

CONVERTED ON LSD

TRIP

David Clarke who had a three-year career of undetected crime, experienced a "Christian conversion" whilst suffering from the effects of LSD, he told Aylesbury magistrates, on Tuesday. After wrestling with his conscience for a year, he confessed to 24 crimes, and gave information leading to the recovery of over £1000 worth of stolen property. In court

was enjoying himself. "I used to sell drugs to young people, and indulge in permissive sex" he declared.

Seeking Truth

"Religion to me was rubbish, and for sissy people who could not stand on their own feet", he said.

result of taking the drug, and went on "I warn any young person who hears my testimony, "The effects of LSD are so bad, and I warn you to stay clear". While in this condition he said he, "Called on the name of Jesus" and his torment went from him.

Voice Of Christ

"Jesus Christ spoke to me as clearly as I speak here today saying, "David, I am with you", he said. "What you have been going through is nothing compared to what hell is like" Mr Murray, of Manor Crescent Wendover said he was habitually sceptical of sudden conversions, and preferred to put them to the test of time. The time, which had elapsed, since Clarke's profession of faith had convinced him that this young man would now be salt and light to society". "He is in truth, a new man, and had experienced what Christ called a second birth". Murray said Clarke now put himself out to be of assistance, read the bible intensely, always carried a New Testament, attended a wide circle of churches and would spend hours in discussion on spiritual things.

Difficulty

Clarke's difficulty during the months spent deciding how to make amends for his past had been the problem of accusing himself, without informing on others..

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he pleaded guilty to charges of stealing a £300 colour television set from an old peoples home, a £20 spray gun, and a hydraulic jack. He asked for 21 other charges to be taken into consideration, including stealing a builders shed, two cars, and an electric arc welder, two other TV sets, two compressors, and a road trailer. Clarke (21) of Finmere Crescent said that his reputation in the town had been that of a man who

"Within my heart I was searching for truth, and a meaning to life". He had good prospects of getting on in life he went on but "I was not satisfied with what I had, I was greedy, selfish and boastful." Clarke had been using pep pills, and marijuana since he was 16 he told the court, but it was after taking LSD that he experienced what he described as, "a major thing in my life". He described the "torment" he suffered, as a

David Clarke



David Clarke was born in Oldham, Lancashire, in England, on 16th February 1949. On the 16th January 1970 he had a bad experience on LSD and converted to Christianity, after Jesus Spoke to him.

On the 9th February, 1971, at the age of 21, he made a confession to the police to 24 crimes that he had committed since leaving Dover Borstal (Young persons prison) in 1968, and appeared in Aylesbury's Magistrates Court, in Buckinghamshire, UK. In court, Clarke related the reasons for his confession.

In summing up and sentencing, the Chairman of the Magistrates Col. Tetley, said, "We have considered what we ought to do, and have come to the conclusion that your evident desire to become a martyr is one thing we are not going to gratify". He gave Clarke a conditional discharge for 3 years, pointing out that the sincerity of his conversion could be shown by his behaviour during that period.

David learned to read by reading the bible and Christian literature and went on to Higher Education and graduated with a Cert. Ed awarded by Birmingham University, in 1978 and became a Baptists minister in 1982 and also went on to teach electronics in colleges of Further and Higher Education, for over 20 years.

Thirty years after the authors confession to the Police and conversion to Christianity he got news of his older brother, Michael John Clarke's arrest and prison sentence in the Philippines. After 5 years of his 16 year sentence Michael too was convinced the Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God, and he too became a Christian.

It was then In September 1999, David decided to go on a mission of help to the Philippines. This was to bring help and relief to his brother. This part of the story was reported as news by Portsmouth News. Their story was also reported in The Oldham Chronicle, the town where the brothers were born.

David visited Michael in New Bilibid Prison, for the first time, in 2001. This prison being the National Penitentiary and Maximum Security Prison, in Asia's Far East..

He visited Michael several times over the next four years and the two brothers worked together within the prison with Religious Volunteers, and many prison inmates, seeking to help former criminals in their own stages of rehabilitation.

The brother's vision was to equip former converted criminals to Christianity to return to their own villages, towns or Cities and preach the gospel to their own friends and relatives.

The first inmate to be released with this commission was William Ola Poloc who was released, in August 2002, after serving 14 years for homicide. Many other prison inmates testified, in their own handwritten accounts, their own stories of reformation, which David writes about in their book, Trojan Warriors, that contains 66 testimonies of converted criminals in New Bilibid Prison to Christianity.

But Sadly, Michael died of Tuberculosis in New Bilibid Prison before their vision of bringing help to many had been realized. Michael's story was reported in the Eastbourne Herald, on 27th September 2012,

Since August 2002, William Poloc, the first of these prisoner to be released, has worked in Baguio City Jail and Benguet District Jails, working with inmates and former criminals, and founded several church groups, called Christ-Centered Churches, and a Theological Institute. David the author writes this story with a view to help many.



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