

The Bishop maintained that TODD's claim that he "masturbated you" was "totally wrong". DI MURDOCK asked "Did you ejaculate?" The Bishop replied, "That I don't know. I really don't because I am very - I mean I've only got to have slight body contact and I might have an emission, but I was very, very, very, very careful indeed that we should not get near one another's genitals". At the end of this interview condensed extracts of TODD's account of this second 'incident' were introduced. - "And he says that it was you who started to kiss him and stroke him on his arms, his left arm and his shoulder and he claims that you ended up on top of him. legs entwined". The Bishop remarked, "I totally deny that". A/DS WASLEY continued from TODD's statement "And he said that you said to him do anything to me". The Bishop said, "I deny that. I deny that we had any genital contact at all". I stroked his sides with my hands and my elbow knocked on his penis and he ejaculated. Again the Bishop reiterated that there was no touching of genitals. The interview then finished at 11.40.

12) COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS

During this interview the Bishop makes denials concerning the alleged imminent 'beating' that TODD expected to face.

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The strength of these denials - "I would swear over God that I never intended to beat him" and later again, "I swear before God that I would not beat him" is, I would say, weakened when you consider the account of AN-A98 and AN-A117 in that they did actually suffer 'beatings' at the hand of Bishop Peter.

The Bishop is clearly voiciferous in his denials that there was 'no genital contact' between himself and Neil TODD on any occasion, and goes as far as to say I "neither want it, nor have ever had it". This comment is contradicted in the main by AN-A98 (mutual masturbation), and also by several others who talk about anointing of their private parts. Certainly there are a large number of people who are prepared to testify that at some stage the Bishop has in fact touched their 'private parts'.

The Bishop makes great emphasis that Neil TODD is fantasising - this is something that we have not found evidence of from any person in this inquiry. Also, of course, I would suggest that the accounts of, in particular, AN-A98 and AN-A117 offer strong corroboration to Neil TODD and by so doing negate the claim on the part of the Bishop that this is fantasy.

The Bishop asserts that it was Neil TODD who suggested that he and the Bishop embrace naked together. You will hear from several witness that they considered

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