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INTERVIEW OF BRIAN DAVID MITCHELL

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4 BRIAN DAVID MITCHELL WAS INTERVIEWED BY CORDON PARKS AND JEFF

5 ROSS AND GAVE THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED:

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7 MR. PARKS: How are you doing? I assume you want  
8 those handcuffs off?

9 A. That would be nice. I'd like to use the restroom if  
10 I may. I would also like a glass -- a drink of water. I'm  
11 quite thirsty. If that's possible.

12 MR. PARKS: Anything is possible. This is Jeff  
13 Ross. He's with the FBI.

14 MR. ROSS: Hi.

15 MR. PARKS: I'm Detective Parks. These aren't my  
16 cuffs. Bear with me.

17 A. Thank you.

18 MR. PARKS: Okay. All right. Let's go make sure  
19 you can use the facilities and then we'll get started. Just  
20 follow me.

21 A. Okay.

22 MR. PARKS: Jeff will come behind.

23 (The three leave the room and return.)

24 MR. ROSS: Come on in and have a seat.

25 MR. PARKS: What's your last name?

1           A.     Isaiah.

2           MR. PARKS:   How do you spell Isaiah?

3           A.     I-s-a-i-a-h.

4           MR. PARKS:   And first name?

5           A.     Immanuel.

6           MR. PARKS:   How do you spell it?

7           A.     I-m-m-a-n-u-e-l.

8           MR. PARKS:   Your middle name?

9           A.     David.   D-a-v-i-d.

10          MR PARKS:   What's your birthday?

11          A.     1853.

12          MR. PARKS:   What's your address?

13          A.     My home is heaven.   That's the only address I can  
14 give you.

15          MR. PARKS:   Okay.   Well, not to be too obvious about  
16 it, but we've been looking for Elizabeth Smart for some  
17 months, and she's with you.   And we're curious as to how that  
18 all came about.   As far as we're concerned, it's a crime.  
19 I'm going to be up front with you right off the bat.   We  
20 believe you committed a crime.

21          A.     Right.

22          MR. PARKS:   And we have certain rights -- you have  
23 certain rights that we have to advise you of before we  
24 continue.   You have the right to remain silent.   Do you  
25 understand that?

1           A.    Yes.

2           MR. PARKS:  Anything you say can and will be used  
3 against you in a court of law.  Do you understand that?

4           A.    Uh-huh.

5           MR. PARKS:  You have the right to talk to a lawyer  
6 and have him present with you while you're being questioned.  
7 Do you understand that?

8           A.    Yes.

9           MR. PARKS:  If you cannot afford to hire a lawyer,  
10 one will be appointed to represent you before any  
11 questioning, if you wish.  Do you understand that?

12          A.    Uh-huh.

13          MR. PARKS:  If you decide not to exercise these  
14 rights, we're curious as to how that all came about.  As far  
15 as we're concerned, it's a crime, I'm going to be up front  
16 with you right off the bat.  We believe you committed a  
17 crime, and we have certain rights that we have to advise you  
18 of before we talk to you.

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6 one will be appointed to represent you before any  
7 questioning, if you wish. Do you understand that?

8           A. Uh-huh.

9           MR. PARKS: You can decide at any time to exercise  
10 these rights and not answer any questions or make any  
11 statements. Do you understand that?

12          A. Yes, I do.

13          MR. PARKS: Okay. Do you understand each of these  
14 rights I just explained to you?

15          A. I do.

16          MR. PARKS: Having these rights in mind, will you  
17 talk to us and answer our questions?

18          A. I will.

19          MR. PARKS: Do you prefer to be called Immanuel?

20          A. Yes.

21          MR. PARKS: Okay, Immanuel, tell us about how you  
22 came to have Elizabeth Smart with you.

23          A. You have in your possession The Book of Immanuel  
24 David Isaiah.

25          MR. PARKS: We don't, actually.

1 A. You should.

2 MR. PARKS: Where is it?

3 A. It's with my things.

4 MR. PARKS: With your property?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. PARKS: The Book of what?

7 A. Immanuel David Isaiah.

8 MR. PARKS: Okay. All right. Go ahead.

9 A. That tells you who I am and what I am about.

10 MR. ROSS: Did you write it?

11 A. The Lord God Almighty wrote it.

12 MR. ROSS: Through you?

13 A. Yes, through me.

14 MR. PARKS: And what's in that book that would cause  
15 you to have Elizabeth Smart with you?

16 A. Read the book.

17 MR. PARKS: Oh, I will, but how -- how did she come  
18 to be in your custody?

19 A. By the power of God, by the power of Almighty God.

20 MR. PARKS: And how did God lead her to you?

21 A. He worketh by the power of the Holy Ghost. He  
22 worketh by the power of the Holy Ghost, and he worked upon  
23 her heart that she knew that I was the Lord's true servant.

24 MR. PARKS: So you converted her to your way of  
25 thinking.

1           A.    I didn't convert her to anything.  The Holy Spirit  
2 converts.

3           MR. PARKS:  The Holy Ghost converted her?

4           A.    The Holy Spirit converts.  The Holy Ghost converted  
5 her.  The spirit of God.  She was converted by the spirit of  
6 God.

7           MR. PARKS:  And why was she converted to be  
8 with you?

9           A.    When you read the book, you'll understand.

10          MR. PARKS:  Okay.  Well, you have lived in what we  
11 would call the secular world.

12          A.    Right.  Yes.

13          MR. PARKS:  You did go by the name of Brian David  
14 Mitchell, did you not?

15          A.    If you ask me what I was -- who I am is like to ask  
16 me if I am someone other than who I am is --

17          MR. PARKS:  Uh-huh?

18          A.    -- to place me in a position where I am not.

19          MR. PARKS:  Uh-huh.

20          A.    In other words, I have forsaken the world and all of  
21 the world.

22          MR. PARKS:  Uh-huh.

23          A.    And I am a new creature in Christ.

24          MR. PARKS:  Uh-huh.

25          A.    In the world, and it's as immaterial to ask me -- or

1 to answer such a question, because it's -- it's absolutely  
2 immaterial.

3 MR. PARKS: Okay. Well, it's not immaterial to us,  
4 so please bear with us.

5 A. I understand, I know it's not immaterial to you  
6 because this is how you work in the world, but if you were to  
7 take -- ask the Savior of the world who he was, he wouldn't  
8 say, I am the son of Joseph and Mary born in Nazareth. He  
9 would not.

10 MR. PARKS: That --

11 A. There is no incident --

12 MR. PARKS: Uh-huh.

13 A. There's no recorded incident where he was found  
14 saying that. He would say, my father has sent me.

15 MR. PARKS: Uh-huh.

16 A. I came to do the will of the Father.

17 MR. PARKS: But you're not Jesus Christ?

18 A. I am not Jesus Christ.

19 MR. PARKS: You're a prophet?

20 A. I am his servant.

21 MR. PARKS: Your a servant?

22 A. I am the Lord's servant, and he has called me, and  
23 he has called me out of the world, so I have no part in the  
24 world, so I have no part in these questions or answers that  
25 you're seeking about anything other than who I am now.

1 MR. PARKS: Okay. This girl that was with you, what  
2 did you call her?

3 A. Her name is Shear Jashub.

4 MR. PARKS: How do you spell that?

5 A. S-h-e-a-r.

6 MR. ROSS: S-h-e-r?

7 A. S-h-e-a-r. Shear. Jas -- Jashub is J-a-s-h-u-b.

8 MR. ROSS: J-a-s-h-u-b?

9 A. Shear Jashub.

10 MR. PARKS: How old is she.

11 A. Here, once again, that question --

12 MR. PARKS: Is very relevant. How old is she?

13 A. She's 18.

14 MR. PARKS: What would lead you to believe she's 18?

15 A. Because the Lord has said she is such.

16 MR. PARKS: The Lord God Almighty told you she was  
17 18 years old? That's a yes or no question.

18 A. Yes. Yes.

19 MR. PARKS: Okay. Did you marry her?

20 A. You say 18. You say 18.

21 MR. PARKS: Brian --

22 A. I am not -- that's not who I am.

23 MR. PARKS: Immanuel, listen. Did you marry her?

24 A. I didn't marry her, but she is sealed to me as my  
25 wife, yes.

1 MR. PARKS: She's sealed to you as your wife?

2 A. Yes.

3 MR. PARKS: Have you had sexual intercourse with  
4 her?

5 A. Those are very personal, private questions.

6 MR. PARKS: Those are very relevant questions. Did  
7 you have sex with her? Yes or no.

8 A. You told me I could have an attorney present. I am  
9 my attorney.

10 MR. PARKS: You are your own attorney?

11 A. Presently I am.

12 MR. PARKS: Okay.

13 A. Presently I am. I am defending myself, am I not?

14 MR. PARKS: Yes, you are.

15 A. These questions can be used against me, can they  
16 not?

17 MR. PARKS: They can, yes.

18 A. Okay.

19 MR. PARKS: Well, let's just cover the basics, okay?

20 A. Okay.

21 MR. PARKS: Did you take Shear Jashub?

22 A. Shear Jashub Esther Isaiah is her name, Shear Jashub  
23 Esther Isaiah.

24 MR. PARKS: I'm sorry, Immanuel, I just can't  
25 pronounce that. I'm just going to call her Elizabeth.

1           A.     Shear Jashub Esther Isaiah.  Esther.

2                   MR. PARKS:  I'll call her Esther.  Did you take  
3 Esther out of her house?

4           A.     The Lord God delivered her unto us.

5                   MR. PARKS:  How did the Lord God deliver her to you?  
6 Was that on the street somewhere?  Was it at the shelter?

7                   MR. ROSS:  Did the Lord sneak in her bedroom in the  
8 middle of night and deliver her to you?  This is -- I  
9 understand, you know, you're trying to -- this isn't making  
10 much sense to the two of us.

11          A.     Right.

12                   MR. PARKS:  So I was hoping maybe you can explain it  
13 in a way I can understand it.

14          A.     You want answers you can use against me.  You know  
15 you do.

16                   MR. ROSS:  Not only that.

17          A.     And you say you want to know the truth.

18                   MR. ROSS:  That's true.  We do.

19          A.     But the truth will set you free.  It will set all  
20 men free, and when Jesus Christ was questioned, his answers  
21 didn't please them either.  They were angry with him.

22                   MR. PARKS:  Excuse me.  You were once LDS.  You  
23 considered Joseph Smith to be a true prophet of God.

24          A.     Joseph Smith is the true prophet of God.

25                   MR. PARKS:  He wrote the 13 Articles of Faith.

1           A.    Yes he did.

2           MR. PARKS:  What are the 13 Articles of Faith,.

3           A.    Sir --

4           MR. PARKS:  We believe in being subject to the laws  
5 of the land.  Isn't that what the 13th Article of Faith is?

6           A.    Yes.

7           MR. PARKS:  What we want to know is, have you been  
8 faithful to your own beliefs?  Have you been faithful to the  
9 laws of the land?

10          A.    What was Jesus accused of?

11          MR. PARKS:  I'm not talking about Jesus.  I've been  
12 talking to you.

13          A.    I have been absolutely faithful to the righteous  
14 laws of this land.  I mean, I have a -- all righteous laws  
15 flow from God.  Not all laws are righteous, and not all laws  
16 come from God.  And the Constitution of the United States was  
17 founded on righteous principles, and when you read The Book  
18 of Immanuel David Isaiah, you'll come to understand that this  
19 nation has become the most corrupt and evil nation on the  
20 face of the earth.  And, why?  Because they have been given  
21 great light, truth and knowledge, and they have perverted the  
22 right ways of the Lord, and they are filled with great  
23 Idolatry and wickedness.  And those -- and those who have  
24 greater truth have greater evil.  There is greater goodness  
25 with greater truth possible, but there's also greater evil

1 because, when you have greater truth, you can put on all the  
2 appearances of righteousness and pervert the right ways of  
3 the Lord.

4 And this is what this country has done because they  
5 have had great blessings, great light, truth and knowledge,  
6 even coming down from God through, you know, a divine  
7 constitution and Christians coming here for religious  
8 freedom.

9 MR. PARKS: Well, let's get back to Elizabeth Smart.

10 MR. ROSS: Yeah, because this sounds more like a  
11 political debate than --

12 A. Not political. There's nothing unpolitical.

13 MR. ROSS: Let me just -- let me just put this right  
14 out on the table.

15 A. There is nothing unpolitical.

16 MR. ROSS: So far, I have no idea what you're  
17 talking about. Maybe it's because I grew up outside of Utah  
18 and I'm not familiar with all this, you know, religious  
19 stuff, but you need to bring it down to a level so that I can  
20 understand it because this stuff you're talking about, you  
21 know, and how it relates to Elizabeth and how she ended up  
22 being taken from her home.

23 MR. PARKS: Let me say this, that the past nine  
24 months that family has gone through hell.

25 A. I understand.

1 MR. ROSS: You do understand that?

2 A. I understand that very much. Their whole family has  
3 been torn apart. I understand that.

4 MR. ROSS: And let me tell you, since the day she  
5 has been taken, both Cord and myself and hundreds of other  
6 law enforcement officers have been spending countless police  
7 hours and hours trying to find this girl. And the family, I  
8 mean they wake up during the middle of the night, and their  
9 kid is gone. They have no idea where she went. They think  
10 she's dead.

11 A. Right.

12 MR. ROSS: We expected to find a corpse.

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 MR. ROSS: So your explanation so far, as far as God  
15 delivering -- God delivering her to you makes no sense to me  
16 because it doesn't match up with the facts.

17 A. Well, let me tell you, if she -- if she -- how --  
18 how -- how did -- how was -- when the children of Israel were  
19 led into the promise land --

20 MR. ROSS: Let's keep it out of the Bible and keep  
21 it in the present time.

22 A. No. No. There's no other way I can explain it.  
23 I'm sorry.

24 MR. ROSS: Well don't mind me, if, when you start to  
25 explain it and it makes no sense to me --

1           A.    Okay.

2           MR. ROSS:  -- if I just cut into it.

3           A.    Okay.  Well, let me say, you just shared with me how  
4 her family suffered, right?

5           MR. ROSS:  Uh-huh.

6           A.    But when God's children became idolatrous and  
7 wicked, they suffered many things.  The whole history of  
8 mankind in the scriptures is great suffering.

9           MR. ROSS:  Uh-huh.

10          A.    They became idolatrous and wicked.  They have been  
11 taken into captivity.  They have been torn apart.  They have  
12 been slain.  Many things have happened to the Lord's children  
13 when they have been disobedient.

14          MR. ROSS:  Time to bring you in for a landing  
15 because you're talking about this stuff again.

16          A.    Okay.  Hear it comes in for a landing.  When the  
17 children of Israel went into the promise land, they destroyed  
18 many, many peoples, and in -- and in many cases they took the  
19 daughters captive and just destroyed all the men, women and  
20 children except the daughters who were virgins.  All the boys  
21 were destroyed.  All the men and women were destroyed and the  
22 only thing they took captive were the virgin daughters.  That  
23 was the children of Israel when they went into the promise  
24 land in some cities.  The Lord had commanded them to destroy  
25 the public completely.

1 MR. ROSS: So, where was your promise land?

2 A. The whole earth is a promise land for all of us.  
3 When the --

4 MR. ROSS: But for you?

5 A. When the Lord comes into great power and mighty  
6 glory and might, he's going to destroy all wicked and lift up  
7 the poor, the sick, the afflicted, the humble followers of  
8 Christ and lift them up, and they will inherit the earth.  
9 This is according to the gospel and the scriptures and the  
10 scriptures of the teachings of the Lord.

11 MR. ROSS: All right.

12 MR. PARKS: Are you saying that, because you are a  
13 prophet of God --

14 A. I never said I was a prophet of God.

15 MR. PARKS: I believe you did.

16 A. No, I didn't. I said I'm the servant of the Lord.

17 MR. PARKS: All right. Because you are --

18 A. If the Lord God --

19 MR. PARKS: Isaiah --

20 A. If the Lord God sayeth --

21 MR. PARKS: Isaiah, you're talking all over me here,  
22 sir. Please relax.

23 A. Immanuel.

24 MR. PARKS: Immanuel, relax. Are you saying because  
25 you're a servant of the Lord that God provided you with a

1 virgin to be your bride? Is that what you're saying? That's  
2 a yes or no question, Immanuel.

3 A. I didn't say that. You can draw your own  
4 conclusions. You said -- you were talking about her family  
5 suffered and you couldn't understand, you couldn't understand  
6 why --

7 MR. PARKS: Immanuel.

8 A. -- their family would have to suffer.

9 MR. PARKS: Immanuel.

10 A. I'm saying that the Lord's children.

11 MR. PARKS: Immanuel.

12 A. There's much suffering had.

13 MR. ROSS: So, can we draw that conclusion, that  
14 because you're a servant of the Lord?

15 MR. PARKS: God owed you a virgin for a wife?

16 A. Absolutely not. You're making your own  
17 conclusions.

18 MR. ROSS: I'm asking.

19 A. He asked why did her family have to suffer. I'm  
20 telling you that --

21 MR. PARKS: Okay. We're beyond that. Let me get on  
22 to another factor, okay?

23 A. Okay.

24 MR. PARKS: We've been talking to this girl, and she  
25 said some really terrible things about you, and I just want

1 to ask you some very direct questions that don't deserve an  
2 answer from theology, okay? Did you take this girl out of  
3 her house at knife-point? Yes or no?

4 A. I'm not going to answer that question.

5 MR. PARKS: And why not? I just want to know why  
6 you don't want to answer.

7 MR. ROSS: You have to answer, you know.

8 MR. PARKS: Let me explain something to you, okay?

9 A. Okay.

10 MR. PARKS: You're not that far off, okay? We've  
11 been studying you now for a couple of weeks. You have been  
12 arrested for DUI and for some substance abuse way back in the  
13 '70's. You were arrested for burglary in San Diego last  
14 month, and you gave a bad name. You were stopped by the  
15 Sandy police this afternoon, and you and Wanda and Elizabeth  
16 all gave bad names, obviously an attempt to evade the police.  
17 You were much more street wise. You were much more street  
18 wise than you are letting on to us now. You have been around  
19 more --

20 A. I am not letting on to anything else but who I am.

21 MR. PARKS: I think what you're doing here is you're  
22 thinking that you're going to lay some kind of insanity  
23 defense.

24 A. I'm not -- I'm not -- absolutely not. Absolutely  
25 not.

1 MR. PARKS: So, you are sane?

2 A. I am saying -- I'm saying to you that I am who I am,  
3 Immanuel David Isaiah, the servant of the Lord.

4 MR. ROSS: Brian David Mitchell?

5 A. I am the servant of the Lord, and my name is  
6 Immanuel David Isaiah.

7 MR. ROSS: Well, guess what? We're servants of the  
8 Lord, too, only in a different track.

9 MR. PARKS: Here's the deal. Do you know what  
10 you're under arrest here for? You are under arrest for  
11 aggravated kidnapping because the girl told us you took her  
12 against her will out of her house at knife-point. You are  
13 under arrest for aggravated sexual assault on a minor. Both  
14 of these charges carry life imprisonment. You can be Dave  
15 Isaiah Immanuel in prison for the rest of your life, and  
16 that's very likely.

17 This is your opportunity now to tell us what  
18 happened and why you did what you did. And, instead, you  
19 keep sending us off on tangents that have nothing to do with  
20 the matters and questions at hand. You are very likely to  
21 spend the rest of your life in prison. Now, that might not  
22 be important to you as the servant of the Lord, and you may  
23 think it's nothing, but let me tell you, you will never see  
24 Wanda again. You will never see Elizabeth again. You will  
25 never get out of prison.

1           A.    You're talking about -- you're talking about --

2           MR. PARKS:  I'm talking about your future, Isaiah.

3           A.    No.

4           MR. PARKS:  I'm talking about your future here, now.

5           A.    Will you please understand that God hath power to  
6 deliver me.

7           MR. PARKS:  Do you understand that you don't have an  
8 insanity defense because you have obviously lied to conceal  
9 your identity from the police?

10          A.    It mattereth not what you're saying and how good you  
11 think this case is against me.  It mattereth not.  God hath  
12 power to deliver me out of the hands of all my enemies.

13          MR. PARKS:  Well, we --

14          MR. ROSS:  Are we your enemies?

15          A.    The Lord said to Peter, get thee behind me, Satan.

16          MR. ROSS:  You're talking Bible stuff again.  I  
17 never even read it.  I pretended like I did in grade school,  
18 but I wasn't.  I was reading comic books.

19          A.    You said you were serving the Lord, too, you were  
20 serving the Lord, too.

21          MR. ROSS:  Yes.  That's right.

22          A.    I can only answer you according to the words of the  
23 Lord.

24          MR. ROSS:  All right.  Well, let's --

25          A.    He said to Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan.

1           Now, was Peter at that moment his enemy? Yes.  
2 Because we're all subject to deception. We're all subject  
3 to -- to follow the wrong spirit and to follow our own.

4           MR. ROSS: Man, you're talking in circles. You're  
5 talking this Biblical stuff that makes no sense to anyone in  
6 this room in the 21st century.

7           MR. PARKS: Immanuel. Immanuel.

8           MR. ROSS: It doesn't.

9           A. I know it doesn't. And that's why great  
10 destructions are prophesied upon the whole face of the  
11 earth.

12           MR. PARKS: Immanuel. Immanuel?

13           A. What's your name?

14           MR. PARKS: My name is Cordon.

15           A. Cordon?

16           MR. PARKS: Yeah. I'm a Christian.

17           A. Yeah.

18           MR. PARKS: I'm a Lutheran.

19           A. Okay.

20           MR. PARKS: I've read the Bible.

21           A. Okay.

22           MR. PARKS: I've studied the Bible.

23           A. Uh-huh.

24           MR. PARKS: I'm familiar with the great prophets,  
25 Elisha, Elijah.

1           A.     Uh-huh.

2           MR. PARKS: I'm unaware of any prophet that lied to  
3 conceal their identity.

4           A.     Abraham. Well, I'm not going to get into that.

5           MR. PARKS: I'm unaware of any prophet that took a  
6 girl out of her own house at knife-point and forced her --

7           A.     What did --

8           MR. PARKS: And forced her to marry him.

9           A.     What did --

10          MR. ROSS: And then had sex with her.

11          A.     Was Joshua --

12          MR. ROSS: Kept her away from her family.

13          A.     Was Joshua -- was Joshua a prophet?

14          MR. PARKS: Yes, he was.

15          A.     Okay. Then why did the children of Israel, under  
16 the commandment of God, go into the promise land and destroy  
17 many cities and, in some cases, take the daughters?

18          MR. PARKS: If I recall my Old Testament, the Lord  
19 actually commanded them to destroy everybody and leave only  
20 the livestock. Is that not true?

21          A.     No. In some instances, the daughters were  
22 preserved, those who were virgins.

23          MR. PARKS: In what cities? I'm unaware of that.  
24 The Lord commanded them to go into Canaan and wipe everybody  
25 out.

1           A.    Yes, but there were instances where they took the  
2 daughters and sometimes the animals.

3           MR. PARKS:   And I'm asking, what instance?

4           A.    You know what?

5           MR. ROSS:   Where is this --

6           MR. PARKS:   You say you know your Old Testament.

7 You say you know your Old Testament.   Where is that?

8           A.    It's in there.   You find it.   It's in there.

9           MR. PARKS:   So you don't know.

10          A.    It's in there.

11          MR. PARKS:   So maybe you haven't studied the Bible  
12 as much as you say you have.   So maybe this is all just bull  
13 shit.   Maybe this is all just about David -- maybe this is  
14 all just about David Mitchell trying to get a young virgin  
15 for himself.

16          A.    No.   You know what?   None of those who Christ called  
17 to be apostles were learned men.   They were fishermen.

18          MR. ROSS:   None of them were kidnappers either.  
19 None of them.   None of them raped little children.   None of  
20 them were ordered to take a girl against her will out of a  
21 house.   None of them threatened to kill a little 9-year-old  
22 girl if she made any noise or whatever.

23          MR. PARKS:   You know, I don't hate you.   He doesn't  
24 hate you either, but we're going to go to the judge and ask  
25 for considerations on your bail because you've got to realize

1 that life as you've known it is over.

2 A. I don't expect you -- to be delivered out of this.

3 MR. PARKS: I don't expect that you're going to get  
4 out of custody until the day you die, okay? Your future  
5 depends on this interview right here, right now.

6 A. Do you remember -- do you remember that Peter was in  
7 prison and an angel came and the guards -- and opened the  
8 prison door and let him out.

9 MR. PARKS: Isaiah, nobody is going to come and let  
10 you out of this room, Hun. There's nobody coming for you.

11 A. You know what? God will deliver me.

12 x

13 x

14 x

15 x

16 x

17 x

18 x

19 x

20 x

21 x

22 x

23 x

24 x

25 x

1 x

2 x

3 x

4 x

5 x

6 x

7 MR. PARKS: Well, you know, your daughter Sarah --

8 A. Ask me --

9 Q. Your daughter Sarah, and your other daughter, what's  
10 her name, Angela? Andrea? It's Angela.

11 A. Yeah.

12 MR. PARKS: We've been talking to her, too, and she  
13 says that you're just not really quite your standard person.  
14 She says there's things that are wrong with you, okay?

15 A. Yeah. And Christ was considered that there was much  
16 wrong with him.

17 MR. PARKS: You're not Christ.

18 A. No. But I'm his servant, and all of his apostles  
19 and his prophets, from the beginning of time -- Enoch was  
20 called a wild man in the desert.

21 MR. PARKS: What we are trying to get --

22 A. They are all considered to be crazy, nuts, all of  
23 them, by the world.

24 MR. ROSS: We are not saying --

25 A. No, you're not.

1 MR. PARKS: He was telling you what Angela said.

2 A. Exactly. So I responded to that by telling you that  
3 this is often what -- that's --

4 MR. ROSS: That's neither here nor there. We are  
5 trying to find out what happened with Elizabeth, where you  
6 were for nine months with her, how many times you had sex  
7 with her, if that was the only kid you ever had sex with  
8 besides Elizabeth, how it happened that, you know, she gets  
9 taken out of her room during the middle of the night.

10 Those are things we're interested in. That's it.  
11 We want to be able to go to Elizabeth's family and offer an  
12 explanation as to how, for the past nine months, she has been  
13 kept away from her friends, her family, her parents, her  
14 brothers and sisters, who have been absolutely terrified and  
15 horrified by this whole thing and, for probably some months,  
16 have thought that she's not even alive. I mean, we want to  
17 be able to have an explanation for them, and, I mean, you  
18 have to feel for the family in this and kind of see where  
19 they are coming from in all of this. I mean, they have gone  
20 through hell.

21 I have gone to their house on numerous occasions.

22 Cordon has talked to them on many occasions.

23 A. I have great compassion and love for them because  
24 they are the parents of my --

25 MR. PARKS: Oh, horseshit. You took their daughter

1 out of their house at knife-point, and now you're not even  
2 denying that?

3 A. You're saying -- you're saying I did that.

4 MR. PARKS: I'm saying you did it.

5 A. The Lord God -- you're saying that I did that.

6 MR. PARKS: I'm saying that you did it.

7 A. I'm telling you that the Lord God Almighty delivered  
8 her to us.

9 MR. PARKS: And I'm asking how, because I don't  
10 believe you. I think you're lying your ass off.

11 MR. ROSS: If you had -- if you had --

12 A. I've never said -- I've never said -- I have never  
13 lied about anything. All I've told you --

14 MR. PARKS: Then you tell me the truth. How did  
15 Elizabeth wind up with you? Tell me the truth right now.

16 A. By the power of God she was delivered to us.

17 MR. PARKS: And how did God deliver her to you?

18 A. By the power of God.

19 MR. ROSS: How did God get you in the house? How  
20 did God get you into the house?

21 A. By the power of God, she was delivered to us.

22 MR. PARKS: Levitated you into the house? You know,  
23 you're not --

24 MR. ROSS: Brian, this isn't working.

25 A. Immanuel.

1           MR. ROSS: Well, I'll start calling you Immanuel  
2 when you start giving me answers to questions that I think  
3 are reasonable, because right now this God delivering her  
4 from the house is ridiculous.

5           A. I -- I've tried to give you the honest truth.

6           Q. No, you haven't.

7           A. Yes, I have.

8           MR. ROSS: The honest truth would be you telling me  
9 how you got her into your control and where you kept her  
10 for the past nine months and what you have done with her  
11 for the past nine months, and not telling me stories about  
12 people going into the promise land and killing everybody  
13 except for the virgin daughters. I don't want to hear that  
14 shit. I'll save that for Sunday when I go to church.

15           MR. PARKS: You know what? You're ashamed. Deep  
16 down inside, you know what you did was wrong, and you're  
17 ashamed. That's why you won't tell us.

18           A. If you have any --

19           MR. PARKS: That's why you -- prophets do not hide  
20 their actions. They stand up for them and they answer for  
21 them if God told you to, you better tell us.

22           MR. ROSS: And they take responsibility for it.  
23 This is bullshit.

24           A. You're saying that I can't use the scriptures, and  
25 yet both of you do.

1 MR. PARKS: I'm telling you that you're lying to us.

2 MR. ROSS: Let me ask you this --

3 MR. PARKS: You're ashamed of your actions, and you  
4 will not explain your actions to us.

5 A. You used the scriptures. And Christ did not --

6 MR. ROSS: Did Christ run from the cops?

7 MR. PARKS: Did he give false names when he was  
8 arrested and approached by the police?

9 A. He had to flee many times.

10 MR. ROSS: Really.

11 MR. PARKS: Really? When did he ever give a bad  
12 name to the police, like you did today?

13 MR. ROSS: Yeah. When did he ever do that? Christ  
14 never did that.

15 A. He did.

16 MR. ROSS: Didn't he kind of hand himself over?

17 MR. PARKS: Are you telling me our Savior lied to  
18 the police?

19 A. He did not -- he did not --

20 MR. ROSS: He never --

21 A. He did not -- in many instances, he did not give  
22 them what they were after.

23 MR. ROSS: How many times did Christ get pulled over  
24 on a DUI or break in to someone else's house?

25 A. No. There were prophets who were drunk and who had

1     been drunk.

2                   MR. ROSS:   How many times has Christ gone into a  
3     little girl's house and taken her out of her home during the  
4     middle of the night against her will?   When have you ever  
5     known Christ to pick up a weapon?

6           A.     Okay.   Is Christ the God?   Is he God?

7                   MR. ROSS:   Well, according to my religion, he is.

8           A.     Okay.   All right, then.   All the things he commanded  
9     his people to do in the Bible, Christ did.

10                  MR. PARKS:   Did he command anyone to abduct a little  
11     girl and have sex with her?   I don't believe my New Testament  
12     says anything about that.   I think this is all about  
13     Immanuel.

14                  MR. ROSS:   I think it's all about --

15                  MR. PARKS:   It's all about you and what you want.  
16     You want your virgin.   You want to have a young girl to have  
17     sex with.

18           A.     I know what you're going to accuse me of.

19                  MR. PARKS:   Even if you have to go take her.

20           A.     I know what you're going to accuse me with.   You  
21     want to accuse me of being some diabolical, evil criminal.

22                  MR. PARKS:   No.

23           A.     And I am a servant of Lord, and I have only done  
24     what I have been commanded to do.

25                  MR. ROSS:   By whom?

1           A.    By the Lord Jesus Christ.

2                   MR. ROSS:  So, God commanded you to go into the  
3 Smart home and take her?

4           A.    I -- the only thing that I'm saying to you that God  
5 commanded me to do was to accept her as my wife.

6                   MR. ROSS:  Okay.  And when he commanded you to  
7 accept her, what did you do?

8           A.    I accepted her.

9                   MR. PARKS:  How did you accept her?

10          A.    I received her.

11                  MR. PARKS:  How did you receive her?

12          A.    In the bonds of marriage.

13                  MR. ROSS:  In the bonds of marriage?  Well, okay.  
14 How did you get to that point?  You have to be able to, you  
15 know, get her somehow.  You can't marry someone without them  
16 being present.

17          A.    She was delivered in -- unto us.

18                  MR. ROSS:  By whom?

19          A.    By God, by the Lord God.

20                  MR. ROSS:  I remember seeing, you know, the  
21 description of the guy that went into the bedroom, and I  
22 don't think it was any anything close to, you know -- pretty  
23 much close to you.  Even the voice.  I mean, Mary Katherine,  
24 she recognized the voice.  It just took her awhile to figure  
25 out who it was because she had heard it before, because you

1 had done work at the Smart home. So, it wasn't God that went  
2 in there.

3 A. It was God that went in there.

4 MR. ROSS: Through you?

5 A. God works through many ways and means.

6 MR. PARKS: You're nodding your head. God through  
7 you?

8 A. I did not acknowledge that. I said God --

9 MR. ROSS: You nodded your head.

10 A. I was not.

11 MR. PARKS: You're nodding your head.

12 A. I said, God works through --

13 MR. ROSS: Brian, you nodded your head.

14 A. I said, God's works through many ways and means.

15 MR. PARKS: Brian -- excuse me. Immanuel, we talked  
16 to the girl.

17 A. Okay.

18 MR. PARKS: She says it was you, that you appeared  
19 in her bedroom on June 4, held a knife to her throat and took  
20 her out of the house and took her to a campsite --

21 A. If she's saying --

22 MR. PARKS: And raped her.

23 A. If she's saying that, why are you asking me?

24 MR. ROSS: Because. You want to know why? Because  
25 there's a 15-year-old girl who, for the past ten months or

1 nine months has been completely horrified, and the last thing  
2 I want to have to do is put her through all that pain again  
3 by constantly asking her questions and have her relive -- I  
4 used to work with kids, I worked with kids who were horribly  
5 abused, sexually, physically.

6 A. I understand.

7 MR. ROSS: I don't think you do, okay?

8 A. But she --

9 MR. ROSS: Because to ask her to relive that --

10 A. She -- she --

11 MR. ROSS: Hang on a second. I'm talking.

12 A. To relive what? She's had -- she's had a glorious  
13 experience.

14 MR. ROSS: She's had a glorious experience?  
15 With you? Are you telling me, for the last nine months that  
16 she's been with you that it's been glorious?

17 A. It's been -- our -- we have had many trials. All of  
18 us have had many trials and tribulations.

19 MR. ROSS: Can you explain some of them to me?

20 A. We have all had many difficult trials and  
21 tribulations, but we have seen God's power of deliverance, to  
22 protect, provide and deliver mightily, and --

23 MR. ROSS: For example?

24 A. And she knows -- she knows who I am. She knows I'm  
25 a servant of the Lord.

1 MR. ROSS: She does?

2 A. Yes, she did. She does.

3 MR. ROSS: So give me some examples of some of these  
4 trials you went through for the past nine months with  
5 Elizabeth and with Wanda. Do you call her Wanda or does she  
6 have another name, too?

7 A. Shear Jashub Esther Isaiah and Hephzibah Eladah  
8 Isaiah.

9 MR. ROSS: I can't even pronounce that one. Wanda  
10 is easier for me. And let me tell you something else. I'm  
11 not going to -- I'm not going to use it as anything --  
12 because I can't even say Shear Jashub? Was that right?

13 A. You said it.

14 MR. ROSS: Was that good? All right. But tell us  
15 about some of the trials over the past nine months that  
16 you've had her. Tell us about some of the tribulations.

17 A. We had great opposition in the world.

18 MR. ROSS: Well, explain it. Give me some specific  
19 examples. Tell me about the time that you took her out of  
20 the house without getting caught.

21 A. It's no different. It's no different than all of  
22 the Lord's followers and servants have had from the beginning  
23 of time.

24 MR. PARKS: How did God tell you to get into the  
25 house?

1           A.    Great opposition.  Great opposition.

2                   MR. PARKS:  Well, let's just start with some --  
3   let's just start with some basics.  How did you support  
4   yourselves?  It's not a trick question.  It's just  
5   conversation.

6           A.    We don't support ourselves.  The Lord God supports  
7   us and sustains us.

8                   MR. PARKS:  In other words, you panhandle.  The Lord  
9   leads people to lay a dollar or two in your palm now and  
10   then?  Is that right?

11          A.    The Lord provides for us.  He sustains us.

12                   MR. PARKS:  How about recycling aluminum cans in San  
13   Diego?

14          A.    The Lord mightily sustains us and provides for us.

15                   MR. PARKS:  So, I take it, through that answer, that  
16   you guys were recycling aluminum cans in San Diego.

17          A.    No.  That's your accusations, and you are -- you  
18   are --

19                   MR. ROSS:  Nothing against the law with doing it.

20          A.    That's your accusation.

21                   MR. PARKS:  That's not an accusation.

22          A.    Yes, it is.

23                   MR. PARKS:  Because there's no crime behind  
24   recycling.

25          A.    But that's your accusation.

1           MR. ROSS: There's no crime with, really,  
2 panhandling either.

3           A.    The Lord provides for us mightily.

4           MR. ROSS: So where did he provide for you, again,  
5 San Diego?

6           A.    The Lord put upon the hearts of his humble followers  
7 to give of their substance. In every instance, he works upon  
8 the hearts of his humble followers to give of their  
9 substance, and that's how we're provided for.

10           MR. PARKS: Well, you know, Immanuel, like I said, I  
11 think that you've been around. You've been arrested a couple  
12 of times. We think you're trying to lay the ground --

13           A.    Joseph Smith was arrested --

14           MR. PARKS: Excuse me?

15           A.    -- almost 50 times.

16           MR. PARKS: Yes, he was. Well, you're kind of  
17 laying the groundwork for the state mental hospital, as  
18 opposed to prison. And, you know, it would have worked  
19 except for one thing. You have been contacted by the police  
20 several times, and each time you've lied about who you were  
21 and who Elizabeth was. That gives more than ample evidence  
22 that you have --

23           A.    Do you think I want to go -- do you think I want to  
24 go to a mental hospital? Do you think that's what I want?

25           MR. PARKS: Yes, because otherwise you're going to

1 go to prison and die there.

2 A. I want -- a mental hospital to me is a worse thing  
3 to have happen --

4 MR. ROSS: Do I think that you have any compassion  
5 for that family right now? No?

6 A. A mental hospital, to me, would be a worse thing to  
7 have happen to me than prison.

8 MR. PARKS: Well, I wouldn't worry about it.

9 A. But, in my mind, the Lord -- I -- I'm willing to  
10 suffer whatever the Lord God will. If either -- either one  
11 of those things won't be without great suffering for me, for  
12 Hepzibah, for Shear Jashub.

13 MR. ROSS: Elizabeth?

14 A. Shear Jashub. All of us are going to suffer greatly  
15 through this because we've been taken and we've been  
16 separated as a family.

17 MR. ROSS: What does Shear Jashub mean?

18 A. A remnant will return.

19 MR. ROSS: A remnant somewhere? Is that from --

20 A. From Isaiah.

21 MR. ROSS: From Isaiah?

22 A. It means a remnant will return.

23 MR. ROSS: Where? Will return where?

24 A. The remnant of the Lord's children will return unto  
25 him. A remnant means that -- that many --

1           MR. ROSS: I just -- it's an interesting name for a  
2 kid that's been kidnapped. That's all I'm thinking. Shear  
3 Jashub, the remnant will. That's an interesting name for a  
4 15-year-old girl that was kidnapped from her home --

5           A. It is --

6           MR. ROSS: -- at knife-point.

7           A. Because I'm foreassigned and a portent to the world,  
8 and so is she.

9           MR. ROSS: You're what?

10          A. She is foreassigned and a portent to the world. Her  
11 being delivered out of the world was a sign to the world that  
12 the Lord is making bear his holy arm in the eyes of all  
13 nations, and it did stir the whole world in ways that I never  
14 thought or dreamed that it would, because it's God's work and  
15 not mine.

16          MR. ROSS: So that must be a pretty big power trip,  
17 then, to know that you had some part in it?

18          A. It's not. No. It's very humbling. It's very  
19 humbling because I'm nothing and it's a testimony.

20          MR. ROSS: That you created all this?

21          A. I didn't create anything.

22          MR. ROSS: You had a hand in it?

23          A. That's a testimony. It's God's hand, not mine.

24 That's a testimony to me that God is all-powerful and  
25 almighty. I'm nothing. I'm nothing. All I can do is obey

1 his spirit and be obedient to what he asks me to do and then  
2 be -- and then be amazed.

3 MR. ROSS: Did God tell you to have sex with her?

4 MR. PARKS: Let's back -- that's a really rude  
5 question. Did God tell you to take this girl for your wife?

6 A. He did.

7 MR. PARKS: He did?

8 A. He did.

9 MR. PARKS: And where did he manifest that to you?

10 A. By his Holy Spirit.

11 MR. PARKS: When did he manifest that to you? Would  
12 it be the day you worked on the Smart house?

13 A. The day is immaterial.

14 MR. PARKS: No, it's not.

15 A. It is immaterial. It is immaterial. What's  
16 important is that he did command me and he did deliver her  
17 out of the world and out of Babylon.

18 MR. PARKS: But we're very curious as to when he  
19 made this apparent to you through the Holy Spirit, that you  
20 were to take Esther to be your wife. It's really -- that's  
21 nothing to be --

22 A. To receive her as my wife.

23 MR. PARKS: That's certainly nothing to be ashamed  
24 of.

25 A. He delivered her out of the world and commanded that

1 I receive her as my wife.

2 MR. PARKS: Yeah. And when did he make that  
3 commandment?

4 A. You're --

5 MR. PARKS: Was it in the fall?

6 A. That -- the date mattereth not.

7 MR. PARKS: The date matters to me.

8 A. Well, I don't know the date. I can't give you a  
9 date.

10 MR. PARKS: I think you're being really rude by not  
11 answering such a simple question. It's not even a trick  
12 question. It's not designed to entrap you into anything.

13 A. You know what? Every single one of your questions  
14 are trick questions, and every single one of your questions  
15 are meant to entrap me. And you know and you're lying.

16 MR. PARKS: Okay. Here's a question.

17 A. You're lying.

18 MR. PARKS: Here's a question that's very direct.

19 MR. PARKS: Okay?

20 A. You just -- you feel very justified in your lies  
21 because you think you're doing a good thing, but yet, when  
22 you -- and you accuse me of lying because I feel directed in  
23 what I'm doing. And because you feel directed in what you're  
24 doing, you feel justified in lying to me and deceiving me.

25 MR. PARKS: I'm not lying.

1           A.     Interesting.

2           MR. PARKS:   Or deceiving you.

3           A.     Yes, you are.

4           MR. PARKS:   What have I lied to you about?

5           MR. ROSS:   We have asked you pretty direct  
6 questions.

7           A.     Yes.   I know you have.   But then you come back and  
8 you say things like -- well, never mind.   I don't want to  
9 accuse and blame you either.   I'm just saying, you know what  
10 I'm talking -- you know exactly what I'm talking about.

11           MR. PARKS:   You're a very interesting person to me  
12 because I've been talking to your mom and to your brother  
13 Tim, to your daughter, to your son Travis.   I've been talking  
14 to a lot of people about you, and, you know, in all the  
15 people that I've ever met in 25 years of police work, you are  
16 the only person that ever actually read the Bible and then  
17 sold all of his worldly possessions and gave the money to the  
18 poor.   You're actually the only guy that I've ever met that  
19 has done that.   You're the only one.   You don't think I find  
20 that fascinating?

21           A.     I think now you've changed your tactics to use  
22 flattery because, awhile ago, you said that I was completely  
23 false and that I'm -- and tried to accuse me of being  
24 anything but a true servant of Lord or doing anything but  
25 being obedient to the Lord but rather just someone who is out

1 to satisfy whatever.

2 MR. PARKS: Carnal lust?

3 A. Carnal lust. You're accusing me of just wanting to  
4 satisfy carnal lust.

5 MR. PARKS: Well, that's because --

6 A. And being -- and being -- just being --

7 MR. PARKS: Well, hear me out --

8 A. This is what you accuse me of. Now, that tactic  
9 hasn't worked, so now you're going to use flattery and say,  
10 Oh, you're the only person I.

11 MR. PARKS: Well, hear me out.

12 A. know who has done this.

13 MR. PARKS: Well, hear me out. Hear me out. You've  
14 got to understand -- you do understand that you're under  
15 arrest?

16 A. I do.

17 MR. PARKS: And you are not free to leave.

18 A. I do.

19 MR. PARKS: And that potentially these charges could  
20 keep you in custody for the rest of your natural life.

21 A. It mattereth not.

22 MR. PARKS: It doesn't matter to you?

23 A. It mattereth not. As long as I'm being obedient to  
24 the Lord, whatsoever I suffereth for him, it mattereth not.

25 MR. PARKS: Okay. You have chosen --

1           A.    Death, prison or death, prison or death, it  
2 mattereth not.

3           MR. PARKS:  I know that you're very --

4           A.    Also Paul spent much of his life in prison.

5           MR. PARKS:  You're very committed.  Okay.  You're  
6 obviously very committed.  You obviously strongly believe  
7 that the Holy Spirit has moved you to do these things by  
8 taking Elizabeth, and God delivered her to you to be your  
9 wife.  We've also covered things -- we have covered things  
10 about how Jesus Christ does not lie.  The prophets of God  
11 do not lie, and they are proud to stand up for their actions  
12 and answer questions.  You are here accused of aggravated  
13 kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault.  Okay?  And we are  
14 here -- Isaiah, we are here to listen to you and to listen to  
15 your story.

16          A.    You're saying -- you're saying that they don't  
17 lie.

18          MR. PARKS:  No.  Don't get -- don't get off on that  
19 tangent right now.  You hear me out.  We are here to listen  
20 to your story and your explanation, and you keep sending us  
21 off to the ozone.  We ask simple, direct questions.  The  
22 question is, did you enter Elizabeth Smart's house?

23          A.    You make simple, direct accusations.

24          MR. PARKS:  And we want a simple, direct denial or  
25 admittance.  That's it.  You know the jury is going to listen

1 to these proceedings, and we're being recorded right now.

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 MR. PARKS: The jury is going to listen, and they  
4 are going to say to themselves, If he had nothing to hide and  
5 he really believed he was a prophet, why didn't he answer the  
6 most basic and simple of questions?

7 A. Okay. Why didn't Jesus?

8 MR. PARKS: We are not talking about Jesus. You are  
9 not Jesus.

10 A. I am not Jesus.

11 MR. PARKS: We are talking about Immanuel.

12 A. I am his servant, and I pattern my life after him.

13 MR. ROSS: Jesus didn't take any kids out of their  
14 homes during --

15 A. He --

16 MR. ROSS: -- in the middle of the night.

17 A. He is the God of the Old Testament.

18 MR. PARKS: Excuse me. Jesus didn't take a wife.

19 A. He is the God -- that's what you say.

20 MR. PARKS: That's what I say. That's what the  
21 scriptures say.

22 MR. ROSS: That's what the Bible says.

23 A. No. If you know --

24 MR. PARKS: Are you telling me Jesus was married?

25 A. If you know Mormon theology, exaltation is -- is --

1 is having -- is -- the highest degree of the celestial  
2 kingdom is having more than one wife, and no one -- and  
3 that's what the prophet Joseph Smith taught very clearly, and  
4 it's throughout the doctrines of the church, that no man can  
5 receive the highest degree of the celestial kingdom except he  
6 receive the law of -- of -- celestial marriage, which is --  
7 which is plurality of wives. Therefore Christ had to have  
8 more than one -- had to have a wife and more than one wife.

9 MR. PARKS: Well, that's not contemporary theology.

10 A. It's -- it's very contemporary. It's throughout the  
11 church.

12 MR. ROSS: I've never heard that before.

13 MR. PARKS: Yet throughout the Mormon Church that  
14 they believed that all marriages had to be consensual. Is  
15 that not true?

16 A. And it was consensual. It was consensual.

17 MR. ROSS: Did Christ take any wives by holding a  
18 knife to their throat during the middle of the night?

19 A. It was consensual.

20 MR. PARKS: In the throat in the middle of the night  
21 with threats against her family was consensual?

22 A. Christ is God of the Old Testament, and so you don't  
23 want to let me talk about scriptures, but then you come right  
24 back with them.

25 MR. PARKS: I don't want to talk about the

1 scriptures.

2 MR. ROSS: We don't want the talk about the  
3 scriptures, but you keep bringing it up.

4 A. You come right back at me with the scriptures.

5 MR. ROSS: We ask you a question like --

6 A. I can't answer you.

7 MR. PARKS: -- how did you get in the Smart house?  
8 God delivered him to me.

9 A. I can't answer -- I can't answer you any other way  
10 than what the Lord God Almighty puts into my heart to say.  
11 That's all I can do.

12 MR. ROSS: So he's telling you to play games with  
13 us?

14 A. He is telling me to give you the truth.

15 MR. ROSS: Well, the truth would be, when we ask you  
16 a question like, where have you been for the past nine months  
17 with Elizabeth Smart?

18 Well, I have been to this canyon, where I lived in  
19 this camp or I lived in San Diego.

20 A. I can answer that -- I can answer that -- I can  
21 answer that very truthfully to say that the Lord -- that  
22 she's been with us and that the Lord God Almighty has been  
23 with us mightily.

24 MR. ROSS: Where have you been with her?

25 A. Throughout the land.

1           MR. PARKS: Can you give us like -- be more  
2 specific?

3           A.    The Lord takes us from place to place.

4           MR. PARKS: Where has the Lord taken you so far in  
5 the past nine months with her? And when I say "where," I  
6 don't mean a general answer. I'm looking for something, you  
7 know, like the name of a city or state or, you know, location  
8 or, you know, what canyon, what campsite.

9           A.    I can only answer -- I can only answer according to  
10 what the Lord God Almighty puts into my heart to say, and  
11 that's being truthful. That's being truthful, that he has  
12 taken us --

13          MR. ROSS: That poor girl.

14          A.    He has taken us with a mighty hand throughout the  
15 land.

16          MR. PARKS: How is it -- was it the Lord God  
17 Almighty that had to tether Elizabeth in the camp to keep her  
18 from running away? Was that the Lord's idea, or was that  
19 your idea?

20          MR. ROSS: Or is that something that Christ does  
21 when he wants to take a wife.

22          MR. PARKS: Do you have to tie your wife to a tether  
23 to keep her there? Is that your idea, or was that the Holy  
24 Spirit's?

25          A.    The whole world is in bonds and chains, the bonds

1 and chains of inequity, great wickedness and idology.

2 MR. PARKS: That's a tangent.

3 A. The whole world --

4 MR. PARKS: You had to think about that one for a  
5 minute.

6 A. The whole world --

7 MR. ROSS: Yeah.

8 A. The whole world.

9 Q. Didn't you?

10 A. The whole world is in the bonds and chains of  
11 idolatry and great wickedness.

12 MR. PARKS: You had to -- you had to process that  
13 question a little bit before you could answer it.

14 A. It's only -- it's only -- you know what it is? It's  
15 taking time -- it's taking time --

16 MR. ROSS: It's you trying not to take  
17 responsibility for it.

18 A. It's taking time to listen to God --

19 MR. PARKS: It's you trying to evade.

20 A. And let him speak --

21 MR. PARKS: It's you trying to evade the question is  
22 what it is.

23 A. It's the Lord God -- giving the Lord God time.

24 MR. ROSS: Did the Lord tell you -- did the Lord  
25 tell you to tie her up at the campsite?

1           A.    It's giving the Lord God Almighty time to speak, to  
2 take -- to pause and let him speak.

3           MR. ROSS: Did the Lord tell you to tie her up at  
4 the campsite?

5           A.    The whole world -- the whole world is in the chains  
6 of idolatry and great wickedness. This is the reality.

7           MR. PARKS: Okay.

8           A.    And because of that, great destruction --

9           MR. ROSS: The reality is that for the past nine  
10 months --

11          A.    Great destructions are coming upon the earth.

12          MR. ROSS: This is worse than Christmas Mass.

13          A.    Great destructions are coming upon the earth.

14          MR. PARKS: Great destructions are coming upon you.  
15 You know, this is obviously a word salad defense mechanism  
16 that you throw up when the questions get really, really  
17 tough. Okay? You just start wandering on about the  
18 scriptures and stuff, but it's obvious to me -- you talk  
19 about tactics and interrogation. When the questions get too  
20 tough and uncomfortable, you just start wandering off.

21          A.    I've never wandered. I've stuck right straight.

22          MR. PARKS: Did you take Elizabeth Smart out of her  
23 house at knife-point?

24          A.    Straight is the gate.

25          MR. PARKS: Yes or no.

1           A.     Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, and I  
2     have stayed on that straight and narrow path. And you talk  
3     about wandering? You guys are wandering all over the place.  
4     Trying everything and anything to -- to -- to get me to say  
5     something false, to say something false, and I will only  
6     speak the truth.

7           MR. PARKS: All right. Only speak the truth. Did  
8     you take Elizabeth Smart out of her house at knife-point?

9           A.     Your --

10          MR. PARKS: Yes or no?

11          A.     Your accusations are false.

12          MR. PARKS: Then you did not and you are denying you  
13     took Elizabeth out of her house?

14          A.     And the teachings of Hugh Nibley, who is a great  
15     scholar in the church, he says that Satan will always accuse  
16     with the truth.

17          MR. PARKS: You know what I think? I think you're  
18     getting awfully uncomfortable now because you keep talking on  
19     top of us. This is getting a little too intense for you,  
20     isn't it, Immanuel? We are getting to the real hard  
21     questions, and you keep retreating into your spiel and your  
22     diatribe. Did you take Elizabeth out of the house at  
23     knife-point?

24          A.     What did Christ --

25          MR. PARKS: Yes or no?

1           A.     What did Christ do?

2           MR. PARKS:   He didn't take Elizabeth out of the  
3 house at knife-point.

4           MR. ROSS:   He didn't marry women by holding knives  
5 to their throats.   He didn't have sex with 15-year-old girls.  
6 He didn't tether girls to a campsite to keep them from  
7 running away.   He didn't lie to police when they asked him  
8 who he was it's closing in on.

9           MR. ROSS:   He didn't break into peoples' houses.  
10 And he wasn't a drunk driver.

11          A.     I'm afraid you know little of who Christ is and what  
12 he did, because he is God, and he did many things.

13          MR. PARKS:   We're not talking about Christ.   We're  
14 talking about you, Immanuel.

15          MR. ROSS:   Brian Mitchell, aka Immanuel David  
16 Isaiah.

17          A.     His true servants have done and do many things and  
18 still do many things that the world will -- will kill them  
19 for.

20          MR. PARKS:   I hate -- I think we just have to get to  
21 the core of the problem here, and the core of the problem is  
22 Isaiah.

23          A.     Imprison them and keep --

24          MR. PARKS:   No.   Listen to me.   Okay.   We're getting  
25 to what the real core of the problem is.   You.   And the real

1 core is you're not a prophet, and you are not a servant of  
2 Jesus Christ. You are, indeed, Brian David Mitchell, and you  
3 have done a really terrible, terrible thing that you need to  
4 get to. You have done something awful.

5 A. I'll tell you, the both of you, you talk about  
6 shame, the great shame that will be upon you both --

7 MR. ROSS: Hey --

8 A. For talking the way -- this way to the Lord's true  
9 servant.

10 MR. PARKS: You're not the Lord's servant.

11 A. And accusing me in this way.

12 MR. PARKS: You're not if the Lord's servant.

13 A. Great shame. I tell you --

14 MR. ROSS: I don't feel shameful in saying it. I  
15 don't have -- I don't feel any shame. Saying you're --

16 A. You will. I say you will.

17 MR. PARKS: You know what --

18 A. I say you will. You will reap great shame and  
19 sorrow.

20 MR. PARKS: You are not the Lord's servant.

21 MR. ROSS: If heaven's filled with people like you,  
22 I'd be more comfortable in hell. Your story is bullshit.

23 A. You are --

24 MR. ROSS: You took that 15-year-old girl out of her  
25 home at knife-point, you took her to a canyon and raped her.

1           A.    You are --

2           MR. ROSS:  You kept her tied up at the campsite.  
3    You traveled around the country for nine months telling her  
4    that her name was some bullshit Shear Job Esther Isaiah crap,  
5    saying that she was your wife, sealed unto God, and then,  
6    when you cop for it, oh, my God, then all of a sudden it's  
7    she's been delivered to you by Christ?

8           A.    And you're -- and then they gnashed their teeth on  
9    Christ in their anger and their accusation against the Lord.  
10   They gnashed their teeth on him.

11          MR. PARKS:  You are not --

12          MR. ROSS:  You tire me.

13          MR. PARKS:  -- the servant of the Jesus.  You are  
14   not.  Jesus' servants do not take little girls out of their  
15   house --

16          MR. ROSS:  You're a child raper.

17          MR. PARKS:  -- and have sex with them.  Let's face  
18   it.  You are Brian David Mitchell, and you are a child  
19   molester.

20          MR. ROSS:  A criminal.

21          MR. PARKS:  A criminal who has done criminal acts  
22   who cannot pass off his story by talking about Jesus.

23          A.    They accused the Lord.

24          MR. PARKS:  You know, you are a fraud.  You are a  
25   fraud, sir.

1 MR. ROSS: You are a hypocrite.

2 MR. PARKS: You are a hypocrite and a fraud, and  
3 this is bullshit You are not a servant of Jesus Christ, and  
4 you need to get over that.

5 MR. ROSS: You can take take little simple smile off  
6 your face, like, you're, you know, some servant of the Lord  
7 bullshit and stuff it because we know the truth. The truth  
8 is you went into the bedroom at the middle of the night and  
9 held a knife to her throat. And here's another thing that I  
10 don't think Christ ever did. I don't think he ever  
11 threatened to kill little children.

12 A. Suddenly you are --

13 MR. ROSS: Then --

14 A. Suddenly someone who never read the scriptures knows  
15 all about the scriptures and the Lord.

16 MR. ROSS: I went to church enough times to know  
17 that I never heard any sermons from my -- from my priest  
18 saying that, and then Jesus snuck into the bedroom at 2:00  
19 o'clock in the morning.

20 A. Most --

21 MR. ROSS: And held a knife to her throat.

22 A. Most churches and sermons and leaders seek for  
23 popularity, for power, for gain, for popularity and to  
24 satisfy.

25 MR. ROSS: You're off the subject again. You're off

1 the subject again. You're talking about the church. We're  
2 talking about Elizabeth.

3 A. That's what the churches do.

4 MR. ROSS: Brian, you're full of shit.

5 MR. PARKS: Brian we're trying to.

6 MR. ROSS: We're talking about you.

7 A. Trying to gain popularity.

8 MR. ROSS: I don't care about the church right now.

9 A. To satisfy lust of the.

10 MR. ROSS: I want to be able to explain --

11 MR. PARKS: Well, wait a minute. I think we just  
12 hit a nerve there. Let's talk about lust of the flesh.

13 A. The lust of the flesh are all, all of those things  
14 that you say you're heart's upon, other than Jesus Christ.

15 MR. PARKS: You know what, my heart's not upon  
16 screwing a 14-year-old girl, virgin.

17 MR. ROSS: Me neither.

18 MR. PARKS: I've never wanted to have sex with a  
19 virgin.

20 A. And I never have either, and my heart's not set on  
21 that either.

22 MR. PARKS: But you did.

23 A. My heart is not -- I did not.

24 MR. PARKS: You did.

25 A. I did not.

1 MR. PARKS: Did not?

2 A. I did not.

3 MR. PARKS: Did not what?

4 A. Do what you just said. I did not.

5 MR. PARKS: You took a 14-year-old virgin?

6 A. I did not.

7 MR. PARKS: To your campsite, and you had sex with  
8 her against her will.

9 A. You're accusing --

10 MR. PARKS: You and Wanda showed her how to do it,  
11 and then you made her do it.

12 A. What you're accusing me of --

13 MR. PARKS: And you had to tie her up at the camp.

14 A. What you're accusing me of.

15 MR. PARKS: I'm accusing you of -- look at me. Look  
16 at me in the eye. I'm accusing you of being a child molester  
17 and rapist.

18 A. And your accusation is false.

19 MR. ROSS: Bullshit.

20 MR. PARKS: Bullshit.

21 MR. ROSS: It's the truth.

22 A. You can say bullshit all you want.

23 MR. ROSS: We are.

24 A. Your accusation is false.

25 MR. ROSS: Guess what? I can say that, and I'm not

1 going to feel any shame over it. You said I'm going to feel  
2 shame.

3 A. I know you both. You're lifted up in the pride of  
4 your heart --

5 MR. ROSS: You know what, I'm not going to feel any  
6 shame at all.

7 A. -- thinking you're righteous, but you're going to  
8 feel great shame and great sorrow.

9 MR. ROSS: No. I don't think so. You know the  
10 sorrow I feel? The sorrow I feel is for the Smart family.

11 A. The great destruction --

12 MR. ROSS: The sorrow I feel is for the Smart family  
13 and a 14-year-old girl who was taken out of her bed.

14 A. I have more compassion --

15 MR. ROSS: Bullshit.

16 A. I have more compassion for that family than --

17 MR. ROSS: Then prove it and tell us the truth.

18 Don't give me this God bullshit I have more compassion --

19 MR. ROSS: Bullshit -- for that family

20 MR. ROSS: Bullshit.

21 A. -- than --

22 MR. ROSS: Then prove it. Tell us the truth.

23 A. And for Shear Jashub Esther Isaiah than you do.

24 MR. ROSS: Tell us the truth.

25 A. I have told you nothing but the truth.

1 MR. ROSS: Tell us the truth.

2 A. I have told you nothing but the truth.

3 MR. PARKS: Brian.

4 MR. ROSS: You haven't told us anything. If you  
5 want to show compassion for that family --

6 (Officer pokes defendant.)

7 A. What does this mean? What is this leading to?

8 MR. ROSS: This is me telling you that I think  
9 you're full of shit.

10 A. Yeah? And what's that going to lead to?

11 MR. ROSS: I don't know.

12 MR. PARKS: You know why I think you're full of  
13 shit, Brian? Listen. Hear me out. Do you know what Jesus  
14 said about little children? He said that it is better for a  
15 man to tie a millstone around his neck and jump in the lake  
16 and drown himself --

17 A. And that's why I feel very --

18 MR. PARKS: -- rather than harm one hair --

19 A. That's why I feel so sorry for all of you.

20 MR. PARKS: No.

21 A. That you are doing this to Shear Jashub Esther  
22 Isaiah.

23 MR. PARKS: It doesn't matter -- it doesn't matter  
24 what we do here.

25 A. What you're doing to her -- what you're -- what

1 you're doing to her --

2 MR. PARKS: I really struck a nerve there, didn't I?

3 A. What you're doing to her -- what you're doing to  
4 her.

5 MR. PARKS: That was right out of the Bible.

6 A. What you're --

7 MR. PARKS: You have harmed a girl. You have harmed  
8 a child. You have gone against Jesus Christ's written  
9 orders.

10 A. You're harming her.

11 MR. ROSS: No.

12 MR. PARKS: No.

13 MR. ROSS: We didn't have sex with her.

14 MR. PARKS: We brought her home to her family. You  
15 took a girl --

16 A. You're --

17 MR. PARKS: -- and you harmed her.

18 MR. ROSS: I saw her with her dad. And, guess what?  
19 She was crying.

20 MR. PARKS: -- in contradiction to scripture.

21 A. I don't doubt she was crying.

22 MR. ROSS: Why would she be crying? She must be,  
23 you know, somewhat distraught after the past nine months of  
24 living with you.

25 MR. PARKS: Jesus Christ's --

1           MR. ROSS: Having had to have sex with you. I mean,  
2 how often do you shower?

3           MR. PARKS: I mean, you have done a horrible thing,  
4 and you're justifying it in your own mind by saying the Holy  
5 Spirit did it.

6           A. What the two of you are doing is a sin.

7           MR. PARKS: The scriptures say that you have sinned.

8           A. What you are doing -- what you are doing -- what you  
9 are doing is, and what you are doing is.

10          MR. PARKS: You have sinned a great sin.

11          A. I have been obedient unto God Almighty.

12          MR. PARKS: You have sinned against the  
13 commandments.

14          A. I have been obedient to God Almighty.

15          MR. ROSS: God told you to have sex with her?

16          A. You have sinned. You're trying to put words in my  
17 mouth.

18          MR. ROSS: Did God tell you to have sex with her?

19          A. Your accusations against me are false.

20          MR. ROSS: That's a simple question. Yes or no.

21 Did God --

22          A. You're accusations --

23          MR. ROSS: Tell you to have sex with her?

24          A. I told you -- I told you your accusations against me  
25 are false.

1 MR. ROSS: I'm not accusing you. I'm asking you a  
2 question.

3 A. Your accusations are false.

4 MR. ROSS: It's a question. Did God tell you to  
5 have sex with her?

6 A. Your questions are false.

7 MR. ROSS: Did God tell you to have sex with her?

8 A. Your questions are false.

9 MR. ROSS: Is she the only child that God has ever  
10 told you to have sex with?

11 A. Your questions are immaterial. They make no sense.  
12 They make no sense.

13 MR. ROSS: If some of the -- then give me an answer.  
14 Yes or no?

15 A. Because I never -- I never said God told me to do  
16 any such thing, and he never did.

17 MR. PARKS: So, wait a minute. Back up. Back up.

18 MR. ROSS: God never told you to have sex with her?

19 MR. PARKS: God told you to take her as your wife.  
20 You told us that just a little while ago.

21 A. Exactly. And that's all I told you.

22 MR. ROSS: So you decided to have sex with her?

23 A. I told you -- I told you --

24 MR. ROSS: Don't face the wall.

25 A. I told you --

1 MR. ROSS: Hang on a second.

2 A. I told you that I was obedient unto the Lord God  
3 Jesus --

4 MR. PARKS: And look at us when you talk to us.

5 A. -- in receiving her.

6 MR. ROSS: Why are you shutting your eyes when you  
7 talk to us?

8 A. I told you that I was obedient unto the Lord God  
9 Almighty in receiving her.

10 MR. ROSS: Okay.

11 A. And to -- as my wife.

12 MR. ROSS: Okay. So God didn't will you to have sex  
13 with her, he just told you to receive her as her wife -- as  
14 your wife?

15 A. That's all I told you that God told me.

16 MR. ROSS: Okay. So, then, you took it upon  
17 yourself to have sex with her?

18 A. Your accusations are false.

19 MR. ROSS: I am asking.

20 A. Your accusations are false.

21 MR. PARKS: So you've never had sex with her?

22 A. Your accusations are false. In the -- in what  
23 you're accusing me of, there is no truth.

24 MR. PARKS: So you have not had sex with her?

25 A. In your words -- in your words and what you're

1 accusing me of, there is no truth.

2 MR. PARKS: You know, you're just so full of shit,  
3 you can't even look me in the eye when you talk to me. Look  
4 me in the eye like a man when you tell me your lies, okay.

5 A. You're --

6 MR. ROSS: You're not looking at him.

7 MR. PARKS: You're not looking at me. Did you have  
8 sex with Esther, yes or no, as your wife that God said was  
9 okay to do? Did you or did you not?

10 A. What are you -- how are you determining --

11 MR. PARKS: Look me in the eye.

12 MR. ROSS: Don't answer like Bill Clinton. Answer  
13 the question. Did you have sex with her?

14 MR. PARKS: You can't even look me in the eye,  
15 Brian.

16 MR. ROSS: Now you're -- look up here. Give one of  
17 us eye contact when you answer the question.

18 A. Why -- why -- why -- why -- should I submit to your  
19 control over me?

20 MR. ROSS: Well, you know what? Because Elizabeth  
21 had to submit to your control --

22 A. Why -- why --

23 MR. ROSS: -- for nine months.

24 A. Why should I submit to your accusations?

25 MR. ROSS: Why should Elizabeth have to submit to --

1           A.    Your eyes --

2           MR. ROSS:  -- your control.

3           A.    In your eyes are your accusations --

4           MR. ROSS:  Why should Elizabeth submit to your --

5           A.    -- your contempt.  Your contempt.

6           MR. ROSS:  Why should Elizabeth submit to your

7 control?

8           A.    Your contempt, your hate, your ridicule, your

9 condemnation.

10           MR. ROSS:  You're damn right we condemn guys who

11 have sex with 15-year-old girls.

12           A.    And I'm supposed -- I'm supposed to look into your

13 eyes and receive that hate, that condemnation?

14           MR. PARKS:  That's because --

15           A.    You know, I.

16           MR. PARKS:  -- you don't answer.

17           A.    You know, I've been looking into both of your

18 eyes.

19           MR. ROSS:  No you haven't.

20           A.    I have.

21           MR. ROSS:  Oh, now you're telling me -- now you are.

22 Okay.  So let me ask you this question.

23           A.    Why should I submit to your control and look in your

24 eyes when you tell me things?

25           MR. ROSS:  Why should Elizabeth submit to your

1 control? Why should Elizabeth submit to your control?

2 MR. PARKS: Just Look at me --

3 MR. ROSS: You talk about control. Why should  
4 Elizabeth submit to your control? Why should she leave her  
5 house?

6 A. I never controlled her.

7 MR. PARKS: Brian, have you ever had sex with  
8 Esther? Yes or no.

9 A. What was your name again?

10 MR. PARKS: Parks.

11 A. Parks.

12 MR. PARKS: Answer the question.

13 A. Parks.

14 MR. PARKS: Did you have sex with Elizabeth?

15 A. Parks.

16 MR. PARKS: Yes or no?

17 A. All I have done has been out of obedience to the  
18 Lord God Almighty.

19 MR. PARKS: So, did you have sex with her? Yes or  
20 no?

21 A. According the your question, no, I did not.

22 MR. PARKS: You did not?

23 A. I did not.

24 MR. PARKS: She says that you did.

25 A. I did not. According --

1 MR. PARKS: Is she lying?

2 A. Your question is false. I did not.

3 MR. PARKS: You need to defend yourself.

4 A. I did not.

5 MR. PARKS: You did not have sex with Esther? Look  
6 me in the eye.

7 A. Parks, I'm looking you in the eye, and I say to your  
8 question, no.

9 MR. PARKS: You did not have sex with Elizabeth?

10 A. I say to your question, no.

11 MR. PARKS: Good. Now we're finally getting  
12 somewhere. Did you enter Ed Smart's house on June 4? Yes or  
13 no? Look me in the eye. Don't go away. Even if it's -- if  
14 you want to deny it, that's okay. We want your story. But  
15 you keep closing your eyes and refusing to answer. Did you  
16 enter Ed Smart's house?

17 A. Your question --

18 MR. PARKS: Yes or no?

19 MR. ROSS: Yes or no? Simple.

20 MR. PARKS: Look me in the eye. Did you or did you  
21 not? I want' a denial or I want an admission. Either one is  
22 fine with me. Did you enter Ed Smart's house on June 4, in  
23 the night? Yes or no, Brian.

24 A. My name is Immanuel.

25 MR. PARKS: Immanuel.

1           A.     David Isaiah.

2           MR. PARKS:   Open your eyes and look at me.  Did you  
3 enter Ed Smart's house on June 4, yes or no?  Yes or no?  
4 It's a yes or no question.

5           MR. ROSS:   You know you want to answer.  Yes or no?

6           MR. PARKS:   If you want to stand on your actions  
7 as a prophet of God, it's time to answer.  Yes or no?

8           A.     You don't respect me as such.

9           MR. PARKS:   I do not.

10          A.     No, you don't.

11          MR. PARKS:   Because you lie to me.  You won't even  
12 look me in the eye when you lie to me.

13          A.     And I have never said that I was a prophet of God.

14          MR. ROSS:   No.  You said you were a servant of the  
15 Lord.

16          A.     I said I was a servant of the Lord.

17          MR. ROSS:   So, as a servant of the Lord, did you  
18 enter Ed Smart's house on the night of June 4 and take  
19 Elizabeth from her bedroom at knife-point?

20          A.     All of this --

21          MR. ROSS:   Yes or no?

22          MR. PARKS:   Yes or no?  We just want an answer to  
23 the question.

24          MR. ROSS:   Then we can move on.

25          A.     To what.

1 MR. PARKS: It's a yes or no answer.

2 MR. ROSS: Yes or no.

3 MR. PARKS: You're thinking, Brian, you're not  
4 answering. Truthful answers don't need to be thought out  
5 ahead of time. Every time you look down and close your  
6 eyes --

7 A. You know what? Do you know what? I've already  
8 answered that question.

9 MR. ROSS: No, you haven't.

10 A. Over and over again.

11 MR. PARKS: No, you have not. You have never once  
12 answered the question.

13 A. Yes, I have.

14 MR. PARKS: You have been evasive, and you've gone  
15 off on tangents.

16 A. I said that your -- that your question --

17 MR. ROSS: No. Your eyes are shut again.

18 A. I say that your question is an accusation.

19 MR. ROSS: No. The question is, did you, on the  
20 night of June 4, go into the the Smart house?

21 A. Your question --

22 MR. ROSS: And take Elizabeth Smart from her  
23 bedroom?

24 A. Your question is an accusation.

25 MR. ROSS: The question is a question, nothing more,

1 and it deserves a yes or no answer.

2 A. And I told -- I told you I have already answered you  
3 according to the spirit of the Lord Almighty.

4 MR. ROSS: No, you didn't.

5 MR. PARKS: You did not answer the question.

6 MR. ROSS: You didn't answer the question.

7 A. I told you --

8 MR. ROSS: You didn't answer the question.

9 A. I told you I did. I did answer the question.

10 MR. ROSS: No, you didn't. You tell me you answered  
11 the question but --

12 A. According to the Lord.

13 MR. ROSS: -- you didn't.

14 A. According to the Lord.

15 MR. PARKS: Wait a minute. Wait a minute.

16 A. According the what the Lord Almighty put into my  
17 heart.

18 MR. PARKS: Did you just say that you did?

19 A. I said I answered your question according to what  
20 the Lord God Almighty put into my heart to say.

21 MR. PARKS: Well, the Lord God Almighty put into  
22 your heart nothing, because your answer was evasive.

23 A. You -- that's your accusation, that I was being  
24 evasive. I know I'm being truthful.

25 MR. PARKS: No, sir. My accusation is that you are

1 a burglar and child rapist.

2 MR. ROSS: And kidnapper.

3 MR. PARKS: Those are my accusations, and I'm  
4 waiting to hear your explanation.

5 A. And I am telling you and testifying to you that I am  
6 a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

7 MR. PARKS: A servant of the Lord doesn't rape  
8 children.

9 A. All that I have done -- all that I have --

10 MR. PARKS: We are giving you every opportunity in  
11 the world here --

12 A. I never --

13 MR. PARKS: -- to tell us what happened?

14 A. I never raped anybody.

15 MR. ROSS: So, she consented to it?

16 A. I never raped anybody.

17 MR. ROSS: Did she consent to have sex with you?

18 A. I'm just telling you, I have never raped anybody.

19 MR. ROSS: Okay. So, did she consent to have sex  
20 with you?

21 A. I'm telling you, I have never raped anybody. You  
22 are accusing me of rape. I'm telling you I have never raped  
23 anybody.

24 MR. ROSS: Did you tie her to a tether somewhere so  
25 that she wouldn't be able to leave your campsite?

1           A.    I have already answered your question.

2           MR. ROSS:  No.  You didn't answer that.

3           MR. PARKS:  You didn't answer the question.

4           A.    I've already answered your question according --

5           MR. ROSS:  You didn't answer that one.

6           A.    -- to what the Lord God Almighty put into my heart  
7 to say.

8           MR. ROSS:  Did the Lord put it into your heart to  
9 tether that girl so she wouldn't be able to run away from  
10 you.

11          MR. PARKS:  It's a yes or no question, Brian.

12          MR. ROSS:  It's a yes or no question.

13          A.    No, it's not a yes or no question.

14          MR. PARKS:  Yes, it is, Brian.

15          A.    No, it's not.

16          MR. ROSS:  Did --

17          A.    You're saying --

18          MR. ROSS:  -- God --

19          A.    You're saying --

20          MR. ROSS:  -- tell --

21          A.    You're saying --

22          MR. ROSS:  -- you to tie her down --

23          A.    You're saying --

24          MR. ROSS:  -- so that she wouldn't --

25          A.    You're saying --

1 MR. ROSS: -- run away from you?

2 A. You're saying --

3 MR. PARKS: It's a yes or no question.

4 A. But that's what you're saying.

5 MR. PARKS: It's a yes or no question. You know  
6 you're words are now getting into jibberish because, Brian, I  
7 think we're getting to you, Hun. We are getting to the very  
8 core of you, of Brian Mitchell, who is not -- who is not  
9 David Isaiah Immanuel. You know that you're really Brian  
10 Mitchell. You know that.

11 A. This is like -- this is like -- this is like Job.

12 MR. PARKS: No, it's not like Job.

13 A. This is like Job.

14 MR. ROSS: You're nothing like him.

15 A. This is like --

16 MR. PARKS: You're not a servant of God.

17 A. This is like Job when his best friends -- and you're  
18 not my best friends, of course --

19 MR. ROSS: Job didn't kidnap girls.

20 A. But you'd like me to think you are.

21 MR. ROSS: Job didn't kidnap 14-year-old girls and  
22 have sex with them?

23 A. Job -- Job had his best friends come to him to  
24 convince him that he had sinned.

25 MR. PARKS: Look at me when I talk to you.

1 (Officer touches defendant's chin.)

2 A. Now, if you -- when you do that, you see, you're  
3 assaulting me.

4 MR. PARKS: I am not.

5 A. You're assaulting --

6 MR. PARKS: I just want you to look me in the eye.

7 A. He assaulted me. Now you both physically assaulted  
8 me.

9 MR. PARKS: This is assaulting?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. PARKS: There's no intent.

12 A. You both --

13 MR. PARKS: There's just an intent to get you to  
14 look in my eyes.

15 A. No. Both of those were assaults.

16 MR. PARKS: Brian.

17 A. You grabbed my chin, and you --

18 MR. ROSS: You know what else is assault? You know  
19 what else is assault?

20 A. -- you poked me.

21 MR. ROSS: Putting a knife to a 14-year-old girl's  
22 throat.

23 A. You poked me. You poked me. And he took my chin.

24 MR. ROSS: And you took a knife and held it to  
25 Elizabeth's throat and took her out of the house and raped

1 her and kept her for nine months. You tied her down so she  
2 couldn't run away from you.

3 A. Your accusations are false.

4 MR. ROSS: That's not an accusation. That's the  
5 truth.

6 MR. PARKS: That's a fact.

7 MR. ROSS: That's a fact.

8 A. Your accusations are false.

9 MR. ROSS: And you want to talk about me doing  
10 this --

11 (Officer poking defendant.)

12 A. You're --

13 MR. ROSS: -- when you're taking your dick out and  
14 having sex with a 14-year-old girl --

15 A. You're --

16 MR. ROSS: -- against her consent?

17 A. Your accusations are false.

18 MR. ROSS: So she consented to it?

19 A. I have only done what the Lord God Almighty  
20 commanded me to do.

21 MR. ROSS: The Lord commanded you to have sex with a  
22 14-year-old girl?

23 A. He commanded me to receive Shear Jashub.

24 MR. ROSS: What does that mean, to receive a girl?

25 A. To receive her as my wife.

1           MR. ROSS:  What does that mean to receive her?  What  
2 does that entail?

3           MR. PARKS:  Brian, you're closing your eyes again.

4           A.  I can't -- I can't -- I can't talk anything to you  
5 about what it entails -- what anything entails beyond what  
6 the Lord God puts in my heart to say.

7           MR. ROSS:  So, when he says receive her, what do you  
8 do?  If God tells you to receive her as your wife, what do  
9 you do?  What do you do?

10          A.  You're asking me -- you're asking me to talk about  
11 things which are sacred and holy.

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