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Intergration of Psychology & Theology: A Survey

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Essays Unit 1:

#1. The experiences that the worshippers encountered at the Church of Our Lord Jesus in a psychological perspective is very simple because the reason for the collective to need medical attention was due to the carbon monoxide stated so therefore their brains reacted. Among some researchers that came up during brain imagine it was interesting that they saw different part of the brains more active during things like prayer, meditation, etc., which made me think about the times that I pray or when I am in a meditating state of mind which aspects of my brain are showing more colorful activity. The theology aspect of what church they attend might help understand if the type of worship they engaged in might have physically or in synchronize energy of the Holy Spirit could be why the congregation reacted the way they did. I do not think it would make a big difference because based off of worship is not about the beliefs when it comes to praising God or if someone might be singing little more because they feel it in their heart or someone who meditated and prayed during the service and feel very powerful but, they are not singing the loudest does not define the actual contribution to the response that happened. Based on my own beliefs as a Christian I believe that God is everywhere not just in the Church. Yes, there may be significance behind them all passing out due to the carbon monoxide, but what works does that signify on God's behalf? Maybe as a collective I believe God's Presence was felt and the energy all together uplifted where it required more breathing, more focusing and concentration which made the carbon monoxide easier to fill their lungs. I have never done hardcore drugs to trip or hallucinate, but I tried to compare the same feeling euphorically to the worshippers.

#4. When I hear Academy I think about school and all the resources, tools, and knowledge to obtain from books. When I hear the Church I envision a congregation of people, I believe the body of Christ and a place where is considered one of the Holiest places of God to worship and bring everything before Him. I went to a Catholic private school my whole upbringing and my beliefs was/is Christian where I was just obligated to take the curricular in class for the grade or Academic side of religion vs. Church where I remember going to Church every Sunday morning with my parents also because I did not know at the time about actually having a personal relationship with God, I needed to gain that on my own time, not forced. I believe that at such a young age the Scriptures made sense, but I could not fully understand the message or the meaning of the stories in the Bible. A lot of the situations I have experienced where I was down a dark path in my life where I felt disconnected from God and did not give

up on my belief, but it was as if I was angry at God for letting me go through all these things (Athens) then later realizing that whatever happens in my life is because of my own choices, but also a part of God's Plan (Jerusalem) where things make sense or it did not happen yet because I am not mentally prepared or there is something better that God has in store for me. God has brought me out of dark places time and time again without hesitation When I thought I would not have enough to eat, God provided. When I thought, I was not going to make it through the Fall '22 semester God made a way for me.

#5. I think the psychologist/psychiatrists or those who are in the field of psychology who have a theology background knowledge and religious beliefs (no matter what the beliefs are) are more unique in this area of study. If I, as a Christian believe that God hears all of our prayers, He responds to us not Himself in form, but through life and the people we come across, the places we visit, the blessings we receive and the ones we get to give back tenfold. If we have experiences as such that we feel God's presence and energy then it should be in our nature to be able to share those experiences through parables or testimony to apply to our lives and can be a vessel to reach others. I truly believe that to be in this field is to have care for the human brain and how to gain insight and control over our lives so it goes beyond just doing research and giving people medication (if necessary.) Mental health should be a concern for everyone because when our brain cannot function or feels restricted there's negative resources some people turn to because they do not know God. Imagine being able to speak to someone who not only has professional, medical insight but as well spiritual and religious aspects that is a very diverse skillset to obtain and be able to, "recruit" someone from the "Devil's Den" or from a darker side that people need help and saving from.

#6. This statement was interesting to hear. We are sinful human beings and it comes natural for us to fall short of the Glory, sometimes I believe that we become too caught up in these fantasies of becoming rich or famous, maybe others want to become their own bosses and that is fine, but to compare ourselves to others or giving so much clout to finding a reasoning, whether it is individuals or situations to pinpoint behind our misery or the mental issues that arise. Maybe it does somewhat almost cross a thin boundary of the validity of psychology because without a question of thought in research or in a study would be no reason to know beyond what is causing the problem or what is the common denominator for the root of whatever our brain is telling us to bring forefront. We might profitably react to such critique because we would feel like we have something to prove as an individual that we're not consumed by others or the materialistic world. Some might say that we're no one to judge others like casting the first stone? Whom without sin can go ahead and judge, but

I believe psychology is not a judgmental zone, it is for the purposes of gaining more insight rather than targeting the individual solely.