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Donor 3966 Interview Notes

Donor 3966 seems shy at first but when you get him talking he is engaging and his wry humor and intelligence become immediately apparent. I spoke to donor 3966 about Utah, where his family lived. He expressed a awestruck love of the landscape, praising the geographic diversity and lamenting that he couldn't stay in a place where he felt like there was so little going on. He talks about his fiancé genuinely, and he clearly respects her very much. I got the impression they are a good team- they were in the process of reading two different Tom Robbins books (Jitterbug Perfume and Fierce Invalids Home from Hot Climates) and then switching. He is planning on going back to school soon; his intelligence was one of the first things I noticed about him and it is compatible with his dry and sarcastic wit. His humor is sharp but not harsh, and he clearly has a soft side and is kind.

We talked for quite awhile about his Episcopal religious beliefs and practices and how they interact with his interest in Buddhism. He said playfully that every religion could use some Buddhist tendencies. When we talked about his family he displayed an understated but very sincere affection. They have stayed in Utah and he seems to be the son most likely to venture away from where he was raised. He especially seems to appreciate the sense of humor that people in his family have. He loved talking about the ways in which their humor was different from each other, although there seemed to be a common strain of sarcasm.

Donor 3966 seems clear about what he likes and what he is interested in learning. He seems secure in himself and although he didn't seem the most fashion conscious (navy blue shoes, black pants and a brown shirt) he did not come across as awkward. He was neat- his goatee and nails neatly manicured- and his blond hair could use a trim, but the unruly curl of his blond hair was endearing rather than messy. His rosy cheeks are particularly sweet when he smiles.

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