

JANUARY 4, 2001  
"1975-77"

After spending some quality time in prayer this morning, I now want to add more thoughts to what I had expressed in yesterday's journal entry. I have total and complete gratitude in my heart for the mercy and forgiveness God Almighty has shown to me. Looking back upon that tragic time of 1975 through 1977, I cannot offer any excuses for my actions. I do know that in many ways I was not in my right mind, and that I was living in utter torment, under strong satanic influences and powerful delusions. All my thoughts were twisted and illogical. The good became bad and the bad became good. It is impossible to comprehend this without understanding the teachings and ideas that come forth from Satanism.

I was under gross deception. Yes, I knew right from wrong in the legal sense. But I was in such a weakened state of mind that there was nothing left in me to offer resistance. I was at a point where I did not care anymore. My feelings were gone, my emotions had died, and so I went along with the forces that had been reaching out to me for so long. It was as if an evil hand from the unseen realm was engineering everything that happened. There were so many ways that the bad things seemed to supernaturally fall into place. I was totally sold out to the belief that this was my calling in life.

Looking back from the vantage point of today, as I sit in my little prison cell and contemplate my life, I am so disappointed with myself for sinking so low. I feel stupid for having allowed myself to be controlled by thoughts that I am now convinced were not all my own. I know some people will see this as a cop-out or as being in a state of denial. They can think what they want, of course, but over time, as God began to heal my mind, I started to understand these things. What I am saying is not crazy stuff. Any Christian who understands the things of and about God will tell you that what I am saying is correct. Even Dr. Billy Graham will state that the Spirit of God is fully capable of speaking to a person's heart and mind. Christians throughout the world will attest to hearing the voice of God speak to their spirits and also, at times, being able to know the mind of God.

In any event, over time God has spoken very clearly to my mind, and He has indeed revealed these things to me. Thanks to Him, I now have a better understanding of what happened and how this "Son of Sam" tragedy all came about. It is too painful to dwell upon, and I seldom think about it anymore. I am only going over these things now for this journal so that others may better understand the powers of darkness and, even more important, appreciate God's powers of love, forgiveness, healing, and hope.

I want to end today's entry with a short prayer:

*Lord, I ask you to continue to bring healing into the lives of those I have hurt in the past. Touch them with your love and help them to cope with the pain, loss, and grief that never seem to go away. Thank you, Father God. In Jesus' name, amen.*