

5-3-1 Assignment on Hollinger Chapter 3

Questions

1. Is there a Christian Worldview or multiple ones?
2. What is the relationship between the creator and the creation in the biblical story?
3. Is humanity superior to animals?
4. What is functional dignity?
5. What is at the center of the Christian Worldview of ethics on humanity and the world around it?

Answers

1. In questioning whether there is one Christian Worldview or multiple ones, the answer lies in what basis does the Christian Worldview rest. And when looking at Christianity overall there are fundamental points of ethics to which all Christians (if not the majority) adhere to.
2. The relationship between the creator and the creation in the biblical story is that there is a sharp distinction between the creator and the creation. Despite that humans are made in God's image; God is clearly distinct in many aspects. In addition, the Bible also makes a distinction between human beings and animals.
3. Humanity is not in essence superior to animals, yet God made humans distinct from animals. Hollinger points out some of the ways in which humans stand out from the rest of creation, including the study of ethics.
4. Functional dignity is when one's value is postulated based on performance, whether that be a particular level of rationality and self-awareness or a certain capacity of relationships.
5. At the center of the Christian Worldview of ethics on humanity and the world around it is the problem of sin. Sin is at the very heart of humanity's problems to the point where it becomes "structural sin".

Terms

Functional dignity- the view that a person's value is derived from performance

Structural sin- the concept that expresses that sin as part of human nature is not just demonstrated at an individual level, but at institutional and social levels.

Christian Ethics- "the ethics of the church against the world, it is not a living possession of the unbelieving community, but of the community of faith"

Summary

In chapter 3 of his book *Choosing the Good*, Hollinger defines the Christian Worldview and its direct relationship to Christian ethics. In it, Hollinger defines the Christian Worldview basis upon Biblical stance, and how it informs the church about questions on ethics. Hollinger writes about the human dignity that comes from its creator. At the same time, the author clarifies the centrality of the problem of sin as the main driver for analyzing ethical problems from the Christian perspective. As such, the author differentiates the secular look at ethics and what they're based upon, and the Christian outlook on ethics.