

should we all evangelise?

Of course! says **Bernard Palmer**

A Christian who is unconcerned for those without Christ is himself in serious need of help. Even atheists understand this. Penn Jillette is an avowed and vocal atheist. He is one half of the famous comic illusionist act, 'Penn and Teller'. One day a polite but impressive man tried to share the Christian good news with him. This is what Penn had to say about the experience:

'I've always said that I don't respect people who don't proselytise. I don't respect that at all. If you believe that there is a heaven and hell, and people could be going to hell, or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think that it's not really worth telling them this because it would make it socially awkward... How much do you have to hate someone not to proselytise? How much do you have to hate someone to believe that everlasting life is

possible and not tell them that? If I believed, beyond a shadow of doubt, that a truck was coming at you and you didn't believe it, and that truck was bearing down on you, there is a certain point where I tackle you. And this is more important than that!'¹

Archbishop William Temple commented: 'No-one can possess (or rather, be indwelt by the Spirit of God) and keep that Spirit to himself. Where the Spirit is, he flows forth; if there is no flowing forth, he is not there.'

Jesus said, "'Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.'" By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive' (John 7:38-39). ■

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REFERENCE

1. Available on YouTube bit.ly/3Q1toT