

20170516 Mormons
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In the evening, as I walk by Number 3 Road towards the 7-11 store, I encounter two Mormons, the American brown-haired Elder Frei and the Danish redhead Elder Ringheim. The term "Elder" is misleading, as they are young people. I start off by saying how good the English of Elder Ringheim is. I say that Germans, like Danes, speak good English because their languages are close to English. Then, we talk about this spring's freakish cold blip in the longterm trend of global warming.

Praying is their theme today. Elder Ringheim asks if I would pray for any loss. I say to them that I do not pray, but I *meditate*. I do not ask God for anything! I say some people think God is impersonal, because the anthropocentrism, the arrogance of placing the human species as the centre of the universe, is not acceptable to them. If we were cats, would God appear to us as a cat? Humans are not the centre. I say Hindus have two camps: the impersonalists and the personalists. God to me is like space, light, or wind. I say I think God is impersonal, being not like a person. I say in Buddhism, gods are part of a wider ecology that includes humans, animals, demons, plants, spirits, etc. Buddhism has many heavens and hells. Buddhism is non-theistic. In Buddhism, one may or may not believe in God, who may be in the background and not placed vulgarly in the foreground centre.

Anyway, they invite me to see their church, but I say I am already involved with another group, the Jehovah's Witnesses. I say I already talked to many Mormons. They ask me if they could pray for anything. I say they would pray for my mother who has had her second mastectomy yesterday (now the left breast, as the right one was removed more than a decade ago).