

Essay Questions chapter 2&3

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5. I agree with Collins' statement that you can find God in the cathedral or laboratory. I believe you do not have to believe in one or the other. Scientists don't have the answers to every question they have and I think God does play roles in the unknown. I think your studies could lead you to an awe and worship in your unknown. In anything you do not just study you aren't always going to have the answer and I believe this is when you need to turn to God the most and believe in what he is doing with you. A time in my studies when I was led to worship was when I was getting confirmed. I was going through a hard time in my life but every Sunday I had to go to my confirmation classes. Many Sunday's I didn't even want to go but I always felt better when I did. We would have worship at the end of every class and it was my favorite part. Even though I was going through that rough time it brought me closer to God and I now know that was his plan the whole time.

3. Draper's view on science and faith goes back to the beliefs during the Enlightenment. He believed religion was a distraction to science and the way the world developed. Whitehead and others believed religion is necessary in science. They believed it would be crazy how the whole world and everything that was created was just by science and nothing else. My views are closer with Whitehead and the other's. I do believe science and religion are allies and if you believe in one you can't believe in both. Science can provide many answers for us but it also doesn't prove everything and I believe that's the part where religion and your faith is brought in. Many scientists did get their beliefs from God and his word so I do believe Christianity paved the way for the upcoming of science during that time.

10. Reading the conversations between Pam, Ray and Ian I have realized that many of my conversations that have been similar to theirs have come from people outside my church. When I have conversations with people who go to my church and mention where I'm going and what I'm studying I always get positive feedback, everyone is so supportive and encouraging. It's when I talk to people who are non religious I get the most criticism. I always hear how psychology and christianity don't go together and how it's unfair to me that I have to learn about the two. I think this is so far from the truth. Your religion shouldn't have an affect on others' work life. If you believe in God and want to bring his word into what you do on a daily basis that shouldn't matter to anyone else. I would respond to these scenarios by telling thanking them for their concerns but it is not their place to tell me what and where I should be studying.