

Yenny Encounters Jesus

Yenny is in her second year at La Trobe University. She has a love for words and expresses herself through creative writing and poetry. She has a reason to write because of God's miraculous work in her life. It was not always like this.

Like many young women who are looking for security and acceptance, Yenny once worshipped romantic desires and the thrill of having a man. Each time she charged into a new relationship, she felt loved and accepted. However, it always proved to be temporary. She spent her nights weeping herself to sleep. In order to numb the pain, Yenny would recklessly fall into the arms of another man, creating a terrible cycle of regret. Feeling used and empty, she looked everywhere for some self-respect and power. Unfortunately, she turned to the occult for those needs.

"I used to be very disappointed with people and isolated myself from them. Doing this just left me more susceptible when I discovered the occult. I read a lot of books about it and developed an unhealthy interest in clairvoyance, palm-reading, witchcraft and ghosts."

Yenny began to find herself living by horoscopes, going to fortune-tellers who told her things that no one else could have known. At first, these things comforted Yenny because she yearned for spiritual guidance. It gave her a thrill too. However, the false sense of comfort and power soon grew into an obsession. "I felt like there was an evil presence following me. I realised how many paths these interests presented to me and it was way too broad. The wider it became, the blurrier my thoughts became. I didn't know which path would give me the guidance I sought. I was in a constant psychological chaos and was increasingly uncomfortable with these forces."

It was during orientation week last year at La Trobe when a girl named Joy asked Yenny to fill out a survey. One of the questions asked if she ever dabbled in witchcraft. This stirred Yenny's interest. The survey asked if she would like to learn about Jesus. Since she already was searching for spiritual guidance, she thought it could not hurt to do a bit more exploring. "I thought I might as well integrate Christianity to the mix, why not?" Yenny finished the survey and gave it back to Joy. The next day Joy called Yenny to meet up.

"I remember telling Joy about my whole life. She shared how Christ had helped her through her own mistakes and falls. However, I was still unfamiliar with God at that time. I didn't think he was necessary."

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