

Protest 1993

I decided in the spring of 1993, to protest the government. To at least take a stand, that I wasn't afraid. I made a sign, with words to the effect.

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I protested in front of Buffalo city hall, walking around the large central circle, at the time mostly all flat stone, I notice in the recent picture, they planted grass and trees where I had walked. I walked in front of the city court

building adjacent across the street from the city Hall. A man came out of the city court building and read my sign, he raised up his arm in the air and gave me a shout of encouragement. In front of the entrance of the Erie County College City Campus, I spoke to some of the students. In my own city, in front of the state counseling services building. They were the back door of the building on the side. A prominent politician, who had his office in the front of the same building of the counseling services building came out and I sense hurried to his car, not wanted me to perhaps face me. I went to the university of Buffalo and protested in front of their entrance.

At the time there was a large national protest in Buffalo, against abortion. I walked over to the protest at the abortion building, without any sign. I walked over to the parking lot beside the building, where many of the people for abortion, were standing in a large crowd. I notice many were university of buffalo students, in their twenties and two men in the middle of them, wearing woman's clothes, mocking the protesters against abortion. I thought immediately seeing the many university students in the crowd, this is the why I was protesting against psychology and philosophy being funded in the institutions of government, especially the state universities. I went back to my car and retrieved my sign, that I used in front of the other institutions of government. Written on the sign, "Government Funded Psychology Philosophy is Unconstitutional".

I stood on the opposite side of the street, where the protesters against abortion were permitted to protest. Some of the protesters read my sign, they ask me about the sign. I explain to them some what I was trying to accomplish. I spoke to the national leader of the protest against abortion, about why I was protesting, he seemed understanding. I remember thinking within, if they only went down to the university and protest the root of the problem, government funding of psychology, philosophy especially in the government universities is unconstitutional, would be the first step in ending abortion. Then thinking, I sense, the issue particularly of the word "spirit" would be too difficult for them to take in, due to seeing some are from the catholic persuasion, and others of the protestant persuasion, most only perceive the "spirit" as a literal divine person. Thinking the national leader of the abortion protest, wasn't prepared to begin another front on the protest, especially when the issues are more complex. I

sense most people are afraid to take a stand against especially psychology, funded by the state. Perceiving, many religious and especially those who left religion, tend to see psychology as their answer to their inner thoughts. Not able to get past the stumbling stone, the literal legacy, being programmed the "spirit" must be a literal divine person. Which holds many of them, from deeper discerning in the bible of the authors' logic, mental disposition, thought by thought, frame of mind, particular thinking. Failing to see, their faith (persuasion) is really in government, that programs millions of young men and woman in human behavior, is similar dangerous, as a state sponsored a religious denomination.

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