

A Tale of Two Different Worlds!

BUDDHIST TURNED CHRISTIAN IS SPOTLIGHTED BY FRIENDLY D.J.!

From Tabitha; Europe:
THIS IS THE TRANSCRIPT OF
A RADIO INTERVIEW WITH A
FRIENDLY D.J. NAMED JOHN:

JOHN--THIS WEEK WE ARE TALKING TO A BRAVE 19-YEAR-OLD Chinese young lady who broke from Buddhism & stopped studying at university to serve Jesus. Her name is Tabitha. When I start our discussion with Tabitha I first want to know what actually made her change her religion from Buddhism to Christianity, & not to any other belief, such as Hinduism, Islam, etc.

T.--CAUSE I WAS LOOKING FOR REAL LOVE in my life. I was actually looking for the truth. I had reached the point where I'd begun to think about life, & well, I was brought up a Buddhist by my parents, but it seemed like it was a tradition. Really & it didn't come from their hearts, so it didn't touch my heart & it didn't satisfy me spiritually.

SO I STARTED TO LOOK & TO LOOK & I SAW THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AROUND ME AT SCHOOL & WHEREVER HAD NO REAL LOVE & concern for each other, & that made me think, & I thought, "I don't want to be like them." So one day I met someone who told me about the love of Jesus. And at first I thought, "Well, it's another stupid religion. I don't need that." But then I saw these people many times again & again. They gave me different pamphlets to read about how God can really work in your life, & I really started to like them, & I felt they had something that I didn't have; so I felt, "Well, I've got nothing to lose; I can at least try it."

JOHN--YOU SEE, YOU HAVE THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY OF HAVING KNOWN THE TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS OF Christianity



Tabitha singing "Changing the World" at a popular radio station. She's now on the mission field in Asia.

& Buddhism. What differences exist between the two religions?

T.--WELL, IN BUDDHISM THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN JESUS. They believe that there is a God, & they have the Buddha image which they worship, & they sacrifice different things to it, & they believe in ancestor-worship, but it's more formalities. But I think Christianity can become a formality too. But it's like the Bible says, "There is no other name given under Heaven whereby man must be saved." And they don't know Jesus is the only one who rose up from the dead & can give us a new life, & that's what Buddhism cannot do; it can't change a person's life.

JOHN--NOW I THINK IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY TRYING SITUATION FOR YOU to have changed religions. How did your parents & relatives take it--say your brothers & sisters?

T.--WELL, FOR MY PARENTS IT WAS A REAL SHOCK cause it was totally contrary to their tradition. It was like they saw the change in my life & they felt bad cause they could not give me what I

really needed, that love, cause they did not have it themselves. You can't give someone something if you don't have it yourself.

JOHN--AND THEREAFTER DID THEY TRY TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM what they thought was a bad influence?

T.--YES, THEY DID. They did not like me to mix with other Christians or talk to others about it; so they kept me more or less at home. But my brothers & sisters saw the change in me, & they saw that I found real happiness & that I wanted to proceed no matter what, that nothing could stop me & the Holy Ghost. So they wanted to have it too, & they all got saved.

JOHN--THEY'RE ALL CHRISTIANS TOO?

T.--YES. JOHN--NOW, IF WE COULD NOW GO TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL LIFE. What are you involved in at the moment?

T.--AT THE MOMENT I'M REALLY THANKFUL THAT I'M ABLE TO DEVOTE MY LIFE FULL-TIME TO JESUS & tell others about His love & really give from my heart. JOHN--SO YOU'RE DOING SOME-

KIND OF MISSIONARY WORK?

T.--YES. JOHN--WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE BRING A MISSIONARY PERSON AT YOUR AGE FOR EXAMPLE?

T.--WELL, IT'S LIKE I'M REALLY THANKFUL THAT GOD GAVE ME THE CHANCE TO MEET JESUS at a pretty early age. It really opened my eyes to the world around me, cause I see so many young people still searching & looking, hungry for the truth, trying other things which don't make them happy. And sometimes they learn their lesson in a very hard way. So I'm really thankful for it, that He finally set me free from that.

JOHN--I CAN SEE & I NORMALLY FEEL THAT THERE IS A VERY BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY & BUDDHISM, & if I may ask, who made you aware of the Christian teachings?

T.--SOME OTHER FRIENDS THAT I MET. They were on the streets, & they were just passing out little messages about God's love, & they had them on different subjects. I really liked it cause it was not the same as the churches preaching at you. All those dry sermons did not turn me on, but real love is what did it.

JOHN--AND THEN OF COURSE YOU WENT & READ THE BIBLE on your own. And may I ask which sections of the Bible seem to have inspired you the most?

T.--WELL, SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY LIFE, it was like you start from the beginning with the most simple things of course, like the Gospels. That's really where it talks about the love of Jesus, & so you can get to know Him better.

JOHN--ARE THERE PARTS OF OR SPECIAL PARTS OF THE BIBLE WHICH YOU READ & that most inspired you & that you identified with most?

T.--WELL, EVERY TIME IT'S

DIFFERENT. It depends on what situation I'm in & in what stage of course, but in the beginning I really liked the book of John most.

JOHN--WHAT DOES IT SAY?

T.--IT SAYS THAT YOU CAN BE BORN AGAIN. That really touched me, plus also just about the love of God, you know, & how to worship Him. And you really have to worship Him in spirit & truth & not in this place or on that place; that really struck me the most.

JOHN--WHERE WERE YOU BORN & where did you spend most of your life?

T.--WELL, I WAS BORN IN HOLLAND & SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE THERE. My parents came from China.

JOHN--NOW WHAT WAS YOUR FAMILY LIKE? What were they doing for example?

T.--WELL, THEY HAD A RESTAURANT, which they still have; most of the time they were working. They were very concerned about us getting our material things, but so much that they got involved in gaining all these material things & forgot about the real values in life--the real love & spiritual happiness, cause those material things just can't give you that.

JOHN--NOW WHEN YOU ACCEPTED JESUS, you then decided to do missionary work. Where?

T.--MANY DIFFERENT PLACES. I GO WITH OTHER FRIENDS. We just go on faith missions & try to reach the people as much as possible everywhere we can.

JOHN--HOW DO YOU FIND PEOPLE? Are they eager to accept what you say, because I believe that some of these people are in established churches & would not like to change? What kind of response have you gotten from people?

T.--WELL IT'S DIFFERENT. A true Christian is never really popular, never--be-

cause being a true Christian is totally contrary to this society. This society is only based on selfishness, trying to build up your self. Well, maybe it may seem that the response is not really big, but the lives that have been changed make it worth it. Even if it can change one life, it's worth it, because that person has found real love & happiness forever, eternal happiness.

JOHN--NOW, MOVING TO ANOTHER ASPECT OF YOUR LIFE, I think maybe you'd like to also pass the same thing to people who are Buddhist like you used to be. Are you intending for example to travel to where there are many people who have not heard of Christ or who just know the name & do not know the meaning of it?

T.--YES, I KNOW THAT JESUS CHANGED MY LIFE SO MUCH, even in spite of the fact that I was a Buddhist. I believe He can change anybody else's life, cause the basic need of the persons all over the world is real love, & this is what Jesus only can give. I want to go to Asia as soon as the Lord supplies the funds for my ticket.

JOHN--DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS THERE WHERE YOU CAN START FROM, say some kind of base?

T.--SOME OTHER FRIENDS TO WHOM I WRITE HAVE SAID THEY REALLY NEED HELP. SO... JOHN--HOW LET ME GO TO THE VERY SAME QUESTION I ASKED YOU BEFORE. Why in your Christian life did you choose missionary work rather than a normal & probably easier life?

T.--WELL, IF JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME, WHY WOULD I NOT GIVE MY LIFE TO JESUS? JOHN--19-YEAR-OLD TABITHA, of Chinese origin, who made the rare crossing from Buddhism to Christianity! As we prepare to leave the studios, here she says again to sing us out. Goodbye.

ROYAL FAMILY NEWS:

Living In The House of The King!

First Impressions From New Staff Members!

From Martin, ML Staff:
Dearest Dad & Maria & Peter, GBY & GREETINGS OF LOVE in Jesus' Name. I love you so much & hope that this letter will tell you what I feel & experience in these last days. It's like Days of Heaven & a dream come true, as it's my greatest desire to work on the Words in English. And what a privilege to be able to be so close to you all! Thank you for letting me come!

IT ALL STARTED WITH A REQUEST THAT I COULD TRANSCRIBE SOME GRANDPA TAPES & tell my testimony on a 60-minute cassette. Being really busy at my former job I squeezed in the time, thinking that you needed some "field help" in transcribing & wanting to find out if I'm able to do this. I didn't even consider that this is what it would lead to & still am amazed about your faith in taking me in to one of your most precious Units. TYJ! About two weeks later came a phone call asking me to meet Zach & Lamb who would do a video of me. Wow! It started to ring a bell, & needless to say I was flipped & haven't touched ground ever since.

BEING AT THE LIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS I welcomed a change & especially this kind of change (abide in your calling) 'cause I really love my work! Hallelujah! Arriving back at the house I heard that somebody else could come that very day whom I could train in my previous responsibility. Everything was happening so fast & I had about two days to "close up shop" & be on my way.

IT CAME TO PASS & I WAS ON MY WAY! En route the Lord arranged a nice little hotel where

I had a quiet room to stay for a couple of days until Apollos arrived from the Far East. Peter & Damaris came to visit us & Peter shared with me the new instructions & requirements & told me the final destination. Wow! I was speechless & could hardly wait!

ON OUR WAY HERE PETER WAS SO SWEET & took very good care of us, always making sure we had enough to eat, relaxation etc. He also really laid down the new rules for the new job & told me plainly what it will be like & that it's like joining again. I loved it, & every price to pay looked small when I thought about the blessing of just being there receiving the Words straight from your mouth. Hallelujah!

THE CLOSER WE GOT THE MORE QUIET I BECAME--I was so happy & so nervous! Peter told us that Alf & Path will pick us up, & meeting them was so comforting as they were so sweet & happy to see us. I was on Cloud Seven & more relaxed when I saw that they were "normal" & just like us--well, a little better--happy, content & super-inspired!

WE HAD TO DRIVE A WHILE, & on the way we stopped at a snack bar to have dinner. It was all so nice & loving. Alf drove so carefully & everything went so smoothly. TYJ! Finishing dinner, we drove & arrived at the house. From everywhere people came & hugged & kissed us & everybody was so happy to have us there.

IT WAS PATH'S BIRTHDAY & they had prepared cake & ice cream & we had a little celebration & enjoyed fellowship. I couldn't say much as everything

seemed to be too nice to be true. What wonderful brothers & sisters--everybody is so sweet & meek & simple that I thought, "Is this that unit which is mentioned so often in the Letters?"

I HAD SUCH A DIFFERENT IMAGE OF IT that when I saw it I could hardly believe it!--No pretenses, nothing--just brothers & sisters working together on the Words! I fell in love with everyone of them & hope that I can become just like them--little diamonds of dust behind the scenes.

THO' THEY ARE ALL "SINGLE" they all live together, & it's the best sample of "One Wife" I've ever seen. I got really convicted about it as I could never really understand how this would work, but it works! I see it! TYJ! I am sharing a room with sweet Jewel, which is really inspiring & I'm sure I will have to learn a lot, being such an independent person, but love conquers all! PTL! We got together for prayer & went to sleep.

THE NEXT DAY I HAD A "REST DAY" & slept long, almost to lunch-time, unpacked my stuff, went for a walk & took it easy! How good the Lord is to us, providing such a beautiful place to live & work. I think I have the most beautiful room in the house. Yes, He's so good to me & seems to give me everything I desire as long as I stay faithful & obedient to His Prophet & Queen. PTL!

ABOUT THE HOUSE--tho' it is really big & spacious there is nothing I see that could be called extravagant or luxurious. On the contrary, everything is kept as simple as possible so one doesn't have to invest lots of time trying to keep it clean, tho' it is spotless, & everything revolves around the Word which is the absolute priority, the only reason for being here. Breakfast, lunch, dinner--everything is done so simply & yet everybody is happy & has enough. TYJ!

IN THE EVENING WE

WATCH VIDEOS. I'm just thrilled by the opportunity to watch good movies & see the Family around the world! Yesterday we saw videos from MWM & it's so inspiring & uplifting! Thank you, dear Dad & Maria, for entrusting us with so much! I just read "Rewards" DO 962, & you sure reward your workers with everything they need. GBY, I love you so much & hope to make you happy!

I HAVE SO MUCH TO LEARN! Everybody is so devoted & dedicated to the production of the Mags, yet not overworked--"when you work you work, when you play you play!" GBM! I expected much more people being involved in the production of the Letters, considering the amount you put out month by month. It's surely Jesus! I just hope & pray that I can cope with the load & be a blessing to you & the Family worldwide. This is the biggest opportunity I ever had in my life & I sure want to use it for His glory!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ME & ESPECIALLY MY MINISTRY that I get a deep grasp of the English language as I need to learn so much about it--punctuation, grammar, word division etc. When I think about it I get nervous as I know I'm not able to do it & it sure must be the Lord to help me in this new task, to make it! I just want to let go & let God do it. In the beginning I'm afraid it will be slow, & I pray that "every day it's gettin' better". Hallelujah! Again, please pray for me & my new ministry.

I'M ALSO THE YOUNGEST HERE, & it's fun being a babe again. I sure have to start all over & have to get back to the Basics, memorizing the Word more than ever to be able to stand up against the strong wind blowing here! Every little thing seems to be important here as it affects so many others waiting for the Words of David, & I sure don't want to be a bottleneck in the Lord's work!

I WANT TO MAKE THE BEST

OF ALL MY EXPERIENCES in the Family, learning from my mistakes & praising the Lord for the good things! He sure is good to me & makes me so happy, showing me so much grace & letting me come here to work on the Words! I still can't understand it! "Why me?" But it happened, & I want to forget the things which are behind & am looking forward to greater victories in His service. How exciting! I memorized the DM for Feb. 23, which is so encouraging, telling us to "Just keep your eyes on Jesus, & He will show you what to do..." So keep your eyes off man & on the Lord or you're going to fail--but Jesus never fails! Hallelujah! So I guess there's nothing to worry about, except staying close to Him, His Prophet & His Queen. Lots of love from one of your children, --Martin.

...HALLELUJAH! THE DAYS ARE TOO SHORT & time goes by so fast! Today it's been a week since my arrival & so many things have happened. I can't count all my blessings, & one of them is that these Letters I'm typing now have a circulation of 15 times more than previous! Hallelujah!

I'M ALSO SETTING UP A LITTLE "OFFICE" & got all my supplies today. I like to trim everything to the most essential & have to get used to always working with just the materials I need for a certain project & not have millions of other things on the desk. It's really a revolution & I have to get into the habit of being constantly security-minded. TYJ!

I LIKE THE WAY CORRECTIONS ARE MADE on the final typed copy--no layout work, no sticking on, just liquid white-out & go right over it again. TYJ!--Another time-saver!

I'M BEGINNING TO BE MORE RELAXED & I also got back my appetite which I've lost in all the excitement, ha! Life is so different here & everybody is so sweet & always encouraging

some brothers--Days of Heaven! Going for walks in this beautiful environment is such a blessing, & coming back relaxed work is so much fun & joy.

YESTERDAY I STARTED WORKING ON MY FIRST DITO LETTER which I enjoy very much. Sara is such a good writer & throws in all these precious jewels experienced in living so close to our King & Queen. Hallelujah! I know the Homes are waiting to see more Dito Letters & it's such a thrill to see another one coming up. TYJ!

AT DEVOTIONS WE WATCHED DAD'S VIDEO ABOUT EZEKIEL 38 starting with Chapter 37 & telling us about our "David" & the real "Israel". Hallelujah! How true & fitting for me when Dad talked about the hippies getting saved & cleaned from their mess to be called out to become His people! Hugs & kisses, --Martin.

...IT'S EXACTLY A MONTH AGO that Peter, Apollos & I started the journey with great excitement looking forward to new responsibilities in His service. TYJ! Tho' time goes by so fast here I have the feeling I'm here much longer than a month, & when I think that about two months ago I didn't know anything about this change I can't praise the Lord enough for His surprises & blessings!--A dream come true as I always wanted to work on the Letters in English! TYJ!

SOMETIMES I LIE IN BED & THINK IT ALL OVER--from the time I got my first Mo Letter in 1973 till now, & how much I liked the Letters from the beginning & what influence they had on me & my life. There's just nothing to compare it with! To know that there are many more out there searching for the Truth & to know that I found the Way & am able to share it with others thru the Letters is such a fulfillment of my life's desire, to make a better World!

I'M SO GLAD I DIDN'T GET