

CD702: Working With People (Winterim 2023)

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Book Review - **Interview with Irreligious Person**

The following was my interview with an irreligious lady her name is Lynda Constadine, who lives in New Jersey. The Interview took place on February 25, 2023. I indicate by our First initials who is speaking, C = Charmaine and L = Lynda.

C: Thank you for allowing me this privilege of doing an interview with you

L: You're quite welcome

C: Thank you, so as I explained to you before, my name is Charmaine and I am attending Alliance University seminary program

My question to you this evening is - "How would you respond to this question thoroughly

If I were to speak to you and your family about God, how would you like me to represent him?

L: I feel everybody has a different interpretation of what God means to them in their lives and its almost that no two people have the same interpretation of how they view god and his presence in their lives.

C: What would you want me to say if were to come to your home and to your family?

L: I think god is within all of us - its our interpretation and what we aspire to is to lead a life that where we enhance God's teachings where you love your neighbor as you love yourself and do unto other as you would like them to do unto you those are the basics that i interpret the feeling of god is how we treat people and other creatures and animals and how we accept the limitation that we have in our lives in terms of adhering to regulations and just the way society presents itself how we want to conform to society's expectations

C: How do you view God in your personal life? Does he mean anything to you?

L: I always feel that god and your conscience are very similar and whats you really want to live up to and how you handle yourself with other people and that you respect other people and their opinions even if you don't agree with them

C: How would you describe your soul before God?

L: I never thought of that. I believe your soul is like your consciousness, just do good to other people, I think I am ok, I do good to other people.

C: Do you believe that you are loved by God and that he is relatable? Meaning you can speak with him as you speak with a person?

L: Pause, I never thought of God as a person. I think of God as a force, not a person. I know that the spirit of your family can speak with you, because their spirit is still on earth.

C: God is not a person as me and you, but do you know that you can have a relationship with him.,he is a Spirit.

L: Ok, you are giving me somethings to think about,

C: Have you taken time out to read any part of the Bible?

L: I used to read the Bible years ago to my daughter and stopped because it is too masculine, females are not talked about alot in it.

C: Ok, what about now, and how do you see the church in today's world?

L: The church is hypocritical. Christians have caused a lot of pain in history.

We talked a few more minutes and I asked her if she would allow me to pray with her, which she did. I also made a small request for her to read the book of John in the New Testament. She said she will not promise me but will think about some of the questions I asked her.