﻿Hello. You have five minutes for a quick interview … maybe? My first name is , what's yours?

nice to meet you.

Nice to meet you.

Do you mind if I record you…

Yeah sure.

...and just do like a fiver?

Yeah.

Ok cool. , um .. cool you are you done with class or...

Yeah, yeah, I'm done.

Ok I wasn't sure if I was catching people … like heading to class… everyone was kind of relaxed, so I'm thinking maybe they were done. Alright, cool. Yeah so um .. what I like to do is just one-on-one conversations with people to … understand how they arrived at a god belief.

God belief?

Yeah .. but I don't ever want to assume so like .. if there's a particular god that you believe in I like to understand...

Oh well no .

...which one it is and why.

Oh well I don't believe in God cuz .. um .. I dunno I just don't see the proof.

Okay. Would you say you're an atheist?

Yeah.

Okay. Alright.

I don't believe in anything.

So if we were to have a belief scale where zero percent is I don't believe in god .. I have no confidence that God exists and a hundred percent is I'm a hundred percent confident god exists .. where would you be?

Uh .. probably .. lower end. I don't believe god exists at all.

Ok.

I # proof really.

Would proof do it for you?

Yeah.

Okay … cool. Um .. I'm sort of in the same boat actually I'm probably at the more two percent .. one percent mark.

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I don't really I'm not convinced one does .. but I'm sort of open to the idea of it.

Yeah, yeah I'm open to it but i'm just...

So you actually threw me because I thought maybe you were wearing a religious symbol .. @@@ cuz there so many people have...

Oh # yeah .. my family's religious.

Oh, okay. I'll still be happy to interview you. I, I didn't start the timer I'm sorry.

# #

Uh … uh .. I've actually had a really good conversations with non-believers as well, believe it or not. Um … do you find that you hold on to any other beliefs that might sort of fall in the realm of the supernatural that you want to do # you feel like you wanna discuss today?

Uh … maybe not supernatural but like um .. karma or um … oh, what's the … where you die and then you become something else?

Oh .. reincarnation.

Yeah, there you go, reincarnation.

I was just talking to my son about that .. yesterday.

#Okay, I like that #idea

He's like what is reincarnation so I was like told him what I think it is I mean I think I know.

yeah @

Right like you die as an animal and then come back as a …

Or something else.

...a more complex one?

I think so, I don't know.

But i wasn't sure if the human was the last one on the list or if there was some other stage ..

# #

It's been .. it's been years since I've taken that comparative .. religions course. Ok so karma .. can we maybe focus on karma?

Okay.

Okay. Uh .. confidence-wise that karma functions .. in your life .. zero percent is I have no confidence that karma works in my life and a hundred percent is I'm a hundred percent confident.

Sometimes .. sometimes it's like # half and half.

Okay.

And sometimes … I dunno .. I dunno how how to say it @

Could you can you quantify it in some way? I'm not talking I'm not really talking about frequency of occurrences...

Uh huh.

...but more about .. how sure are you that it actually works .. and I want to stand this way to get them behind me just .. cuz their voices.

Oh okay.

# that's okay .. @ @

#aw … man uh …. I don't know man …. Mm ..

Never been asked that before, huh?

Nah … I'm not ..

Are you one hundred percent confident that it works?

No. No.

Okay

I just like .. I like the idea of it.

Okay.

That it ## that it does happen.

Why do you like the idea of karma?

Well .. isn't karma like where you do something bad then .. then it'll come back at you?

People's definitions vary and I never want to force a definition on anybody so if that's...

Well that's the way i see it, yeah.

...that actually...

Like if you do something good then .. you get something good and if you do something bad then something bad

That's my understanding as well but I didn't want to say it until you said it first.

Oh okay.

Okay so yeah I think we're on the same page with that. Um .. do you find yourself doing things in your life ..

That are .. good …

Good, that are good ..

So I can ..

So that you get good things in return.

Sometimes # .. well yeah .. well I don't do anything like bad … I don't know how to … sometimes I just did good things because it's good @

Okay. Do you ever do you ever do anything with the expectation that if I .. open that door for that woman ..

...that something good will happen to me?

Yeah.

Uh .. no, not really. Sometimes I just do it because .. I just open the door you know.

Yeah.

It's a good thing to do.

Okay.

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If you don't find yourself on a normal .. on a regular basis .. doing good things with the expectation that good things will happen .. in your life … is karma really that important of a role in your life to begin with?

Oh, me naw . #

It's not? Okay.

I … I just wish it was real I don't think .. I I want it to true but I # # .. it's not true. @@@

Okay. @@ … I think my work here is done. Thank you very much man .. take it easy. Bye.