

My Story:

It's 04:11am in the morning, and again I've had a restless night worrying about our daughter. Not about her safety (as we have always encouraged independence), but about the devastation her involvement with an unhealthy church group has caused us.

The story begins 21 years ago. I met Steve in Cape Town and we fell madly in love. We did everything together, climbed Table Mountain, cycled to Fish Hoek, played tennis and squash, etc. A few years later we decided to move to Durban (Steve was a farm boy from Eshowe and missed his old school connections). Many times I wish we had stayed in Cape Town so that none of this would have happened. We married in May 1988 and 2 years later (almost to the day) our darling Hayley was born at Westville Hospital. I remember phoning the world from the hospital bed telling all who would listen about the wonderful bundle of joy I held in my arms. I told my dad how incredible it was to love this little blob so much so soon and that I would do anything for her. He quietly said: "Just the way we feel about you". It hit me like a lightning bolt – gosh is this how much they have loved me – I wished I had known this all along!!! 2.8 years later, we were blessed with a perfectly healthy baby boy and we named him Guy.

Hayley grew up to be a quiet loving child with a twinkle in her eye and a fantastic sense of humour. She is very tolerant (to a fault), completely non-judgemental and her friends loved and respected her. We did the normal things close families do. We went camping as often as we could. Loved going for 3 day hikes with close friends in the berg, took our children snow skiing and (extended our stay longer so we could take Hayley to the art galleries around Europe. Steve and Guy were less interested in galleries and spent the time at motor shows and science museums.

All this time we were a normal loving family. Every decision we made was based on how it would affect our children. We worked hard to pay for private education and holidays, attended ballet shows and hockey matches and moved from Westville to Kloof so that it would be easier for Hayley to be around friends and also to cut the travelling time in the car for these young children.

We had faults, and as much as I question "what went wrong", the worst I can come up with is that we argued in front of the children and we never joined Hayley at Church.

She was a committed Christian since Primary School days. She was always part of the SCA (Student Christian Association) and would go to youth on a Friday and Church on a Sunday morning. We never discouraged her, in fact we were so proud of her. We have always allowed our children freedom of choice. If they asked what they should do, we would always tell them to consider all the options and then to make up their own mind, remembering that whatever the consequences were, they would need to honour them.

Hayley had started school at St Mary's in Grade 1 and by the time she went to high school was part of a large group of friends. All of whom were very sporty and bright. The fact that they were all high achievers could have been a reason for Hayley to have felt left out because although she was good at what she did, they were outstanding – achieving SA colours in many fields.

In grade 11, as part of the SCA, she befriended Kim Slement. Kim was new to St Mary's, from Zimbabwe. She kept to herself and did not seem to be a very happy child. We have since learnt that Kim and her family came from Zimbabwe as members of CTMI and she attended the Grace Gospel Church in Pinetown.

Before long, she had Liesl, Elsabe, Hayley and Lauren join her at Grace Gospel Church. This was the beginning of our painful journey and the end of our Hayley, as we knew her.

Almost immediately we noticed a change in Hayley. She would attend bible study, prayer meetings and youth group meetings on 3 separate evenings on a school week night. Again, we did not discourage this, as she was a conscientious hard worker at school, and if she felt she could handle 3 nights out a week, then that was her call. The problem with this was that she started dissociating herself from her peers at school and would only mix with GGC people.

She then asked whether she could attend the youth camp in Zimbabwe for a week during the school term, and about 2 weeks before her matric trial exams. This was a "no brainer" for us and we politely told her that she could go during the holidays, but not during school time. She was very unhappy with us, until she found out that the other children (with parents not involved with GGC) were told the same.

We planned and booked a trip to Johannesburg to see the Lion King. Soon before leaving she told us that she would rather attend the CTMI Youth Camp for the weekend than come with us to Johannesburg. I was perplexed, by could not force her to join us, so we left for Johannesburg without her.

- 1. Extreme obsessiveness regarding the group/leader resulting in the exclusion of almost every practical consideration.*
- 2. Hyperactivity centered on the group/leader agenda, which seems to supercede any personal goals or individual interests.*

Reference: Rick Ross International Specialist on Unsafe Groups

She completed her matric exams and chose to stay at home whilst 98% of her peers went to Ballito to celebrate end of school. These peers were Christian and non Christian. Again we accepted her decision (although we were disappointed that she was not part of the group and felt she was missing out on having fun after the gruelling exams and 12 years of studying.)

- 3. A dramatic loss of spontaneity and sense of humor.*
- 4. Increasing isolation from family and old friends unless they demonstrate an interest in the group/leader.*

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Hayley had applied to 2 Universities in Cape Town to study either International Politics or Film and Media. She was unsure what she wanted to study, but we advised her to start the degree and then to change it if she did not feel comfortable with her choice. She was accepted at both universities and it was just a matter of deciding which one she would prefer to attend. At this point she asked whether we would pay for her to go to Mauritius for 5 weeks to attend the Youth Camp.

We eventually agreed to paying (even though we were cash strapped, due to our impending trip to Austria), because she had been nothing but a pleasure and joy to our family and we felt she deserved the trip to Mauritius. She left with Liezl and Kim a few weeks after they completed their exams. At a meeting to discuss their trip, they were given a slip of paper with a Mauritian address, so that if they were ever stopped by immigration, they could recite this address. It was important for them to memorise this address and then discard the paper before entering Mauritius.

She returned to Durban in time for Christmas and 4 days later we left for Austria. She told me of an incident at the Youth Camp where the group had to keep their flag flying at all times and to never let it out of their sight. At a gathering of the youth, she was responsible for the flag, and as only Hayley could, she lost it!!! She told me how the leaders hid the flag from her and in her panic to find the flag she asked them if they had seen it. They shouted and rebuked her for not taking her responsibilities seriously. I was gob smacked at this military approach, but let it go, thinking perhaps she was being too sensitive.

5. Anything the group/leader does can be justified no matter how harsh or harmful

Reference: Rick Ross

In Austria we noticed that she kept to herself. At night all the young teens would go out, but Hayley would stay in her room watching movies on the ipod. During the day she would join everyone skiing, and had a ball, enjoying everyone's company (including ours), but at night when we all went out – including the old fogeys, she would rather stay in her hotel room and sleep or watch movies. – All these traits were so out of character as, previously, she was sociable.

6. A dramatic loss of spontaneity and sense of humor.

7. Increasing isolation from family and old friends unless they demonstrate an interest in the group/leader.

Reference: Rick Ross

On returning to SA she hinted that she wanted to take a gap year. This gap year was to be 6 months in Mauritius. In Mauritius she was going to go into construction as this is what Miki Hardy needed. I thought that this was a total waste of time and we discussed

various other options for her gap year. She was keen on going overseas as a stooge (classroom helper), but after applying late, and amazingly being accepted, she decided that a year would be far too long. I eventually persuaded Steve that she was very young and a gap year would be a good idea so she could grow up and be ready for university. He felt it was indulgent and that it would be more beneficial for her to take a gap year once she had completed her degree. We compromised that this would not be a free year and that he would pay for the flights, but her day to day living expenses would be for her own account. (This was to be a lesson on surviving in the cruel world). It soon became apparent to us that finding a job in Mauritius was impossible (this is what she told me) and she borrowed the money from me (R15 000.) She promised to repay the loan as soon as she started earning money. She was considering going to England for the 2nd half of the year to earn pounds to pay back the loan. I agreed to this (how very naïve of me)

She left for Mauritius and in the beginning we had quite a bit of contact from her via sms, phoning and skype. We bought her a laptop for her birthday (with camera, head phones and a mic) so we could see and talk to her regularly. In the beginning she was very home sick and we always encouraged her as this was the opportunity of a lifetime (or so we thought at the time). As time passed we had less and less contact from her. Her birthday, in May, was marked by a phone call from Denise Slement asking for money so that the girls in Mauritius could give Hayley a good time on her birthday. I was quick to want to fork out the money (and did), but Steve was surprised that they had the gall to ask us for money. He said that if they had no money, then they were to make her day special by other means – making her little gifts and just being there for her on her birthday. He said he found it quite rude and would never have asked the Slements for money for their daughter's birthday! I sent R1000 and never got a thank you or a letter telling me what the money was spent on. The arrogance and lack of manners /social skills was starting to alert me to a different culture.

The initial plan was for us to travel to Mauritius to spend the July holidays there and then, with Hayley, would return to SA. As we had spent so much money on travel we decided not to go to Mauritius. We then got numerous calls from Hayley begging us to let her extend her stay. Firstly she wanted us to pay for her to attend the Australian University. The cost would be R60 0000 per semester (excluding accommodation) as opposed to R25 000 per annum in SA. Then she asked us to put money into a Company in Mauritius so that she could be named a Director and his would give her a 3 year business visa. This too was unacceptable to us. Then she told us that she would be extending her stay as long as she could. She would return to SA in time for the International Conference and SA Youth Camp. She borrowed R500 from a CTMI family to pay to get her visa extended.

She returned to SA in September and the next month Vanessa and Neville immigrated to SA. Hayley spent every waking hour at Basil's home. She wanted to be close to Van, Nev and Baz. She took care of Van's 3 year old, whilst Van took care of her older children.

8. Individual identity, the group, the leader and/or God as distinct and separate categories of existence become increasingly blurred. Instead, in the follower's mind these identities become substantially and increasingly fused--as that person's involvement with the group/leader continues and deepens.

Reference: Rick Ross

One Sunday evening they all arrived at our house (Fitzroys & Hayley). They said that they were so pleased that we had agreed to accommodate 2 girls from Mauritius so these girls could attend the International Conference. The 2 young girls, Valerie and Twila moved in and we spent a happy 2 weeks with them. They were very friendly and helpful and I particularly took a liking to Valerie. We discussed many topics whilst sitting around the dinner table and one conversation in particular was about her love life. I wanted to know whether she had a boyfriend. She told us that she had had boyfriends, etc., but since joining CTMI her life had changed and that she no longer wished to date. Two weeks after leaving, we got the news that Valerie was engaged to be married. I was stunned as 2 weeks prior she did not even have a boyfriend or did not even fancy anyone.

Bizarre and because I liked her so much I was concerned for Valerie. This just did not seem right.

All this time, Hayley made no attempt to contact any of her "old" school friends. They started telling me that they were worried about Hayley, because even though they sms'd her and left messages on her voice mail, she never replied. They wanted to know from me whether she was ok. I found myself defending her actions. Kristy Hood returned from Cape Town in November and arranged a luncheon with all their school friends at Sprigs to celebrate her birthday. They later told me that Hayley sat quietly and hardly said a word. She was so quiet they thought perhaps she was not well. They also said she looked pale and withdrawn and wanted to know from me if there was something physically wrong. Again, I continued defending her.

9. Uncharacteristically stilted and seemingly programmed conversation and mannerisms, cloning of the group/leader in personal behaviour

Reference: Rick Ross

By this time, Van had offered Hayley a half day job taking care of her 3 year old daughter. She was paid R1200 per month. I'm not too sure what else she did, but I have since heard that she would clean the house and take care of the children. This would, most days, exceed the 4 hour per day working hours, and often she would stay the entire day. She was using our spare car to get around.

Then in November we attended a family day lunch at Michaelhouse. It was lovely sunny day and we all sat around at tables in the sun. We shared a table with Bev Sinclair (a Christian from Kloof) and she was questioning Hayley about her time in Mauritius. She also questioned her on her future plans. I was shocked to hear that she wanted to go

back to Mauritius, even though she knew we were opposed to this idea. She said “My parents want me to go to University here in SA and I want to go back to Mauritius” Out of Hayley’s earshot Bev told me that I was right to be concerned and that a few pastors in the Highway area also had concerns about CTMI. I could not question her further, as Hayley returned to our table and we spoke about other things. A while later, Alison Gifford stopped for a chat.

During the chat I asked whether Lauren (a GGC member and fellow school friend) was excited about going to Mauritius as I had heard that she was going to take a 6 months gap to Mauritius (as Hayley had done). They said that she was no longer going to Mauritius and instead was going to do “a Year of my life” through the Kloof Harvest Church. I could tell they felt uncomfortable. That evening I felt compelled to phone Bev Sinclair. She told me that the CTMI group was regarded as being a cult. I was totally shocked and stunned. I wanted to know from her why she felt this. She told me that Nigel Jukes (the St. Agnes Anglican Church pastor) in Kloof had sent out a letter to all his leaders, warning them not to attend the CTMI Conference as they displayed cultish behaviour. We decided that a visit to Nigel Jukes was necessary. I also phoned Alison and asked her why Lauren no longer planned on going Mauritius. She told me that she was so pleased that I had contacted her, because they were so worried about Hayley and the girls at St. Mary’s had started a prayer chain for her. I asked whether we could come over to see them and arranged to see them the next evening. At our meeting they told us that Lauren (who was now head of the SCA at St Mary’s) had been approached by Kim Slemment to arrange a bus for all the St. Mary’s girls to attend the CTMI Conference. Lauren at this stage was a regular visitor to GGC. She phoned Mrs Padoa (School Chaplin) to ask permission to use the school bus. Mrs Padoa turned down her request, saying that they did not want to encourage any of the girls to attend as they were concerned that CTMI were showing cultish tendencies.

- they encourage children to disobey their parents,
- they encourage young adults to give up their university studies to go to Mauritius.
- They disapprove of dating and encourage young adults to marry within the church with the elder’s approval. If the elder disapproves, you can be sure the couple will split and if they approve, the couple will be married very quickly and without the parent’s permission.

This was all so shocking to my husband and me. We could not believe that we had allowed this to continue. In actual fact, we had encouraged her involvement with CTMI, and enabled her, by paying all her expenses.

We were so disappointed with ourselves for not taking better care. When they mentioned the quick marriages, it rang true to us as we had witnessed this through our association with Valerie!!!

Our next port of call was Nigel Jukes. We wanted to know from him all that he knew. He had been to a fraternal meeting where various highway pastors had voiced their concerns. He told us that prayer and God alone would solve this problem and we ended our meeting praying for Hayley and for us.

Slowly we began to realise what she had become involved in and all the puzzle pieces fell into place.

I then knew we had a problem. I spoke to a committed Christian friend of mine and asked her advice. she knew of a pastoral therapist who was also a born again Christian. This, we thought, would be ideal, as Hayley would only trust a Christian to give advice. At our first appointment, Sean listened intently and said that He would need to spend some time with Hayley. We made an appointment for Hayley to see him (without us). She was vehemently opposed to going and wanted Vanessa Fitzroy to go with her.

10 Dependency upon the group/leader for problem solving, solutions, and definitions without meaningful reflective thought. A seeming inability to think independently or analyze situations without group/leader involvement

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At this stage we told her she was more than welcome to take Vanessa with her, but that the intention was for the family to get help in understanding. At the 11th hour she agreed to see Sean on her own. At a follow up meeting with Sean to get this feedback, we were all hoping he would tell us that we had nothing to worry about and that Hayley was a lovely young lady with a zealously to worship God. The exact opposite was the case. He was extremely concerned about the level her mind was being controlled. He also told us that she was in about the 4th or 5th stage of joining a cult where she was aligning herself to change her life completely.

It was around this time, sitting at the computer for 100th time, looking at websites on cults that I realised I had access to Hayley's emails. I looked at the emails which she had sent to Miki and Audrey Hardy and their response. I went cold.

She told them in one of the 2 emails I read that: "I completely submit myself to you and the elders" - why would anyone submit to another person? She also told Miki that it was very difficult living at home with unsaved parents who wanted her to go to University. He replied "Do not be manipulated by your parents" (I have copies of these transcripts as evidence) Why would a leader of a church tell a young adult not to obey her mother and father – surely this was one of the commandments God gave to his people? I was confused, angry and so scared for her and us.

Ephesians 6

Children and Parents

Children , obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."^[a] ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

At Christmas, we had to delay our trip to the berg, as Penny (our mother) was very ill in hospital. We had hoped she could be with us for Christmas, but it was not to be. We waited till she was well enough to go home and then the 4 of us went to the berg for a much deserved break from illness and heartache. Just before leaving for our 2 day break Hayley told us that she would no longer be celebrating Christmas, and that we were welcome to continue our traditional celebrations, but she wanted no part in it. Again, we accepted this as her wish – no questions asked, but we found it so strange that Barry Slement (Kim Slement's father) was sending out sms's to the youth of GGC telling them on Christmas day, to eat the turkey, but to remain strong in their belief not to celebrate. We spent a sad Christmas day, trying to make the best of a very bad situation. I felt particularly sad for our 15 year old son, who just wanted us so badly to be the happy family we always were. He tried with enthusiasm to make up for our sadness over Hayley and this made us even more distraught. Hayley graciously accepted our Christmas gifts, but naturally had none to give us in return. This was from a child who would spend days before Christmas making gifts, putting up Christmas tree decorations and glowing in the excitement of Christmas. So very sad.

On our return from the Berg and on the eve of our departure to Cefani (our annual holiday destination) she told Steve that she would not be coming with us. When we asked her why, she replied that she could not live with us for 3 weeks as we opposed her association with GGC. We asked her to come for a shorter time and that we would not mention GGC on our holiday. She told us she would have to think about it. I lost my temper and told her that if she found it difficult to live with us for 3 weeks, how could she possibly live with us for the upcoming year. This did not make sense to me. We explained to her that we needed to be tolerant of each another's choices. Although we were concerned about her, we would respect her choices, but she needed to do the same. The fact that we were worried about her involvement with GCC was our prerogative and she needed to accept that we couldn't ignore these concerns. We had to work out a solution together. She left for church the next morning and whilst we were out, the Fitzroys brought her to our home for her to collect all her clothes. We phoned to ask whether she would be coming with us to Cefani, and she told us that she chose to remain with the Fitzroys. This felt like a death knell.

Guy wrote her a long letter begging her to reconsider and in his kind way said he would do anything for her to come back home!

We requested a meeting with Basil, Nev and Van. The first thing he told us was that he was so pleased we had come to see him because, although he knew people were talking, we were the first to actually approach him with our concerns. We told him what our concerns were and that we thought she was involved in a cult. We took out the 10 points as illustrated by Rick Ross(copy below) and told them that Guy, Steve and myself had independently ticked all the points as applying to Hayley. Nev took over and said he could understand our concern but that we should look at his life. His parents too were unhappy about him going to Mauritius and that his brother was the family success story. Now it was different. His brother is divorced and now his parents

are so proud of him and regard his brother a failure. We explained that we were very happy that his life was such a success, but our concern was not for him, but for Hayley, who was still young, immature and easily influenced and she had been told by Audrey (in Basil's lounge) not to be influenced by her parents to get her to study. That God did not need her to have a degree. Basil, Neville and Van all agreed with what Audrey had told Hayley.

Basil reiterated that University was a place of sin. They said that Hayley was an adult and that we should allow her to make her own decisions and that they would continue to encourage her to listen to what God put on her heart. We told them that what God was putting on our heart, was in direct contrast to what was being put on their hearts. Which message would they wish we listen to? Basil lost his cool and fluctuated from being overly friendly (my dear brother and sister) to being incoherent and angry. During our time with them Steve told Basil it needed to be understood that he would do anything to protect his daughter. They looked at each other for an awkwardly long time. Basil then said: "Are you threatening me" to which Steve replied after some thought "Actually, yes, if you wish to put it that way." Basil then said that he had had a threatening call the previous week. Steve then said: "Are you accusing me of phoning to threaten you, because if you are, you are so mistaken. If I threaten you I will do it to your face as I am doing now. I had no part in any threatening call"

I then spoke up and said: "Are there other concerned people out there? You told us we were the first to voice our concerns. We are obviously not the first to approach you - you have lied to us."

We have since learnt that Keith and Clint, Romain and Ant and Esme had all been to see Basil on separate occasions, prior to our visit. How many others, without our knowledge, I do not know) What type of preacher lies?

We tried to get her to attend another session with Sean to tell her how we were feeling. We later learnt (by reading the 2nd email) that she had been advised and taken to the Hillcrest Police Station to get a restraining order against us. This is so completely out of character and can only be the work of others she was not associating with.(Audrey, Van and Neville) We have never raised our voice to her, let alone our hand She also went into a secret cupboard (not even I know how to open this door) and stole her passport whilst we were at work. Again, I can only hope that she was being influenced – its too painful to think this is what she has become. We returned from holiday and Hayley continued to live with the Fitzroys. She would occasionally pop in to see us, but the hug she gave was so mechanical and the conversation so unnatural – that we felt alienated from her.

11. Uncharacteristically stilted and seemingly programmed conversation and mannerisms, cloning of the group/leader in personal behaviour. (Rick Ross)

I was so pleased to get a copy of an sms to say the Fitzroys were going back to Mauritius. We thought Hayley would go with them, but to our amazement the Slements took her in. So sad that she couldn't confide in us as to how lonely she felt or how uncomfortable she must have felt at being passed from pillar to post, when she has a perfectly good home with us.

Hayley moved home for a couple of days whilst we went to Joburg on business and we needed her to take care of Guy. Two weeks prior to this she had mentioned that she would be keen to take a look at the courses on offer at Vega. I took her one afternoon, and even though I could tell she liked what she saw, I knew she would be influenced to rather study via Unisa. We got an sms from her while travelling back from Joburg saying that she had given it some thought and that Vega was not for her, but that she would rather study through Unisa. We had a lengthy discussion about this when we got home. We were both in tears and I asked her why she wanted to study through Unisa when she knew it was a second rate degree and did not offer the course she was interested in. She told me the only reason was so that she could be flexible for the church. I told her how sad it was that she accepted so little for herself and gave so much to a man and his wife (Miki & Audrey Hardy). I told her that God had given her wonderful gifts (4 A's in matric – Maths, English, History & Biology) and that she was dishonouring God by not using these gifts. She had nothing to say to this. I asked her to come back home because we hated seeing her living like this – sponging off other families!

Two weeks later she asked to see Steve and I to discuss her plans. She told us that she would love to live at home with us. That she loved us so much, but she had conditions. These conditions were:

1. We were to make sure she had a car available for her to use to go to church related functions.
2. We were never to prevent her from going to any church related function and that if she wanted to stay over at Basil's house, we were not prevent her.
3. She would need us to write a letter to explain that we no longer wanted to be part of the Concerned Parent Group and that we disagreed with what the Concerned Parents Group stood for.

Our response: "Hayley, if we did not love you, we would write this letter without hesitation. But because we love and care so much about you and your life, we will continue to meet with the Concerned Parents Group and strive to get CTMI exposed for what they are doing to you and to many other families." We asked her whether it was possible to worship God anywhere – ie Baptist Church, at home, etc and she told us that God was everywhere – not at any specific Church. I begged her, due to our concerns with GCC, to consider worshipping elsewhere to help mend our family and restore our relationship which had, through CTMI, been destroyed. After a long pause, and a lot of thought, she told us that God required her to be at CTMI. She knew this because it was on her heart! (So dangerous – God warned us to be careful about listening to our hearts)

Jeremiah 17 ⁹The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Two weeks later: she has left for Mauritius – not sure who paid for her air ticket and, guess who she's living with, Neville and Vanessa Fitzroy makes me think.

Am not sure what the future holds, but Steve and I (with all the highway Christians and Concerned Parents) pray every day that Hayley (and all the other affected family

members) may have their eyes opened and see what they are really involved in. We have learnt that cult members are only able to see clearly how they have been manipulated once they have left the cult. We're hoping that for some or other reason our children will be removed from the constant mind controlling influences and can then see what they have been involved in and will have the courage to leave.

My daily prayer:

Dear God. Thank you for putting all these wonderful, concerned people in my path so that I have help and support throughout this journey. I know that it is up to you and in your time to help Hayley and us, but I ask that you confuse her so that she starts to question. This is all I ask. Thank you for helping us deal with this enormous problem. I know we cannot solve it alone and that you will solve it as you see fit. I leave it up to you.

Ten warning signs regarding people involved in/with a potentially unsafe group/leader (ex Rick Ross)

1. Extreme obsessiveness regarding the group/leader resulting in the exclusion of almost every practical consideration.
2. Individual identity, the group, the leader and/or God as distinct and separate categories of existence become increasingly blurred. Instead, in the follower's mind these identities become substantially and increasingly fused - as that person's involvement with the group/leader continues and deepens.
3. Whenever the group/leader is criticized or questioned it is characterized as "persecution".
4. Uncharacteristically stilted and seemingly programmed conversation and mannerisms, cloning of the group/leader in personal behaviour.
5. Dependency upon the group/leader for problem solving, solutions, and definitions without meaningful reflective thought. A seeming inability to think independently or analyze situations without group/leader involvement.
6. Hyperactivity centered on the group/leader agenda, which seems to supersede any personal goals or individual interests.
7. A dramatic loss of spontaneity and sense of humour.
8. Increasing isolation from family and old friends unless they demonstrate an interest in the group/leader.
9. Anything the group/leader does can be justified no matter how harsh or harmful.
10. Former followers are at best-considered negative or worse evil and under bad influences. They can not be trusted and personal contact is avoided.

