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Interview With an Irreligious Person – Jean the Uber Driver

I had the honor of interviewing Jean, an Uber driver from Haiti. Below is a summary of our "If I were to speak to you or your family about God, how would you like me to represent Him" convo.

1: D: Did you grow up a religious person? Yes.

- J: My mother and father are Catholic, and I was raised Catholic. I went to church for some time, but no more. I stopped about four years ago.

2: D: Why did you stop going to church?

- J: I don't believe what these people are saying. They give me saints and idols to pray to. I do not see this in the Bible. Plus, it's just a bunch of makeup stories.

3: D: Have you ever tried to prove the stories?

- J: There is no way that I can prove it. I was not there.

4: D: How can you prove that the revolution in Haiti actually happened with Toussaint L'Ouverture?

You were not there either.

- J: That, I can prove. This is history.

5: D: You can study the Bible Historically as well. Have you ever looked into the historical Jesus? Have you ever looked into the archeology of the Bible? Through archeology there are many archeological items that we have found to prove the validity of the Bible. (Told him stories about chariots in the red sea, the Pilot stone, etc.).

- J: I did not know this. This makes sense. I can do research. They never told me about this in church. They only talk about stories and stuff. How do you know all of this?

6: D: I became a Christian as an adult, so I wanted to learn more about the God that I believe in. Now, I am a student in college, preparing for ministry. I want to encourage you not to give up on Jesus. Keep looking, keep trying, and do your own research. You want to understand your personal Jesus.

- J: Maybe I will go back again. But how come all of these people are white? That is what the Catholic Church shows me.

- D: It's just people drawing pictures. All art is just someone's interpretation. Think of it like a commercial. At the time when the Catholic Church had the power, they thought it would be a good idea to make some art for the church, so people would always think about Jesus. However, they were around mostly white people. So they made the commercial for mostly white people. Just like when you watch TV. When they want to sell something to black people, they put black people in the commercial. If they want to sell something to pregnant women, they put pregnant women in the commercial. They don't want to sell to me, so they won't put me in there. So at that time in Europe, the artist was white and surrounded by white people. So they made white people art. They weren't making it for you and me. So people see it, like it, make copies, they pass it around, and that's what they associate.

7: D: If I draw a picture of your car, is this your car?

- J: No! Just a picture.

- D: Exactly. So, don't let someone's picture make you miss out on Jesus. Not even a picture - somebody's brain. That's just there thinking. Don't worship the picture.

- J: But Catholics show me the picture.

- D: You don't have to be catholic.

- J: But how come there are so many religions and only one book?

- D: Are you married?

- J: Yes. Twice.

- D: Perfect example! Do you always agree with your wife?

- J: No. I don't always agree with her.

- D: Why not? You live in the same house, eat the same food, and look out the same windows. But you see things differently. It's the same thing in the church with Christians. There is no religion that believes exactly the same. All Muslims don't believe the same thing. All atheists don't believe the same thing.

- J: I'm talking about at that time when Jesus was there. We did not have so many religions.

- D: Yes, we did.

- J: Really?

- D: Man! You had Judaism, which is what Jesus came out of. You had Paganism. You had Bal worship. Ancestor worship. People sacrifice. Animal sacrifice (went on to walk him through Genesis up to Abraham, Isaac, and Ishmael. Showing him how we got to Christianity and Islam).

- J: Man! You know the history. You look Good. You look Good.

8: D: How would you like me to represent Jesus?

- J: I like knowledge. You are very confident. Of course, it makes sense. I like it. In some churches I go

to, it's like the people are dreaming and just flying.

- D: I understand, man. I don't want this either. I like the evidence. I like the hard facts.

- J: You know what you are talking about. I feel good. I just want to go to church now. From our short time, I feel the vibration.

- D: Come! I'm inviting you.

- J: A lot of people need to hear this, man. A lot of people need to hear this word.

9: D: Take my number, In case you ever have any questions.

- J: I like that you are not like the Jehovah's Witness. They take my number, come to my house, harass me, and call me like every day. Sometimes, it's like I'm hiding. It's like they are forcing me to come. They have been fighting with me for four years.

- D: Nah, man. That's why I gave you my number. I want it to be sincere and from the heart. No one can force me to do anything, and I don't want to force anyone, either.

- J: That's good. It's from the heart. I feel good this morning.

10: D: I have one last question. If you found out that Jesus Christ is God, what would you do differently?

- J: I would do the same thing as you and transfer the message to somebody else.

*D = Dale

J = Jean