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Dear Dr. Crowley:

The issues of deprogramming and personal freedom which you considered in the January 27 Tribune, are important. I wonder, if this is an area of your interest and expertise, whether you have read the book entitled Snapping. I think that if you had read this book you probably would not have used quotation marks around the word "cult." Cults are dangerous, and insidious, and it will require great skill for a free society to deal with their pervasive and persuasive influence - turning off people's minds, and helping them lose their freedom.

Sincerely,

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