

Interview with Love and Honesty Israel

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Q: Yeah, there's a little brochure that describes our project. I'm working with a professor, at the University of Kansas, he's actually a professor of Religious Studies. And he's interested in communes that came out of the 60's and 70's. He wants to write a book, and also create an archive of materials that would be accessible to anybody. Because he feel that a lot of important lessons have been learned by communities, and they need to be recorded and studied.

LI: Still learning a lot of important lessons.

Q: Yeah, I'm sure that's true.

LI: Like the most important one.

Q: I'm eager to hear some about the history of the Israel family.

LI: Well let's see, it started, years ago, I started hearing about the "Love Generation", in about '67, '65, '66, in that area. Can't remember exactly when it was, but it was right back there. I was a salesman, and I realized that people really believed me, but I really didn't ever have much to really sell them. I believed then. And I just wanted to be a part of the love thing before it went away. I just went down, I got myself involved with a few people around here, they kind of helped me see a little better. I realized that all the people with long hair and beards weren't dirty people. I first thought it was all just dirty people, just like everybody else. Then I finally went down to San Francisco, I got so excited about it, I went down and moved into [unintelligible]. I lived, first I moved into a place, on Masonic Avenue, right up from the drugstore which was a very popular place to hang out. I fixed the place up really nice, painted it really beautiful. I had some people living with me, there. Then the landlord liked it so much, he gave me his supreme best apartment one block away on Ashbury and Woller. It was one block up from Hayden, on Ashbury. I had the corner apartment there, two doors down from the Grateful Dead, I was on the corner, they were up two doors. They were just local musicians. I just basically lived in an apartment there, and we gathered around with people, and spent all my money, and tried to make money doing this and that. Tried smoking a little grass, trying a little acid, I tried a little everything. And realized that we are one, in that way, and in dreams. I just wanted to know the truth and whatever it took to get there, I was willing to do it. So, I spent a lot of time meditating, and did a lot of meditation. I remember one time in Ashbury when we had a big "Love-in" on the street, there was a great big, big, on a Sunday. And the police came, and I saw people, agitators, six or eight of them actually, everybody was pretty peaceful, but there was six or eight agitators that actually created a problem. I didn't know where they were from or who trained them, I knew they were doing it on purpose, I remember them throwing a tomato at the Captain of the police force. Of course, they saw it as everybody did it to him. So they charged the crowd with billy clubs, and started beating on women and children, and everything else. I tell you, I was so shocked, cause I'd never seen anything like that in my life. I was in the street, so I went inside of the store, so I wouldn't be blasted by these guys, cause I was just walking there and enjoying the beauty of the Sunday afternoon. I remember how much that turned my love into almost hate and rage. I remember that, distinctly. I remember us even buying guns. Everybody started buying guns, like the government wasn't even real. It was an animal, it wasn't even a heart, it had nothing to with anything real. But, after a couple of months, I realized, they were just pawns like everybody else. It wasn't anymore their fault than anybody's. I can't be a hater, I gotta be a lover. The world's not going to

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end by me going and shooting someone, and destroying their life and mine. So, I came back to realizing love is the answer, and that's one thing I realized in San Francisco, truly. That love is the answer, that we are all one person, just different faces, and different parts, and different talents. And that it was time to come together. I realized the body of the man was me, myself, and I had to rewrite to get it together and bring some sense to it, some sanity. Would you like some coffee?

Q: No thank you, I'm fine.

LI: We got some.

Q: That's so nice.

LI: This coffee is our own coffee, by the way that we roast ourselves. Freshly roasted, organic coffee. Here's my daughter Compassion, the first one born into the family. And where were we. This is just a rambling. There's a lot of things happened in there that, and at that time, I thought the United States was just pretty shot down. I thought, it's going to be a police state and this and that. So, I left, and took off with a few people to Mexico. I was going to meet a few people there. I did meet a few people there. However during this whole time, when I first realized that we are one, for some reason, my back went out, so I spent about four or five in San Francisco, my back, talking to people, and meditating, and during this time, I read every book I wanted to read, I was so happy about it, I was not unhappy with it. Every spiritual book I wanted to read. I was so concentrated on my mind only, that I was able to do things like, stop my heart, and just be in a suspended animation, I was able just to stop breathing and lay there and be still. Things I couldn't do today without total concentration maybe for months. But at this time, it was all I was into, self, try to find myself. To try to keep going back behind my eyes and try to see where I came from. And I finally did realize that I am. There's no body else in the world, or anywhere, besides ourselves. So, I really realized that God is us as one. By realizing that, when I realized that, my back went out. Because, all of a sudden, I felt like I had all the responsibility. Of course, I knew it wasn't me only, I knew that, in fact, I saw that everybody else was God. I said everybody else is God even if they don't know it. So, how am I going to act. So that was really a dilemma. I finally decided to go to Mexico. We were going to meet down there, a bunch of us, and start a commune in the Yucatan. Because we know the Commandant of the Yucatan, one of my partners was an ex-Marine corps, he taught the Marine Corps martial arts in Mexico. So, we went down there to find a ruin to rebuild and rechart the stars and start a new culture. However, we got down there, and he was reappointed to somewhere else, and it didn't work out, and they were starting to really watch those ruins. Because people were stealing from them, taking all the art. But during Mexico, I met a lot of people, and talked. A lot exchanges between people down there in Mexico and Vera Cruz, and Mexico City. Lots of young hippies, going through, from all over the world. So, I did meet a lot of people, and we got to influence each other, and then, finally I remembered, I had this old insurance policy, because people started to say "Are we going to have to carry you around forever?" Somebody said to me, "Love, we love you, but are we going to have to carry you around forever?" And I thought, God, I gotta do something about this, I can't have, keep having, people carry me around, and live like that. I gotta take care of it. So I came up to Seattle, here. Which is where I had this policy at this hospital. So, I went in, so they put me, and laid me down, and tried to take care of it. After thirty days they said well, we're going to have to operate. And, I thought to myself, No.

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I'm going to put myself in the hands of these guys, they're going to cut me in my back, and they don't even know for sure what's going to happen. Or, I can put myself in the hands of God. In the meantime, I'd really had the experience of seeing Jesus Christ in the face of some of my brothers, and in different people, and in fact, I started bowing to people sometimes, because I thought it was God before me. But it was really God showing me the fact that everybody is Jesus Christ, and everybody is God, they just don't know it. So, I'm beginning to realize and get my legs about me. I remember first running out, and first realizing we are all one, I came out in the street and thought everybody in the world had seen it. I thought, "We're all one!!!!...We've Won!! We're all one....We've Won!! It's over!!" And people looked at me with very strange looks and I said, Ooooh, I'm going to have to be a lot more subtle with this information I think. So, I have been very much more subtle about it. I just still understand it, to this very day. And I will forever more. Because, I now know, I know who we are, whether we know it or not. I tell you truly, if we sat here for six months, I probably couldn't tell you all the details, there would be, there's just too many, I'm just giving a little sketchy, up to now, deal. I've had great dreams. The dreams have really helped to make me what I am. I've gone through lots of experience in dreams. And a lot of times I recognize something in dreams and remember things in dreams that I could bring to my life. I went through months and months of dreams where I died every night in some different way whether it was Viet Nam, or in a war, or....I was killed every night in some way, to the point where finally, I just knew it was coming and it didn't matter to me anymore, I knew I was not going to really die. And I think God just prepared me not to be afraid of death. By just going over and over and over, and realizing, I always came out. I'd drown and pretty soon, when I drowned, I wouldn't drown, I just breathed water. I wasn't panicking anymore. I just would go, O.K., and I'd breathe water, and I'd wake up later, and realize I could breathe water. So, it was a little hard at first, but I got used. But that happened almost every night. Recently, every once in awhile, it happens again just to make sure I'm not afraid. I have great experiences. A lot of times, in my dreams, after I die I usually, sometimes I'd have a really wonderful experiences afterwards. It happened recently to, but one time, a long time ago, I died in this dream. In fact, I was in a mall, I was in a mall and somebody robbed me, and I chased them down, and I finally caught them, I cornered them. Then they pull out a gun, and they shot me. And I went "Oh, Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ," The next thing I know I'm on a chair on a highway. And it was something like this, a real comfortable chair, and I was just flying, with my mind, I just flew down the highway. 900 mile an hour with my hair streaming back, then I remember looking up, and there was the ships in the sky. And I remember just heading straight up. It was like the angels coming to pick me up. It was a fun dream. And then some dreams I've been in, where I've been in heaven, walking with people that have died here, that have been killed here on earth, and I remember walking with them, walking through heaven with these guys, and I said "Well, I'm going to go back now, and I'm going to try to take care of all this business and get it solved and settled once and for all." The next thing I know I'd be coming down to the earth. Slowly coming to the earth, and then I'd wake up in my bed, I don't know if I was dreaming, or whether I was really in heaven, but that's just the way I reentered. But, I have lots of things like that, where I don't know whether I was dreaming. But, when I woke up in my bed, I figured I was dreaming. But, they seemed so real, these dreams. And I see many dreams, where I saw the end of the world, I saw the stars streaking across the sky, and I knew, that was the end. I had it several times, just all the stars falling. I think Honesty's probably had some of these things to. All of us, have had visions or dreams.

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Every one of us here. That's what brought us together. That no one else would talk to. I've had hundred and hundreds and hundreds, maybe thousands of dreams, that really helped me to understand things better, and even dreams where I can recognize who we are, what we're doing, where we're going, things that explain to me, my life. And we've had many times, we used to spend a lot of time looking each other in the eyes, because we really saw that was a doorway to all that we are. And a lot of times we get down, and we start looking in each other's eyes, and you start seeing faces, they start popping out, faces, faces, faces, faces, and then finally, it ends up the last face of Jesus Christ. All the faces of mankind are in all of us, we just start seeing how connected we are, that we can't be against people anymore. That it's just not even mature, to be against anyone, it's just immature, it's almost like being a cow. That's how senseless it is. It's like you're not even a human yet, until you realize we're one. You're not really a human, you're still an animal, with no more sense, even Bobo the gorilla has five hundred signs, that he can speak with, that's most people's language, is five hundred words. It's not like we're that evolved, until we really see, I realized that, we just have to wait until everybody wakes up. Really, what I face in this world, is all the ways I used to think before I knew, every challenge, every battle, everything we go through, is facing my old self. It's never anybody, it's never anything new, it's just all the ignorance of the past is what we battle constantly. When we realize that we are one, we start battling with the parts of us that are selfish, and don't realize that. We're still going through that to this very day, we're just a lot of us, a lot of us have basically overcome, a core of us have overcome and we really can relate to each other, anytime. No matter what we're going through, we can always get to each other, to knowing. And some of us can get lost for awhile. Try to bring them back and wake them up. It is a very dark world. As far as your mind. Most people in it are ignorant, and most of the people in my mind are ignorant, and most people are in my mind. So, it's a tough life, in that way. Cause, you have this little peek hole in human kind, where you've seen the clouds part, so you know there's a sun behind them, but there's always clouds. So somebody's going "Was there Really a sun behind those clouds?" But you know, there really was. That's where we stand. When I came to town, to Seattle. I met Patience, which is one of the ladies that's here, who I had known, for five years before. She came, and she decided she really wanted to be with me, to be around. And I said "Patience, I am no longer in a position where I can give myself to any one. I have to give myself to everyone." You can never be my wife, you can only be my helper. I just realized I couldn't give myself to one person, because my purpose was more than that, I explained that to her, and it was O.K. with her, so I was still in the hospital, and I told you in the hospital, I had to go through this decision, and the decision was, finally, I decided, I just put my clothes and I snuck out. I walked out of the hospital. I hurt still, but I just walked, and I said, well, I'm going to be cured now, and I was. That took a short time, and I was cured. Even though, it did reoccur again, with the same feelings though, the same feelings of responsibility. Almost every time that reoccurred for me it's been some deep feeling of responsibility, that's knocked me off my feet again. But it's never been a bad thing for me, it's always like a spiritual climb, it's a good spiritual thing and I know I'm going to be better, but I just feel great, I'm smiling, I'm happy, but I just can't walk. Maybe it's just to slow me down. It's happened several times in the past. But, I was cured. I felt great about that, I made the right choice, to believe instead of be cut. I'm not saying that people who have ever been cut are not going to be able to believe, I know a lot of good people have been cut, and had their back's fixed, and it works but at this time, I really needed to have that faith. I rented a place on Queen Anne Hill, we didn't have very much

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money, a very small house, I knew a disc jockey in town, how was a very popular disc jockey for the Rock and Roll stations, and him and I conversed. And he'd use all my revelations on the radio, about "now is the time,". And he'd kind of make a joke out of it, but he'd make it so it was understandable. Honesty, and some friends of hers, heard it, so they thought, "Gee, this guy really seems to know what he's talking about." So they called him up....She, should tell them that part....

HI: We called him, and he invited us over, and we'd make friends with each other. I guess my friends went over there first, And met Patience and Love, and realized all the things he was saying were coming from Love. So, we started spending more time together, and we eventually all moved in together, real soon, in about a month.

LI: We decided to drop our past and start over again, and eventually evolved into, taking all the same last name. And we began to see virtues in each other, and have dreams about it, and revelations about who we each were, and that everybody is really a part of God and a face. And that some of us are virtues, and we have to bring those virtues down and make them real. So each of us becomes like a word, and then we put the sentences together, and the paragraphs together, and the story together. By being together, and living it, so were still working, we haven't got there yet, we're still working on it. We're working on the story, our story's very young, just beginning, in fact, I think we're just building the foundation basically. We haven't got anywhere really, as far as I can tell, except that we have a foundation. With the possibility of succeeding, which is nice.

Q: Why did you choose the last name "Israel"?

LI: First of all, it was more of a statement that "Love is real". Now of course, we started relating to the bible, and started having actual experiences and dreams, and then when I read the bible, which I have many times, I felt the stories, and we actually saw the faces of the people, in the bible, in each other. When we looked at each other. Sometimes we'd see Moses, or Mary, or we'd actually recognize these people. We recognized Jesus Christ in each other. So, we became, really basically, we became, the beginning of the New Testament, in our minds. We know there's thousands and maybe millions of others of us that have seen the same things. That are right now gathering together in other parts of the world. We just haven't all gotten connected yet. Because, we're not, when we're totally tight, then the others who are tight will probably find us. It'll be like cells coming together, so I see a body being collected by God himself, by the fact that we're one all over the earth, and I'm part of it. And I saw, when I came back down from that heavenly place a couple times, in a meditation, all of a sudden I was in heaven, or in a dream, I came down, with thousands of other people who are also enlightened with this understanding. It wasn't myself alone. And I just know that when, if I get my part of it together, that's the most I can do for all the others. Cause I've connected to them, because if I can make the possibility true around me, then it can be true around anyone. Isn't that true? Do you feel that? If I can make it really true around me, then it's true in all of mankind, if it happens here, then it can happen anywhere. And that's the theory that I'm living on. If I succeed, everyone will succeed. Everyone that wants to, we all have a choice. Unfortunately, we have a choice. To be dark or light, to be against or to be loving. To be hateful or be loving, be kind. We always have that choice, unfortunately. Nothing I can do to take it away from you though, or anybody. Where do you want to go from here?

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Q: Do you consider yourselves Christians?

LI: Yeah, yeah we do. But I always hate to say the word, because it's, because when I first realized I was now a Christian, I was going "Oh, no". I admired Buddha, totally. And, I did what Buddha did, I sat underneath the tree. I sat in one place, and I would not move, I would not eat and I would not live until I saw. And, that's what helped me, Buddha's really the guy that brought me to Christ, in a lot of ways. The story of how he got there, he insisted on either seeing or dying. And, of course, when you really realize it, you have to almost do that to see. You have to be willing to give up the world to see what is behind it. When you realize you're going to walk without really knowing where you're going and you're blind, cause the first thing I really knew for sure, was that I didn't know, and I was convinced, that I don't know. And I haven't known anybody to tell me any different. They say, well you gotta have faith in this....and I say wait a minute, I don't know. You understand what I'm saying I DON'T KNOW! If there is a God, I don't know it, if there is a Jesus I don't know it, if there's an anything, I don't know it. If there's a Buddha, I don't know. And I was so happy that I actually knew something, finally, I was sure about something in life, and I think that helped me more than anything else, was really admitting to myself, really admitting, I didn't know anything for sure. That opened me up to see, if I hadn't done that, I would never have seen. I would be too filled with garbage, but that knocked all the garbage out of my mind. Because I couldn't count on any of it. All of man's knowledge and I couldn't count on it. What I saw in meditation, was all the knowledge of men, and what it ends up with is "I don't know." That's the final statement if they're honest. So I wasn't looking for the answer there anymore, that was for sure. And, I've had experiences where I could have went into my head and had all the knowledge of man, and it wasn't worth anything. And I've went to places in my mind, in my meditation, where every invention, even the ones that have never been invented were there, and I could have brought them down, had I wished it, and other people I'm sure, have. But, I felt, I'd still be in the earth, without knowing. I'd be rich without knowing. So, I decided I couldn't do that, I had to keep going, so that I really could see. And I did see. I figured, I can always come back, if it was that important. But what was really important, is when you see that love is the answer. That you have to start, even if somebody is going to kill you have to love. You can't let fear get the better part of you, even though we all feel it. I feel fear, but I don't see it as myself anymore. I don't see it as my, fear is not me, it's not it, it's not really a part of me, it's something that's there, something that was me, and it's part of the earth. And we all should feel it, and we try to find names for it, and reasons for it, rather than just seeing it as a feeling. Terrified by ourselves, mostly.

Q: So when you were living in Seattle on Queen Anne's Hill, in a group house, I guess, did you decide that you wanted to move back to the land and start a village.

LI: Not really, we did ultimately, but I always said, first things first, [unintelligible]. And the first thing I asked everybody to do was sit down. And when you sit down and question yourself to the nth degree. We'd meditated all day long for two years, and that's all we did. Meditated, and I just discussed things, and tried to bring it out in any direction I could, in any way I could, I spoke in large circles, about the same thing over and over. I still do the same thing to this very day, every morning. We have a meeting almost everyday here. About ten or eleven years ago, kids were getting a little older, and parents were getting worried, that they're not getting enough of the world, and were worried about what they own.

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They didn't own anything, and we had a big major disaster. Honesty and I, actually left and became mortgage bankers in California. Two years. In the meantime, we signed everything over to the people that were left, and left. But, in the meantime, no body was able to make any payments, most the things were lost, and this was almost lost. And, Honesty and I had some money, and after a couple of years, we had some money that we had put away, and we came back up to save, basically save the ranch from foreclosure, and just move back on. We were big mortgage bankers and we had a casting agency, and we were doing movies and we were starting to get known and popular. I remember one day I just drove in traffic and was thinking, and I was on my way to some studio, and I said, "this is not our life." It never was our life, it never will be our life, and we're starting to succeed at things, which is really frightening, and so I said, I just called her up and I said "Honesty, call two trucks, we're moving, we're going back to the ranch." In the meantime, I was flying here every other week, to work with the guys, we were just doing firewood to make money, keep the payments going. The other guys hadn't organized themselves to make any money, so they had lost everything.

Q: Do you have any, income producing industries right now?

LI: We don't have that much now, actually. We do, we have done selective logging, [unintelligible] litigation work, we're opening a coffee shop in Arlington right now. We have a coffee business starting, we have an organic food business, we sell produce at the public market, we have a construction company. Which is about to build a bunch of homes, right here on the land, with the help of some banks. A village plan, we have potter, pottery, we have a chiropractor, who makes money, and we have some teachers.

Q: Do you have your own school?

LI: Yes.

Q: That's wonderful, and do you live fully communally? So, do you all pool your incomes?

LI: We don't pool everything, but we pool enough to pay the bills. Everybody turns in a certain amount each month and we pay all the bills. But we do, basically, pool everything, because, any income I make, I spread it out over the whole family, as far as, how it's reported to the IRS, we spread it all out. That way the money comes directly to us, instead of through the government, they suck our money....but if we make too much money, we have to pay taxes. But as long as we don't make certain amount, we don't need to pay income taxes.

Q: Are you incorporated as a church?

LI: We are not incorporated as a church, but we are a church. We are, and in the state of Washington, considered a church. The Church of Jesus Christ at Armageddon. That's the official name.

Q: What's that mean?

LI: An Armageddon? Well, an Armageddon means the final battle. Between you and me, or between yourself and you, the final battle starts with you, doesn't it? When you make up your mind, totally, you've won the battle, and you've finally totally decided on what you are and what you're doing here,

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you've won the battle. Then you find two or three more people, then pretty soon, you've got a thousand people that have won the battle. Then there are people who haven't won the battle that don't like you. Then there's ten thousand that haven't won the battle, and then there's ten thousand that don't like you, and then there's 100,000 of you that have won the battle, and then there's 100,000 that don't like you. Then there's a million of you that have won the battle and a million that don't like you. The battle of Armageddon, is someone comes against us, because they're afraid of us. But, we don't go against anyone. We're not against anybody. The battle of Armageddon that you read in the books, it doesn't talk about that, it talks about that people of God being together, and being attacked. At the place of Armageddon, it's called the place of peace. Armageddon really means, in the peaceful place, the peaceful people, the pleasant place. It doesn't mean bad place, but that's open for people's interpretation. That's our interpretation. Other people have other interpretations on what Armageddon is supposed to be about.

Q: How many people live here?

LI: About a hundred, eighty to a hundred.

Q: Wow, it's large then, do you take meals together?

LI: Only sometimes, like Passover we do together, Easter we have together, Thanksgiving, not always, but sometimes, we've been getting so big, that sometimes it's hard to have them together.

Q: Do you follow a particular diet?

LI: We try to stick to a pretty healthy diet. We stay with organic foods, and 90% vegetarian, but not stuck with it. Like, Easter, for sure we have sheep. Everybody's allowed to eat what they want to eat, we try to discourage processed foods, and stuff that goes through a lot of things to make them taste good.

Q: Do you have any kind of work sharing system?

LI: Work sharing?

Q: Yeah, for splitting up the chores and the work.

LI: Well, we've been around so long, people just kind of slowly evolved into what they do. Like in my household, some people clean this room, some people the downstairs, some people clean the bathroom, some people will do the book work, and some will do the management, and everybody has something to do.

Q: So you haven't had a problem with people not doing their fair share?

LI: What's that?

Q: You haven't had a problem with people not doing their fair share?

LI: There's always a problem with people not doing their fair share, most people don't do their fair share.

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Q: How do you deal with that then?

LI: I just keep working on it, and be patient, maybe they don't really know what they do well yet. Everybody has a purpose, that's good. So, a lot of times, it's not like they don't want to be there, they just, that's just not their total purpose. So, what we do, let's say the planting time comes around, we have gardeners, who are inspired gardeners, but there's times when things would be very hard on them, so we have the entire village go out and help plant. All of us, me included. And when it's time to do the big harvest thing, we try to do it the same, as a village. Then also, the people are out earning money, and we try to get the people who are home not earning money, to do what there is to do at home. Try to spend the same amount of energy at home, doing what needs to be done, so that people out there won't have to come home and do that too. We try to keep ourselves here as much as possible, we're trying to actually create village industry, because, we don't want to become a sailor town or something. Where everybody's gone all day, so we're steadily trying to create a village, I'm trying to get financing now, to try to make all the jobs here at home. To build like a village atmosphere, where butcher, baker, candle stick maker, everybody's here. So, anyway, that's, Honesty moved in, we got a house in town, a small house. We got about seventeen people living in this little two bedroom house. Within a few months, yeah. But we asked them, if you're going to be in the house, you have to sit still, it's a meditation house. You have to be quiet, and then we put all kinds of beds in, and downstairs, and then we got another house, and then we got another house. Then I had an old truck, and I traded that in, for a down payment on another house. I guy wanted to leave town, and couldn't make anymore payments on his house, so he said, I'll take the truck for my equity, you take the house. So, I gave him the truck, he loaded his junk in it, and drove off, and we had a house. When people brought in anything, we sold everything that people brought in to live in, we stayed real simple, we figured we'd just turn over the world. As we come in, we were to sell it, we sold our car, we sold everything. That's what kept us going, we sold everything we had. Everything I had I sold, everything anybody had, we sold it all. Lived very, very simple lives. The worst part of our life, was when someone came home that had money. One person, they didn't have money at first and I said "You can't be here, you have leave, because you can't buy your way into here. It's just not going to work out." So he left, and he lost all of his money. Then he came back, and then he was welcomed in, and then of course, he inherited more money down the road. Lots of money. That hurt us more than anything else. Then, as we used that money, as we spent that money. I invested the money well that did come in. I put it all into real estate. So, we wouldn't just be spending it. So, we ended up with a lot of real estate at one time. Lots, and lots, and lots of real estate, and I almost had it all paid for and done, but then the family had that problem and split, right before we had it completed. Basically it destroyed ourselves, there wasn't anybody outside. We ourselves destroyed it.

Q: And that was the quest of the individuals to have more personal.....

LI: To have more for themselves. Yeah, worried that they were going to be messed up. Finally had money, and now how come we weren't getting more of it. Typical of the divorce things, it was a divorce. However, a lot of us did stay together, because we knew it was right, and we hoped we'd stay together long enough...and now slowly but surely it seems like some of the people that left are slowly evolving back into looking again, and some of them are coming back. Most people just left because I left, most

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people were just kind of lost, they didn't know where to go. So they're evolving again. We have a big garlic festival here, and it's attracting more and more of our old members in some way. And, I think the dam is breaking, if we just stay patient and continue, no matter what we've done. We've all made mistakes, I've made mistakes, everybody's made mistakes. Because, I'm no more an expert at this thing than anyone else who has seen the truth. We're all in the same boat, we have a huge negative influence in our lives, all around, and we have to overcome it everyday. Call Serious let her know, he can finish the story a little more. That's a little sketchy, you can't take 27 years of hundreds of people's lives.

Q: Right, it's hard to condense. I understand.

LI: Whole years are missing there. But, we ended up with a lot of property all around, in Hawaii, Alaska, everywhere, we had a lot of property, and now we're down to, well, like I said, I bought this place back about eleven years ago, after having given it away. And since then, I've bought a place on Lake Roosevelt in Eastern Washington. I'm now subdividing that so other people who think like me can help me pay for it, and we can live there, we can put a vineyard in and make more wine.

Q: Is that nearby?

LI: No, it's about a ten hour drive from here. About an hour's flight.

Q: East, I assume, it would about have to be.

LI: East, on the Columbia River, well maybe it's not, maybe it's about eight hours or seven hours, but with my motorhome it's ten. We always just plod over there, no hurry, no rush, I'm already there. I'm home, something about my motor home, I'm already home, I don't try to get anywhere. There's so much more. Our philosophy, our philosophy is very simple, we see the Bible as the history of our mistakes and we learn, we hope to learn from, and we see ourselves as the reoccurring Israel family, that has been lost through the ages that God himself through Jesus Christ actually touched each one of us. Not all of us here have had the revelation, some just kind of got stuck with us. But most of us have had a revelation of Jesus Christ. Either in a dream or a vision, or seeing it in me, or seeing it in someone else here, and really seeing. And when you see Jesus Christ it's not like "Oh, is that Jesus Christ?" When you see Jesus Christ, you already know, it's Jesus Christ. All you do is see something you've known forever. Everybody that sees Jesus Christ doesn't see some new thing, they see somebody they've always know, and that's the amazing part about it. They go "Oh, I've been against myself all this time." We're all in, just different members. It says it that way in the Book even, "Ye are members of my body, members in particular" So it says so, I don't know why we never got the picture. So we have to treat each other like that.

Q: Is your community trying to follow in the book of Acts about having "All things common"?

LI: Yeah, we're working on it, I'm trying to set up a thing right now, where actually, I can do that. Because, I own it, so far, but what I'm sitting on now, will give everybody something....

Q: That they can share....

LI: That they can give to their children. I don't have to, but I need to.

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Q: Do you guys do things together on a daily basis? Any sort of routines? Meditation?

LI: Well, we have a meeting every morning, together. And sometimes they have some meetings in the evening on Saturday nights, but not this Saturday night, because I'll be gone. But, they may still have a meeting, Serious may still have a meeting, that's something, I'll tell him he has to have a meeting, he's a big boy now.

Q: And, are these business meetings...?

LI: No, there mostly spiritual and organizational, but mostly spiritual. Just to remind ourselves why we're here, but because we're in a world that's so thick, if we don't remind ourselves everyday, we're liable to forget. We have about a three day retention value. And if I don't remind people everyday, I might forget, So, I remind everybody everyday. Everyday I'm home. And, when I'm gone on trips..... [picks up on a different story on side two]

LI: ... An Indian lady, a singer, Shante, a jazz singer, she was an Indian lady. She came to me finally, after this thing was going on, I was kind of down and out, she came to me she says "Love, I don't know why I have this vision, why should it be, why not one of you guys, but I had three angels come to me, three nights in a row, telling me all these things that I have to tell you. One of them was don't worry, this is just the beginning, all the groups are going to suffer like you're suffering right now, you just wait and see. And, the next four months of this world is going to be very, very, very, strange, lots of things are going to happen, to be a sign to you that God is not picking on you. And also, he says, the power of three, remember the power of three. Make sure you give other people power, at least three of you to have real people in this thing which will be the thing [unintelligible]." There was more to it than that, but that was the basic message.

Q: Do you have like a leadership of three here?

LI: Yeah, well, I would say, Serious, Honesty and I, are probably, totally, connected. We all work on our own, we don't have to, Honesty works for me, and Serious works for me, but they're really my friends. And they're really, they know what to do, I don't have to tell them exactly what to do. I might, tell them what someone else told me we have to do, and you have to get this part together, and you have to get this part together. But really, of those that I know, that are solid, those are the two, that are really solid. And there's others, there's more, there's a lot of us that are solid here, I just don't want to differentiate what she is and she is. I know who it is, it's us, but we just kind of hide among us.

Q: How does someone become a member here?

LI: By recognizing you're a member. Because if you recognize me, and you say "Hey, I know you, I've always known" Then you say hey, we're coming back together, that's what we're doing here, we're finding each other again. I think right now, this is a real thick time right now. However, people are waking up all over the world at this time, because of the thickness and the danger and the eminent danger. And the fact that it's the millennium, the end of the year 2000, is gonna come up, and everybody's expecting 2000 to be the big year, you know. Probably 70% of the people world think the year 2000 is going to be it. Just because of that, it could be it. Not because of anything else. Because people are all thinking it. So whatever it is, we're preparing ourselves to be strong and to be able to be

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leaders if things do happen, so we can help people out of the panic. I've had dreams like that, I've had whole dreams of what to do. I mean, I dreamed recently, where the government collapsed and I had about a second and a half to think about it, because if I didn't, I thought there was going to be chaos everywhere, so we went right into the radio stations and took two radio stations. Immediately, and started broadcasting, and saying hey listen, don't panic, and be careful, stop, relax, if you have any idea what the new testament is about and you can even live close to that in any way, just read it and live according to that plan, come in and put the little green band on your arm, something green and come to our, [unintelligible] park, with camping gear, and your family. Because we didn't want them all here. And then we took over the bayliner and the U.S. marine area, offices for headquarters, and the boy's club and girl's club, to bring people food and blankets and whatever else we could get. We had the airport right there so we could fly things in, and we could reach people by the internet, it was still working. It was a whole dream. And we put people into groups of twelve households, blocks of twelve households, they could help watch over each other. All the single people did all the organizing and running around, we served all the couples and the families. And, we took all the stores and all the warehouses and guarded all them, so we could distribute the food slowly, hopefully get more in. People around the world knew that we were gathering ourselves, here, in peace. But strong, so we wouldn't be weak, be prey for someone else with less integrity. Which there is lots of them out there. Master Serious, Now it's your section.