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Mandy Matney 0:00

I don't know if anyone killed Gloria Satterfield. But after attorneys Eric Bland and Ronald Rector uncovered a paper trail showing when Alex Murdaugh and Corey Fleming did in the aftermath of her death. I am absolutely disgusted. And I want to know how many people will be held to account for this despicable scheme. My name is Mandy Matney. I'm the news director for FITSnews.com. And I've been investigating the Murdaugh family for more than two years now. This is the Murdaugh minors podcast.

I want to take a moment and say thank you to all the people who are supporting me out there to our advertisers like Ross and pines, Lauren Taylor Law, nectar farm, kitchen, the band ends and all of the Mimosa donators, those who take to Twitter with some sense of moral compass to my incredible sources for being on the right side of the story and sticking with me throughout all of this and believing in my mission to expose the truth wherever it leads. Thank you. I also want to share how much I appreciate my future husband David for helping me through the stress of making this podcast and handling the advertising producing and making sure that we're on the right track. For the last few months. David has been so busy planning a charity event called polo for heroes and Bluffton, South Carolina, which you might have heard ads for already. It raises money for two awesome charities, the Low Country foundation for wounded military heroes and the 200 clubs of the coastal empire. I am very proud of how much he cares for these groups and I care for them as well. I want to ask you to check out polo for heroes.com. Please look at the online auction page and bid on something or make a donation. There's also a really fun auction item. I can't believe we're doing this but you can bid on a lunch with David and I and yes, you can ask as many questions about the Murdaugh murders in this case as you want to during that lunch in the lunch can also be virtual. These charities are making life easier for veterans and provide 100% tuition to the families of first responders who die in line of duty during my 10 years of journalism. I have worked with so many veterans, police officers and first responders and I have so much respect for what they do every day to protect the rest of us. So please, please, please, if you want to give money this week, you guys are so great. Please head to polo for heroes.com and help in any way that you can go to polo for heroes. That's the number for heroes.com We're back to Gloria Satterfield. On this episode and we'll give you a quick recap. Previously on The Murdaugh murders. On September 15 2021,



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Eric Bland and his law partner Ronald Richter filed a lawsuit alleging civil conspiracy and stolen funds and connections with the 2018 Gloria Satterfield settlement

Eric Bland 3:22

for dies February 26 2018. After falling February 2 2018, at the funeral, Alex's to the answer uncles and the kids, I'm going to take you to go see a lawyer. And that lawyer I know is going to bring a claim against me because I am going to admit that I was negligent, responsible for your mother's death, because my dogs tripped her and she fell down the stairs. And he's going to bring a wrongful death claim. And I'm going to turn it over to my insurance carriers. And then I'm going to tell them I'm at fault, and your guys are going to get money as a result of your mother's death. But you can't tell anybody that I'm kind of organizing this because I can get in trouble. Two months goes by, obviously a boating accident happened in February of 2019. March, they have a mediation and they settle with a mediator from Charleston named John on a course representing the estate. And obviously Alex is defended, and they go before the mediator and they compromise or whatever and they agree. The total claims are going to settle for \$4,305,000. So what happened? That check went straight to Cory Fleming How did Alex end up with the money? Alex told Cory, Alex the defendant, we're going to do a structure. We're going to buy an annuity for these kids through a company called forged consultants in Atlanta. The only problem is Corey never got any documents from Forge and he's taking direction from the defense of tells him after you take your fees, write the check to forge and send it to a peel box in Hampton, South Carolina. So the check is made out of the forge. Alex Murdaugh gives him a peel box were sent to the check goes into PO Box. Alex Murdaugh opened up a bank account at Bank of America under the name of Forge, got the check cashed and walked away with money.

Mandy Matney 5:31

And that brings us to now this is October 9 2021. This week has been non stop development in the Gloria Satterfield case, attorney Eric Bland and I are going to walk you through every single step that has happened this week. I feel like I've spent an entire week on the phone with Eric Bless his heart as a Satterfield case unfolded so quickly. Eric is working tirelessly to get justice for his clients. And him and his partner Ronald Rector have done more to expose the bad actors in this case in the last three weeks than anyone has done in the last three years since Gloria Satterfield died, so we're gonna rewind and go back to Sunday, October 3, when Eric Bland announced that Alex Murdaugh's best friend Corey Fleming, along with his law firm reached a settlement in this case, but before the new settlement was reached on



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Friday, Satterfield, two sons hadn't received a single dime from their mother's wrongful death settlement, which ended up being \$4.3 million.

Eric Bland 6:40

He's not off the hook, and he's going to pay every single dollar verify that he received, and his law firm received by way of fees and costs for representing and recovering that 4.3 million, and his malpractice insurance policy is paying their full amount of coverage for the firm. So the state's going to get back from him a significant amount of money, it's significant dollars, okay, so all you got to tell you the exact amount. But if you look at the order of Marlin in his fees, and I'm telling you, he's getting back every single dollar of what he received, he may not have received that total amount, but close. So all the fees and costs are being discouraged from him and his law firm, every single penny, they're not keeping one cent, plus his malpractice insurance policy paid the full amount of coverage. And you can ask around, and you'll, you'll know that law firms have anywhere from, I'll give you the low end of 500,000. And they go up into the millions. I will tell you, it's not the full amount of the 4.3 million, but it's a significant chunk of it. And the rest is going to come from hopefully, Chad's bank come into state, the Murdaugh law firm, because now we have documents showing that the Murdaugh law firm was involved representing the estate.

Mandy Matney 8:01

But what took Corey Fleming so long to come forward? After all of these years, after all, these were his two clients that were supposed to get \$2.8 million in a settlement and never received a dime. Is he really doing the right thing here? Or is he just coming forward to save themselves? Here's Eric Bland, again,

Eric Bland 8:25

overwhelming pressure by you, me and and other people there in writing articles. He's got to try to save his law license. But you know, that's that's an issue he's got to be concerned about. And obviously, law enforcement is looking in this from both the state and federal level as they've indicated. And so I don't know what his motivations are as lawyers motivations, but I sense it. Well, if we make restitution. Now, early on, we're first ones in, that's going to look good, if I'm going to have any chance of saving my law license and my liberty, because I totally disgorged myself. And then we actually paid more than what we received, because that malpractice policy tendered his full limits from a standpoint should he have paid the entire 4.3 million. Some people may say yes, some people say no, some people say, well, Murdaugh should pay and some of the banks should pay. And if Murdaugh firm was involved, they should pay. Maybe Corey shouldn't have to pay the entire thing. But he paid Mandy



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every single penny in fee and cost that they took inappropriate costs. And he made a representation that he didn't receive anything on the back end from Alex. It's not like Alex got money and then kickbacks from the court and the firm. So they paid every single dollar plus their malpractice policy. And you remember Moss, his partner said in the Island Packet Newspaper like two weeks ago, I think on the 16th of September. Oh, we're gonna cover Sue. Yeah, for defamation.

Mandy Matney 9:56

On September 24, Jim Moss who is one of Corey Flynn Law Partners told the Island Packet Newspaper that he was planning on filing a countersuit against Satterfield, the state, claiming that the accusations made in the lawsuit were false. He is one of many players in this case who quickly ate his own words. On Tuesday, Eric plan published game changing documents that not only showed like Murdaugh, Corey Fleming and Chad Westendorf involvement in this case through a paper trail but also showed how Peters Murdaugh Parker Ellsworth and Diedrich, also known as P. MP, Ed, the Murdaugh law firm was also alleged to be involved in this scheme to steal millions of dollars from Satterfield sons.

Eric Bland 10:49

Now, we have documents showing that the Murdaugh law firm was involved representing these states, because you're going to see a filing today in today's Court that will show all these documents that the Murdaugh law firm sent out say that saying they were representing the estate. And so the Murdaugh law firm themselves was representing the estate as sending out documents. They had a duty to protect the state. And it's funny

Mandy Matney 11:12

the documents directly contradict a statement published by PMPED on September 24, claiming that PMPED partners were stunned by media reports about the Satterfield fraud scheme misstatement on P and P DS website, which when I was posted, one of my really good sources in this case told me that that statement would not age well, and I believed him

David Moses 11:39

or her. The statement says, we have read the media reports about the lawsuit and settlement resulting from the death of Gloria Satterfield. If these reports are accurate, we are stunned at what occurred, it's important for everyone to know that PMPED did not represent Alex in that case, his insurance company hired counsel to represent him like many of you, we have lots of questions about Alex and what has recently



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come to light. We don't know the answers, but we will continue assisting law enforcement and other authorities in efforts to find the truth PMP Ed is committed to our clients and community you can count on us to operate our firm in an honorable and transparent fashion.

Mandy Matney 12:19

So as PMP Ed really stand by the accusation, or did they know in hope that nobody would find out here's Eric Bland again.

Eric Bland 12:30

And the whole thing was the Murdaugh firm, you know, it's hypocrisy at its best to come out, come out and claim that they're victims of Alex's fraud base, they did a better job of supervising their attorneys, like the rule of Professional Conduct, say the partner supposed to do other partners, maybe this wouldn't have happened. And maybe if they did a simple computer search, you know, when the host battlefield stuff came out, they would have come forward and said, you know, what, we're, you know, we're an error. Our firm did send out letters of representation and didn't provide representation to the boys into the estate

Mandy Matney 13:01

documents filed on Tuesday, October 5 Show emails and letters from Alex Murdaugh and his paralegals, acting as representatives of the estate of Gloria Satterfield in the wrongful death settlement. So that would be Alex Murdaugh, the only defendant in the settlement claiming to represent Satterfield sons, who are the plaintiffs considering this egregious conflict of interest. How would that not raise major flags at PNP? Ed?

Eric Bland 13:30

Miss gridwall, who's Alex's paralegal? Did you guys have to send out documents on the Satterfield case? How did you do that when he said defendant in the case we can't represent these people he's being sued by these people need this the words conflict of interest mean anything, anybody in this case, we have 100% fidelity to our clients. The minute we start thinking about our agers over our clients, there's the potential for conflict of interest. If relationship between a lawyer and client is the highest at law relationship that there is, you owe 100%, fidelity to the client.

Mandy Matney 14:12

On that same day, Eric Bland received a check for \$30,000 from Chad Westendorf Westendorf was a personal representative of Gloria's as a state. He played a key role



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in the scheme to cut Gloria Satterfield's sons out of the settlement before he took \$30,000. Here's Eric Bland again.

Eric Bland 14:32

Chad represents the heirs Shouldn't he have asked and all he had to do after the first check went in January of 219. From the \$505,000 you'll see they sent 403,500 to FORGE all Chad had to do was ask, Hey, can you send me a copy of the structure so I can keep up with it because I was brought in to manage the money. That's the whole reason why they had Tony step aside and bring in Chad to be the PR was the because he was going to manage the money. So if Chad just sent a letter to said, hey, you know, send me a copy of the structure you're buying. It would have been Oh, because Alex obviously wasn't buying any structures he would take in the money. So he's willfully blind or he's the dumps moron whoever lived.

Mandy Matney 15:18

Chad Westendorf is still the president of the independent banks of South Carolina and he is still working at Palmetto State Bank. He has not apologized for his role in the Gloria Satterfield settlement. On October 6 2021, just a day after Eric Bland filed bombshell documents that revealed P MP EDS involvement in the Satterfield scheme. PMPED pulled a fast one, and filed a lawsuit against Alex Murdaugh that appeared to be a damage control move. According to the lawsuit, which was filed by an attorney who doesn't appear to handle these types of cases. PMPED uncovered ellex fraud scheme on September 2 2021, and they discovered a check made out to Alex Murdaugh from another law firm, and that check was laying unattended on his desk. According to PNP's lawsuit Alex Murdaugh admitted to the fraud during a meeting with the firm's partners on September 3 2021. At this meeting, he resigned from the law firm which was built by a family and founded by his great grandfather, as my boss at Fitz news pointed out it was a convenient discovery. And it's very strange that they filed this lawsuit just a day after Eric Bland's motion.

Eric Bland 16:37

The partners were too busy trying to make their own money. They're watching their own little wolf in their head. And that wolf was Alex Murdaugh.

Mandy Matney 16:54

On Wednesday, October six, Eric Bland issued a joint statement with Corey Fleming lawyer where Fleming apologized. The joint statement was done as a part of Fleming settlement agreement with the Satterfield estate. In the statement, Fleming apologized and he claimed he was fooled by his friend Alex Murdaugh. But he



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acknowledged that material Mistakes were made at crucial times Fleming claim that Intel early September 2021, he sincerely believed that the settlement funds had been properly dispersed and hold on one second, I have been writing about the sketchy Satterfield settlements since 2019. And Corey Fleming who is a Beaufort lawyer never once thought of the fact that his clients, Satterfield sons, never received a dime of their settlement Come on. Also, his best friend Alex has been at the center of a national news saga, and several investigations since June. Did he not once think back to all of his cases that involved Alex and double check that everything was done right, considering the fact that he should have expected that no stone would be left unturned in this investigation. Why did he suddenly realize this after SLED opened up an investigation and Bland filed a lawsuit,

Eric Bland 18:14

or Fleming is saying I was a moron for trusting him. He said, a critical times. Significant times in this litigation, I make crucial mistakes. A lawyer can't afford to do that. That's not what we're supposed to do. We're supposed to always be on the ball. We were supposed to look around the corner to prevent people from stealing. That's something that we have to guard against. That's why there's court orders. All Korea had to say to Alex's, I have a court order. I'm not going to violate it. I'm going to this is my duty as a South Carolina lawyer. I do not have the ability to violate a court order.

Mandy Matney 18:51

Bland maintains that Corey Fleming sailed his clients over and over in this case,

Eric Bland 18:57

the only thing that Corey Fleming did right is he recovered \$4,300,000 Amazing job, great job, but every single thing else he did was wrong, violated the rules of professional conduct violated the standards of care. Violated common sense. Everything. Nothing he did, right, nothing, nothing, not the parties, the defense attorneys, they were appointed by the insurance companies. They didn't do anything right. Corey Fleming took a contingency fee. under our rules of conduct. You got to have a fee agreement in writing for contingency fee. There's no secret he doesn't have a fee agreement. Neither does Chad Westendorf. The question you should ask is, how much does the board need to see? They've already suspended Alex Murdaugh. How much does the board need to see before they suspend Corey Fleming? How many court orders do you have to disregard? How many rules of procedure do you have to not follow? Not only is a bar SLED? What you're just SLED need? Yeah. I gave him the document trail. They don't have to prove who shot Roger Rabbit Did Paul die this way? Or did this guy die this way? I gave him a paper trail.



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The low hanging fruit is for now people follow the money. That's the low hanging fruit.

Mandy Matney 20:23

On Thursday, October 7, I wrote a story on Fitz news.com. That ruffled a lot of feathers. In the article titled Why hasn't Alex Murdaugh been arrested in the Satterfield scandal. I pointed out that Bland and so many others are questioning where the accountability is in this case after he's provided law enforcement with an apparent pile of evidence. In the story I asked why isn't Alex Murdaugh in jail after all, he's accused of devising a plan to steal millions of dollars from the Satterfield family.

Eric Bland 20:55

Why isn't Alex Murdaugh already charged with Roger fraud? Forge? Listen, listen to me, forged, consoling, already put out a statement on their website. They had nothing to do with Alex Murdaugh or this battlefield case. I've already shown the chips. They've already been negotiating. It's wire fraud. He stole the money. Please tell me why he's not being charged today.

Mandy Matney 21:19

Yeah. To be clear, Alex Murdaugh is allegedly and rehab right now following his September 17, volunteering for his alleged role in the bizarre assisted suicide for hire insurance fraud scheme. His attorneys who have lied to the public multiple times before claim he is in rehab for an alleged opioid addiction. At Alex Murdaugh's bond hearing a Hampton county judge rule, the Alex was not a danger to society and not a flight risk. But considering the fact that he allegedly concocted and pursued a made for Hollywood scheme to get shot in the head, all for a son to collect a \$10 million insurance policy is he really not considered to be a danger to society,

Eric Bland 22:06

he needs to eat from the same trough of justice that every other citizen in our state eats from. And it's patently obvious exactly what happened through the documents that are now in the public domain that he stole \$3.6 million from my clients. More importantly, his own law firm, in a public pleading has said he did it to other clients through the same exact method. So I got to believe in our state, we want one system of justice and not two systems of justice. But the longer this guy gets to sit the treatment facility and try to get himself better, and could possibly still commit more crimes by getting rid of some of the money or figuring out a way that it can't be traced or found, then sooner or later, somebody in our state's gonna sit well, if you commit a crime with a pen, it's not as bad as if you do it with a gun. You don't have to



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prove every single client commit, before you arrest somebody in charge them with serious crimes, prosecutors all the time, at additional camps. It's called supersedeas indictments, it's done all the time. But it will send a strong message to all those that he may be working with to get rid of this money or or whoever is fleeing and commit these crimes, that our state is serious, and we were arresting and going to hold these people accountable. But it's starting to be a joke. I mean, what more do you need? People go to jail when they utter 100. Our man check is \$3.6 million. Not enough is \$10 million from the Murdaugh firm. Not enough with isn't enough? If their goal is to get all these different co conspirators or whatever? Well, doesn't you arrest somebody and you put pressure on him and you make people roll? That's what they do. Right? You charge him with everything you possibly do this lawfully. permissible. Alex Murdaugh, I can sit down with a law book to come up with 1520 clients that he's committed that are serious felonies, with law firm, Jason, the eyes of the nation are on this case. It's it's D, it's Elementary, what he did, and there's documents to prove this isn't trying to solve the crimes of you know how Nike Paul died. Those are complicated. You know, they're they're circumstantial evidence cases. It's called circumstantial evidence. This is direct evidence. This is your extension. You got his handwriting on a cheque. You got him depositing in a Bank of America. The money the Michael 90 got a corridor he was a defect In the case with a court order saying the money was to go to my clients. Now I'm about the Murdaugh stuff. I'm just talking about my case. It's direct evidence. It's good to know that I can go steal \$3.6 million, and I'm not going to get arrested when I get caught.

Mandy Matney 25:23

This week I asked SLED officials at the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the agency investigating most of these alleged murder crimes. A lot of questions about the Gloria Satterfield settlement and why Alex or anyone else hasn't been arrested yet. Here is a statement that Tommy Crosby SLED spokesperson sent to me I'm going to have David Read it.

David as Tommy Crosby 25:44

On September 15 SLED opened a criminal investigation into the death of Gloria Satterfield and the handling of her estate. Subsequently, agents met with attorney Eric Bland who represents Gloria's sons, Tony Satterfield and Brian Harriet, and we're provided with documentation that was gathered by Bland as part of a civil action. Since that meeting agents have gathered additional information that requires significant further investigation. SLED agents continue to interview potential witnesses collect and process potential evidence and investigate every lead in this case and all potentially related cases. This process has and will continue to take a



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significant amount of time however, the investigative decisions we make throughout these cases must ultimately withstand the scrutiny of the criminal justice process. This investigation and all of the related investigations are complex and SLED will not rush them to meet arbitrary deadlines.

Mandy Matney 26:41

So in that same article on Thursday, I asked other questions about other alleged co-conspirators in this case and whether or not they will be held accountable. Why is Chad Westendorf still the president of the independent banks of South Carolina and still working at Palmetto State Bank will Carmen Molan, the judge who has ties to the Murdaugh family and approved the under the table settlement in 2019, and held two hearings in the case ever have to tell the truth about her involvement? And if she was involved, who will hold her accountable? And finally, I asked how is Corey Fleming who was a Satterfield attorney and failed on almost every step of his duty to serve his clients, was still able to practice law in South Carolina.

So that brings us to Friday, October 8 2021, just a day after I published that story asking questions about who will be held accountable. The South Carolina Supreme Court suspended Corey Fleming from practicing law due to evidence of misconduct that is under investigation. According to the ruling signed by Judge Donald Beatty, Fleming was placed on suspension pursuant to rule 17 B, which states that the South Carolina Supreme Court can suspend any attorney upon receipt of sufficient evidence demonstrating that a lawyer poses of substantial threat of serious harm to the public or to the administration of justice. And yes, that is the same rule that got Alex Murdaugh's to spend it exactly a month before quarry suspension. So of course, when I heard this news, I called Eric Bland to get his reaction,

Eric Bland 28:27

the rule of law prevail, and that the Rules of Professional Conduct prevail over lawyer misconduct. You know, our justice system was being strained. There were a lot of people who were doubting whether we have a fairness, at least amongst the bar on lawyer misconduct in our Supreme Court. I am very proud and very proud of the ODC because they acted with swiftness and with certainty. Now, I can't say that same thing for law enforcement when it comes to Alex Murdaugh. But as a lawyer, I am extremely proud of our Supreme Court and the disciplinary Council, because I I filed a complaint against Corey Fleming when I filed my lawsuit. It's our practice, we're duty bound that if we are witness to lawyer misconduct, or we know of lawyer misconduct that violates the rules of professional conduct, we're duty bound to report it to the ODC. And so what we do is we provide a copy of our complaint to the



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bar. Well, we did that. And then we also obviously provided them with information along the way and they don't, they don't tell us what they're reviewing or anything, as you and I discussed before, but they certainly acted with swiftness and certainty. At least this week, after I filed my motion with all the exhibits and you wrote a pretty stinging article. I think it's a ringing endorsement for them to do that on a Friday afternoon. And I just hope Law enforcement is working with the same sense of urgency that our bargain

Mandy Matney 30:08

and what about Gloria's death? We have learned a couple more details about the incident that led to Gloria's death despite some documents stating that the accident took place in Hampton, South Carolina at the Murdaugh' Holly street home. The incident now is said to have taken place at the Moselle property in Collin County, the same property or Maggie and Paul Murdaugh were found murdered on June 7 2021. Also, I learned from a Facebook post written by one of Gloria's sons, that Gloria also suffered broken ribs in addition to our head injury in the incident, there are still more questions and answers in this case, we need answers from SLED, we need answers from Judge Carmen Mullen. We need answers from Chad Westendorf. We need answers from PMPED, we need answers from Palmetto State Bank and Bank of America. We need answers from Alex Murdaugh.

Eric Bland 31:03

the law firms got liability and the banks have liability. For the terms of the receiving the money, Alex is the only one left to add up all my cases. I've sued over 175 lawyers and law firms, you can add them all up. And it's Attorney Oh, what's going on here? Because this is top to bottom. This is you know, judges, lawyers money, everything, why you name it

David Moses 31:37

there's so much to unpack in this case, and Mandy works tirelessly to expose the truth, but the truth is she works hard and she does get tired. If you believe like I do that Mandy is the best in the business and I'm a little biased, visit Murdaugh murders podcast.com and click the support the show link to learn how you can help leave a five star review to offset the haters refer an advertiser and get a finder's fee or advertise your company product or service we can geo target across the globe and find the right audience to suit your needs. Help us get Luna some treats so she doesn't interrupt the show as much. And absolutely subscribe to FITSnews.com Mandy and Will are revolutionizing journalism and your subscriptions are invaluable to that mission. Plus you get awesome content every day.



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David Moses 32:53

thanks for sticking around to the end. We're going to do something fun in future episodes where we shared original song from one of our friends. This is the low country boil bluegrass band doing their original song summer moon.

Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band 33:10

The gods are angry

Lowcountry Boil Bluegrass Band 33:10

make no bones about it sky is it for the mounting the wrist. When the moon is this give our time break over the summer where the sacred dog takes us and where the eagle flies its

suburbs G MP Angela sees waiting or with it or tries to be spending for the shadow with our women they are strong with the strength pray that our prayers are heard all summer where the sacred dog takes us and where the eagle flies. It's our way

summer moon Head for the future on a path there knows well when the moon is bliss fire burns but not inhale summer sacred dog takes us and where the eagle flies and the sacred dog Texas and where the where the sacred songs are the secret sauce