

UNITED CHURCH OF "I'M A VERY SPIRITUAL PERSON"

God is still speaking,
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OF CHRIST**



My experience over the years with people who claim to be 'very spiritual people' is that they seldom have any idea what they are talking about. All 7.5 billion people now living on our planet along with all of their ancestors are very spiritual people, none more or less than the others. God created all people with an equivalent eternal spiritual nature. Feeling spiritual does not cause a person to actually be any more or less spiritual than the person standing next to them in Wal-Mart. We all have the same basic spiritual equipment required for us to

hear the calling of God, some, however, are too committed to their rebellion to listen.

I am a member of a group of people who use the initial of their last names rather than their actual last name. This group for reasons of inclusivity with respect to its primary purpose refers to God (not specifically to Jesus) and claims to be a program based on spiritual principles. I have noted over the years that many people in this group who begin to develop a personal relationship with God through prayer and meditation begin attending a Christian Church.

So, there are some limited cases where a generic 'spirituality' is a stepping stone for seeking truth, which will lead the seeker to Jesus. However, I hope that a UCC church will never be a place where a seeker can hang out and be 'spiritual' without having the opportunity to clearly understand God's unique plan for salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus. If our UCC churches are not making it clear to people that God has already thought this through and we do not each need to dream up our own path to God, then the church is not fulfilling its purpose and I would hope its congregants would seek truth elsewhere.

Thinking from time to time about 'spiritual things' is not really the objective here. A person would be better off for the time being (while God keeps whispering) not thinking about anything 'spiritual' than spending a lot of time thinking about spirituality that is not based on the actual attributes of God or the truth that He has revealed. The idea that some spirituality of any type is better than none at all is popular in Progressive Christianity but I doubt that this idea is very popular with God.