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The evidence offered in these transcripts is a true and faithful record of witness testimony given during the National Citizens Inquiry (NCI) hearings. These hearings took place in eight Canadian cities from coast to coast from March through May 2023.

Raw transcripts were initially produced from the audio-video recordings of witness testimony and legal and commissioner questions using Open AI's Whisper speech recognition software. From May to August 2023, a team of volunteers assessed the AI transcripts against the recordings to edit, review, format, and finalize all NCI witness transcripts.

With utmost respect for the witnesses, the volunteers worked to the best of their skills and abilities to ensure that the transcripts would be as clear, accurate, and accessible as possible. Edits were made using the "intelligent verbatim" transcription method, which removes filler words and other throat-clearing, false starts, and repetitions that could distract from the testimony content.

Many testimonies were accompanied by slide show presentations or other exhibits. The NCI team recommends that transcripts be read together with the video recordings and any corresponding exhibits.

We are grateful to all our volunteers for the countless hours committed to this project, and hope that this evidence will prove to be a useful resource for many in future. For a complete library of the over 300 testimonies at the NCI, please visit our website at <https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca>.

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Shawn Buckley

Welcome to the National Citizens Inquiry as we commence our third and final day in Ottawa, the nation's capital. After actually walking across the land, this is the last of eight cities in our original vision of marching commissioners across Canada to seek the truth. I have to confess that I kind of feel like summer camp is ending. You know that feeling you get where you've participated in an activity, you had to get to know the people that you were sharing that activity with. I worked through a lot of experiences, literally trials and tribulations, and tears and laughter. There's been lots of tears, and fortunately, there's been some laughter. And we'll have a closing at the end of the day, but I just wanted to start by saying that I've been tremendously honoured to be a part of this and to stand with the people that I've had the opportunity to stand with. And I'm not just speaking about the commissioners and the volunteers, I'm speaking really about the entire nation, just all the support, all the prayers, the gratitude. It's been quite tremendous.

And so I'm going to ask: We have to decide what we're supposed to be doing. And I use the word "supposed" deliberately, not "decide" what we should do next. What are we supposed to be doing next? Because something's changed in this nation, as people have heard other Canadians speak and share their voices. And none of us know what that looks like going forward. We just know that there's been a change and we have to decide what to do in relation to that.

So let me start a little more formally. Commissioners, my name is Buckley, initial S. I'm attending this morning as agent for the Inquiry Administrator, the Honourable Ches Crosbie. I'm always asked by the volunteer staff: "please ask people to go to our website and please ask people to donate." So for those of you who aren't familiar with the National Citizens Inquiry, we're a group of volunteers and we had this vision of basically seeking the truth and having an independent inquiry where witnesses testified under oath and where Canadians were able to share their stories. And we just kind of started, and we just thought, "Well, we'll stop when we have to stop, but maybe we can make this happen." And it's only happened— And it has happened, and it's happening, and solely because you help us. And you volunteer, you support us, you encourage us, and you also support us financially. Each set of hearings costs about \$35,000. I'm confident that I can say I'm pretty sure we don't

have the money in the bank to pay for this last one, and so we would ask that you continue to contribute and donate. We've really kind of been walking by faith, literally, on this, that you would participate and support us, and we appreciate that.

So I also have another ask. I've mentioned it a couple of times, that I think one of our biggest failings is that some people that have stood up for us in the recent past are not being supported. The truckers are the first group that come to mind, but they're not the only ones. So I'm going to be asking internally in the NCI if we would consider setting a group up to identify those. So let's say we've got some truckers that they can't afford their legal costs, or the bank accounts are frozen and things like that: like, who's in need in our group? And supporting them. It's just been a very emotional ride, this NCI, as you all know. So if there are some people that feel that they would be competent and committed to be able to spend some significant amount of time helping us to organize that, if you would send a message to the NCI through their emails for my attention on that topic, it's just something that I'm going to ask them to consider supporting.

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I want to give my opening this morning. We've been talking about freedom a lot, and freedom begins in the mind. And I want you to just think about that for a moment, that your freedom begins in your mind. It's not something external, it's a state of being. And freedom is an alignment with the truth. I want you to think about that, also, because we act and we react based on what we believe to be true. You're in a situation, you're going to react based on what you believe is happening. If you have been lied to, if you've been led to believe that a lie is truth, then basically you're not free to react appropriately. Your behavior has been modified and controlled because of the deception. And so true freedom depends on your understanding what is real, what is not real, what is true, what is not true.

And we all know right from wrong. We know it intuitively. I think it was in Toronto when I was speaking about this concept, I brought up— For those of you who have read C.S. Lewis's book, *Mere Christianity*, he's at one point making the case for Christianity, and one of the points that he makes is he says: regardless of the culture, regardless of the religion, basically the moral code, the ethical code is the same. It's pretty well identical. And he brings that up to bring the point up that we all know right from wrong. Intuitively there's something happening and he would say that it's God's moral code. But it is true, we all have the same sense of right and wrong.

I have been shaken by the testimony of Sheila Lewis. If you recall, she testified on the first day. She was the lady who needs an organ transplant. And she's there, she's got the oxygen tube under her nose, she's sharing her story about how, basically, even though she's redone all of her childhood vaccination schedule to be able to qualify for the organ transplant, and even though her blood has been tested and she has natural immunity to COVID, so she's got tons of antibodies to COVID, they are refusing to give her an organ transplant because she won't take the COVID vaccine. We watched her sob and just tell us she just wants to see her grandchildren grow up. She just wants to live. And we sobbed with her but not just because we empathized with her. We didn't react just because we were empathetic; we also reacted because we knew that it was wrong. Everyone listening to her testimony knew that what was happening was wrong.

She shared with us; she said what was happening was evil. She used the word, and we all saw it.

We all know right from wrong, and we all have an intuition. We call it a gut feeling. Some of us will use other terms and explain it differently. But we know things, and when I say we know things, it's not "Oh, I was taught this." There are some things we just know. And there are some points in our life where we have great clarity. And we understand things differently. We all know that slavery is wrong, that tyranny is wrong.

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We watched James Corbett testify yesterday about the World Health Organization and this One Health, what he calls a pandemic treaty, although it's been labelled as something else to deceive us. And this One Health Initiative that basically would lead to just the worst type of totalitarian control, the worst type of slavery that this planet has ever seen, that the human race will have ever experienced, if it happens. That scares us, but more importantly, we understand: It's evil. There's a difference there, do you understand that? We can react going, "this scares me; I don't want to live under this tyranny." But we also understand it's evil. And the worst part of the experience, if we allow that to happen, will be that we will know that we're experiencing evil.

See, under some tyrannies, some people live really well. There's winners and losers. We can look at every police state and those that were on the right side of it did very well. We could have this form of tyranny and some of us materially, and just quality of life, might actually find it tolerable. But our gut—our gut will tell us that it's wrong and that it's evil.

I started by saying that you can't actually be free if you don't operate on truth, if you don't know the truth. I think we need to go to a basic level here today because most of us are operating under the greatest lie: that we're a body, that we're a body, that we're a material being and that's it. And we're not a body. Some people say that we have a soul and I don't disagree with that. I just think that it's a more meaningful way of communicating to not say that you have a soul. I think it's more important for you to consider that you *are* a soul, that you have a body, but that you are a soul. That you are a person who is separate from your body, and that you are a person that is separate from your mind.

We all have the experience where sometimes we're examining our thoughts, literally, where we might even ask ourselves, why did I think that? Where we're examining our mind. We have those experiences where we actually understand that we are separate from our mind. And we have those experiences where we understand that we're just occupying a body.

This is a fundamental truth that I think we need to understand if we're going to deal with our fear—which is why I'm speaking about it. If you believe that you are a body, then living for the here and now makes sense. Keeping up with the Joneses, being concerned about just your standard of living and all of that, it makes sense, right? You've only got a limited amount of time and then it ends. Your fear of death makes a lot of sense. Because if you're just a body and they can kill your body, that's really something to be afraid of. But if you're a soul occupying a body, then the fear of death—not only does it not make sense, it's absurd.

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It's absurd. And the slavery of pursuing wealth and keeping up with the Joneses doesn't make sense.

And so I think we need to get down to the basics and understand that the biggest lie that has been perpetuated upon the Western world is that we are basically just a material being, that we are a body, that that's all we are. And our society has been structured to operate on that principle, which is why we are on a debt- and greed-based system. And it serves the state well. Because if you believe that you're a material being that ends when your body dies, then you're going to be afraid of death. They can use that fear to control you. And the fear of death is used to control us. We all experienced that over the last three years. We all bought into it. So I need you to understand that your fear of death is based on a lie, that it's not true, that you've been tricked. And you can't fix things, and you can't address your fear unless you understand that you have no reason to be afraid.

Now, I appreciate that when we are confronted with what comes next, when we are confronted with what they've planned for us coming forward, we're going to have that physical reaction. I get that when we get information that is designed to make us afraid, we have a physical reaction that we have no control over. The hormones get pumped into our bloodstream, we go into fight-and-flight mode. We are designed to basically leave that part of the brain that is used for critical thinking. But I've told you that every time you have that physical experience of fear—I mean, even if you open the garbage and there's a hornet's nest in there, like it's something that just triggers it—use that as an opportunity to go, “Okay, I'm afraid, I'm having a physical reaction, but I'm going to keep that link to my thinking mind.”

It's important for you to train your mind to remain attached to your critical thinking when we're facing fear. But it's also going to be very helpful for you to dampen your fear if you understand that you don't need to be afraid. Dying, our body dying: if, as I say, if you're just a body, it's very meaningful, but if you understand that you are a soul, dying actually is neither important nor is it meaningful.

And think about that for a second. Because we've just all been so terrified. We've all been so terrified that sometimes we feel like we don't even have any ground to stand on. But if you're a soul—and you are a soul—how is physical death meaningful? How is that important? What's important is who you are. What is meaningful is who you are at the moment you die because that's who you are when you transition. And you will know who you are, we all know who we are inside. I remember one person telling me, it was during a lecture that, you know, we have those inner thoughts: that if they could be broadcast on a movie screen for everyone in your hometown to see and watch what you really think and what you have thought, every single one of us would have to leave town. Right?

We know who we are. And it's important for us to understand who we are, so we can choose if we want to be somebody different.

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But it is truly important and truly meaningful for when we transition, when we die, to be the person that we want to be. Because that's who we're going to be when we move on.

Whether you believe in the Bible or not, I shared with you yesterday—because it's a good touchstone for how we should treat each other at least—that the Bible teaches how we're going to be judged. And, you know, most people would be, “Oh, fire and brimstone.” No, it's actually— It's beautiful, isn't it, what I shared yesterday? You know, the story that Jesus is going to separate the sheep and the goats. And He's going to say to the sheep, and this is the judgment. He's going to say, you know: “When I was hungry, you fed me. When I was thirsty, you gave me a drink. When I was a stranger in your town, you took me in. When I

was naked, you clothed me. When I was sick, you took care of me.” And the Bible reports that the sheep are going to say, “Well, Jesus, we didn’t, you weren’t here. We didn’t do any of that.” And He’s going to say, “No, but when you did it to the least of these, when you did it to each other, you did it to me.”

And likewise, He’s going to judge the goats. He’s going to say, “When I was hungry, you didn’t feed me. When I was thirsty, you didn’t give me a drink. When I was a stranger, you didn’t take me in. When I was naked, you didn’t clothe me. When I was sick, you didn’t take care of me.” There’s also in there, “When I was in prison, you didn’t visit me.” And they’re going to say to Him, “Well, Jesus, we didn’t, we didn’t see you. Obviously, we didn’t, this isn’t true at all.” And He’ll say, “No, when you didn’t do it to the least of these, when you didn’t do it to each other, you didn’t do it to me.”

What a beautiful way to be judged. It’s all, did we love each other?

When you decide who you want to be when you transition, I think it would be a beautiful thing if you’re that person that loved. So I have a couple of questions. Will you be that soul that, when you leave, loved others? And will you be that soul that when you leave, you stood against the evil of tyranny and oppression? Because that’s what we’re facing.

I’m going to read that quote from François Amalega that I had read at an earlier opening. And he wrote, “I feel more free within the four walls of a jail cell with a clear conscience than I would standing outside whilst respecting the measures and collaborating with a lie.” Let me read that again: “I feel more free within the four walls of a jail cell with a clear conscience than I would standing outside whilst respecting the measures and collaborating with a lie.” François Amalega is somebody who knows he is a soul and he knows who he wants to be. Souls who want to love, who want to stand for truth, understand that that is why they’re here.

Now, I just made an important point and so I’m just going to repeat it: that souls that want to love, that want to stand for truth, they understand that is why they are here. It’s why you are here.

We’ve all felt at some point in our life that we were here for something important. That we were here to act differently. That there was something else going on and that sometimes it almost would feel like we could touch it, it was so close. And at other times, it would seem distant. And we all know, and I know it certainly happened for me, I get caught up with working,

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and this and that, and taking care of kids, and you totally lose track of that feeling that we were here for something else. We lose track of that feeling that we were here for something important.

But the truth is you are here for something important. You’re here to choose who you are going to be. That’s why you’re here. And it may sound odd, but our present circumstances are a gift. Because I was expecting to go to university, get married, have kids, work, save, maybe have a retirement cottage at the lake, then retire, watch my grandkids grow up, and then have a peaceful death. And that’s not a life that makes it very clear to me why I’m here. Because I’m not here for that, I’m here to choose who I’m going to be.

But now I'm faced with a world where I see evil running wild, where I see tyranny being imposed, where I see people like Sheila Lewis sobbing because she is being the victim of pure evil. And it's clear, isn't it? Isn't it clear for all of us that we really are here to make a choice? Like it or not, we're here to make a choice. And so this is a gift, because we're not going to be confused why we're here.

And it's not all doom and gloom because the worst of times are also the best of times. You will experience the deepest friendships that you have ever experienced. You will feel peace when you look in the mirror. You will feel part of something bigger than yourself. And so, I think we need to understand that we're actually in for the best of times. It's not going to be easy. Some of us, it's really not going to be easy. But we are in for the most important and the most meaningful part of our life going forward.

And the most important thing—and the NCI has shown us this—is we're not alone. We're the majority and we stand with each other.

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