

INTERVIEW WITH AN UNCHURCHED PERSON : PAPER #1

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The interview with Mr. James Candle went quite well. Even though I grew up with him, we never had a real conversation about Christ or his beliefs. In the interview, I asked Mr. Candle the various questions that were given to me for the basis of this interview.

In summary of the interview, Mr. Candle does believe in God. He believes God is a person that protects him, gives him food, clothes, and shelter. He believes there is more than one way to reach God, but he does not believe in the afterlife. He thinks Heaven and Hell is something Christians made up to scare us. Jesus Christ to Mr. Candle is a man who died on the cross for his people; a man that gave his life for the existence of his people. Sin to him is doing something that we know is wrong but we do it anyways. Mr. Candle believes we were put here on Earth as an accident after the sinful nature of Adam and Eve. What he does believe is that the more good we do on Earth, the longer we live; when we do bad or sin, it takes days off our lives, but after we die then that's it, there's nothing afterwards.

Mr. James Candle believes Christians are people who believe in God, not necessary someone who goes to church, but someone who feeds the homeless, motivate others - someone who gets baptized to make being a Christian official. Mr. Candle believes the biggest problem in people today is social media. It is hard for him to find a wife that he could have kids with. He lives off the philosophy of just being happy and stable. He wants to teach the younger people life's goals, happiness, and how to overcome challenges, because you can be here today and then gone tomorrow. He believes in putting a glow on people's faces and to keep life simple.

During the interview with Mr. James Candle, I was astonished about some of his answers. I did not know that he felt that way about life, it's existence, and it's ending. It deeply saddens me that he thinks this way since Mr. Candle and I grew up in church together. We did not have a

solid foundation in understanding things biblically, but I thought when he got older he would seek better understanding about life itself and his existence. I knew Mr. Candle did not attend church because of past church hurt and the fact that pastors' and preachers have deceived him and seem to only want money and not betterment people. I see now that it is my Christian duty to get him to bypass what other men have done wrong as teachers of the gospel and to have him focus on his salvation and to teach him the correct ways and thoughts of the bible. Hopefully I can get him to attend church with me for him to see a genuine pastor who has God's heart. I will keep him in my prayers as well with him finding the right wife.