

In 2 well-developed paragraphs, please discuss your understanding of scholarly research.

Scholarly research is has taken on an entirely new look in the past 10 years, better yet within the last 3 years. This learner's understanding of scholarly research entails conducting research on a specific title of relevance, which is supported by information discovered by experts in that particular field of study or relevance. "Research has revealed that the attitude you have at the beginning of a task determines the outcome of that task more than any other single factor¹." Scholarly research takes on this concept fully. If learners and/or researchers begin the research process with a lackadaisical attitude, at the end of their research it will show in the academic work.

The key to scholarly research is for researchers or learners to engage in deliberative reflection. "Deliberative reflection inspects a range of alternative understandings in search of that which is most satisfactory and seeks to formulate the meaning of faith as clearly and coherently as possible²." Though Stone & Duke have referenced deliberative reflection to faith, the concept of inspecting a range of alternative understandings for the most satisfactory is critical in scholarly research. Thus scholarly research entails deliberative reflection and attitude.

1 Carol M. Roberts, *The Dissertation Journey: A Practical and Comprehensive Guide to Planning, Writing, and Defending Your Dissertation* 2nd Edition (Thousand Oaks: Corwin, 2010), 3.

2 Howard W. Stone & James O. Duke, *How To Think Theologically* 3rd Edition (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013), 19.

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