

MY NAME IS GREG DAVIS, I AM 24 YEARS OLD AND WAS A STUDENT OF OLD COLLEGE AT RENO (FRESHMAN) DURING THE '83-'84 TERM. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF DR. RANDALL L. EATON AND TESTIFY TO HIS COMPETENCE AS A PROFESSOR OF NATURAL SCIENCE.

I FIRST ENTERED OLD COLLEGE POSSESSING MANY ARROGANT, INTELLECTUAL PRESUMPTIONS (MAINLY, BEING A DEVOUT ATHEIST), BUT NONETHELESS FEELING RELATIVELY CONFUSED AND APPARENTLY RIPE FOR A NEW WAY OF THINKING. APART FROM THE REQUIRED HUMANITIES COURSES, I CONCENTRATED ON ANTHROPOLOGY, ARCHAEOLOGY AND WHATEVER ELSE MIGHT LIE IN THAT DIRECTION.

I TOOK PART IN RANDY'S PREHISTORIC ART CLASS AND HIS QUARTER OF THE WESTERN CIVILIZATION COURSE (SCIENCE PORTION). NOT ONLY AM I IMPRESSED WITH HIS ABILITIES AS A COURSE INSTRUCTOR, BUT RANDY AS A FRIEND AND MENTOR OF SORTS HAS BECOME A VERY SPECIAL AND INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN MY LIFE. HIS PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH TO EVERYTHING HE DOES, BE IT ACADEMIC OR EXTRACURRICULAR IS DEEPLY ROOTED IN NATURALISM AND EASTERN MYSTICISM; A MAN OF INTENSE CONVICTION, HE NONETHELESS MANAGES TO AVOID FALLING INTO THE DEADLY TRAP OF ABSOLUTE TRUTHS. HE DEALS WITH HIS STUDENTS WITH GREAT COMPASSION AND WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE A VERY SINCERE PERSONAL LOVE AND CARING. ANY PERSON OF HIS POSITION WHO ALSO POSSESSES SUCH QUALITIES IS UNAVOIDABLY DESTINED TO BE LOOKED UPON BY SOME OF US IMPRESSIONABLE TYPES AS SOMETHING OF A GURU, WHICH IS THE LAST THING ANYONE NEEDS. YET, THANK GOD OR THE GREAT SPIRITS OR WHATEVER, RANDY IS IN ADEQUATE SELF-POSSESSION AND HOPELESSLY HUMAN, WHICH ENABLES HIM TO DEAL WITH THESE DUBIOUS PRESSURES IN A VERY SANE AND HEALTHY MANNER.

IN REGARD TO MYSELF, RANDY HAS HELPED ME TO STEER MYSELF INTO A MORE COHESIVE, IF NOT TOTALLY CERTAIN, VIEW OF MYSELF IN RELATION TO MY ENVIRONMENT. I HAVE BEEN MORE INCLINED TOWARD A MORE NATURALISTIC APPROACH AND WORLD-VIEW. HE HAS BEEN VERY INFLUENTIAL IN MY NEW INTEREST IN AMERICAN INDIAN LITERATURE AND MARINE BIOLOGY. WE NEED MORE PERSONS WITH HIS KIND OF CREDENTIALS TO HELP LEAD US AWAY FROM OUR WESTERN-ROOTED ARROGANCE AND SUPERIORITY COMPLEX THAT WE MAY LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATURAL LAWS. I KNOW I AM NOT ALONE IN SAYING THAT

I FEEL NOTHING BUT RESPECT, LOVE AND ADMIRATION FOR THIS MAN AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM AS A FIVE-STAR COMMODITY TO ANY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION UNIT. HIS WEEK BEATS MY YEAR...

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS,

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