

Online courses would help with my healing

So determined was I to get well

These are the things that I learned there

From the stories that people would tell

They explained on their journey of healing

There were left with a myriad of woes

But now they had time to work through this

Moving on with their lives was the goal

CONTROL WAS A SUBJECT THEY SPOKE OF

MINIMISATION, DENIAL AND BLAME

ARE THE TACTICS SOME USED TO CONTROL THEM

PERPETRATED AS PART OF A GAME

ROSIE PHILOMENA

They said some would use intimidation

Coercion or violence or threats

And of course, these are very disturbing

Which had caused a great deal of distress

There were various ways they abused them

By emotionally draining their soul

Using physical, verbal, financial abuse

Or by means of coercive control

It's all psychologically draining

A whole host of traumatic events

With some sexually abusing their victims

Whilst others used spiritual content

They would use their religion against them

Quoting scripture whatever their faith

This too, could be used to abuse them

Once again, on control this is based

With some, they involved their poor children

Like a game they had used them as pawns

But these poor human shields don't deserve this

Things like this, by group members you're warned

And some turned their children against them

They were fed a complete pack of lies

If successful with this alienation

It leaves one of the parents despised

With many, their employer was toxic

And their boss had exerted control

Some passed over for every promotion

Leaving others then facing the dole

As they turned up for work they'd be guessing

Just what kind of mood they'd be in

This for some was a daily occurence

They'd prepare for the games to begin

I would learn about feelings of shellshock

How the life that they lived seemed surreal

And following psychological trauma

They were now left unable to feel

And these people for their own protection

Had retreated inside their own head

With reality being too much to cope with

They created their own world instead

I related to being an observer

I'd look down on myself from above

Detached from the world all around me

And from everything I had once loved

<u>Rosie Philomena</u>

There were several things they had mentioned

Hypervigilance (being jumpy and scared)

Some were isolated from their own family

For real life they felt so ill-prepared

They all went through a period of doubting
As they questioned what they had recalled
Through this period of realisation

They had now come to question it all

With prolonged psychological warfare

Some were left with CPTSD

It is something they needed some help with

Whici is why they were in therapy

Post traumatic distress can result from

A particularly horrific event

It can leave you with flashbacks and memories

And you're living in daily torment

With complex distress it is different

This is due to repeated exposure

And the long-term effects can be harmful

So from these things you have to find closure

