Gaurav: What is your ethnicity?

Mitch: I am half Chinese and half Filipino.

Gaurav: Where were you born and raised?

Mitch: I was born and raised in California.

Gaurav: What are some superstitions you’ve heard growing up?

Mitch: I’ve heard that if you see a penny on the ground, you should pick it up.

Gaurav: How did you hear of that?

Mitch: My mom told me to pick up pennies when I was little.

Gaurav: What are some other superstitions you’ve heard.

Mitch: My mom is Filipino and superstitious so that plays into these. Sleeping with your hair wet will make you go blind, washing legs after walking/standing a lot will give you varicose veins, and don't sing at the table - God doesn't like it.

Gaurav: My parents also told me to pick up pennies even though they were Indian. Do you think picking up pennies was something your parents learned when moving here?

Mitch: Yes, I think it definitely is a western superstition.

Gaurav: What are your religious views and aspirations?

Mitch: I do not practice religion, and I am an engineering major.