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Reflection of Chapter 3&4

Chapter 3

After reading chapter three, I have learned that the style has a life of its own which in turn influences and alters the shape on which it is based. Style and shape also affect each other. Learning as well that they are two types of characteristics pragmatism and profanity. Through pragmatism a secular man's question is "will it work", they so occupy them selves with mysteries. The world is viewed not as a unified metaphysical system but as series of problems and projects. On the other hand, through profanity we refer to secular man not as sacrilegious, but that he is unreligious. The word is viewed through itself; the profane man is simply this – worldly. I have come to think that many people who are atheist has a pragmatic mentality, they choose to play it safe, this person disciplines their selves to give up on certain things. Life for this person is a set of problems and not a fathomable mystery. This person shrugs off the things that cannot be dealt with and deals with those that can.

Wasting little time thinking ultimate or religious question, living with highly provisional solutions. Believing he or she could handle this world without him. One thing has resonated with me is that a pragmatist works at his problems one at a time testifies to his belief in order of thing. This person suspects that he fears the universe will fall into pieces unless his conceptualization constantly fixes everything in place. This resonates with me because you can see the huge difference between a pragmatic man and God fearing one. A God-fearing man is not worried about the universe falling into ten or a million pieces because he knows the maker of the universe. There is a relationship between him and the maker, so therefore they can speak about these things rather than the pragmatic who would rather scurry away from what he believes is a mystery.

Chapter 4

Secular city is viewed different among cities and cultures chapter four speaks about the different cultural perspective from Africa, china, and Latin America. In India they are facing difficulties with their population and hunger. Muslims and Hindis still go against each. Nehru always favored in secular state, he wanted India to be a secular state. The author shares that in India it is nearly disputable that Christians should struggle for a secular. Christianity is the religion of Europe and catholic is the religion for Rome. What I believe most people do not realize being a Christian "is a conscious choice rather than a matter of birth and inertia. I believe a lot of people come to make this mistake when you began to speak to them about the gospel. They quickly respond by saying that they know a lot of songs and scriptures. My question to

them are you apply these scriptures and accepting them, or do you just know them, another thing I have heard is I was raised in a Christian household. What many people in the secular city do not realize is that your decision must be made and relationships.

Overall, both of the chapters were very informative and detailed, I would say that many things resonates with what goes on in our world today. Such as many people knowing that Christianity is a choice that must be made on your own and not based on your family. Everyone's relations

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