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1 COURT CLERK: Sir, do you sincerely and solemnly  
2 swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give  
3 this court will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
4 but the truth, do you so swear or affirm?

5 DR JONATHAN SEIDEL,  
6 having been called as a witness on behalf of the People,  
7 testified as follows:

8 THE WITNESS: I do.

9 COURT OFFICER: In a loud clear voice, state your  
10 name and spell your last name, please.

11 THE WITNESS: Johnson Seidel, S-E-I-D-E-L.

12 THE COURT: Okay, sir, so if you would keep your  
13 voice up so everybody can hear you.

14 THE WITNESS: Sure.

15 THE COURT: The mic. is live but it still needs  
16 some personal energy.

17 If you don't understand the question, let me know  
18 so we can ask it more clearly and if there is an objection  
19 to a question give me a chance to tell you whether or not to  
20 answer it.

21 Your witness, sir.

22 MR. BANDLER: Thank you, your Honor.

23 DIRECT EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. BANDLER:

25 Q Dr. Seidel, where do you reside?

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1 A Eugene, Oregon.

2 Q What is your occupation?

3 A I am a Rabbi and professor.

4 Q And where are you a Rabbi?

5 A At Light of the Garden Jewish Community in Oregon,  
6 Conservative synagogue.

7 Q And what does it entails being a Rabbi?

8 A Being a Rabbi is multitasking. It's teaching. It's  
9 helping people, pastoral visits, education, community  
10 organizing. A Rabbi is somebody who listens with two ears and  
11 speak with one mouth which means you should listen more than you  
12 should speak and I am mostly an educator as well.

13 Q Where do you teach?

14 A I teach at the University of Oregon, Portland State  
15 University, and I also work as a Rabbi at Lewis and Clark Chapel  
16 in Portland, Oregon.

17 Q What kinds of things do you teach?

18 A Judaic studies, comparative religion, mysticism, and my  
19 doctorate is in Judaic studies.

20 Q And what areas of studies have you taught in the past?

21 A I've taught rabbinic literature. I teach mysticism, I  
22 teach Buddhism, Hinduism, a variety of Talmud, Bible, Hebrew  
23 Halakha, 25 different courses.

24 Q Have you ever taught anything about the Dead Sea  
25 Scrolls?

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1           A     I have in the past. I taught a seminar in the scrolls  
2 in Hebrew at U.C. Berkeley where I did my doctorate.

3           Q     Can you tell the jury a little bit about your  
4 education, please?

5           A     My bachelor's is from Oberlin College. Master's at  
6 Jewish Theological Seminary. Master's at Cambridge University.  
7 Doctorate at U.C. Berkeley. Rabbinic coordinator the Alliance  
8 for Jewish Renewal.

9           Q     And your bachelor's from Oberlin, what year did you get  
10 that?

11          A     1977.

12          Q     And the Jewish Theological Seminary, where you got your  
13 master's, where is that?

14          A     That's uptown 122nd Street. 1981. J.T.S.

15          Q     Did you ever take any courses from Dr. Schiffman?

16          A     I took courses from Dr. Schiffman in divinity study in  
17 NYU in the Fall of 1986.

18          Q     And can you tell the jury a little bit about your  
19 doctorate?

20          A     My doctorate was begun in the late seventies and my  
21 doctoral degree was rabbinic literature and Bible focus on  
22 Jewish magic that is power structures, a society gender, magic  
23 in the Bible, atonement.

24          Q     And who was your Ph.D adviser?

25          A     Daniel Boyarin and I also studied with Professor Jacob

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1 Milgrom.

2 Q And who was going to be your Ph.D. adviser?

3 A Well, in the eighties I had set up Larry Schiffman as  
4 my extensively adviser. Larry -- Lawrence Schiffman, Dr.  
5 Schiffman and Professor Schiffman encouraged me to come back to  
6 New York but I decided to stay at U.C. Berkeley in the eighties  
7 and I stayed in touch with Larry Schiffman, Professor Schiffman  
8 throughout the last thirty years.

9 Q Do you know Dr. Norman Golb?

10 A I met Dr. Golb in Cambridge on my Fulbright fellowship  
11 in 1987 and '88, had coffee. I met Dr. Golb.

12 Q Do you know Raphael Golb?

13 A No, I do not.

14 Q I'm going to ask you a couple of questions, did you  
15 ever open up an e-mail account Seidel dot Jonathan at gmail?

16 A I did not.

17 Q On November 22, 2008 did you ever send an e-mail to the  
18 Royal Ontario Museum?

19 A I did not.

20 Q On November 22, 2008, did you open up a word press blog  
21 called Michael Hager speaks?

22 A I did not.

23 Q On November 24, 2008, did you send an e-mail to Risa  
24 Levitt Kohn?

25 A I did not.

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1 Q Do you know somebody by the name of Kevin Edgecombe?

2 A No.

3 Q Approximately how many students have you taught?

4 A I've been teaching in the university in community  
5 college since 1982. U.C Davis, so that's twenty-eight years.  
6 Let's do a rough take of several thousand students, let's say  
7 2500 total in twenty-eight years. I don't know quite how to  
8 calculate that. Two thousand, twenty-five hundred.

9 Q Have you ever wrote anything about condemning the  
10 continuing filth from Chicago?

11 A No, I did not.

12 Q Do you know Dr. Stephen Goranson?

13 A No, I do not.

14 Q Just met him today for the first time?

15 A Shook his hand today, never met him, that's it.

16 Q Have you ever been on the A.N.E. discussion list?

17 A I think, I have to recall but I believe I was on A.N.E.  
18 in the eighties, that is a few years ago. Maybe mid-eighties  
19 but I'd have to look back on the old computers.

20 Q What does A.N.E. mean?

21 A Ancient Near East.

22 Q Again did you open up an e-mail account Jonathan dot  
23 Seidel at gmail?

24 A No, I did not.

25 Q Did you send any e-mails from that account?

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1 A No, I did not.

2 Q Did you give Raphael Golb permission or authority to  
3 open up that e-mail account?

4 A I did not.

5 Q Did you give Raphael Golb permission or authority to  
6 send e-mails in your name?

7 A I did not.

8 Q You're not accusing him, you're just saying you did not  
9 give him permission or authority to do so?

10 A He did not have permission from me to open up any  
11 e-mail in my name.

12 MR. BANDLER: Thank you. No further questions.

13 CROSS-EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. BREITBART:

15 Q Good afternoon, Dr. Seidel, almost good afternoon.

16 My name is David Breitbart, I'm one of the attorneys  
17 representing Raphael Golb and I'm going to ask you a few  
18 questions, if I may.

19 When did you learn that there were e-mails signed by  
20 Jonathan dot Seidel?

21 A Back in the fall of '08 people called me on the phone  
22 and wrote me notes alerting me that they were, they asked me  
23 very directly did you write these e-mails and I said no.

24 Q When did you have your first contact with the district  
25 attorney's office in New York county?

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1 A I believe that was as far back as the fall of '08.

2 Q And who did you speak to, sir?

3 A Mr. Bandler.

4 Q Are you a Dead Sea Scrolls scholar?

5 A It's trinary to my field not really. It's the third  
6 field really that I've studied or the fourth, not my main field.

7 Q Does that mean that the answer to the question is that  
8 you are not a scrolls scholar?

9 A I'm not a scrolls scholar.

10 Q Did you receive any communications with regard to this  
11 particular case from Larry Schiffman?

12 A We talked informally at a conference about it but I did  
13 not receive any communication.

14 Q When did you speak to him at a conference?

15 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

16 THE COURT: You may answer the question.

17 A I think it was fall of '08 at either the A.J.S., I  
18 believe. Association of Jewish Studies.

19 Q I'm sorry, I didn't hear that.

20 A The Association of Jewish Studies.

21 Q Did you ever receive any communications by someone by  
22 the name of Robert Cargill?

23 A No.

24 Q How about the name Jeffrey Gibson, did he contact you?

25 A No.

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1 Q Did any museums contact you with regard to this case?

2 A No.

3 Q Did any museums forward you any e-mails?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you ever published any scholarly articles  
6 specifically about the Dead Sea Scrolls?

7 A I have not.

8 Q Taking away the scholarly, have you published any  
9 articles at all focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls?

10 A I mentioned the scrolls in my dissertation at U.C.  
11 Berkeley, mentioned them. It's mentioned for a few pages but  
12 it's not intrinsic to the point of my doctorate.

13 Q That would be in '82?

14 A No, my doctorate finished in '96.

15 Q '96?

16 A U.C. Berkeley, '96.

17 Q Have you ever participated in any academic conferences  
18 focused on the Dead Sea Scrolls?

19 A I've been to the Society of Biblical Literature.

20 Q The S.B L.?

21 A The S.B.L. which had scrolls sessions which I've  
22 attended over the years since the late seventies.

23 Q Have you made any comments to reporters about the Dead  
24 Sea Scrolls controversy?

25 A Not to reporters. I've talked informally to friends

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1 about it but no.

2 Q And I think on direct you indicated that you did not  
3 know Raphael Golb?

4 A Did not know Raphael Golb, no.

5 Q Did you know Norman Golb had a son or two?

6 A I made an assumption that Dr. Golb had a family. I did  
7 not know his kids. I met him in 1988. I knew he had a family,  
8 that's all.

9 Q Did you ever discuss the scrolls with Dr. Golb?

10 A No, we talked about his book on Runes, on the Jews of  
11 France for an hour or two and maybe two seconds on Dead Sea  
12 Scrolls.

13 Q Do you know if Jonathan Seidel is a very common name in  
14 the internet?

15 A I haven't done a statistical study of the United States  
16 but I know that there are some younger Jonathan Seidels out  
17 there and they never impersonated me, they can just be  
18 themselves but this name is not completely uncommon for a Jew or  
19 Christian to have the name Seidel. I suspect there are about a  
20 hundred nationally.

21 Q Very close.

22 A Something like that, I don't know.

23 Q Do you know how many Jonathan Seidels come up when you  
24 do a white pages search on the internet?

25 A No.

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1 Q Would 119 surprise you?

2 A That was my ballpark. Okay, ballpark was a hundred but  
3 maybe two hundred, I don't know.

4 Q Yes, it was very close.

5 Do you use the internet, sir?

6 A Sure.

7 Q Do you do any blogging at all?

8 A No, I thought about setting up a potential blog on my  
9 synagogue site but never followed through with it. I don't have  
10 a blog.

11 Q Do you know anything about using anonymity on the  
12 internet?

13 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 Q There were calls that you said that you got from people  
16 that asked you whether or not you were doing any blogging on the  
17 internet?

18 A Within about a twenty-four hour period and then I just  
19 immediately said no to all questions.

20 Q Did you read the things that were reputed to have been  
21 done in Jonathan Seidel's name?

22 A Yes, I read them, yes.

23 Q Are any of those blogs signed Rabbi Seidel?

24 A No.

25 MR. BANDLER: Blogs or e-mails?

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1 A Internet discussions, internet forum comments.

2 Q Like blog type comments?

3 A Right, none of them are signed Rabbi Seidel.

4 Q Just that the header was Jonathan dot Seidel?

5 A It's actually Seidel dot Jonathan. I have my own gmail  
6 account at Rabbi Seidel at gmail.

7 MR. BREITBART: May I just have a moment, your  
8 Honor? Thank you.

9 Q Apparently you've taken a long trip to get here?

10 A Yes.

11 Q I hope you enjoyed it and you got a chance to go back  
12 to the old neighborhood. Thank you very much.

13 A You're welcome.

14 MR. BANDLER: Just to clarify.

15 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. BANDLER:

17 Q I think Mr. Breitbart asked about blogs and people  
18 contacting you.

19 Were there blogs in your names or e-mails in your name?

20 A These are, there's no blogs in my name, no.

21 Q So people contacted you about e-mails?

22 A John Seidel at aol dot com I've had for 23 years.

23 Rabbi Seidel is new. No yahoo address. The people contacted me  
24 through John Seidel because that's the one that goes way back to  
25 the eighties under my name John Seidel but the Rabbi Seidel is

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1 about three years old and that's what I use on gmail. I was  
2 shocked to see that there was a Seidel dot Jonathan, did not  
3 feel very good. Felt bizarre and I was angry about it.

4 MR. BANDLER: Thank you.

5 THE COURT: May I excuse the witness, sir?

6 MR. BREITBART: Yes, please.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

8 (Witness excused.)

9 MR. BANDLER: The People call Stephen Goranson.

10 (Witness entering.)

11 COURT CLERK: Sir, do you sincerely and solemnly  
12 swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give  
13 this court will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
14 but the truth, do you so swear or affirm?

15 D R S T E P H E N G O R A N S O N ,

16 having been called as a witness on behalf of the People,  
17 testified as follows:

18 THE WITNESS: I do.

19 COURT OFFICER: In a loud clear voice, state your  
20 name and spell your last name, please.

21 THE WITNESS: Stephen Goranson, G-O-R-A-N-S-O-N.

22 THE COURT: Okay, so I need you to keep your voice  
23 up so every one can hear you. The mic. is live but require  
24 personal energy, too.

25 If you don't understand a question, let me know so

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1 we can ask it more clearly and if there is an objection to a  
2 question, give me a chance to tell you whether or not to  
3 answer it, okay.

4 Your witness, sir.

5 MR. BANDLER: Thank you, your Honor.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. BANDLER:

8 Q Dr. Goranson, where do you live?

9 A Durham, North Carolina.

10 Q Who are you employed by?

11 A Duke university.

12 Q And what's your title there?

13 A I'm in the library, library clerk.

14 Q What are your duties?

15 A I'm in the circulation department and one of the things  
16 I do is determine which books stay on campus and which one goes  
17 to storage. We don't have --

18 MR. BREITBART: Judge, can you please ask the  
19 witness to keep his voice up.

20 THE COURT: Yes. Maybe if you push your chair a  
21 little forward and be closer to the mic.

22 MR. BREITBART: Can the reporter read back his  
23 answer?

24 THE COURT: Let's hear the answer again.

25 Q What are your duties?

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1           A     I work in the circulation department of the Duke  
2 University library, main library and one of the things is I  
3 determine which books go to storage because we don't have rooms  
4 to keep them all on campus. I train student workers and I shelf  
5 books, find books, help people find books, shift books when we  
6 need more space.

7           Q     How long have you worked there?

8           A     Fifteen years.

9           Q     Do you have a bachelor's?

10          A     Yes.

11          Q     Where did you get that and what's it in?

12          A     Brandeis University. I was an English major there but  
13 I took some religion courses as well.

14          Q     And what year did you get your bachelor's from  
15 Brandeis?

16          A     1972.

17          Q     And do you have a master's?

18          A     Yes.

19          Q     And where did you get that and what's that in?

20          A     Duke University in history of religion especially  
21 Judaism and Christianity.

22          Q     Do you have a Ph.D.?

23          A     Yes.

24          Q     Where did you get that and what is that in?

25          A     Duke University and same thing history of Judaism,

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1 Christianity, and Archeology.

2 Q And what kinds of things have you done in archeology?

3 A I dug in Galilee at a place named Safed which was the  
4 capital of Galilee in Roman time. Four summers I went over  
5 there and taught there.

6 Q And who was your Ph.D. adviser?

7 A Eric Meyers.

8 Q And where does he teach?

9 A At Duke.

10 Q And what does a Ph.D. adviser do?

11 A Well, he helps you decide what courses you need to  
12 prepare to do the research you will do in your dissertation and  
13 he was my main adviser in my dissertation.

14 Q Have you written anything on the Dead Sea Scrolls?

15 A Yes, I have.

16 Q What kind of things?

17 A I've written both about the archeology of the Dead Sea  
18 Scrolls including the inkwells found there and I've written on  
19 the Dead Sea Scrolls text including symbology found in the text  
20 I think influenced symbology in some later text including the  
21 revelation of John and I've written on the Essenes the group  
22 that I think wrote or copied some of the scrolls.

23 Q Have you ever taught?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And where have you taught and what kind of things have

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1 you taught?

2 A I first taught freshman composition at Duke and later  
3 on religion I taught at Duke. I taught at University of North  
4 Carolina Chapel Hill. Meredith College in Raleigh, Radford  
5 University, and North Carolina State.

6 Q Are you active on any internet discussion lists that  
7 relate to the Dead Sea Scrolls?

8 A Yes.

9 Q What typed of lists?

10 A One is called Ancient Near East 2. There's biblical  
11 studies, biblical lists, biblical Hebrew, and others.

12 Q Do you know Norman Golb?

13 A I know his name and his writings, I don't know him  
14 personally.

15 Q Did you once have an exchange?

16 A I once wrote a letter to him about 1989. He had  
17 written an article for Biblical Archeology which I was an  
18 assistant editor on and I wrote some comments on that article  
19 once it was published. He wrote back a cordial letter saying  
20 essentially those are interesting comments but I think you  
21 missed some other points and give me a call if you like.

22 Q Was that a courtesy exchange of ideas?

23 A It was, I think.

24 Q And different opinions?

25 A Right.

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1 Q Do you know Raphael Golb?

2 A Not personally.

3 Q I want to ask you a couple questions, did you ever open  
4 up an e-mail account Steve dot Goranson at gmail dot com?

5 A No.

6 Q E-mail addresses that have where the at sign and then  
7 Duke dot edu, who do those belong to?

8 A They belong to students and faculty and staff of Duke  
9 University.

10 Q Where you work?

11 A Yes. I got my Duke dot edu e-mail when I was a  
12 graduate student and I've had it ever since, twenty something  
13 years.

14 Q Did you ever open up a blog plagiarist dash Schiffman  
15 dash blog spot dot com?

16 A No.

17 Q E-mail addresses that end with Brandeis dot edu, what  
18 do those go to?

19 A Brandeis University in Massachusetts. When I was a  
20 student we didn't have e-mail back then.

21 Q Did you ever draft a letter to Dean Richard Foley  
22 concerning allegations of plagiarism against Lawrence Schiffman?

23 A No.

24 Q Did you ever open up an e-mail account Sara dot Palin 2  
25 at gmail dot com?

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1 A No.

2 Q Did you ever post a blog or send an e-mail that condemn  
3 the filth coming out of Chicago?

4 A No.

5 Q And or ever post a blog or sent an e-mail condemning  
6 Norman Golb for his filth?

7 A No.

8 Q Now you mentioned ANE 2, what is ANE 2?

9 A It stands for Ancient Near East and it's two because  
10 it's the second sort of incarnation of that list.

11 Q And do you know who any of the moderators are?

12 A Yes, Jeffrey Gibson is one of them.

13 Q And did you meet him today?

14 A I did.

15 Q Had you met him before today?

16 A Only by e-mail.

17 Q What's the website bib dash arch dot org?

18 A Biblical Archeology Society that publish biblical  
19 archeology review.

20 Q And have you posted comments on that site?

21 A Yes.

22 Q But did you ever post any comments condemning the filth  
23 coming out of Chicago?

24 A No.

25 Q Or of Norman Golb having sent filth out?

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1 A No.

2 Q Do you know the e-mail address emc at Duke dot edu?

3 A Yes, that's Eric Meyers', my dissertation adviser.

4 Q And you never sent him an e-mail condemning the  
5 continuing filth from Chicago, did you?

6 A No.

7 Q Who's Professor Goodacre?

8 A He is a professor of New Testament at Duke university.

9 Q And how long has he been there?

10 A About four years, I think.

11 Q Who is Michael Finigan?

12 A He is my supervisor at the library.

13 Q What is his title?

14 A He is the head of access and delivery services which  
15 used to be called circulation.

16 MR. BREITBART: I'm sorry, I missed that.

17 THE WITNESS: Access and delivery services.

18 Basically the public service sort of, part of the library.

19 Q Who is Provost Peter Lange?

20 A The provost of Duke university and the library falls  
21 under his administration.

22 Q Who is President Brodhead?

23 A Brodhead is the president of Duke University.

24 Q Who is Dr. John Burness?

25 A I think he was, I think his title was vice president

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1 for public affairs at Duke University, retired now.

2 Q At when?

3 A At Duke University, retired now.

4 Q In 2008?

5 A He was vice president then.

6 Q When you post things on the internet, do you generally  
7 use your real name?

8 A Yes, Stephen Goranson and I sometimes put a link to my  
9 website.

10 Q And your website where is that?

11 A Www dot Duke dot edu slash Tilden Goranson.

12 Q Do you know who Bart Ehrman is?

13 A Yes, he is a professor of New Testament at UNC Chapel  
14 Hill. I taught with him there for awhile.

15 Q Who would have the e-mail address Carol at edu?

16 A That's Carol Meyers, the wife of Eric Meyers. He is  
17 also a professor at Duke.

18 Q Do you know her?

19 A She's also an archeologist, I dug with both of them.

20 Q Do she know you?

21 A Sure.

22 Q Do you know someone by the name of Albert White?

23 A No.

24 Q Do you know someone by the name of Albert White who  
25 holds a Ph.D.?

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1 A No.

2 Q So if someone said their name was Albert White Ph.D. a  
3 friend of Steve Goranson, they would not be telling the truth?

4 A Right, not be telling the truth.

5 Q Have you ever heard the term stack maintenance?

6 A Yes.

7 Q What does that refer to?

8 A It refers to shelving and making sure that the books  
9 are in order and so on.

10 Q Do you know who Saxe at Brandeis dot edu is?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you know who Dr. Chang is?

13 A I think if I am thinking of the right person, he was or  
14 at Brandeis and wrote an article related to the Dead Sea  
15 Scrolls.

16 Q Who is Lloyd Bailey?

17 A He used to be a professor at Duke University.

18 Q And again Professor Eric Meyers is who?

19 A He is a professor and archeologist in the religion  
20 department and was my dissertation adviser.

21 Q Did you ever have some disagreement online with anyone  
22 who used the name Charles Gadda?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And what type of disagreement was that about?

25 A Over whether the scrolls came from Jerusalem to Qumran

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1 or had some connection with the people living at Qumran.

2 Q Is Professor Meyers' address emc at Duke or ecm?

3 A EMC.

4 Q So if it was ecm that would be a mistyping?

5 A I think so.

6 Q Did there come a time when you became aware of some

7 complaints being made against you?

8 A Do you mean online?

9 Q Yes, via e-mail?

10 A Well, online a couple, few years ago there started  
11 being a lot more attacks on people who didn't support the views  
12 of Norman Golb and I'm one of those.

13 MR. BREITBART: I'm sorry, I couldn't get the last  
14 part of that sentence.

15 THE COURT: And I am one of those, he said.

16 A I am one of those.

17 Q And did there come a time when you became aware of some  
18 complaints by e-mail to Duke?

19 A Yes, this was later, I learned that from Michael  
20 Finigan. One of my supervisors got an e-mail complaining about  
21 me, he didn't remember a whole lot about it, he said it was not  
22 germane to my job and he deleted them and I asked the head  
23 librarian too if she got something and she said I may have been  
24 sent something from the provost but again didn't remember a  
25 whole lot about it. But complaints about me and a suggestion

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1 that I be fired.

2 Q And so shortly after the complaints were made, is it  
3 fair to say you were not notified?

4 A I didn't know for awhile. I learned some months after  
5 the fact, I think.

6 Q So is it fair to say the university didn't ask you to  
7 provide information in connection with some investigation they  
8 took?

9 A That is right, they did not.

10 Q Now, potentially, what could have happened as a result  
11 of some of the complaints you have now seen?

12 MR. BRETTBART: Objection, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: It sounds like the way you asked the  
14 question the answer would be awfully speculative.

15 Q You are suppose to perform your duties and carry  
16 yourself in accordance with your employer's requirements, right?

17 A Surely.

18 Q And if they determined that you have done something  
19 wrong --

20 MR. BRETTBART: Objection, it calls for the  
21 operation of someone else's mind.

22 THE COURT: You may answer the question.

23 Q If your employer determines that you have done  
24 something wrong, they can take disciplinary action?

25 A Surely.

## DIRECT/PEOPLE/DR. GORANSON

1 Q And the most extreme disciplinary action would be what?

2 MR. BREITBART: Objection.

3 THE COURT: You may answer the question.

4 A To be fired.

5 Q Did you open the e-mail account Steve dot Goranson at  
6 gmail dot com?

7 A I did not.

8 Q How about us dot campus dot news at gmail dot com?

9 A No.

10 Q How about the e-mail P dot Goranson at yahoo dot com?

11 A No.

12 Q Did you give Raphael Golb permission or authority to  
13 open any e-mail account in your name?

14 A I did not.

15 Q How about any blogs in your name?

16 A No blogs in my name.

17 Q And you are not accusing him, you're just saying he  
18 didn't have permission, right?

19 A That's right.

20 MR. BANDLER: Thank you. No further questions.

21 MR. BREITBART: I just have a moment, Judge?

22 CROSS-EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. BREITBART:

24 Q Good afternoon, Dr. Goranson, my name is Breitbart, I'm  
25 one of the attorneys that represent Raphael Golb and I'm going

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## CROSS/BREITBART/DR. GORANSON

1 to be asking you some questions.

2 By the way, when you were preparing to testify, were  
3 you told that there would be cross-examination?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Would you describe your e-mail and blogging activity as  
6 being scholarly?

7 A Certainly some of it is.

8 Q Mr. Bandler asked you questions about did you have  
9 disagreements online, do you recall that?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And have you had disagreements online?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And as a result of those disagreements, have you been  
14 thrown off many web sites?

15 A I'm off one website, one lists now. And when the lists  
16 owner put me off the lists, members voted me back on.

17 Q And what list was that?

18 A G hyphen Megillot, which is Hebrew for scrolls.

19 Q And why were you removed from that?

20 A The person, the list owner thought I made an ad hominem  
21 attack.

22 Q Would you please explain to the jury what an ad hominem  
23 attack is?

24 A Certainly, it means attacking the person rather than  
25 the idea.

## CROSS/BREITBART/DR. GORANSON

1 Q And were you accused of doing it in a vile fashion?

2 A I don't remember the word vile but if you happen to  
3 have a copy of the letter I wrote and I could read it without  
4 any shame and I don't think it's ad hominem.

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1 Q. Are ad hominem attacks forbidden on the internet?

2 A. On some lists, yes.

3 Q. Is that the only time you were removed from the list?

4 A. There have been temporary suspensions on some other  
5 lists. There have also been times the Dead Sea Scrolls was  
6 banned all together on the list because they didn't know where  
7 they were.

8 Q. How many times have you been banned or suspended on the  
9 internet for things that you have written?

10 A. I don't know.

11 Q. Many?

12 A. Four, five maybe, along with other people.

13 Q. Other people were also removed?

14 A. Right.

15 Q. But the scrolls, the list continued to go on?

16 A. In some cases. In some cases lists have died. One  
17 Dead Sea Scrolls list gave up and ended itself.

18 Q. Weren't you removed three times from the Orion list  
19 before they gave up?

20 A. It's possible. I don't remember the number.

21 Q. Did you have some kind of search engine on your  
22 computer that brought to your attention any time Norman Golb's  
23 name came up on the internet?

24 A. I do now. I haven't -- I didn't years ago.

25 Q. How about the last three or four years, did you have

1 it?

2 A. I think the last two or three year, yes, among with  
3 many other names and Google search terms.

4 Q. Every time Norman Golb's name appeared, did you take  
5 certain action?

6 A. No, not every time.

7 Q. Many times, then, that Norman Golb's name appeared, did  
8 you take certain action?

9 A. Several times, yes.

10 Q. What kind of action did you take? Was it affirmative  
11 or was it negative?

12 A. I would read what he said and some times comment on it.

13 Q. Were you known for attacking Norman Golb on the  
14 internet, sir?

15 A. Known by whom?

16 Q. The rest of the people on the internet?

17 A. All the rest of the people on the internet?

18 Q. The people who accused you of doing improper things as  
19 a result of seeing Norman Golb's name?

20 A. I can speculate to some say that. I don't know how  
21 many.

22 Q. How many times did you read that you were accused of  
23 attacking Norman Golb?

24 A. How many times?

25 Q. Yes?

1 A. In recent years, a number of times.

2 Q. Would that be 5, 10, 50, 100?

3 A. I don't know the number.

4 Q. How many times have you knowingly attacked Norman Golb  
5 about the scholarship?

6 A. There's a difference between being called an attacker  
7 and attacking, sir.

8 Q. I am aware of that, thank you.

9 A. Tell me which one you are addressing at the time.

10 Q. My question is how many times in your mind did you  
11 attack Norman Golb?

12 A. If you are men a personal attack, never.

13 Q. I mean theories, theories of scholarship?

14 A. Often.

15 Q. When you say often is that 50, 100, 1,000?

16 A. Not a thousand. I don't know.

17 Q. Under a thousand?

18 A. Probably under a hundred.

19 Q. Now, what seemed to be the problem that you were having  
20 with Norman Golb? Was it his beliefs of theories as opposed to  
21 yours?

22 A. I have written thousands of E-mails and they are not  
23 all about Norman Golb. I have criticized and praised many,  
24 many, many theories on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

25 Q. Sorry. I missed what you said.

1 A. I have both praised and criticized many theories, many  
2 writers about the Dead Sea Scrolls. Norman Golb is not unique  
3 here.

4 Q. Well, my question was with regard to your attacks on  
5 Norman Golb's theory.

6 A. You call them attacks. I don't.

7 Q. Did you disagree vehemently with Norman Golb?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you write how badly you disagreed with him?

10 A. Surely.

11 Q. All right. Now, did there come a time when you also  
12 read writings by Lawrence Schiffman?

13 A. For many years I've read about Lawrence Schiffman.

14 Q. Did you make an evaluation, sir, between  
15 Mr. Schiffman's theory or Dr. Schiffman's theory and Dr. Golb's  
16 theory?

17 A. I happen to have some differences with both.

18 Q. You had indicated before, I believe, on direct that you  
19 had some strong feelings with regard to Qumran?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I believe one of those feelings that you had was  
22 with regard to the Essenes; is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Now, you knew that Schiffman had expressed ideas with  
25 regard to Qumran and the Essenes; is that right?

1 A. He has expressed ideas. They are somewhat different  
2 than mine, but they are closer to mine than Golb's are.

3 Q. And you've seen Norman Golb has certain views on  
4 Qumran; is that correct?

5 A. Surely.

6 Q. And you did you make an evaluation -- are you -- that  
7 you disagree with Dr. Golb's theories?

8 A. Well, he has many theories. Sometimes I agree with  
9 him. I've actually written positive reviews of some of his  
10 comments, but yes, I disagree with some of them.

11 Q. Did there come a time when you learned he wrote a  
12 book --

13 A. Yes, I have the book.

14 Q. -- Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?

15 A. I own it, yes.

16 Q. Did you read it?

17 A. I certainly did, more than once.

18 Q. Did you read that Dr. Golb mentioned the disagreement  
19 that he had with Larry Schiffman in the book?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Did you read in the book that Dr. Golb accused Larry  
22 Schiffman in 1995 of plagiarism?

23 A. Yes, I read that.

24 Q. Did you do any study or analysis of the alleged  
25 plagiarism that Dr. Schiffman was accused of?

1 A. Yes, including a book review that gets into that.  
2 There's a book review that mentions that.

3 Q. Did you read the article by the way by Avi Katzman in  
4 Haaretz?

5 A. I don't know if I read the whole article. I certainly  
6 read it being quoted.

7 Q. And in reading that article, or in the quotes you read,  
8 did you learn that Avi Katzman in 1993 accused Schiffman of  
9 plagiarism?

10 A. Either accused or asked him. I don't remember if it  
11 was accusation. He brought it up somehow. I don't remember the  
12 exact wording.

13 Q. Are your feelings, the differences that you have with  
14 Dr. Golb, are they enough to cause you to get excited and upset  
15 and feel necessary you have to write?

16 A. I write many messages on Dead Sea Scrolls. I wouldn't  
17 call it -- I don't know -- you mean necessary -- I am interested  
18 in Dead Sea Scrolls, so I write about them, both agreeing and  
19 disagreeing with people.

20 Q. Do you know what the Norman Golb's view is on the Dead  
21 Sea Scrolls is with regard to where they came from?

22 A. Yes, I think I do.

23 Q. Does he believe that the Dead Sea Scrolls had anything  
24 to do with Qumran?

25 MR. BANDLER: Objection.



1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 Q. Do you disagree with Dr. Golb?

3 A. On Qumran?

4 Q. Yes?

5 A. Yes, I do. Not on all aspects. He said some good  
6 things on Qumran, too, but I disagree on many things.

7 Q. Are you familiar with Yitzhak Magen?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Are you familiar with the Yuval Peleg?

10 A. Peleg.

11 Q. Peleg?

12 A. Yes, sir, Peleg.

13 Q. Who are they?

14 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

15 A. They are archeologists in Israel.

16 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

17 THE COURT: I don't know where we are going with  
18 this, Mr. Breibart.

19 MR. BREIBART: I am kind of happy where we are,  
20 Judge.

21 THE COURT: Then I guess we are done with the  
22 subject.

23 MR. BREIBART: We are done with the subject?

24 THE COURT: I don't know why --

25 MR. BREIBART: I was enjoying exploring it.

1 THE COURT: Well, your enjoyment, as happy I am to  
2 hear about it, really doesn't make it relevant.

3 Q. How do you spell your name the Stephen in Stephen  
4 Goranson?

5 A. S-T-E-P-H-E-N.

6 Q. And the Steve in Steve Goranson, how is that spelt?

7 A. S-T-E-V-E.

8 Q. So, there's a difference in the spelling of the  
9 Steves? S-T-E-V-E --

10 A. It's a difference of spelling of Stephen and Steve, not  
11 of the Steves.

12 Q. The names that Mr. Bandler asked you about were Steve  
13 Goranson, weren't they?

14 A. Yes, he did ask that.

15 Q. Did you ever accuse Norman Golb of blatant  
16 misrepresentations?

17 A. I'm not sure if I did or not. Was that a quote or --

18 Q. I am using it as a quote, sir. Did you accuse him of  
19 misinformation of making errors --

20 A. Making errors, certainly, yes.

21 Q. Did you accuse him of making Essenophobic articles of  
22 obscuring the relevant history of --

23 A. Oh, Essenophobic, yes, I remember that word.

24 Q. You created that word?

25 A. I guess I did.

1 Q. Did you accuse Norman Golb of being Essenophobic?

2 A. I think I did many years ago. I had forgotten.

3 Q. Glad to remind you. Did you accuse him of obscuring  
4 the relevant history?

5 A. I may have.

6 Q. Did you accuse him of attempting to erase the history  
7 of Essene Jews?

8 A. I think I did.

9 Q. Did you accuse him of being inaccurate and source of  
10 false myths?

11 A. I may have.

12 Q. Would it be fair to say that you've used those kinds of  
13 terms and phrases over the years in describing Dr. Golb's  
14 theories?

15 A. I think that batch was from many years ago.

16 Q. So, for how many years, sir, have you been attacking  
17 Norman Golb in these articles?

18 A. I haven't said I've been attacking him.

19 Q. For how many years you have been using these types of  
20 terms and phrases in describing Norman Golb's work?

21 A. I think that was maybe years ago, that batch you just  
22 mentioned.

23 Q. That batch was many years?

24 A. I think so.

25 Q. My question was for how many years have you been using

1 that kind of verbiage?

2 A. If you have saying that kind of verbiage, I haven't  
3 used it for many years.

4 Q. What's the latest writing that you did in opposition to  
5 Norman Golb's theories?

6 A. I don't think I've written one in recent weeks. I  
7 don't remember --

8 Q. In recent weeks?

9 A. I don't think in recent weeks.

10 Q. What about in recent months?

11 A. I don't recall when the last one was.

12 Q. Could you estimate for us how many times you've written  
13 something taking a strong position of Norman Golb?

14 A. Dozens.

15 Q. Dozens?

16 A. Surely. And other people as well, positive and  
17 negative. Dozens of times for others as well.

18 Q. How about Fred Cryer did you attack him?

19 A. No, I did not attack Fred Cryer.

20 Q. Did you say negative things about him and his ideas and  
21 feelings?

22 A. I said some negative things of his description of the  
23 Tel Dan inscription Aramaic inscription. It has nothing to do  
24 with Dead Sea Scrolls.

25 Q. Were you involved in the Yahad Ostracon?

1 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 Q. Did there come a time when you learned that there was  
4 an attempt to defraud the Judaic studies people by saying there  
5 was a Yahad Ostracon?

6 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

7 THE COURT: Sustained.

8 Q. Did you have anything to do with THE Yahad Ostracon?

9 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 Q. Do you know what the Yahad Ostracon is?

12 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 Q. Was the Yahad Ostracon a fraud that you were involved  
15 with?

16 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

17 A. I would like to answer that one.

18 THE COURT: You may the answer question.

19 A. No, I am not involved with a fraud.

20 Q. Were you involved with the Yahad Ostracon?

21 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 Q. Did you ever publish material you knew not to be true?

24 A. I can't think of anything.

25 Q. Have you suggested, sir, that anyone who disagrees with

1 you are intellectually dishonest or at worse incompetent at  
2 best?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Is that one of your quotes?

5 A. I don't recall ever saying that. Plenty of people  
6 disagree with me, people smarter than me.

7 Q. After one of your latest writings, did Professor West  
8 protest and say this rubbish has to stop?

9 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 Q. Did you write, sir, that Golb wishes to marginalize  
12 Essenes into non-existence?

13 A. I don't recall that quote, but it's possible.

14 Q. Is that something that you believe?

15 A. I wouldn't say that. I wouldn't say that today, no.

16 Q. How about a couple --

17 A. Marginalize into non-existence I think is too much.

18 Q. I can't hear you.

19 A. The first part, yes. That he seeks to marginalize,  
20 diminish the roll of Essenes in history.

21 Q. The Essenes are important to you in the study of Judaic  
22 history?

23 A. The history of Second Temple period time was important  
24 to me and the Essenes play an important role in it to the best  
25 of my knowledge.

1 Q. Did you take the position, sir, that the -- with regard  
2 to the scrolls, there was also a dispute about them coming from  
3 the Jerusalem Temple or not?

4 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 Q. Did you ever try to misrepresent Norman Golb by saying  
7 his theory was the theory that was espoused by Reinsdorf?

8 A. I think the two are related and not identical. And  
9 Reinsdorf was earlier.

10 Q. Reinsdorf took the position that scrolls, all that came  
11 from the Temple; is that right?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Golb's position was that had they come from many  
14 different places in Jerusalem; is that right?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. You took a position with regard to that; is that  
17 correct?

18 A. I took a position?

19 Q. Do you have a position with regard to that?

20 A. I think they are both mistaken.

21 Q. And did you read whether or not Schiffman took a  
22 position with regard to that?

23 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

24 THE COURT: Sustained.

25 Q. Do you know who Uri is?

1 MR. BANDLER: Objection.

2 THE COURT: Sustained.

3 MR. BREIBART: May I just have a moment?

4 THE COURT: Sure.

5 MR. BREIBART: Judge, I know you will be upset and  
6 disappointed, but I am finished with this witness. Thank  
7 you very much for your help, sir.

8 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

9 MR. BANDLER: Just a couple of questions, Your  
10 Honor.

11 RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MR. BANDLER:

13 Q. You read Dr. Golb's book?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And he never comes out and says Dr. Schiffman is a  
16 plagiarist, does he?

17 A. Actually, he comes close to saying that, I think.

18 Q. If he said it in the book, that doesn't make it true,  
19 does it?

20 A. It does not make it true.

21 Q. Dr. Schiffman is a respected scholar, right?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. BANDLER: No further questions.

24 RECROSS EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. BREIBART:



1 Q. You are familiar with the term plagiarism?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. That's a very nasty accusation in the academic world;  
4 is that right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Is that correct?

7 A. Yes. It is a nasty accusation indeed.

8 Q. The you can describe plagiarism without using the word  
9 plagiarism, can't you?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. If you indicate in words or substance that someone  
12 stole my ideas without giving me credit for them, is that  
13 plagiarism, sir?

14 A. If they were really your ideas and unique to you, sure.

15 Q. When I asked you about the plagiarism accusation in the  
16 Golb book he never used the word plagiarism did he?

17 A. I don't recall if he did. But he --

18 Q. But you got the impression from what you read he was  
19 aqueuings Schiffman of plagiarism, did you not?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. There was no question in your mind about that?

22 A. I think he was.

23 MR. BANDLER: No further questions.

24 THE COURT: Thank you, sir.

25 (Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

1 THE COURT: I do have a couple of cases to do  
2 before lunch. If you have something to do we can do it.

3 MR. BANDLER: I have Dr. Gibson. That's the last  
4 witness for the day.

5 THE COURT: Let's save Dr. Gibson for after lunch.  
6 And so jurors have a nice lunch. Be back at twenty after  
7 two.

8 (Whereupon, the jury exited the courtroom.)

9 (Whereupon, a luncheon recess was taken.)

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