are doing it for the right reasons, not me, but my Father and my Father's Father, and the Kingdom Level Above Human says, "They love me more than they love the world. And they love me more than they love the world during the time that I have a Representative present. And I will honor that. I will extract them. I will put them aside. I will give them a planting at another time."

Well, you know, one of the things that disturbs me the most is that those who are very religious, by whatever name, are usually those who had been recipients of souls, recipients of a little bit of Next Level information, a little deposit from the Kingdom Level Above Human. And the lower forces were aware of that. And so the lower forces do everything they can to keep those individuals from ever knowing the Kingdom of God. So they come in and offer those recipients their version of the "Kingdom of God" through their religion, but it's totally counterfeit. It's totally false. It's concerned with healing your cancer, healing this that's wrong, fixing your pocketbook, or making your business right, or doing all the things to extend your life here - and above all, tend to that family, tend to that "future," tend to all the things that will leave a future for our children. If that's your preoccupation, you cannot know the Kingdom of Heaven and you will have no future. If you love the Kingdom of Heaven, or the Kingdom of God, or the Level Above Human, by whatever terms are in your head, and you hate this world and want to leave it, you will have a future with and in the very Kingdom Level that created you.

Don't forget we are at a very unusual time - we're at the End of an Age. You can say, "Boy, you're really trying to fill me with fear, aren't you?" If it would work, I would. I would do

anything that I could to wake you up, if you have that potential to know that Kingdom, to be saved from this spading under, from this recycling. I mean, I don't care for any of the fame or glory of the human world. It's absolutely worthless to me. I can't wait to get out of here. There's nothing this planet, or this civilization, or this kingdom level has to offer me. I am away from my Father to be here. Anything that I could sacrifice in this world is no sacrifice at all compared to what I sacrificed in leaving there to come here, to try to help those who were given to me as a task. I apologize for being so emotional but that happens to be the Truth. I want to leave here. Now, I'm in a vehicle that is already falling apart on me, and I'm desperate to try to help you have a last chance to go.

Let's go back to title of tape. Title of tape is "Last Chance to Evacuate Planet Earth"- to get out of the human kingdom, get off of the planet, leave it literally. Now, "leave it literally" means - well, what is literal - that leaving requires that you start identifying with the mind that can connect with this information, and not identify with the body that you are wearing. And that you take advantage of everything that you can to learn more of this information, become more connected with it, and to follow it like sheep would follow a shepherd, in an attempt to leave this place.

So, I hate the lower forces who have taken the very Truths that were initially the Truths, and have reduced them to "religion," and they made the religions more attractive and more human, so that those who had deposits and were seeking the presence of a Representative of the Kingdom Level Above Human, would, when He came, be looking for the wrong one - the one who would bring "peace on Earth." Here we are at the End of the Age, and you've

got a whole world full of many, many types who say, "We're coming to the End of an Age, we're coming to the Second Coming, we're coming to the time that Jesus is coming back, or that the Kingdom of Heaven is coming - and His Son is going to set up His Kingdom here on Earth, and Earth will then be Heaven." This will never happen. You wouldn't have it even if it happened. Once you knew what it was, you couldn't stand it. You cannot cling to being a mammal, connected with other mammals, and expect to get into a level of life that is beyond mammal. Now, you can search the documents of your religions right now and they clearly tell you that in Heaven there are - there will be - no males and no females (it is genderless). It is not a mammalian existence, it is not a human existence. And those documents also clearly tell you that you have to leave everything of the human world in order to know that Next World or ever see that Kingdom of Heaven.

Well, once more, the awful thing that happens, from your perspective, when the Level Above Human comes into the human kingdom and incarnates into a human body, is that the Representative whom they send has to say - in order to find followers - "I'm here. I'm from the Kingdom Level Above Human." What does that yield? That yields, immediately, that the vast majority say, "cult, some religious radical, some blasphemous individual that wants to take advantage of people - you know, has some big bank account somewhere that they're taking whatever possessions that followers might bring with them or have access to." I wish you'd show me where that bank account is so that we could use it to get this information out.

I don't mean to make fun of this. I am desperate - for your sakes. Within the past 24 hours I have been clearly informed by my Older Member of how short the remaining time is; how clearly we cannot concentrate on anything except the perspective that says: the end of this civilization is very close. The end of a civilization is accompanied by spading under, refurbishing the planet in preparation for another civilization. And the only ones who can survive that experience have to be those who are taken into the keeping of the Evolutionary Level Above Human.

Now, there are some strange possibilities that could happen that I have not touched upon. How is this end of civilization going to occur? Well, I don't know all the particulars. Talk to the people who talk about earthquakes, and talk about weather phenomena, and talk about ozone layers. And talk to environmental people and they'll say, "Well, the planet is in trouble in that area." Talk about the way that people no longer are restrained nor do they have respect for their neighbors. They're so unrestrained that if you just say something that makes them unhappy, they start throwing rocks at you, and the next thing you know you've got a neighborhood war, you've got a little ethnic war in this nation or that. And there's so little restraint that these little groups, these little ethnic groups, these little religious groups, these little governments that are in conflict - they seem to be doing a significant amount of the spading under themselves. They seem to, by choice, be so quick to condemn others. Well, what is it that's in the history books about the Truth? It says: be careful not to condemn someone else or you will be condemned. That doesn't mean anything anymore - everyone is quick to condemn. I mean they don't even "look-see" anymore. They just see a tiny little aspect of someone else and they quickly determine that they are so brilliant that

they can judge it as being not what they are looking for - worthless, some radical movement, some movement that certainly is beneath them. Well, that is making hasty judgments - that kind of quick-to-condemn-others attitude, that kind of violence that wants to destroy others.

You know, the world and its majority have created laws that try to keep individuals like us non-existent, because we threaten the system that the major systems exist on. You could say, "What if everybody in the world left their families and came and followed Do?" Well, you don't have to worry about that - that's not going to happen. You know, only a tiny, tiny little fraction of the plants that are on the planet would ever be able to make that transition from the human kingdom to the Kingdom of Heaven. It's the same in regard to giving up human ways. You could say, "Well, what if everyone gave up their human and mammalian reproductive activity - there wouldn't be any humans left." Oh, then you don't believe that the Kingdom Level Above Human is capable of producing individuals? That they can't create or make them? That they are dependent upon the human reproductive activity? You sure don't give them credit for much. They made the very first ones here. They even designed them with a capacity to reproduce. If humans didn't reproduce, the Next Level could make as many as they want to. They always have been able to do that. They're not dependent upon humans for anything.

Well, I know this could sound strange, but I wish you could believe me. Why do I wish that you could believe me? Because if you really believed me, you would look at what we have to say. You know, this little classroom of students who are about to move into the

Level Above Human, following me out of here - and we're going to leave quickly - are doing everything they can do to be non-human. That doesn't mean that they are uncaring. They are more sensitive than you can imagine. They are more caring than you can imagine. The qualities that they have exceed anything of your imagination - because they have listened to and taken in information of the Next Level enough that they believe it and it has become a part of them. And it means everything to them. They know that by separating from the world that the vehicles that they are wearing - the plants that they are wearing - caused grief for individuals. There's another aspect to that: the Kingdom Level Above Human also sees to it that none of those lives that were touched by that separation were damaged. They may be temporarily hurt. That doesn't mean they are damaged. A lot of times - or all of the time - that kind of hurt can lead to a greater positive for the individual who experiences the pain of that separation.

Well, I started to tell you a minute or two ago, that we created recently a website on Internet - one called "Heavensgate." We have put into Heavensgate just about everything we have to say, as far as we are capable. The time I'm sitting with you is a tiny little fragment of time. I couldn't tell you all the things I know if we sat for days and days and days. But if you want to know more about us, if you can believe what I am telling you and you want to know more about it, you can go to Heavensgate on the Internet. You can pull down all kinds of stuff that we have written, things that we have done, things about our history. We even have a book that is available to you - I'm not going to spend time now trying to sell you some book. But there is a book available that you can find on the Heavensgate website.



I don't want to take away from the seriousness of the moment, because I am concerned that time is short. Again, the topic of this tape is: Last chance to evacuate the human kingdom - planet Earth - to get out of this space so that this garden can be recycled. I hope for your sake that you have a degree of curiosity about what I have said on this tape, so that you will look a little deeper. If you condemn me thoroughly and call me the Anti- Christ or whatever you want to call me, it's not going to hurt me. It's going to hurt you. If you condemn us, you will be condemned. Nothing can hurt us. The thing that we could experience here that would be the most horrible thing, from your point of view, would serve to help us get back to the Kingdom Level Above Human more quickly, and that's what we desire to do.

I know that the presentation of this little tape is not what I would call skilled or polished. It doesn't have the things that humans like to see in their presentations. But I know that it has the Truth. And that any of you who have a fragment of Truth in you can connect with that Truth. And if you pursue that Truth, you don't have to worry about what is going to happen, for you will have a future. You will be in the keeping of the Kingdom Level Above Human. This I desperately, for your sake, hope you take advantage of. And what happens to those who respond to us - one way or the other - is all a part of the spading under, even what may happen to us as a result of this little tape, or whatever subsequent things that we do in relationship to you between now and our departure.

I hope that you take advantage of this. I hope that I have been a servant of the Next Level, and that you might somehow come to know the Next Level through this meager effort.

### **Edited Transcript of Videotape - October 5, 1996:**

This is a very exciting time for us. Who is us? I'm "Do" (pronounced "Doe") for starters, and I have in front of me a number of students, or my classroom, or in old language of a couple of thousand years ago, my disciples - those who are trying to prepare themselves for entry into the Evolutionary Level Above Human, synonymous with the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven. We're going to talk to you about the most urgent thing that is on our mind, and what we suspect is the most urgent thing on the minds of those who will connect with us.

We'll title this tape, "Planet Earth About to be Recycled - Your Only Chance to Evacuate is to Leave With Us." Planet Earth about to be recycled - Your only chance to survive or evacuate is to leave with us. Now, that's a pretty drastic statement - pretty bold - in terms of religion, in terms of anybody's intelligent thinking. To most people who would consider themselves intelligent beings, they'd say, "Well, that's absurd. What's all this doomsday stuff? What's all this prophetic, apocalyptic talk?" You know, intelligent human beings should realize that all things have their own cycle. They have their season. They have their beginning, they have their end. We're not saying that planet Earth is coming to an end. We're saying that planet Earth is about to be refurbished, spaded under, and have another chance to serve as a garden for a future human civilization.

Now, the reason this is such an interesting time is not only because we're on the threshold of the end of this civilization (because it's about to be recycled), but because of where that finds us, and where that finds you - where that finds those who would judge us - how we would speak of them, and how they would speak of us. Now, you might say, "You keep

saying 'us'? Who do you think you are?" Well, I, in all honesty, to address that must first acknowledge who my Father is. My Father is not a human father. My Father is a member of the Evolutionary Level Above Human - the Kingdom of God - the Kingdom of Heaven. My Father - long before this civilization began - gave me birth into that Kingdom Level Above Human, that Kingdom of Heaven, that Kingdom of God.

Now, you can say, "I can't believe that!" Well, it's up to you whether you believe that or not. That's not important to me, even though I wish that you could believe it for your sake. For those who do believe it stand a possibility of having a future beyond this recycling time. Now, you say, "According to religious literature, I thought there was someone else who was going to come and be our "Savior" here at these last days - that that was going to be Christ's return?" Well, the name "Christ" or the name "Jesus" might be a little confusing. Because the name "Jesus," of course, was merely the name given to the body that that mind (that was indeed from the Kingdom of Heaven) incarnated into. That mind was here 2000 years ago, and that mind came for the express purpose of teaching humans how they could be "saved"- how they would not be plowed under at the End of the Age. Well, we're now at the End of the Age. So that mind that was in Jesus - What? That mind, that spirit, that soul is me, and in this body called "Do" that you're looking at? You'll have to decide that for yourself. I must admit that I am here again. That I'm here saying exactly the same thing that I said then, trying to say it in today's language, trying to hope that, for your sakes, you can see what we have to offer you. For the Next Level, through my Father and through me, is offering you LIFE for the first time - and we're not talking about human life.

Now, the planet is about to be recycled, and we say we see the planet as a steppingstone - planet Earth as a steppingstone. Just as with a civilization, that civilization can evolve upwards - each segment within that civilization has the option to become more civilized, less barbaric. It would be better for them if they took more civilized options. Not that they necessarily do. Sometimes they seem to appear to be more civilized when, in fact, they have become more barbaric, more quick to condemn the rest of the world, more quick to kill the rest of the world that does not think as they think.

Well, I know what I said a few moments ago. I said that I am the return of the Son of my Father. I'll tell you something that's even more remarkable: my Father came with me this time. He came in the early '70's, took on a human form - an adult female human form. He helped me "get into" an adult human form, in the early '70's. And we together helped those who came with us (our students, who were also here 2000 years ago as disciples) get in the bodies that they are presently wearing - so that they could rid themselves of human behavior, human activity, human thinking - so that they could be ready at this time to move into the Kingdom of Heaven or the Evolutionary Level Above Human.

These that are sitting before me have been students of Ti and Do - Ti, my Father - and they are still students of Ti and Do, even though Ti returned to the Heavens in 1985. Ti is my Heavenly Father and is the One who gave me birth into that Kingdom before this civilization began. Now, I'm not here to sell you on that, or who I am or who these are. I'm here to offer you, as these are, an opportunity to know the Truth, so that if you can connect

with it, at any level, then you might survive the re-spading or the recycling that is about to occur.

We made a tape just shortly ago, and in that tape we said that there are three types of individuals who will survive the recycling. One type is those individuals who have overcome their humanness enough that when the End of this Age is complete, when the war is over (the spading complete, there is nothing left here except for recycling), when the end of that occurs, that first type will have reached a condition of having overcome human behavior, human thinking, human desires - desiring only to be in the Kingdom of Heaven, in the Evolutionary Level Above Human, being of service in that Kingdom. When they have done that overcoming to that degree, at that point they are a match for a physical body belonging to that Kingdom.

Humans think that this is a flesh body world, and it is. But, more importantly, it is a human flesh body world. The Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Evolutionary Level Above Human also has bodies. I wouldn't say flesh bodies because they have different characteristics. But it is a physical body, a biological body, and in a sense, it is equivalent to a human body for that next Evolutionary Level. It doesn't need the kind of fuel that humans need, for it's not a mammalian body. It doesn't reproduce. It's not male nor female. It probably would look like what you might consider a very attractive "extraterrestrial." Most of the illustrations of extraterrestrials these days have been grotesque - looked like giant insects, or slimy reptilians, or have eyes so big that you could fall into them. An extraterrestrial that we would consider a genuine extraterrestrial is not a "fallen angel," is not a "space alien."

We see fallen angels and space aliens as synonymous - fallen angels and space aliens are synonymous. And the Next Level - the only real extraterrestrials - have a body similar to the human body. The human body was made from the same basic design, the same general form, except the human body is more animal than that Next Level form. The human body has hair, needs teeth, has physical characteristics that are appropriate to this environment. When you go into an environment that does not require eating things that you have to pull off the bone, or crack the shells off the nut, then certainly teeth are not needed. A Next Level body in a non-earthly environment also needs no hair. That Next Level body is a creature that looks very attractive, has two eyes, some remnant of a nose, some remnant of ears - what you would call remnants - even though they function very well as nose, as ears. They have a voice box, but don't really need to use it, for they can communicate by thought - communicate with their minds. And that's an extraterrestrial - that is the "body" belonging to a member of the Evolutionary Level Above Human, the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God. It's true, they could seem unattractive to you if you're really "into" human flesh bodies and see them as beautiful.

You know, there are sayings that there is seed of flesh, or there are things that are born of flesh, and there are things that are born of spirit. Also, born of water is synonymous with being born of flesh. If people really understood the more accurate of the religious literature, and could read it as it was intended to be read, they would know it clarifies that seed of flesh (human) was and is, literally, seed of the negative, the opposition, the space aliens, the fallen angels. Therefore, to the Next Level, human flesh has become a product of the

lower forces and is of the kingdom level beneath the Kingdom of God - that kingdom level that rightfully should be only a steppingstone leading to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, this understanding isn't meant to put you down or to say that an individual is necessarily "evil" just because they're wearing a human vehicle. I'm wearing a human vehicle, because I have to wear one for this task. I don't like it. It doesn't match me. And those who sit in front of me don't like their human vehicles that they have to wear for this task. But they have to wear them, because the task of overcoming the human kingdom requires that they overcome human flesh - the genetic vibrations, the lust of the flesh, the desire to reproduce, the desire to cling to offspring, or spouse, or parents, or house, or money, or fame, or job, or, or - that could go on and on - overcoming the human flesh and its desires - even its religious desires. There is not a religion on the face of the globe that is of God, as it is today. All of those ideologies that are called religions use corrupted records and corrupted interpretations of man's relationship with someone from the Kingdom of God, the Evolutionary Level Above Human.

In other words, it's like the religious literature (the Bible, the Torah, the Koran, etc.) are written as time manuals. So that ancient religious literature, with its laws and rules, was appropriate to the time that it was written in and to that phase of civilization. Less ancient literature, with its laws, was appropriate to its own particular age. What did the "Lord" God - the one who was here long before the Messiah came - say to His people? Through His prophets, He said, 'I will send a Savior, a Messiah to help you get out of the human kingdom,' knowing that some humans should certainly reach a condition where they would

be ready to move up into His Kingdom by that period in time when His Representative - the Messiah - would be sent. When the One He sent came as the "Messiah," truly some in the civilization at that time were prepared for the information - the steps, the requirements - that that Messiah had to offer to those who would seek His Father's Kingdom.

Well, that Savior came, that Messiah came. And after a brief teaching period with those He picked - those who were His disciples/students - He said, 'I will come again.' And His Father sent Him again. And for me to say that I was and am He, is to most, utter blasphemy. In other words, what I say to you now is a direct, present, current transmission - information from the Kingdom Level of My Father, the Level Above Human, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Christians say they are Christians and think they are Christians. And yet they seldom quote the most important things that Jesus said. Jesus said, 'If you want to know My Father, if you want to move into My Father's Kingdom, then shed everything of this world - leave everything behind - and come and follow Me. And unless you hate everything of this world, your sister, your mother, your brother - everything of this world - you will not know the Kingdom of Heaven. You have to graft to Me, you have to cling to Me, if I am to literally take you into My Father's house.' Most Christians, world over, mostly frequently quote Paul - who never sat with that Representative (Jesus), nor was Paul ever a student of that Representative. Christians say, "Oh, I love Jesus. He's in my heart. I'm filled with Jesus. Jesus wants me to live an abundant human life. He wants me to have riches. He wants me to have more children so that I can bring them up with Christian family



values." I don't remember Jesus ever saying that, "What I want you to do is to go get married, have families, have children, and together bring all of them and I will take them into the Kingdom of Heaven." He only spoke to individuals - and said, 'The only way out of here is for you to know that as an individual this human world is not for you - that tie that binds you to the human kingdom is not for you. If you know it is not for you, then come to Me - and My Father will feed Me information that can nourish you - and help you overcome this world - and we'll leave this world, and we'll go to My Father's Kingdom.'

Remember, we're not talking about a spiritual kingdom - no clouds, no harps - even though we are talking about in the heavens. But the Heavens are no more spiritual than when you go out at night and look at the Heavenly bodies and see them. They are literally there. They are physical. My Father's Kingdom also moves or travels in spacecrafts (some of which are even organic). You could say, "Oh, my goodness, that's outrageous." Well, you don't like the illustrations of chariots of fire or wheel within a wheel? You don't like the illustrations that are in your religious literature that tell of spacecrafts of my Father's Kingdom? "Clouds of light" - at that time they didn't know what else to call them. Even when they saw angels that they said had wings - how else could they have described that they fly? That didn't necessarily mean they had feathers on their backs (though that possibility exists as well). Certainly some of these illustrations mean that they came to Earth in a flying object and they left aboard that flying object. And when they saw Jesus ascend, they said, "He went up into that cloud of light."

Now, I'm not trying to make a big deal over the means of transportation issue. For a spacecraft - belonging to the Level Above Human - is much more than a piece of transportation. It is a very valuable work station. It is commonly a place of service to the Level Above Human. These students that are leaving this kingdom level to go with me to my Father's Kingdom, to my Father's house, these will not go into houses on some planet like Earth, and reproduce, and have families and sit and watch television and make scrambled eggs. They're going to be genderless individuals, in service - full time - for whatever need the Level Above Human, the Kingdom of Heaven has for them. And the tools they use, the workstations that they use are spacecrafts - all sizes. Spacecrafts that are so small that a very small crew could fit into them because that small spacecraft is best suited for that given task. Spacecrafts that are so large you can't even see the outer extremities of them. They could look like something larger than a planet to the observers, because that size craft is best suited for whatever laboratory work or experimentation is going on. All sizes are used for a variety of purposes.

How can these students be effective servants in that Kingdom if they're worried about their children, or their dogs, or their horses, or their cats, or how much time they have to put in at the Rotary, or such things as that. As individuals they serve one or two individuals - older Representatives of that Next Kingdom - who are their instructors for their assigned tasks. Just as in the task that we're in now with this classroom - these look to me as their Older Member, their instructor, for everything. I look to my Older Member for everything - to fill me in on what these students' needs are and how I might be used to instruct them. I'm not just talking about their physical needs, but their mental/spirit/soul needs - how they

can most effectively make their change from human into the Kingdom Level Above Human.

Now, this is not to say that we know that there is a guarantee that we will all go on board a craft together, in order to leave before this spading under occurs. We will definitely go on board a craft to leave before the "spading under" occurs. You could say, "Well, what's the difference?" Well, the difference is that we don't yet know if we are going to take these flesh bodies on board that craft or if we will leave these flesh bodies behind before we board. We don't believe that Our Father's Kingdom has much need for these flesh bodies. But, it's possible that a spacecraft will come down, and we'll walk on board that craft, and they'll take these bodies from us, and issue us the ones that belong to that Level so that we might begin our service. It is also possible that part of our test of faith is our hating this world, even our flesh body, to the extent to be willing to leave it without any proof of the Next Level's existence, other than what we have come to know: that we have nothing to fear; that we are in Good keeping; that we can leave the body that we're in and Be that soul, that identity, which totally survives that separation - whether it is by martyrdom, because someone went crazy over our "righteous blasphemy," or whatever event that might separate us from that human body that we are wearing. Our faith is primarily based upon our trust in our Older Members. We do know one thing - we don't care to cling to the life of this body until it naturally "gives up." We don't care to be aborted by the body that we're wearing. We care more to abort it in proof to our Heavenly Father that we trust Him and are ready to leave this place. We're ready to go into His Kingdom. And they, these students, have to say to my Father, "We trust your Son. We trust the One You sent for our sakes.

Even so much that we have no hesitation to leave this place - to leave the body that we are wearing. We know that whatever happens to us after we leave this body is a step forward from what we were, and that we don't care to be here any longer."

Earlier in this tape I spoke to you of three types of individuals who can be salvaged from this re-spading. One type that I mentioned was those who have overcome enough that they will get an issue of a physical body belonging to the Next Level, and go into service, as a crew member, working for the Next Level. A second type of individual that can be salvaged from this planet at this time are those who don't quite reach that point of overcoming by the time it is time to leave. But they are still faithful to the best of their ability in their effort of breaking away, leaving their humanity, and looking to us - looking to me, looking to my Father, looking to the Next Level - to give them the strength and the understanding of how they can break away more quickly. So wherever they are, to the best of their capability, at the time of our exit, even if they are not ready for issue of a Next Level body - they may have to experience a time in a civilization that is yet to come and do more overcoming of the human kingdom. But they will be in the keeping of the Kingdom Level Above Human, just as these have been in the keeping of the Kingdom Level Above Human - not just here at this time, in this generation, with me and with Ti.

"Ti" isn't Ti's name, by the way. "Do" isn't Do's name. I'm not even given to tell you what my name or Ti's name is. The Next Level wouldn't have humans know what our real names are. I had to put that in for the record, so that you would understand.

Back to the previous subject, the second type of individual who can go into the Kingdom of Heaven is one who, at the time we leave, has not completed their human overcoming to the satisfaction of the Next Level, and therefore the Next Level will bring them back when a civilization is at its development point to be a "match" - at the point where those individuals might pick up where they left off. Then they will reach "issue time" for a Next Level body by or before the end of the next civilization.

The third type of soul or individual who can go to the Kingdom of Heaven now, with us, and be in the keeping of that Kingdom, are those who either hear our voice right at the end of our task, or have received this information and don't know where it's coming from. In other words, some might hear our voice and might know where it is coming from, might know that I exist in physical form here, about to leave. Others might not make contact, but something tells them, "I've got to break away, I can't stand to stay here. I've got to put my life on the line for the Kingdom of Heaven."

The lower forces' whole effort is to have potential members of the Next Level not succeed in remaining faithful to the end so that they might prevent them from coming into the keeping of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven.

So, here we are. We're going public with this information once again, right before we leave. This is like putting ourselves right out on the chopping block where the lower forces will have a chance to try to demean us, have the world turn against us, and try to do us in. It will challenge all those who are religious minded to look at us and say, "Hmmm, how could

that possibly be the Truth, is this not the Anti-Christ or the spurious Messiah?" "Spurious Messiah" is the term that some prominent television/satellite ministries use in describing the Anti-Christ, who, they say, is to arrive on the scene before Christ returns. So, in their eyes, since the Anti-Christ has not yet arrived, then Christ's return must be at a later time. Well, I hate to tell you, but the Anti-Christ - the spurious Messiah - has been on the scene ever since my Father and I left 2000 years ago. And he and his helpers have worked as hard as they could through religions, through governments, through "acceptable" morality, through "responsibility as a human," to brainwash humans to expect "Heaven on Earth." Those lower forces have "programmed" humans, especially Christians, to see our arrival "on the scene" as the Anti-Christ. Those fallen angels - those humanoid space aliens - would have humans not look to or expect to go to a Kingdom of Heaven, but to look for a Heaven on Earth - where they might reign as your Christ - to work toward the future - to be preoccupied with replicating or reproducing children - and laying aside enough money to take care of those children so that they will have a future, and they will have a future, and they will have a future. A future in what? - the human kingdom? What an abomination! To the Next Level the human kingdom is, at its best, nothing more than a potential steppingstone. It's clear that anyone who wants to stay in the human kingdom - and make it some sort of divinity - is looking to some "spurious Messiah," an anti-Christ indeed.

Now, I know that those who are expecting the arrival of the "spurious Messiah" - "the anti-Christ" - if they become aware of this tape and of Do sitting here saying what I'm saying now, they'll say, "That's the one. Because I warned you that the spurious Messiah would say, 'I'll take you out of here. I'll rapture you into my father's kingdom.'" And that's what

I'm saying. I'm saying that, "If you can believe my Father's information, if you can believe the Truth that we share with you, and if you believe it enough that you can put your trust in me - and that could be a "big dose" for some - you will soon find yourself in the safekeeping of the Kingdom of Heaven." These students in front of me know me well. If you have some of my Father's mind in you, you can have recognition as well, even with only this brief viewing, though I'll remind you that the lower forces will do everything they can to have you lose or doubt that recognition.

We have a website now, you know, it's the popular thing - everybody has to have a website. Our website on the Internet is called Heavensgate. Heavensgate - oh, of course, .com. Everything is .com. We're not .org, we're .com. So if you want to, you can learn more about who we are, what we have to say, what I have to say, what my Older Member can share with you through what we have said, and know of our history. We have nothing to hide. Even though to some, we might be a dangerous cult. We understand that. Why dangerous? Because we threaten the family, we threaten the established norm of family values. If you knew Jesus 2000 years ago, you would know that exactly the same thing occurred. And that the reason for getting rid of Him was because if people really began to follow Him to any significant degree, it would threaten the political, and certainly the religious norm. His teachings were clearly against what the mainstream was teaching, what the norm was in the governments or the family, and certainly against the religion of that time.

Religion today is an interesting thing. Remember how we said a moment ago that the religious literature like the Bible, the Koran, the Torah, are time manuals. In the time that

something was written, as the Lord or as God related to man, it was appropriate for them at that time. And yet we have the bulk (if not the vast majority) of humans on the planet today who are very religious living exactly as they were trying to live some 5000 years ago, or some 4000 years ago. They never made it to 2000 years ago. But 2000 years ago, a chance to get out of here, was available to those who listened to what the Next Level's Representative had to say. A chance to get out of here - out of the human kingdom - whenever it is offered, requires everything of you - that you, as an individual, go join some cult - that you leave everything behind - that you ignore the members of your family - that you ignore the responsibility to your community - that you ignore your career - and that hearts will be broken.

I don't mean to make light of that, "that hearts will be broken." I know that hearts are broken. I also know that anyone who leaves to go to my Father's Kingdom, that any heart that is broken in the process of that transition, can easily be more than healed, if that heart looks to my Father for healing, and looks to my Father for understanding. That soul does not need to see this as a terrible experience. Many times, the worst things in the human kingdom that can happen to us, end up being the best things that could happen to us. Because we learn "in depth" lessons as a result of those difficult times. Every life that was touched by these who are sitting in front of me - every life that was hurt or experienced pain by their leaving and becoming students of mine and of my Father's - was hurt, severely hurt. Some of them still hurt. They could actually say, "Thank you, God, for the lesson that is mine to learn in this experience. And as far as that individual that I used to call my son



or daughter, or my husband or wife, I put them in Your trust. I cannot tell them what they must do with their life. That is their decision."

We cannot judge each other. I cannot judge you. I don't care to judge you. You will judge yourselves by how you respond to what we have to say, by what you can accept and what you can't. In some cases, it's almost better that you never see me, or hear what we say, for that will put you to the test of whether or not you will condemn me, whether or not you will judge me. You cannot hurt me. You cannot hurt these. We can only be hurt if we displease our Heavenly Father.

It's funny that the world - the mainstream human world - is so quick to condemn and judge (those who are not like them) as if they were God Almighty. They would also judge those who would follow us, determining the worthlessness of any that would join some cult, assuming that that is the worst thing that anyone could possibly do, for they are being brainwashed and led down the wrong track into some occult camp, and they're going to the devil. What is the devil like? Know your literature. What do the fallen angels like? They like the pleasures of the human flesh - the aspirations of this world.

What is told to you in all religious literature - that you will find if you ever reach the Kingdom of Heaven? There, there will be no males, no females, no children, no families other than your relationship with God - your Lord. Your Lord is whichever Member of His Kingdom He has given to you, assigned to you as your Helper, your Instructor, your Teacher. This is so simple that it sounds unreal-unspiritual. This information would be

easier to accept if it were more spiritual, if it were more complicated, if it had more ritual with it, or more trappings of religion. In my Father's house, no incense is required, no flowing robes, no tinkling bells, no genuflecting, no sitting in the lotus position, no things of "spirituality," even though our Father's Kingdom requires cleansing of the spirit/the mind. It requires ridding ourselves of the mind of the human kingdom - ridding ourselves of the lusts of the human world, and of the binds to the human level.

"Being filled with spirit" is an interesting thing for you to think about. What happened when the illustration was made that Jesus was with John the Baptist, and was being baptized, and a dove descended and He was "filled with the Holy Spirit"? "Filled with the Holy Spirit" meant that the major portion of Jesus' mind, His Next Level identity, was entering the body that He was wearing to the degree that the vehicle's human mind was no longer affecting Him - He had aborted that mind of the human kingdom. He was "filled" with the mind of His Father. The mind of His Father is "Holy Spirit." Any mind of the Level Above Human is pure Spirit - is Holy Spirit. To think of "being filled with the Holy Spirit" as something that comes- and- knocks- you- down- and- makes- you- fall- on- the- floor- because- somebody- is- trying- to- heal- your- broken- knee, is an abomination. It is anything but the "Holy Spirit" that you're being "filled with." Likewise, to "babble" in some indiscernible "mumbo-jumbo" and call it "speaking in tongues" or "being filled with the Holy Spirit" is also an outrage. It might be an experience of being "filled with the spirit," but it certainly is not the Holy Spirit.

You know, a soul is another very interesting thing, because my Father's Kingdom plants souls. And souls become the great separator as they are planted. My Father's Kingdom plants souls in many humans each time a Representative of the Kingdom Level Above Human is to be incarnate on planet Earth - plants many souls in many human plants. Now, even though they're planted in the flesh, because the flesh is what has to be overcome, they are really planted in the spirit of that flesh. The spirit being the mind or the intelligence of that flesh. And you can say, "Well, does that mean that everybody doesn't have a soul?" Yes, that's exactly what it means. But it also means that anybody can have a soul that can believe in my Father - the reality of my Father, the reality of His Son, and the reality of His Kingdom.

In other words, those who are given the responsibility and the task of planting those souls, plant them in all of the human plants who have a potential of making that step - using that steppingstone - and getting out of the human kingdom and into that Next Kingdom Level. That soul, as the separator, helps the individual, in their mind (in their spirit), abort human thinking, human evaluation, human behavior, and replace it with the mind that they get from the Representatives - the mind of the Next Level - fill it up, fill it up, fill it up. When it is so filled and enough aborting of human mind has occurred - then that individual has come into viability - has come into bloom enough that that individual is ready to go to "quartermaster" when they leave this planet, and be issued a body, of service, belonging to the Kingdom of my Father.

Now, let me say this: all human plants - even in their genetic structure - have a little bit of Heavenly mind, or mind of the Kingdom of God, mind of the Evolutionary Level Above Human (I have to say all of those each time I say it, just to remind you I'm talking about the same thing). Each human plant has a little bit of that Next Level mind in it. So theoretically, and this is true, that if there is a human listening to me who, in fact, may not at this moment have a soul, but that plant listens to me, and says, "Could it be true, what Do is saying? It sounds crazy, but I wonder if that's true?" Even that degree of curiosity would attract the attention of the Next Level crew which is assigned to planting souls. That crew will be sure that a separator (a soul) is immediately made available to that individual. So that deposit of a soul could happen very, very quickly. They're not going to let it happen, that any potential recipients of their Kingdom not have the needed receptacle of Next Level spirit coming into full blossom as pure spirit, pure mind, of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now, let's go back to the topic of urgency. I don't know if you are aware that a great deal of literature used by many scholars today, says that the calendar that humans use is off by 4 years. And that Jesus was born in 4 B.C. Now, if Jesus was born in 4 B.C., and this is '96 A.D., could this be the year 2000 - the millenium, the beginning of the end? That's why we're talking. For us to surface with who we are and the information that we are surfacing with, we know, could challenge you to want to squelch us. It's interesting that we see the world - we see the world - as the anti-Truth, the anti-Christ, the spurious Messiah. The world - those who want to stay in the world - will see us as anti-Truth, anti-Christ, spurious Messiah. We're prepared for that. We know that that is inevitable at this time. That was inevitable 2000 years ago - that is what found Jesus sentenced to die on a cross.

Remember, we said that the third type of person who can actually be salvaged at the end, can be taken into the keeping of the Next Level, simply because they believe in what we say. That simple belief is what occurred in the mind of the thief who was on the cross next to Jesus. When Jesus recognized his belief, He told him that, 'this day he would, upon their departure, be with Him in paradise.' He knew that he seriously believed. And He knew that is all that it took - is for him to believe who He was. Even believing Him in a condition when He was being killed as a heretic - against the Church, against the system. The Church today certainly will see us as against the Church. The Church of today is not of God. Though once the true followers - the Church - were of God. The only true Church of today are those who are connected with the present existence of the Next Level, the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven - and the Representative from that Kingdom.

This time is so exciting to us, even though we know that it is close to our end, and that is why it is exciting to us. We don't expect to or want to build a Church on this planet. We don't want any gothic Cathedral. We don't want any membership roll. We don't want to help you reproduce so that we have more children to put on the Sunday school roll in our Church. We are a group of believers in the Kingdom Level Above Human, who want to leave and enter that Kingdom, and become of significant service to that Kingdom.

This does not mean that when in the human kingdom, that a strong humanitarian drive is not a healthy thing. Because really a strong humanitarian drive is motivated to improve. But if you could only see that a human condition is a temporary condition, a steppingstone, an opportunity to get out of this kingdom, then you could accept this Truth. This is as

scientific - this is as true as true could be - but you have to know me, you have to trust me, you have to believe me. Some can know me now. Some can even know me for the first time when they see this tape and say, "I don't know what there is, but there's something in my head that makes me know that fellow, and makes me know that what he's saying is true. And I may be wrong, but I'm going to try to find more out and see if that's what I need to be a part of. Because I know that this Earth has become something that is not where I belong."

It's funny - not funny - it's really sad that a segment of my Father's Kingdom, in particular my personal Heavenly Father, related to a community that is today considered the early Jewish community, and worked with them preparing them for my presence here 2000 years ago and now. And yet, the Jewish community of then and now, would certainly see me as anything but a Representative of God. The Muslims, who are considered by some to be the enemy of the Judeo-Christians, many of them have sustained a more real connection with God - with some higher standards of behavior, and with more restraint. You know, one of my students reminded me just today that they came in contact with a Muslim who said, "Look, you know you people of the West have a wrong idea of what we are. We don't praise Mohammed. We don't worship Mohammed. We consider Mohammed a prophet of many prophets. Many of the books of our literature are about Jesus. And I say, 'Great is God' more than 50 times a day, because God means so much to me." God means so much to many of them that they are more modest in the clothing that they wear. Many are more on guard against sensuality and "worldly" things. God means so much to many of them that they are willing to die for God and justify that frame of mind more quickly than they

would a willingness to die for nation, or die for world. I'm not saying that Muslims are the ones who are going to inherit God's Kingdom any more than anyone else. In the eyes of the Kingdom of Heaven, there's no such thing as race or color or religious background. It doesn't matter - none of it matters. If the extent of your religious background was Star Trek - that in itself could be the best background you could have, if you could accept this as Truth, if you could accept this as reality.

This is a test time. You could easily say, "Here's a little bitty classroom, with some old fellow with a prune face sitting here, calling himself Do, saying, 'I'm a Representative of the Kingdom of God.' How can I believe that?" If you have some of my Father's mind in you, you will have some recognition of us and this information. Even though once you recognize me, the forces of this world will dive in with all their might to have you lose that recognition, to have you not trust me, to have you come to your senses, and come back into the service of this world.

I hope this tape session with you will be the beginning of our relationship. If this tape session is used to validate your seeing us as anti-God, the Anti-Christ, so be it. That's part of what we expect. That's part of the necessity of what comes at this time. It's the common thing for us to see each other as opposites of what we believe we are.

I'm so happy, because my time is short here. If you come with us, your time here can be shortened. When Jesus left 2000 years ago - or the one who was in Jesus, or when I left 2000 years ago - only a very short time after that, Truth was significantly corrupted. So

that no matter who tried to use the name of "Jesus," or of "Christ," or His information - seeing it as true, seeing it as real, referring to what had been said of what it takes to come into my Kingdom - that fell apart, that deteriorated, that became unimportant. It's a miracle that His Teachings can still be found in the gospels - they're still there - you'd be amazed, you should read them again. Likewise this time, after I'm gone, when we leave, when we enter into my Father's spacecraft in order to go into service in His Kingdom, the Truth will deteriorate as fast as we depart. It will leave this atmosphere within a very short time.

I hope for your sake that you will, at least, ponder this - don't ask your neighbors, your friends, what they think of this. Instead, go into the privacy of your "closet" and see if you can connect with the purest, highest source that you might consider "God," and ask: "What about this? Is this information for real? Is this for me? If it is, then please give me the strength I need to pursue it." As soon as you tell anyone else, they will likely be used by the lower forces as their instruments to have you not believe, to have you stay in this world and wait for the "Heaven on Earth."

We hope to be of some service to you in this short time before our departure. We believe it to be a very short time. So our thoughts will be of you. We hope that your thoughts will be of our Father's Kingdom.



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