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Integrative psychology and Christianity

Chapter questions

Hello here are the questions I chose for this chapter.

5) The author wrote that the crucial interactive question is “what tangible difference does it make in one’s life and practice to be a psychologist who is a devoted follower of Christ? In what ways should being a follower of Christ make a tangible difference in how one approaches psychology?”

I personally feel that a psychologist who practices religion and a devoted follower of Christ does help when working with people who need guidance in religion and gives a better understanding in the psychology world but isn’t a required subject in practice but is helpful to both sides and understanding to guide a person through life and religion. I also feel it depends on the person you are working with. The psychologist may tie into being a good person and the world without quoting a religious quote without offending the person they are working with. We can tie in religion to treatment with showing respect to the person.

6) For the second question the author quoted a pastor who defined psychology as a “sinful” human beings sinfully thinking about sinful human beings. How do you react to that statement? Does the statement contain truth? Does it abolish the validity of psychology? How might we profitably react to such critique? For the answer to this question as far as the pastor defining psychology as a sinful human beings thinking about human beings I do not agree.

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For this question as far as the pastor defining psychology as a sinful human beings thinking about sinful human beings I don't agree. Psychology is the study of all behaviors not just sinful human beings but all types of people with all types of behaviors. I do not feel sin puts restraints on psychology it is how someone feels and they are able to feel their own feelings right or wrong but, I do not see that as a restraint on religion and again we all have our own views on this subject. Another point on this is that it depends on the person you are working with. The psychologist may tie in being a good person and the world without quoting a religious quote without offending the person they are working with. We can also tie religion into treatment with showing respect to the person.

The next question is as follows, is integration necessary? In what ways are Christianity and psychology dis-integrated? Should they be why or why not? How might such integration be pursued? To begin what is integration? Integration is a term that suggests that it takes an effort to find connections between psychology and theology because they have been dis-integrated. Integration religion in religion is important and is needed because it helps to reveal nature of God, man, redemption and salvation. There are some who feel integration should be possible and some feel different and we look at historical, Christianity and psychology relationships. I do feel integration should be used as a way of thinking about God and truths. Again, everyone had their

own feelings on integration and it is needed for unity and peace in their lives. Again, this should be pursued to create ways of thinking and unity in life.

The final question chosen for this assignment is the author discussed the difficulty of defining Christian psychology Do you think it's a useful term? What do you mean when you use the phrase Christian psychology? In your experience, how might people mean different things when they use this term? To begin with what is Christian psychology? Christian psychology is a unique form of psychology which seeks to develop a distinctly Christian model for understanding the human condition. I feel Christian psychology is useful because it gives us as people a better understanding of our world as far as religion and as our world in unity to keep us together. In my experience people mean different things when using this term depending on their life and circumstances like religion and upbringing. People have different beliefs based on how they were raised and the environment they were in at the time, I do feel those are big factors in life and religion.