

STA REPORT FOR 3/26/15

From Tina:

Characterizing this week's encounters were two things: the announcement (prominently displayed in a poster attached to the outreach table) of the upcoming local CS lecture. It drew several visitors who said they liked the subject and wanted to attend; and other visitors were seeking not only a lecture, but a church to attend.

The bookmarks designed by Theodora have proven so helpful in providing local CS information including addresses and times for local services. And yet, even though Spokane has a fine bus system, getting to church on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings is not easy for people who do not have a car. A centrally located meeting place to hold CS services - someplace near the bus plaza - would be a blessing.

Again, as it often does, the subject of scientology came up - there is such a wariness of it among our visitors, especially when they try to relate it to the "science" in the title of our textbook. I've noticed that there is a new documentary playing in select theaters titled **Going Clear**. One reviewer states, "this in-depth documentary about the Church of Scientology includes interviews with eight former members who recall the abuses they witnessed and suffered during their time as followers." Any association in the thought of our visitors between scientology and Christian Science must be obliterated.

It is good to be willing to think outside religious boundaries where God has not been reduced to the status of One who is primarily the creator of religious rules - harsh and demanding rules. Our Leader certainly lifted Christian Science out of these man-made, uninspired boundaries - including the soul-crushing limitation that insists man needs an intermediary between himself and God.

One visitor today was so pleased to hear that Christian Science and its theology has no such intermediary. He stated he is looking for a new church since his "pastor pushes him around, telling him what to do and how to think, and he doesn't like that." I told the fellow about our Pastor and he liked the concept very much. Will he attend one or the other of our two local churches? Will he thumb a ride, or walk miles, or find a bus schedule that fits his need for transportation?

May his need and desire be fulfilled as he finds his way to worship

God - in spirit and in truth. The thought keeps coming to this writer that Church is looking for him, too.

From Theodora:

The up escalator is still out of order and that means much less foot traffic past our table. I do hope it will be repaired soon. It has been down about 3 or 4 weeks now.

Very soon after setting up a young woman came right up to us and accepted a copy of S&H with a quite "Thank You" and walked away. That often happens, actually.

People did come and go and Tina and I had a wonderful conversation as the 2 hours went by. I made notes on two conversations I had with people, but I must admit that I cannot find them right now and don't have a clear enough memory to write about it. When I find my notes I will do so.

It was interesting to me that as we were taking our display down suddenly 2 or 3 people came up very interested in what we had for them. So glad to be able to "feed the sheep".