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JOHN DOLAN: just things, you know, that just need more time, more time. We're into 18 days. And they need some sign of a, significant sign of a good, peaceful resolution. That's all you

STEVE: How about a, how about a peace flare being shot up out of the roof.

JOHN DOLAN: That's not going to buy it.

STEVE: (Laughing.)

JOHN DOLAN: That's definitely not going to buy it.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. I, I generally go off duty at 6 p.m. and --

STEVE: Oh, you do.

JOHN DOLAN: and the other guys come on.

STEVE: Who's coming on after you?

JOHN DOLAN: I, I think Mike will be on tonight. But I'll be back tomorrow. And do, do me a favor. Give me, give me your solemn word that you're going to do this for us. Because -- and I know you will.

STEVE: You mean in talking to those that might have influence with sending the children out.

JOHN DOLAN: Yes.

STEVE: I give you my word for a fact that I

will do that.

JOHN DOLAN: I accept that. And this is really important. I'll tell you, this is, you know, it's 18 days. It's a real critical time. I mean, you know, the guys back East are saying holy cow. You know, what's happening out there? You guys aren't showing anything going on. And that may not be the real case. But what is happening at least from the perspective of 1,000 miles away. It appears to be nothing. You know what I mean?

STEVE: Um-hum.

JOHN DOLAN: And, and we got to get something going here. So let's, let's get this going. I mean it's been 5 days since, since the last person

STEVE: Let me try to -- I'd like to even maybe get back with you before you leave. If you're leaving

JOHN DOLAN: All right.

STEVE: -- at 6, I might even try to so --

JOHN DOLAN: Why don't you give me a call say a quarter of 6. How's that? It's about an hour.

STEVE: Okay. Let me do that.

JOHN DOLAN: All right. I'll talk to you at a quarter to 6.

STEVE: Okay. Bye.

JOHN DOLAN: Thanks, Steve. Bye-bye.

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JOHN DOLAN: How you doing?

STEVE: Not too bad.

JOHN DOLAN: Good.

STEVE: Good. I went and talked with a number of the, the mothers mainly that have the children.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And they are at a place I know of reluctance, see. And of course the loudspeakers have been playing off and on. But they're, they're not, you know, apparently they got some in the back somewhere. And they're, they're, apparently their lines are breaking. Something's happening. But they fade in and out. And you only can hear a few things, or not that they particularly want to really hear anything. But --

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah, well, I wanted to tell you about it so, you know.

STEVE: Yeah. Yeah, I was glad you did.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: But apparently they've understood basically what the message was on there. And they will have opportunity to act if they want to.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. How, how did the contact with the mothers go?

STEVE: Well, I went and asked a lot of them

and, and asked about in regards to what they thought too about the safety of their children. If they want, here's an opportunity. They can go out or send their children out and --

JOHN DOLAN: They can go out at anytime. I mean --

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: that's always open so --

STEVE: Right. And I -- and they said to me basically they feel that their children are safer with them, you know.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: There was like four of them standing together. And so I approached them first right off and, and asked them about it. They didn't really have much to say other than they said well, we -- well, I, the one says, think that they're safer with me. And then the rest kind of resounded the same answer. And I went and talked with a few more.

They're -- it all comes back to that Bible again. I don't, I just don't know what to say. You know, they all, they all quote to me and say things like Isaiah 49 if you have a chance to talk with them if any of them are parents, maybe they'll understand. The last -- from verse 20 on to the end of the chapter. And they see it as a prophecy for the final days. And

they're hoping that they might connect with the understanding there.

JOHN DOLAN: How, how do you mean a prophecy for the final days?

STEVE: Well, it talks about that how kings and princes and so forth will come bending before and bringing their children back to them. And it's a prophecy for the last days seen in the light of the Book of Revelation.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, you and I both know we're just trying to bring this to a successful resolution and peaceful without anybody, you or Judy or anybody getting a single scratch. And, and that's what we're working so hard on. You know that I mean. It's just, it's just two people with the same goal and a different route perhaps. But trying to come together somewhere between the two tracks, you know, so that we can, we can get somewhere. That's what you and I are trying to do.

STEVE: Right.

JOHN DOLAN: And I appreciate your efforts contacting those women.

STEVE: Right. It seems like there might be -- I don't know but it seems like there might be something coming from David as to just what, what's going on.

JOHN DOLAN: Like what?

STEVE: I'm hoping so. You know, like he said originally to wait. And I'm just wondering because it seems like someone went talk to him. I haven't been able to get -- I went and knocked at the door and no one answered. So apparently he fell back to sleep. But I was hoping to talk with him to see just what's happening or, or if he has a so-called answer. Of course, I'm interested in hearing. So I don't know yet. But someone went to talk to him earlier, and I haven't been able to talk to that person yet.

JOHN DOLAN: You, you think I mean straightforward now the, you know, man to man, you think he's receiving some type of, of word or something?

STEVE: Well, yeah, I think I said earlier that he mentioned something to me about a prophecy. Remember I said he said something to me that God showed him something in regards to a prophecy. And I went like this, well, good. And he says no not so good. He says you people should be sober meaning that a lot of the people since this has happened --

I mean to us this is a serious thing. Not only, you know, are the events that are happening day by day here in this situation we're in. We're talking

about the world at large. We're talking about as in the days of Noah people were eating and drinking, and it was a beautiful day like any other day. People had their religious beliefs.

But there was one word that one man said came from God. A man was Noah. And he said there was going to be a flood. The world says no, there won't be a flood. Well, of course, they all drowned except for the eight that were in the ark after the -- I mean this is God's word.

So Christ said 2,000 years ago as it was then it be in the final days. People will be marrying, given in marriage, eating, drinking. That's today. That's you and me, that's everybody. That's -- in the name of religion we all do this. We really have our little beliefs in God and so forth.

But see these people are so serious as to the time we live. There's always been calamity howlers, of course. There's always been people saying we're in the end. We're in the end. This century, last century, every century. But the Bible has never ever before this period of time had someone that could come along and harmonize every book and every passage. Now that sounds --

JOHN DOLAN: Well, that, that may be. And I certainly couldn't argue the Bible with David. And for

that matter I couldn't argue it with you.

But the fact is that that place represents someplace that the law enforcement authorities of, of this world at least have to get to. And it's not harmful to you in any sense, because what is on that land, what is on that property, what is in that residence is going to tell your story better than you could, and, and, you know, you're very articulate. Let's face it. And it's going to tell it because it's evidence. It's evidence that's going to support what occurred. We've got to get in there and get that to tell your story. That's going to --

STEVE: Well, see, we don't -- I, I appreciate what you're saying, John. Because I don't -- and these people would not -- they would concur wholeheartedly to that statement. They really would.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: See but the, the problem is coming out, seeing these -- okay, like it's an issue still. The ATF. If you people were only involved that would be a -- I mean but here

JOHN DOLAN: We are only involved. I should say only because

STEVE: Well, what's the spokesperson Dan Conroy --

JOHN DOLAN: Okay, that -- let me tell you about that. That's what's called a joint press conference. You know, when you, when you were watching it or when you have it on, on the radio, it's a joint press conference. Now if we didn't have ATF there, they could wait until ours was over and go do their own. I mean it's, it's really, you know, it's not really material --

STEVE: But see, the concern is of course is their involvement still and --

JOHN DOLAN: I understand that.

STEVE: -- the statements are disseminating.

JOHN DOLAN: But that's, that's one of the reasons that you've got to get out of there and turn that over to the Texas Rangers for a few days --

STEVE: Here's -- but here's the difference though, John. We go into custody. They don't. The ones that perpetrated this. The ones that attacked. The ones that came with what kind of intent and motives.

JOHN DOLAN: They are not going to be there to do the, the crime scene. I guarantee you that. The Texas Rangers, the state of Texas. And the Texas Rangers go back, you know, a century. I mean they're our heralded law enforcement state agency.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: And they are going to do it. And they're, they're not going to put their 100 years or 150 years of dedicated, loyal service on the line for anybody.

STEVE: The government -- can you tell me something?

JOHN DOLAN: Sure.

STEVE: Has there ever been an FBI agent and ATF agent ever gone up for murder or murdering a citizen of America?

JOHN DOLAN: There's been FBI agents arrested. There's been ATF agents arrested. There's been FBI agents arrested for, for cocaine possession.

STEVE: Well, what about though for murder in, in a line of like say like for instance --

JOHN DOLAN: Well, somebody -- I don't know one personally. Somebody passed me a note yes, there has been. And as a matter of fact the story comes back. It was an informant of this one guy. He had worked up in the East Coast up in New England. And he killed a woman. And he, and he worked in Kentucky. And he went to jail for murder. He murdered an informant.

As a matter of fact, I mean this is pretty grisly. But I remember the, remember the circumstances. He actually drove to the courthouse

with the woman's body in the trunk of his automobile and he is in prison now.

STEVE: What, what -- he was part of which agency?

JOHN DOLAN: Our agency.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. I mean I'm telling you the truth. I mean like I told you, I'd never lie to you.

STEVE: How long ago did this take place?

JOHN DOLAN: This is approximately 2 years ago. He was in Kentucky at the time. He took the body. He actually went -- the grisly part of this, Steve, is he took the body out to the courtroom, drove to the courtroom with the body in the trunk of his car and then left the courthouse and drove out to some field, distant field, and buried the body. I mean it's tragic and it's said. But it's -- but he was indicted and convicted and is in prison.

You know, I mean this, this is a sad case. But it's just a fact that law enforcement is not going to stand for any wrongdoing. Look at Rodney King in LA. You know what I mean? Those guys are indicted. They've been indicted by the federal government. Yeah, true, they were acquitted by a jury in Simi Valley, California. But they're, you know, under indictment

now. They're under trial. In fact, I think the case has gone to the, you know, the defenses now.

There was an ATF agent convicted in North Carolina for attempting to murder a person. And he died in prison.

So yes, people go to prison. The press is going to help uncover any wrongdoing. But the Texas Rangers are going to go into your property, do a crime scene investigation, and there's nobody in this world that can tell me that Texas Rangers are going to put 150 years of reputation on the line for this --

STEVE: Where are these people going to go for say a month or more than a month? Because from what I hear it will take a minimum of at least a month or 30 days or so.

JOHN DOLAN: It's going to take some time. And I'm sure the relatives, I'm sure the United Kingdom, the British Embassy over here, the Australian Embassy will arrange for their citizens. And there's many, many people in the towns and relatives who will arrange for lodging of the other people. So I don't think that's going to be a problem. I think we can work that out. That's not what you would call a real serious problem.

But the thing is that property, that building speaks to what happened. And, and like I said before,

the longer this goes on, the shell casings that were fired on the outside are going to be lost in the dirt. We don't want that to happen. We don't want that to happen. So let's, let's get some movement on this, you and me.

STEVE: Well, that's what I would have liked to have done. That's why of course Wayne and I came out the day before yesterday, because we raised questions of concern not only in our own behalf but in behalf of the people here. And Wayne and myself both have waited for Byron's response. We thought we would get clearly those answers to the questions as he said.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, he had a bunch of stuff for you today, I know that.

STEVE: I must admit I was hoping to see that. But instead when he got on the phone with me, he was very strongly implying that we needed to all come out, get in the vans and go away.

JOHN DOLAN: Well

STEVE: You know, I mean but --

JOHN DOLAN: -- I think he was --

STEVE: -- let's do some of the things that might bring that about first where we can look over some information, understand a little bit of the process and what we may have to go through. And, and also have a little, few more questions answered about

those that began the full thing, what they're going to go through or what they might go through in relation to ourselves.

JOHN DOLAN: Steve, believe me, they are going to go through a Congressional investigation by the Congress of the United States. They are going to go through an investigation by the, you know, the most august body at least as far as subpoena powers, as far as investigations in the United States. They're --

STEVE: Can I ask you

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: I was going to ask you also. Did you hear like we did through the press, through the airwaves that first Sunday or Monday it was brought out that a number of these ATF agents were in a bar drinking and made a few statements about and laughter and so forth and jest about how it was going to be nothing, how they were going to come out here and do what they were going to do to these people out here. That was reported in the airwaves.

JOHN DOLAN: Well --

STEVE: About a number of them being in a bar drinking, and certain statements came out of their mouths.

JOHN DOLAN: I didn't hear that personally. But you know, if you do hear stuff like that, those are

things that the Congressional committees are going to want and either tell us, tell me personally or make a record of it of the station and the time and the announcement or whoever it was reported by. Because those are people that are going to be subpoenaed by the Congressional committee.

I mean this, this is I mean historic in the wrong sense of people being hurt and people losing their life. It's historic though in the sense of, of the absolute size of this thing. And --

STEVE: Can I ask you something

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah, anything.

STEVE: -- and try to be as straight and, and honest with me as you can --

JOHN DOLAN: You're going to get that all the time whether you like it or not.

STEVE: Okay. Okay. It was said in the press conference yesterday the question was raised about a British citizen who

JOHN DOLAN: Yes.

STEVE: -- who died. And that name was not going to be given out until the relatives or the family was notified.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: How did you people gain that information?

JOHN DOLAN: How did we people -- how did me, we personally gain?

STEVE: Where did you get the idea, or how did you find out, or who told you that a person of British extract or from Britain actually lost their lives?

JOHN DOLAN: You mean Peter Gent?

STEVE: Peter Gent?

JOHN DOLAN: Is that who you're talking about?

STEVE: No, I'm not. They're talking about somebody from Britain. Peter Gent is an Australian.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, okay. They were confused. They were talking they were referring to Peter Gent. And Rex was mixed up on the nationality. But that's to who

STEVE: I was going to say that's so new to me I was wondering who, now and where and --

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, no, no, no. That's Peter Gent. That's Peter Gent. They misunderstood his, mistakenly thought he was

STEVE: All right. You -- the way they phrased it and how they said it, it didn't come across that it was any kind of a mistake at all.

JOHN DOLAN: No, he just, he just misunderstood Australian for United Kingdom, for

British. No. That -- there's no, there's no like additional body or something like that, no. That was the Peter Gent thing. Yeah. No. That's, that's -- it was Peter Gent.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: Which, which you and I both know. So that was no, no secret or anything like that. I mean it's just

STEVE: Well

(Interference.)

JOHN DOLAN: Whoops.

STEVE: Well, let's see now --

JOHN DOLAN: Let's move forward on something.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: How about you and I. We're back together. Let's get --

STEVE: I was actually hoping now -- here's what could have helped though. Here's what could have helped even today. We had asked last night and I guess apparently that is the answer when it was requested by some of these people to hear a response by a dialogue from this Professor or Dr. Arnold. And I guess that is not going to be coming now with the Newsweek, with any kind of a clear answers from Byron on the subject matter that Wayne and I raised.

JOHN DOLAN: Byron had a bunch of stuff with

him that he was, that he brought out to the forward command post that he was going to drop off with you. That I know. He had a copy of the, the search warrant top where, you know, setting forth the location, all that stuff that the search warrant

STEVE: Definitely David would have been -- I mean that would have probably helped for himself.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, yeah.

STEVE: He was definitely interested in whatever they came supposedly with on that Sunday, because they didn't have anything in their hands but guns. He opened the door, popped his head out, looked right at them, whoa.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: You know he even actually said the word whoa. First he said --

JOHN DOLAN: Who did?

STEVE: David. He says

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- get back, we got women and children. Let's talk, communicate. All of a sudden there was one shot from the outside. And we've heard from the press that the ATF agent, two of them acknowledged that someone accidentally or something fired. And then the rest started shooting right behind.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, you know, if that happened, that's what you'd call a mitigating circumstance. I mean that's not what you'd call aggravating. Mitigating is lessening as you know. So that's a mitigating circumstance. So let's get all this facts out before the public. I know that, that David is listening.

STEVE: But you know, I mean but this man Conroy said today how he had, how one of the men came to the door and knocked at the door and with the warrant and so forth which was -- I mean there's no truth to it. So you know, there's no need for that until like you say especially by the evidence as shown. I mean --

JOHN DOLAN: We've been over this a hundred times but

STEVE: I know. Why don't you do something

JOHN DOLAN: -- but you know you, you and I know --

STEVE: -- you want, you want to get this thing moving a little bit? Let the people

JOHN DOLAN: Let's get it moving.

STEVE: -- let, let the people see what Time and Newsweek has in there.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, what can we do to, to show

that it's a, it's a mutual, a two-way street? You know, I'll try to do that on this end. What, what can -- listen. Let's do something --

STEVE: I -- it's so hard because I don't have any I mean I don't have the power to force someone out of here. I do not have that power or ability.

JOHN DOLAN: How about, how about the kids that can't make their own decision, the, the --

STEVE: Well, of course, it comes down to the mother. You know

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- if anything, I've got to appeal to them.

JOHN DOLAN: How about David? Can he make a decision on them?

STEVE: He definitely could.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: Definitely. Because a lot of those are his children.

JOHN DOLAN: How about the, how about the gentlemen that were maybe a little overindulgent shall we say? How about them?

STEVE: Well, apparently right now they're waiting upon him. And he's definitely going to make a statement to them. Now I don't know if it's going to

be today or tomorrow or when. But I expect that it's going to be any time. I thought it might have already come. And that's what I've been waiting for myself. I know that it was happening, it was happening that Saturday morning and Sunday it would have happened.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay, how about Rita Riddle?

STEVE: I talked to her, and if you people want, you know, I can put her on the phone anytime you'd like or ask her to come to the telephone.

JOHN DOLAN: Sure.

STEVE: And she can give her answer where she's at right now. But basically I, I didn't talk to her today. But I did talk to her yesterday. She says now she chooses to wait. There's a couple things she wants to know and to see.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And I didn't get to ask her what they were. She -- I didn't speak with her at any length. But I can go back to her and say well, what about today or tomorrow? Are you willing or do you want to go out? If you did, it might get some things speeded up or the process going.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: You know, I can ask her that again. But you know, that's basically all I can do.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. We really, you and I, I

want to get together, and I want to be able to go to the commanders here and say look. Steve and I are working together. Sure there were some rough spots not between him and me but some other circumstances. But here's what we've put together. I think that would go a big, long way just like Byron said. How about talking, maybe putting Rita on tonight. How about Kevin? What's his status?

STEVE: Yeah, I, you know, I can ask any one of these people --

JOHN DOLAN: Well, how, how about

STEVE: -- and, and possibly they might be willing to get on the phone with whoever might be on there this evening.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay, how about Kevin? Would he be interested in, in departing do you think?

STEVE: It's, it's always possible. See I mean --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum. Have you spoken to Kevin lately?

STEVE: No, in honesty I haven't. It's --

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- been a couple days now.

JOHN DOLAN: How about Brad?

STEVE: Brad, I talked to him last night but not about leaving. Not about departing.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: He was busy, and it was a couple other things and so I haven't really spent any -- you know, I guess I was pretty tired yesterday and last night.

JOHN DOLAN: I know you mentioned this morning about 20 or 30 people coming. What, what

STEVE: Well, that was in -- that's what I was talking about. I hope you people don't misunderstand. This was in relation to what would have taken place Sunday, this past Sunday, after you began what you did with me, our talking. And that was partially as a, as a response to what some of these individuals did while they were here that first Sunday when that took place about getting into hard liquor.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And things of that nature which we don't do. We've had it on the premises. People have given it to us. It's been put away. But then because of what happened that day, some went and got it out and indulged in it. And for that -- see, we don't do that as a body, as a people.

JOHN DOLAN: You know, I'm not saying anything negative against any of those people specifically. Because that's not my program. But you probably, you know, if somebody's in there like that,

that's probably -- those people would be better off outside anyway.

STEVE: Well, this is what David said. See, this is what he's actually suggested strongly to them. And so have I. And even in regards to myself, I was watching what was happening that Saturday. I was about ready to come out Sunday, Monday myself.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, that's -- hey, that's still, that's still, you know, I'd love that personally. Anytime you want to do that, that would be great. You know what I mean? So you just let me know.

STEVE: Yeah, it's -- well, you know, I mean that's what I -- I guess there were some really good things happening those few days talking with you. And, and it just --

JOHN DOLAN: Like --

STEVE: -- it blew me away though, that Friday night and Saturday. And I'm trying to recover

JOHN DOLAN: Like you said --

STEVE: -- myself from it and

JOHN DOLAN: I, I appreciate that. I appreciate it. And don't think there was a lack of feeling on my part because there wasn't. You know what I mean?

STEVE: I'm sure. But it --

JOHN DOLAN: But, but like

STEVE: it gave me more distrust in the people that are over you that have the final say so and --

JOHN DOLAN: Well, like I said --

STEVE: -- I've got to wonder what their motives are, what they're up to, if it's just numbers, and let's get this damn thing done, and let's go on to our normal business pursuing whatever. Let us look good before the press and the world.

JOHN DOLAN: No, no, no. The whole -- really, forget about that. The whole thing here is to get everyone, and I stress everyone, yourself, David, children, peacefully unhurt. Those are the bottom lines. I mean, you know, that's the bottom line. That's the essence of why we're talking. You know, if that weren't the essence of why we're here, there would have been something, you know, a long time ago. But it's not happening.

But you got to understand, it's been 18 days. That's a long, long, long, long time, you know. So --

STEVE: Well, you got to remember to us, you know, I mean there's always this overwhelming conviction of the reason why we're here in the first place. I mean I can't put --

JOHN DOLAN: I understand. I -- look,

believe me.

STEVE: Go ahead. And I --

JOHN DOLAN: I understand your

STEVE: Like David, oh, today, John, David laid it out so clear to Byron about how he, he felt for even the commanders because he knows they've got a job to do. He knows you people are doing the best -- I mean he said that to Byron. You people -- he knows you're doing the best. He would expect you to do what you're doing.

But he says at the same time he says there's somebody he's got to yet answer to that he's been answering to since '85. And he can do nothing else.

Now he says the people are different. But it's their freedom of choice. It's, it's their conscience that they've got to look to and weigh out the issues here. So you know, he will not -- he can and say look you -- there's some he can actually say, you know, get out of here. And --

JOHN DOLAN: Look, I'm not a Bible expert. But just the thought just crossed my mind. I want to run it by you. Do you remember about the thing when God was talking to somebody who had a coin. And he was showing him --

STEVE: Render unto Caesar that thing that is Caesar and to God the things God.

JOHN DOLAN: -- Caesar and to God the things that are God. Hey, I think that's a real good analogy for this situation. We respect, I personally respect your right to worship or to not worship as ever you choose, whatever you choose. That's totally -- thank God it is your and our right.

STEVE: But John, what if that God says wait, don't move. And that's a test of faith to ourselves.

JOHN DOLAN: I appreciate that but --

STEVE: In relation to eternal loss or life.

JOHN DOLAN: But by the same token you must render to Caesar the things that are Caesar. That --

STEVE: Only after God though. Because if you look at all the Commandments of, of the Bible, all

JOHN DOLAN: They're not in conflict. They're absolute -- we're not in conflict with

STEVE: The New Testament especially shows though the government of God is beyond any other thing and, and one has to answer to God first. Because you and I know there's been tyranny all over the world for throughout the history of man.

JOHN DOLAN: But that no, the point is here that that crime scene belongs to Caesar. In this case, it belongs to the Texas Rangers. That crime scene is going to speak for you. That's not going to

hurt you.

STEVE: The issue -- see this is, this is what David was opening up to Byron the deeper issues of how this so-called religious thing that we're involved in is actually a political thing. Because the God --

JOHN DOLAN: But it's not a --

STEVE: -- no, but the God

JOHN DOLAN: -- it's not a constant.

STEVE: -- of that book talks about the governments of the world in the final days, what's going to come of them. And when the statement is made in Revelation 18 in the final and last days of this earth's history, when you look at Revelation 18, that's the condition you and I are in right now where the whole world is considered to be Babylon. Comes from the, the Hebrew word babel which means confusion.

Everybody thinks they know God. Everybody says Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. But one's works nor the understanding from that book called the Bible can they open up and show nor do they understand. Our -- my lifestyle

JOHN DOLAN: Hey.

STEVE: -- doesn't show it. No one's does.

JOHN DOLAN: Steve, your right to practice your religion --

STEVE: But --

JOHN DOLAN: -- is absolutely paramount.

STEVE: Well, well, let me just say --

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Go ahead.

STEVE: -- the concern being though, Revelation 18 shows a time when there's a rich, rich nation that has everything. And it goes on to say in the last few verses that the merchants in the final days of earth's history where the great men of the world, of the earth and by their sorceries, their advertisements and so forth, their psychologies, they deceived all of mankind. That's the day you and I live in.

And there's awesome powers that are involved in the government you and I have been part of that were founded by Jefferson and Washington and Madison, these men that had such a love for freedom and freedom of conscience. They had come from a corrupt, black, dark ages of where religion ruled over the hearts and minds of men through politics. So this country was founded on such a guarantee of freedoms. And those first four amendments are so important. But yet we've seen the abuse of that like good, patriotic Americans have been watching over the last decades. And you and I --

JOHN DOLAN: Steve

STEVE: -- you and I are both involved. But the Bible ahead of time shows these things. It shows a

small group of people that God raises up that have nothing but honesty about their life in this world, about what's been shown to them and their reaction to that. And thereby, their salvation is determined how that they're going to be honest with themselves, with and with their fellow man. And the thing --

JOHN DOLAN: Steve, one thing I want --

STEVE: -- that's what we're trying to do, John.

JOHN DOLAN: I know, Steve. One thing I like about you is your idealism. You're an idealistic person. And that's absolutely great. And I respect and admire that. And a lot of people are idealistic. And that's great. Now your idealism has got to come through in this situation, and it's got to come through and bring this situation to a resolution. You --

STEVE: Oh, well, I don't believe, you know, in honesty that that would ever happen. Not in this world. Not with the conditions. I believe there is a spirit of God and a spirit of this world called Satan. And in the majority of us, all of us, just like in Revelation 13, it says John saw all the world wonder after the beast and worship the dragon. The dragon is Satan. That means me also.

We've all worshipped the flesh and the senses and what we have, what the eyes can see, what the

fingers can feel, what we can hear with our ears. All of us are caught up in today, not looking to the next world, not catching the vision about what God would want you and I to have, something that's everlasting. So --

JOHN DOLAN: Steve, wait a minute --

STEVE: so see, this is, this is the these are the things that are part of the subject matter we're talking about.

JOHN DOLAN: Absolutely. But they're not -- they -- they're not mutually exclusive. They're not mutually exclusive at all. You can practice your faith outside of your present residence. There's no -- it doesn't matter where you are. You have your faith. If you go back to Hawaii, you're going to be there and practice your faith. It doesn't have to be at a specific location. Your faith is anywhere you are.

STEVE: See, you don't -- that's what you don't understand. This is why John or I mean not John but Byron was --

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- asked by David hours ago if he would not give him some time to open up some things directly to him as a human being, as a person.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. What --

STEVE: And, and it dealt with the --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- political, and it dealt with the very issues that revolve around the situation that we're in right now.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: And his involvement in that as in relation to what God's word said thousands of years ago. And he was saying to him that it was something he needed to see for his own gaining of information for salvation.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: Now whether he buys it or not. I mean a person can never -- you can never really give an honest judgment of anything unless you've listened carefully through as it's presented, evaluated, and then give it a verdict.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: So this is what David was basically telling Byron. I'd give anything in this world. You as a person. I really do like you. David would say he loves you. But I don't have that kind of insight. I think I love myself more than anybody. Not, not that I chose to be that way. But it's just innate in everybody.

JOHN DOLAN: I know.

STEVE: But, but I like you as a person. I

can honestly say that. I'd give anything in this world if you could hear the logic, the rationalization laid out by the scriptures shown to you.

We're in the final days. These events that are taking place right now. Since when in the history of America -- can you tell me when our government which you're involved in has brought tanks against its own people. Literally tanks. This is in the Book of Nahum the prophet when he sees chariots with flaming torches.

JOHN DOLAN: Well --

STEVE: It's, it's three chapters. If you ever have the time, read the Book of Nahum and see that it's in our day. Take a look at the part you might be playing and the part that maybe I'm involved in here. And don't -- you don't have to stretch your imagination just too far. But that prophet was shown something about the final days of earth's history.

So take a look at that. Go real slow through it. Maybe you can tell me what you think about it tomorrow.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, you and I have an obligation, both of us have an obligation. We've got an obligation to ourselves. But more importantly we've got an obligation to other people. You in a way represent a lot of folks in there. And you have an obligation to the people that respect you in the sense

that you're their spokesperson.

STEVE: Well, see that's, that's as far as that goes. I mean it's a different thing with them and David than it is --

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: -- with themselves and me.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Just, just for information. You, you were saying before that, that David, that somebody was speaking to David. Could you run that by me again?

STEVE: Byron was.

JOHN DOLAN: No, no, no. I mean somebody within, within the, within the building there was speaking to David. About something.

STEVE: Oh, man. I don't even remember. When did I say that?

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, the, the -- about something, he was getting something. But it was maybe not good. You know, something --

STEVE: Oh, oh. When I was -- when I went -- when I talked to him, see, after

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah.

STEVE: -- I talked to Byron --

JOHN DOLAN: Right.

STEVE: I told him I'd call back at 4 o'clock. And I went to speak from only briefly. And

because number one, I was concerned, because when David got on the phone with him, it sounded pretty good to me. I heard what David was saying. But I, I knew, I could tell that David was cut off. And then for long periods of time, there's no question Byron was doing all the talking.

And then toward the end of the conversation I could tell David needed to use the facilities. He kept on saying that. And finally he just had to get off. He handed me the phone. And then when I put my, the phone to my ear and heard what Byron was saying about coming out, it was obvious to me that Byron had heard nothing that David had said. One was in one mind set. The other had his mind on -- I mean no question about it.

So I mean I get the telephone, and I'm well, what's going on here. So then of course I told him I'd get back to him at 4 o'clock and went to see David just for a moment there. I, I heard him make the comment something about that God had showed him a prophecy. And I went oh, good. And he said no, it's not good. And I says oh. And that's when he said to me we're to be very sober.

Well, I mean that's the way God's people are to be. If, if the end times are here, the world is winding down, there's subject matters that people --

judgment always revolves around a word called truth, John.

JOHN DOLAN: I know but Steve --

STEVE: Truth. Whatever truth is

JOHN DOLAN: You'll forgive me for saying this. But I, you know, my own beliefs are not that the world is going to end. And I, I

STEVE: I know they -- I, I can --

JOHN DOLAN: -- I don't think your role --

STEVE: -- I detect that when I first talked to you. I've detected that all the way through. It's just like in the days of Noah. Of course, there's not really in this world, you know, you only had eight people that survived out of literally billions.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah you had five major cities of the plain. Only three people survived that. The days of Noah, out of 2 to 3 million people that came out of Egypt following Moses, only two went into the promised land.

JOHN DOLAN: Did you ever hear this thing sometimes you get so close to the forest you can't see the trees?

STEVE: I expected you to say something like that.

JOHN DOLAN: You did? Okay. I can really

see you in Hawaii or some other place. And I don't see the end of the world ending for you. I think there's a great future for you. You know, I mean really, there's a great future for a lot of people including you and me. So it's not -- I mean let's look on the optimistic side. Let's say that one of us is wrong. Okay, if, if I'm wrong, then the end of the world is here. And then it's kind of a moot issue. But, but if, if you're, if you're wrong and I'm right, then there's a great future ahead. So let's, you know, let's give it half a shot each way and say hey, look. Maybe it's not the end of the world.

STEVE: Okay, I'll tell you, it sounds good. It sounds good. So you give me as much time and you talk to me, and I'll listen very carefully. I'll listen very carefully. But then you give me the same amount of time to respond. Because my first interest, my priority is the information that of course it doesn't appear like you really care to hear.

JOHN DOLAN: No, no, no. No, no, no. There's no time limit. This, this is not a

STEVE: But, but you understand. Because I'm interested in you. I'm interested in your living forever. I'd like to see you in eternity with your own planet, you populating a whole planet, traveling throughout the expanses of space. Not dying. Not

having sorrow and sadness or disease. This is what all the prophets talk about.

Now if such a thing is possible, I'm interested, John. I'm interested. But if it's only a fairy tale, what a fool I've been. Is that true? What a fool. What foolishness to even worry about such a pie in the sky. But, but at this time because of all the research I've done from the time I was small and the philosophies of men the religions of men, I have seen more consistent answers from that one source book than any other place.

So this is the reason why I would give anything if you could give me just a few minutes. I'd open up something to you. You would see a repetition of mankind's response to the word of God from, for 6,000 years. For 6,000 years. You would see clearly what salvation has been in every generation, what God's going to do in the final generation. And it's out of the common order of things. It's contrary to what man feels, his opinions, his theories.

But the question comes down to is it God's word or not? Or this -- or is this just a bunch of nonsense? Were these prophets eating pizza late at night, and they had some bad dreams and wrote them down? Possibly. Possibly.

But see this is where I'm at. I, I don't

think so. I see too strong of a consistency. I see it's, it's a relation and an outcome of the history of the past. I see it's right on time. There's a timetable there. And in every generation God says do you know the day of your visitation, the day of your judgments.

Well, I believe I do know the day of the judgments of the generation you and I live in. I do know what God's going to pour upon this world and why he's going to do it and how you and I can be free of those judgments. But not if you're ignorant. Not if you choose to be ignorant of them.

JOHN DOLAN: Steve

STEVE: But you would never know unless you gave yourself time as a human being to hear something about it.

JOHN DOLAN: That's true. And, and you make a point about that --

STEVE: But I don't want to convert you. I don't want to --

JOHN DOLAN: I appreciate that. I --

STEVE: -- if, if you say, if you say in honesty, Steve, I'm not interested, I'd say that's fine. I'll not bring it up to you again.

JOHN DOLAN: I don't mean that we can't touch upon that or we can't go into that again. I'm not

saying that. But, but I'm just saying that I don't believe -- and correct me if I'm wrong. Because you know, I'm open to listen to anything. I don't see how you coming out of there, getting on with the rest of your life and getting, getting, you know, ATF to answer these charges, I don't see how that is in contradiction to any of your beliefs.

STEVE: Can you do me a big favor then?

JOHN DOLAN: Sure.

STEVE: I'm glad you raised that. Could you tomorrow if I ask David just for -- you can tell me how much time, a half hour maybe, would you allow I'd like to have that answered by David to you.

JOHN DOLAN: I'll talk to David. I'll be happy to. I'll be pleased to.

STEVE: But of course, you're going to be leaving there now, and he's sleeping right now so --

JOHN DOLAN: He's sleeping now. So maybe --

STEVE: Yeah. Yeah.

JOHN DOLAN: maybe that's good timing. You know, maybe we can maybe I can talk to him tomorrow or --

STEVE: Well, that sounds good to me.

JOHN DOLAN: All right. But --

STEVE: And how can we work out this thing about -- I would like to still have the answers, the

information that Byron picked up on the warrant.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, Byron, Byron wanted to come down and meet with you today. He wanted to bring you that stuff down. Do you, do you want to set up a face-to-face meeting with you guys?

STEVE: Not right now. Maybe tomorrow. And I --

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- and I don't want to be rushed about it. Because I'll tell you the truth. I'm ill at ease about it. I am.

JOHN DOLAN: Well --

STEVE: I don't know if it's intuition. I'm not sure.

JOHN DOLAN: Let me, let me tell you something. You know, let me guarantee your safety. Me personally guarantee your safety personally. I --

STEVE: Then in a meeting with him.

JOHN DOLAN: that's a personal guarantee. Yeah.

STEVE: In a meeting with him.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. That's a personal guarantee. I mean that's absolutely total --

STEVE: See, I get the --

JOHN DOLAN: -- professionals.

STEVE: -- okay. I get the feeling at times

with the push of these commanders and some of the things they want to do and accomplish that one of these times they're going to want to do something or

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. Now you just, just let's face -- what would they want to do?

STEVE: I have no idea.

JOHN DOLAN: You mean

STEVE: I mean I have no idea. You know, I'm a person has --

JOHN DOLAN: You mean like, like

STEVE: -- spent the majority of my life in the --

JOHN DOLAN: Well, then --

STEVE: -- realms of religion and not in tactics and things --

JOHN DOLAN: No, no, no.

STEVE: -- of that nature.

JOHN DOLAN: No, no. I mean how's that going to look to 101 and 104 other people or how many of the people if something like that happened? I mean talk about destroying credibility in one quick second though.

STEVE: Well, that it would do for sure. I mean there's --

JOHN DOLAN: Sure. I mean we're trying to build it back --

STEVE: I mean I will tell you, I will tell you this. That if something like that ever happened, of course it would all over. It really would be. It would be all over.

JOHN DOLAN: Nothing like that is ever going to happen. You have my personal John to Steve absolutely personal guarantee. I mean

STEVE: In that case, I will give it a lot of thought

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: about doing exactly that tomorrow then. I'll, I'll be talking with you first about it

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Talk to -- we'll talk first. We'll talk first. But let's, let's get back to something else.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: You can understand what Byron told you today as far as kind of the thing that he was gravitating toward. And, and I understand where you're at on the position. You know, I understand where you're at. But by the same token, people prior to whatever, 6, 7, you know, years of age really don't make their own decisions. You know what I mean?

STEVE: Exactly.

JOHN DOLAN: So you know, maybe if because of circumstances they're, they're, you know, in a sense

held hostage to timing.

STEVE: Well, here's what I could do for you in that, in that wise. More than probably anything else tomorrow when I start talking with you, I'll go and try to get a hold of these women and see if they won't all or at least the majority talk with you.

JOHN DOLAN: All right, fine.

STEVE: How's that?

JOHN DOLAN: Fine. Or you can talk, talk to the fellows that will be here tonight.

STEVE: Okay

JOHN DOLAN: How's that?

STEVE: But I'll tell you what. They, they like me

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- like the way you are. I'll be honest with you. Some of these other guys, Mike and John the 3, they all mean well. They're not in the same place as you are. You've got an easy personality, an easy way about you. There's no pushing us. One doesn't feel threatened and so forth. But honestly there's a better rapport with yourself than the majority.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. Well, look. Let's

STEVE: So I mean these other guys

JOHN DOLAN: -- let's leave it --

STEVE: -- it's fine. But I, I actually

JOHN DOLAN: Okay.

STEVE: -- prefer talking with yourself. Now Byron, I know he means well. He's been an agent for a lot of years. He came across very well, very sincere. I believe he believes he's doing the best thing. I know that he believes that. And I give him credit for that. But of course, he came across very strong and pushy.

JOHN DOLAN: Um-hum.

STEVE: Very, you know, like, like come on out. And, and if anything, that has a negative effect on these people. It has -- if anything it scares them or gets them wondering what's going on so

JOHN DOLAN: Well, he, he cares deeply. And we all have different

STEVE: I know he does. I know he does.

JOHN DOLAN: -- approaches to life. And he, he --

STEVE: I know he does.

JOHN DOLAN: -- only has one interest. And, and that's, that's safe, the safety of everyone. And we all have different ways of approaching things. But that's

STEVE: That's true.

JOHN DOLAN: Trust me. Trust me in that

sense that you can look him in the eye, and you know how he's feeling in his heart. So that's just his way. He wants you to be out safely. You and everyone else.

STEVE: I believe that. I totally, truly do believe that about him. I do.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. So that's it. Okay. Why don't, why don't you talk to those people. The fellows will be here tonight. Establish some rapport, whatever, however

STEVE: Well, I really don't -- the truth of it is I really don't want to do anymore talking this evening until tomorrow when I call you. What time are you going to be there?

JOHN DOLAN: I'll be in early. I'll be in early. I'll, I'll be here

STEVE: Well, I, you know, I need some --

JOHN DOLAN: Sure.

STEVE: -- I'll tell you what. I'm usually up late. I really am. I'm up late. A lot of things always have to be settled and taken care of. But I'll be calling you as soon as I can for sure. Usually it's never before 9 because of an hour of worship that we have of study and so forth.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. Steve, you know that, you know very much that I'm a straight shooter with you in that

STEVE: Yes, I do.

JOHN DOLAN: I tell you shoulder to shoulder what it's about.

STEVE: I believe that.

JOHN DOLAN: And that's the truth. I, I would feel absolutely like I was deceiving you if I just didn't tell you the truth. The commanders here are looking for some forward progress. And if I didn't tell you that, I'd feel like I was, I was lying to a friend. I'm going to tell --

STEVE: Do you know something? I'll tell you what. I have so much trust in you and I, I tell you what. If you ever wanted, not that you would even consider it. But I could guarantee if you ever wanted to come and talk with me even here in this building, that is possible. You would not be harmed. I'd give you the word. I'd give you right on my life, whatever.

JOHN DOLAN: I Steve, I believe that totally. I believe that totally. I don't have the slightest doubt of trust with you. Not the slightest doubt. But I'm just saying that I wouldn't sleep well tonight if I didn't tell you what I just told you that the commanders here are looking for some positive signs. And you can understand where they're coming from. And I'm not talking about the guys here. I'm talking about Washington, D.C.

STEVE: Well, remember what David said now. And the people, you know, they consider the things he says. If they want to rush it, if they want to push or --

JOHN DOLAN: No, no, no.

STEVE: -- wait now. But listen to me. If they want to do anything like that, it will come to the place where he'll just say well, do what you got to do. Now always keep that in mind. Because that is the way he is. And there are those that when they listen to what he's saying they feel and believe the same thing. They he says you give these people time and it will happen. And that's why it started taking place with your workings with these people, myself with them last, at the last part of last week. So I mean

JOHN DOLAN: Well, we're trying to get back to that. You and I --

STEVE: Right. So let's --

JOHN DOLAN: are trying to get back to that.

STEVE: -- let's do that. But you know, they gave a little time there. That's the whole thing. They got to realize that. And even though this has added more in, in overall in weeks, it shouldn't have. So maybe we can get back. And that's what we're, of course we're trying to do.

JOHN DOLAN: Trying to do. Okay. How about if, if the people who are thinking about leaving speak to some of the fellows who are here tonight and, and let them

STEVE: Okay. It won't do any -- I mean I'll tell you ahead of time, I don't think it will do any good. I could go try to get a hold of them, see if they want to talk with them. But I already know, I've listened to Mike. I've listened to -- who else would there be maybe? Probably Mike then, huh?

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Mike, Mike will be here.

STEVE: Well, Mike, you know, he came across okay. But he didn't have the -- I --

JOHN DOLAN: John Cox will be here tonight.

STEVE: Okay.

JOHN DOLAN: John's a real good guy.

STEVE: Well, what do they have to offer? Because David is still, you know, he's bothered because of the statement you and John Cox made about the Newsweek, Time, and now you're using that. And no one's going to come out now until

JOHN DOLAN: We're not, we're not using that personally.

STEVE: Well, look. Until that is dropped off as far as David's concerned, you won't even have really his attention for coming out or him encouraging

anybody to come out. He just -- he sees that they went back on their word, whoever was over yourself and stopped that from taking place. So I mean that's where it is with himself. Clearly that's where it is.

And he still if ever you wanted to really touch him also, he never got to see the warrant that was supposedly going to even be given to him.

JOHN DOLAN: The which?

STEVE: The warrant for both the search warrant and the rest.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, oh. Byron had yeah. Byron had that with him today. Byron had to let that down there.

STEVE: Well, it's a shame he didn't just leave it over by the where the drop-off point is. It's a shame he didn't leave the Newsweeks. Because today they could have gone, looked at that, listened to that. They could have -- if they had a tape like you said by Arnold, they'd have listened to that. It would have made I think, and you guys don't have to believe me, but then we're more getting nowhere.

JOHN DOLAN: No -- you

STEVE: We're actually getting nowhere if they don't drop off some of these things that they already implied they would.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, maybe you guys could meet

tomorrow, and he could bring all that down and show you and --

STEVE: But if they want to use it as something as bargaining or trading, it's not going to happen. Because --

JOHN DOLAN: No, his intention --

STEVE: -- who wants to walk out because somebody hands a couple of -- we -- no one cares about newspapers and magazines. There's a Bible that's already been written about the future.

JOHN DOLAN: Yeah. Steve, his, his intention was to bring down those items, meet with you and give them to you. It wasn't, it wasn't any exchange. It was just to show you --

STEVE: Well, that's not what he implied, Byron anyway, from what I understood.

JOHN DOLAN: Oh, may have misunderstood something. But I thought he was just going to drop them off

STEVE: No, it sounded like it was now an exchange. It's not going to happen now. And I, I heard that very well. I heard it very clear.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay, I thought he was just going to

STEVE: I believe John might have said it, John 3.

JOHN DOLAN: John 3?

STEVE: Oh, somebody made that statement. It was Byron or John-3 that it, let me let you know it's not going to happen. They're not going to be given until you come out or someone comes out.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, hey. You know, I know we can all get hung up on little issues. And we don't want to do that. We want to move forward, you know.

STEVE: Well, give these people something to think about other than -- I mean they have nothing new to look at or think about. Unless of course they get on the -- they will you would have a better chance with them than anybody else. Believe me. I'm not just saying that. Believe me.

JOHN DOLAN: Well

STEVE: If the way you present yourself, the way you come across. If you want, I'll try to get these people to get on with maybe Mike. But I'm telling you, it will make it worse than if you talk to them and they, and they just waited until the morning.

JOHN DOLAN: Well, what do you -- let me ask you something. I

STEVE: I'm -- I, I know --

JOHN DOLAN: -- yeah, I tell you how I --

STEVE: -- I've been around these people a lot. I know.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. I tell you how I feel, and you tell me how you feel. All right?

STEVE: All right.

JOHN DOLAN: Okay. Let's say that you and I --

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