

The best way to spread the message of Christian universalism

MY FIRST RULE OF THUMB would be to stay away from people who are already happy with their relationship with God, even if they believe in ECT (Eternal Conscious Torment). It may disturb me that they think this way, but it does not disturb them. Most of these people won't take time to study and research all aspects of Christian universalism with an open mind. For the most part, a person would need to be "vulnerable" and experience a "crisis of faith" before being open to a change in theology. That is what it took for me to undertake a serious quest for knowledge and open myself to the truth of Christian universalism.

MY SECOND RULE OF THUMB would be to identify people who are experiencing a crisis of faith, or any life crisis, who could use a helping hand or a word of comfort. These people are not going to give you an argument when you help them in God's name and reaffirm God's love for them. Where would you find people like this? Well, you will find them in churches everywhere, especially on the church prayer lists. You will find them among recent dropouts from church. If you are active in a local church, it is with these people that you might want to establish friendships and offer advice when asked. However, you will mostly find potential converts to Christian universalism in non-church settings. Only about 22% (2005 Gallup Poll result) of Americans attend church regularly. Jesus didn't come to save the saved. He came to save the lost. People who are well don't need a physician.

When I wrote my book, it was aimed at Christian evangelicals. I was somewhat traumatized by a crisis of faith many years ago as a young evangelical. I did not experience a complete resolution to this crisis until many years later. I would have been greatly helped by a book such as mine. But the truth is, most Christians are not in the least bothered by contradictory aspects of their theology. They mainly focus on those aspects of theology which relate to Christian living and their daily walk with God. These people do not need my help, and they don't need to read my book. If certain aspects of their theology are incorrect, even majorly incorrect, that is perfectly OK with God, and it should be OK with me.

The person who benefitted the most from the writing of my book was me. The whole process would have been worth the effort if no one besides me had ever read it. I think the main benefit, however, was not the clarification of the many theological issues which bothered me, but instead it was the realization that theological correctness is not important to God. If my goal is to become more like Jesus, then I need to focus on helping those who want and need my help.

Please pray for me as I seek ways to do that. And, while you're at it, take time to pray for yourselves, as well.