Princeton Prayer Letter, Princeton, NJ (05/30/03)

Present: Dr. M (who is from Hong Kong and graduated from Cambridge University and has a PhD in Physics) and his wife, who is from China (an Electrical Engineer graduate), and two Evangelists: Mr. H. and Mr. S., who go to Princeton on a weekly basis.

John--an older man-- who stopped to take the two-question test. He grew up in an Episcopalian Church. John said the church never emphasized that <u>humanity was fallen and depraved</u> and that our only hope was the blood atonement of Christ. John also asked if there are parallels between <u>Islam and</u> <u>Christianity</u>--I told him that it was a totally different religion from Christianity except that they are both monotheistic religions and both believe in creation. Allah can lie--the God of the Bible cannot lie. The Qur'an contradicts the Bible. Allah did not die for anyone. Also, Muslims do not accept the Christian God--they reject the Trinity. It is stupid for liberals and the liberal churches to teach that all <u>religions worship the same</u> <u>God</u>—this is not only an insult to Bible believing Christians, but also to Qur'an believing Muslims. John said he learned something. I gave him three tracts entitled <u>Is the Qur'an the Word of God?</u>, Will Islam cause World War II and a Chick Tract The Law. John specifically asked for information on Islam.

Jennifer and friend were two young Jewish persons who took the twoquestion test. Jennifer asked why the Jewish people do not accept Christ/Yeshua as the Messiah. What was behind this question was that she thought most gentiles have accepted Christianity and are going to heaven and the Jews are not. We told her that America only has 5% to 7% born-again/born from above Christians and there are more Jewish people in this century that accepted Christ as the Messiah than in the previous centuries. We explained to her that Christianity was considered a sect of Judaism 2000 years ago-Christianity is actually "Messianic Judaism." They even met in the synagogue (James 2:2). We told her that there were many sects of Judaism when Christ walked the earth in Israel. (The *Pharisees, Herodians, Zealots, Essenes*, etc. are a few examples.) Jennifer also asked why the present day synagogues are not teaching this view — we told her that many people do not want to look at the facts and therefore reject the truth. We gave her the following three tracts: 1. How Would You Recognize the Messiah? 2. The God of Israel: One God Or Three; and 3. Who Owns the Land of Israel? The reason she took the tracts is because I told her that the tract entitled Who Owns the Land of Israel is used by some top government officials in the Israeli government-her eyes lit up with

joy!

Funkion--a young male who might have been a **Warlock**--asked us why Exodus 22: 18 states that a sorceress should be put to death and stated that the New Testament does not have the **death penalty** for witches. We told him that witchcraft is still condemned in the New Testament; however, Christians cannot decide such matters without government authority to execute an individual (self-defense is allowed). Israel was a theocracy--the laws, both moral and ceremonial, were given directly by God to be administered by a Judge or King. We told him the New Testament does teach the death penalty (Rom. 13:1-7). This is not personal revenge—it is justice administered by **civil** governments. Funkion was confused over "thou shall not kill" and the relationship between How the New Testament and the Old Testament Relate to Each Other. The Church should not be viewed as State and Church where the church has authority to institute **physical punishment** (including death) for discipline of its members. (The Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches were guilty of this in times past-most Protestant Churches saw the Biblical error of this policy in the Roman Catholic Church and no longer adheres or teaches this doctrine.) After further dialogue with Dr. M., he understood our explanation. Christians are allowed to be in the military and join the police force and are allowed to defend themselves using lethal force if necessary and to go to war--Christ never condemned these professions.

A husband and wife who were Mormons stopped by and spoke with us. He recently graduated from Virginia Tech. They initially sounded very Biblical and would agree with you on many issues; however, when you asked specific questions, then the differences came out. They thought that the Book of Mormon existed 2000 years ago—I told them there is absolutely no evidence that Book of Mormon existed 2000 years ago. I told them there are no prophecies in the *Book of Mormon* and anything written after the New Testament is a fraud. He was historically incorrect to state that a body of men in the 4th century decided the books of the New Testament. They were telling me how I should evangelize—they stated, "I should not put other religions down." Can you imagine a cult, which lies, telling me not to discredit other religions! They did not accept that Christ was God from eternity that *did not have human offspring*. They also did not accept justification by grace alone thru faith alone. Works were a determining factor in deciding if one went to heaven. Mr. H. approached them and showed them the **false prophecies of Joseph Smith**. Mr. H. also asked them about God once being a man and the fact that Mormons as men will become Gods. The husband got angry with Mr. H. and said that the false prophecies were half-truths, etc. Mr. H. stated that he had taken them from Mormon publications and stated the references. The husband refused to take them and comment to us where they were incorrect but instead stated that this approach is *mean spirited*. They did take a few of my tracts!

Danielle—We had a great discussion on the two-question test and **SIN** with this teenager, but a car pulled up and she was drawn away by the kids in the car in the middle of our conversation. She is a *Universalist*, but is trying to find out whether there is a **single Truth**.

Emily—a teen who goes to church, prays everyday and does "good works" which was her answer to the two-question test. She could not give me a reason why she would not receive Christ as her Savior. Unfortunately, she had to leave to meet someone. Told her to read the *Gospel of John* and ask Jesus to become her savior. It's a shame we could not have had another 15 minutes or so to really get into sin and repentance, because she seemed to be so open to following Christ. Pray that God will finish up our conversation.

Constance--a teen who has a *Roman Catholic (RIC)* background. Doesn't really believe everything in the Bible such as God's command to us to be perfect like Adam and Eve before the fall. She doesn't accept Christ's words that <u>He is the only way to God</u>. She **flunked the two-question test**. We talked a lot about sin and the picture of God, etc.

Two teen-age girls--one teenager was wearing a Lucifer sweatshirt, and the other had *two metal fangs curling out of her mouth* and over her lower lip. They didn't come over to take the test, just drifted by so I started talking with them. I spoke to them about the Gospel for about **15 minutes**. The conversation centered mostly on <u>sin and Christ coming to restore us to the Father</u>. And about love and acceptance and the fact that God really looks at our hearts, not our outward appearance, even though most men judge the way we look. They took some tracts before they went after some kids they knew.