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Research and Writing Assignment

World Civilizations I

In this chapter, we discussed famous Axial Age thinkers and philosophers such as Buddha, Plato, Aristotle, and Confucius. All of these figures pondered on the world and asked questions such as: “What is the nature of the cosmos and the natural world? What constitutes and justifies proper social order? And what principles guide ethic, or individual decisions about right and wrong behavior?” Each philosopher had their own answers based on the region they were in and the history they knew about that region.

If I could answer all of these questions in three words, I would say God and culture. I believe that God created everything good in the world either himself or through people. When it comes to the cosmos, I believe that God created it and designed it be the way it is even today and keep it a mystery to man. If humans knew everything about the natural world and the spiritual world, it would not be good because humans are filled with flesh and don’t always have others best interest at heart. However, if one day God decides that He wanted to reveal the wonders of the cosmos and the natural world to someone, He would raise up someone to do those works and move through them the way he moved through Moses.

When it comes to what constitutes and justifies proper social order, I think God has designed His people to lead and be on top, however, since He has given us free will, overtime we have lost sight of the authority he has given us and allowed others to come in and take over. In more natural terms, overtime race has constituted to “proper social order”. We begin to see that

nations of more lighter skinned people begin to conquer smaller nations. As time went on, this type of conquering kept happening and began to spread. So, it just led to the social order and classifications we see today. It is also a direct reason as to why there is systematic racism and most middle and low classes are minority races.

For me, my religious faith and upbringing guide my ethics and decisions about right and wrong behavior. My parents played a huge role in teaching me right from wrong and how to carry myself in the world. As I started to grow up, I began taking certain things I would see around me in my world and incorporating it into my ethics morals. Another principle that guides my decisions and ethics is the Bible. I strive to live a loving and forgiving life like Jesus. Although I am far from perfect and I make a lot of mistakes daily, I still continue to push to be more right and pleasing in God's eyes.

Overall, my responses to the questions posed in this chapter are based on my religious faith and what I have been taught about the world through my family and church. All of the men in my family are church leaders in some shape or form so I think that plays a big part in how I see things and answers these questions. God is the key to all answers, ideas, thoughts, etc. in my family and I believe He just uses humans as a vessel to convey what He wants for us.