

Transcript of Oral History Interview with “Kevin”

Interviewee: “Kevin”

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Abstract: “Kevin” answers questions about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected his faith and beliefs. He also talks about how the pandemic has affected his religious community’s interactions and what community service efforts they have engaged in to help those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speaker 1 0:00

So, I'll be interviewing Kevin from ASU. And the first question: how has COVID-19 affected your faith or beliefs?

"Kevin" 0:10

Um, to be honest with you, Coronavirus did affect my faith and beliefs to the God. With all the disaster things happening around the global many doubt that this we pray really is going to help us anymore. So, it just made me doubt that kind of thing. So, however, I just, I still believe, still, still believe my religion I trust my, trust my God. And so, I believe that he or she, my God will be there with me no matter what. So, lots and lots of [UNINTELLIGIBLE], I think, for the first question.

Speaker 1 0:52

Okay, thank you. Second question: is your religious communities still gathering currently? How has COVID-19 affected your participation in your religious community?

"Kevin" 1:04

No, our religion community does not get it anymore. In our country, we do have a policy called social distance. Therefore, everybody needs to stay at least one meter from each other. So, we cannot get together anymore. For second, second part, because, because of the Coronavirus most of the time, which we cannot go to go to temple or church anymore, therefore, I would just do the same thing I did in the temple or church, such as pray or, you know, meditation by myself, which I think it has the same purpose as I did in the temple or church. Yeah.

Speaker 1 1:51

Okay. Thank you. And last but not least: is your religious, religious community supplying or engaged any kind of community service in an attempt to help alleviate issues caused by the pandemic? If so, what are those efforts?

"Kevin" 2:07

So, in my country Coronavirus has been controlled pretty good so you know, we can, we still have plenty of supply in the stock which people don't have to worry about like food, mask any kind of, you know, medical stuff. So, two thing I can I notice in our religious community that was first just, you know, they, they were sending, sending some medical masks to, to, you know, just help those people who need it the most, which helps people to prevent Coronavirus, Coronavirus a lot. Second part I, I kind of noticed, when they give you the mask to the people, they will just, you know, kind of pray for you, kind of you know, just let people come down a little bit like, let people feel, feel better during, during this rough time. So, people can just feel better. Yeah, just, that's all I got for for, for that question.

Speaker 1 3:07

Okay. Thank you very much.

"Kevin" 3:09

No problem.