

Connecting With 'Spirituality', not 'Christianity'

Phil Mason¹ of New Earth Tribe² trained a number of us in Canberra how to communicate with New Agers. From his experience with them, he taught us that we need to get rid of 'Christianese' (church jargon) and speak language that they relate to.

If you speak to New Agers and tell them you are a Christian or mention the name of Jesus, they will switch off. Why? Simple. Many of them – if not most of them – have experienced the church and don't like it. Many will tell you that they grew up in the church and were either hurt by it or they were 'turned off' by it.

The team in Canberra that Phil trained became Spirit Streams³, a group of Spirit-powered believers who operate a booth at psychic fairs under that name. There they touch people with the Kingdom as they offer dream interpretation, healing, etc.

From Phil's training I have begun to put into practice the use of generic terms that is allowing me to talk to the general public in the same way that I can now talk to New Agers. I use the following terms that covertly permits me to go under the defences of people who would otherwise reject anything I said of a Christian nature:

- “Spiritual”
- “Spirituality”

People like it when I say that I'm not religious and I never describe myself as a Christian – which I'm not any more (Sons of God don't need to belong to the Christian religion).

Try it for yourself. You'll find that you disarm people when you don't quote the bible and you don't talk churchy language.

They'll warm to you if they are spiritual in some way. You can connect with them at that level and talk to them about their spiritual journey. Spirituality is a tolerance now, and quite acceptable since our nation recognised aboriginal spirituality.

If they are not spiritually minded, they'll tell you they are atheists or non-religious, but they will not reject you – tolerance has it's good by-products.

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