

P.I.M.P. Peace is my purpose.

Last night I went to the Emerald Queen Casino to find out what some gambling patrons would feel about Reflecting Peace. I showed Reflecting Peace (The peace memorial) and Reflecting Absence (The chosen memorial) These are the results.

First: I met with a Caucasian guy who was minus his arms. I showed him both presentations and asked him which he would vote for, Reflecting Peace or Absence. He chose Peace without hesitation.

Second: I went in to a line to get upstairs. I met with a black man who was very out of it and was kind of baffled by what I was explaining to him. Seemed to be very intoxicated. His final statement was to choose peace and said "if it is for the good I support it."

Third: I met with a friend nicknamed Silk. I was overwhelmed to show him this project and assumed that I would get support. You know what happens when you assume..... Anyway he did not believe that people of different religions could share a cleansing pond for the sake of peace, and didn't really feel any ambition to support this, as partying is his main forte. No decision was made.

Forth: I met a man named Sedrick, a wonderful black man who gave good insight and was very inspired by the presentation. He said he was a "glass is half full" kind of guy. He felt that although not everyone of every religion would wash their hands in a cleansing pond together didn't mean that no one would, and that some inspiration to peace is better than inspiration to nothing. I felt I left with a friend. He voted without doubt for peace.

Fifth: Ran into an old high school buddy, Todd, a mixed guy who was with his friend. He did not believe that peace was possible in the human spirit because "God is a hypocrite" and that we all have demons inside that are not able to be controlled. The conversation continued to the point of fruitless argument with him and his friend supporting him. Finally I asked his friend, if you had to vote, would you vote for peace or absence, he looked at me with a solemn face and said "peace" I took that as some success and moved on.

Sixth: Bumped into an attractive Caucasian girl who had a free spirited look about her, so I decided to ask her if I could show her a presentation. After I had shown her, her eyes began to well with tears and she said "do you need me to sign anywhere" I said no, just go to the website and send a written letter to Hillary Clinton. She said absolutely she would vote for peace rather than absence and seemed grateful to have met me.

Seventh: This is the disappointing one, but I have to tell it anyway. There was a very large black guy who seemed to be having bad luck, so I went to him and asked if I could bring him some luck, and if he would pay attention, he said "sure" So I looked at his slot screen with a hope that he would win and that I would be able to talk to him. He pushed the button and BAR BAR BAR came up. He looked at me strangely. I smiled and began with my presentation. He seemed interested for a moment until a woman came along with some sexual arousal. She stole him away with ease. I asked him as he followed her which one he would choose. Being drunk with lust he just pointed on the paper "that one", choosing Reflecting Absence as his choice. As though he were led by his penis he followed her quickly and left.

Eighth: I did not intend to talk to the next people. Security approached me and said "excuse me, what are you doing" they began to tell me that the casino was not a place of solicitation. They said someone had complained. I insisted that I was respectful and didn't talk with anyone who didn't want to talk to me, and that I was just sharing my life and not selling anything. I began to show the manager who started to become impressed with the idea of the presentation, but held his business ideal and said "if people come to you, you may share it with them", so I sat down and waited.

Ninth: Soon after came Gwen, a very nice black lady who was quite impressed by the peace symbol. She said that she would definitely vote for peace over absence, and assured me that someone would notice this.

All in all there were 9 interviews resulting in:
6 voting for Reflecting Peace
1 voting for Reflecting Absence and
2 non votes

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