

Psychic, Apostasy, and Extreme Nationalism? An Unusual Encounter on the Street Evangelism Journey

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This afternoon, while doing street evangelism, I met a Caucasian gentleman named Mr. D. He is from Montana and is currently temporarily working in Kansas. We are of a similar age, both in our early 50s. He has three grown sons.

When the conversation turned to the gospel, he asked why I was sharing the gospel and what I ultimately hoped to gain. I replied that it was to please the Heavenly Father. He mocked this as a lower-level goal, claiming that the highest level is not to hope for anything in return—and that he had already achieved this level. I asked him where his theory came from, and he replied that he had come up with it himself.

He challenged me in the following areas: the authenticity of Jesus, the divinity of Jesus, the credibility of the gospel writers, and errors in Paul’s letters. It was evident that he was very familiar with the Bible. He told me that the Bible is merely a collection of myths, full of errors, and a copy of older myths, no different from other religions that repeat lies, satisfying psychological needs while controlling others. We discussed the rational and irrational aspects of his statements.

He kept urging me to rethink every aspect of my faith. He denied the definition of faith in Hebrews 11:6. He doubted that Satan is sinful but was confident that he had already restored himself to the sinless state of humanity before the first sin. When it came to love, he first claimed that love is truth and denied the definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. However, he later corrected himself, saying that he accepted the biblical definition.

He asked me, “Where does your love come from?” I answered, “I have no love of my own; only when Jesus is in me do I have love.” He mocked me, claiming that he had already become love

itself and didn't need any external help to achieve this state. Now, his love was pure, without expectations of others, including his wife. Later, he admitted that he still needed to remind himself not to have any expectations of his wife. I praised him for this but also pointed out that if he still needed to remind himself often, it meant expectations still arose in his heart, and he had not yet reached a pure state of love. He responded that it was about taking responsibility for his own thoughts.

Speaking of responsibility for his thoughts, he didn't think there was anything wrong with viewing pornography, as long as it didn't stir his heart or influence his relationship with his wife. I pointed out that his mindset reflected a kind of nihilism and self-sufficiency, which seemed to be a result under the influence of Buddhism. Hearing my words, he was surprised but admitted that this was indeed the case.

He shared that he had been deceived by the church in the past until he had a special experience. In Montana, he participated in an event where he fasted for three days, drinking only water. After these three days, he began to alternate between staying in a 45°C (113°F) room and going outside where it was below -40°C (-40°F) until he passed out. In his unconscious state, he saw a moth, which revealed to him the understanding he now holds. Since then, he believed he understood everything and never returned to church. He also didn't attend such events again because he felt he had already received what he needed.

Finally, he said that the United States and China are going to war. I asked him how he would view Chinese people if war broke out. He said all Chinese people were his enemies. I reminded him that if love is truth, then one truth is that many Chinese people, both in China and overseas, do not support or even oppose hostility toward the United States. He said he didn't have time to distinguish who was and wasn't, so he regarded all Chinese people as enemies. I asked how he would treat his enemies, and he responded, "What do you think?"

He said he now only loves people and his family. I said, "When you say you love people, you probably mean Americans. But who counts as an American?" He had no response.

His wife arrived, and I told her that Mr. D loved her very much. She agreed. As we parted, he continued to urge me to re-examine my beliefs, and I urged him to do the same. We bid farewell.

I regret not responding quickly enough at the time to tell him that if love is truth, then his unwillingness to distinguish between enemies and friends for the sake of convenience means he is sacrificing truth.

In summary, I think that Mr. D's departure from the church was likely the result of Buddhist thoughts and a psychic activity. His view of all Chinese people as enemies is likely influenced by extreme nationalism.

Thus, I call on all churches, both Chinese and non-Chinese churches, to pray for this. Ask God to frustrate psychic activities and these ideologies, especially the extreme nationalism in both China and the United States; otherwise, many innocent people will be harmed.