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Integration of psychology

Chapter 3 questions

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For the first question of this chapter it asks to recall the conversation between Pam, Ray and Ian. Has your own encounter with people from your church background been more similar to the experience of Pam, Ray or Ian? How have you responded to such encounters? How might you respond to the scenarios that did not mirror your experience?

To answer the first question and begin the chapter there was a conversation between Pam, Ray and Ian. The conversation talked about majoring in psychology and being a Christian. Ian talks about wanting to get people to understand there's more to psychology than counseling but he didn't see how faith had much to do with studies when it comes to people of my church that I belong to. I find the people including the minister had been very supportive of my educational goals which is to help people. My relationship with the people from my church is like Ian's relationship with the people of the church. As my personal response I would be supportive of

people who want to study what they choose to study in school no matter religion or personal life experiences.

#17 For this question the author claims that compared to other Christian groups, evangelicals are more divided about the relationship of theology and psychology. Next question is why might Evangelicals be more divided on this issue? What factors in Evangelicals history and belief compel an interest in psychology? What factor in Evangelical history and belief have fostered opposition in psychology? To answer this question Evangelical's comes from the word "evangel" which is a word from Greek from the testament that refers to good news of Jesus Christ that Jesus came to save humanity and the Evangelicals community about the place of psychology as a clinical method which remains virtually unchanged except new names has slowly begun to replace the old. There are many perspectives on how the world has changed in the Evangelical community.

#14 For this final question as you consider the various reactions of Christians to psychology and psychotherapy, which reactions are foreign to your way of thinking? Are there concerns voiced in some of the reaction that we should take seriously? To answer this question according to the book Psychology and Christianity are two separate disciplines that provide complementary perspectives. There are many views like homosexuality in a sinful way and some belief and some say its not. There have been many concerns about homosexuality and I feel some take this seriously and some don't depending on your views and how you were brought up. Many have different views on this topic. There is a view by David Powison who says, "Christian faith is a Psychotherapy ." As people we can all have our own view and there are no right or wrongs, one source of tension between psychology and Christian theology lies in the historical

anthropological debates concerning relationship between spirit and soul. There are some reactions between serious but not all serious as other depending on your feelings and religious beliefs and everyone is entitled to their own beliefs.