My Voice

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Hi Malana! This is what I have to add to the conversation:

It's been very shocking to me to see how Haley Winter changed her version of events from 2021-2026.

In late 2021, I joined the same supportive Facebook group as Haley, where she was one of dozens of women I didn't know in person, but with whom I shared online support, prayers, recipes, reflections, and life updates. I remember distinctly her sharing that she had attempted to cross the border into the United States with her daughter, both being Canadian citizens during a very firm lockdown, under the pretext of bringing her young daughter to a cardiologist in the States. She shared she was turned around and didn't successfully enter; this was my first memory of her sharing about her custody situation.

I remember Liana Shanti, who occasionally commented on posts or shared thoughts of her own, clearly stating that it was imperative to always follow the law impeccably, particularly in situations involving custody.

I remember this comment because I was surprised. I thought perhaps Liana would have been disappointed that Haley wasn't able to exit Canada and bring her daughter to get medical attention, or that she might express support for Haley's decision to cross the border into a country with less restrictive COVID protocols.

Instead, Liana Shanti did the opposite—she showed care for Haley's emotional distress, but reminded her and other group members that following the law is absolutely essential.

Over the next several months, Haley continued to share about her family, estrangement, current custody situation, and other topics. She shared within the Facebook community and publicly on instagram. Simultaneously, other "Liana cult" pages began appearing in my feed, and being relatively new to her community, I chose to remove myself from her Facebook group until I had more clarity on whether the cult allegations had any merit. This was sometime around early 2022. I continued to follow her instagram page, as well as that of many other community members including Haley.

It soon became clear to me that Liana continued to post content that aligned with my personal spirituality and cosmology, and her content regarding animal welfare and child abuse was aligned with my personal views. I did not consider her to be a cult leader in any way; in fact I appreciated she consistently urged online followers to think for themselves.

Meanwhile Haley continued to post publicly in vivid detail about her concerns for her daughter, her troubled relationship with her parents, memories of abuse within her family, emotional struggles from having her daughter removed from her custody, and other personal matters. She often tagged Liana and Liana often reposted Haley's content in what she described as an effort to advocate for a mother and her child.

Liana openly shared much of what Haley had been through and repeatedly drew a connection between the

people in opposition to Haley, back in Canada, and the newfound cult allegations that had begun to gain traction. Liana often shared personal details about the people involved, many of whom were personally known to Haley.

I thought it unusual that Haley had gone from a relatively quiet and uneventful follower to what felt like a lot of drama surrounding her personal life, which did not previously have any impact on Liana. To my knowledge they had never met in person. But Haley seemed to lean heavily on Liana emotionally and shared a lot of personal information in an effort to gain attention to the difficult family court dynamic she faced.

Later, in late 2023, Haley was set to go to trial over her custody of her daughter, who now resided with her father and stepmother with Haley being reduced to weekly visitation supervised by her own sister. Liana shared that Haley had chosen to settle with her child's father rather than go to trial, which would have been none of Liana's business ultimately were it not for the clause of settlement. It seemed the child's father negotiated that in exchange for shared custody, Haley was to stop publicly posting about this man and his family…and she was to ask Liana to also stop publicly posting about anything related to this topic. Haley apparently agreed to these terms and shared the outcome with Liana immediately, saying "it is done," and "[these are the terms] do with that what you will" or something to that effect.

Liana considered this to be both a sign of personal weakness on Haley's part, as she chose to settle custody with a man that she had recruited massive support to defend herself against. Liana also expressed that she experienced this as a betrayal, as Liana had nothing to do with Haley's life nor the people in it, other than what Haley herself had publicly and privately asked of Liana. To be asked to remain silent on ANY issue in the midst of another person's legal affairs was uncalled for.

Over the next several years Haley disappeared from my social media, Liana continued to periodically and publicly post content related to the people in Haley's life who had requested she be silent, and I carried on as a member of Liana's online community.

In my personal interactions with Liana—ranging from occasional DM exchanges to online live group containers on her app—I have found her to be kind, lighthearted, honest, and humble. I don't think she ever imagined that supporting one random Canadian community member would lead to the level of backlash that has occurred. By all accounts and appearances, Liana's personal life has been private, peaceful, and positive before these events took place. I don't see what Liana has possibly gained for herself in any regard as a result of her involvement in Haley's life.

I felt astonished and saddened to learn recently that Haley had appeared at Liana's defamation trial in federal court, in the capacity of a witness on the defendant side. The defendants being her child's father and other paternal relatives, whom Haley had spoken about repeatedly as people who had harmed her, and against whom she recruited extensive emotional support from Liana and other community members.

As someone who had no contact with Haley directly and only watched things unfold from the sidelines, formed my own conclusions about cult allegations as a new community member, and has had limited but meaningful direct interactions with Liana Shanti herself, to me the facts speak for themselves. I do not know nor do I understand why Haley has changed. I don't comprehend why she has chosen to align with a group of people that she would not shut up about as being harmful and dangerous, and testify against a woman whom Haley had never personally met yet dragged into her personal life to extract support and put attention on her personal legal issues.

This is what I have personally observed and seen.

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Sent from my iPhone