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“ Essay 3 ”

Chapter 4:

**1.**

The author was exposed to many different things which were not very familiar to him. For example, when one of the little boys had come in with a hand that was burnt, which to him was part of his cultural “ normal” to the author, that was very odd and weird. I have been exposed to many similar problems. For example, in middle school, one of my classmates said that they usually pray to status or they would go to the graveyard and ask for the person that is deceased to protect them or watch over them, which to me was very unexplainable and just not normal because I believe in one God Jesus Christ so me explaining my beliefs to them was just too weird. Therefore, we learned to agree to disagree because we all cannot believe in one thing I think that then the world would be a little boring. I would also say that we live in a world where people always want to be right and most people are not willing to understand the other person’s perspective. I would become very judgmental at first because I am used to doing things in certain ways.

**2.**

I would say that experience is the best evidence and I think that there is no right or wrong way to answer those questions because we all do not think, act or even have the same moral values.

Therefore, one can only answer those questions according to them. I would say that a person is someone alive. The nature of the world is very sinful and due to us being so disobedient once in a while, we have to face the consequences, which is that we will suffer either famine, starvation, or with natural disasters. What is wrong with the world can only be fixed by the US because God gave it to us so it is up to us to either heal or keep on killing it same concept will apply to what is wrong with my life. We are the editors of our own lives, and God is the author, so we have the right to say and act in certain ways.

**5.**

Yes! worldviews are less chosen than inherited because once we are born we will end up being shaped by the culture and different environments based on those who were taking care of us. Therefore, how we view the world is skewed because most people will have the wrong lenses of glasses on because they only think in one way.

**6.**

I think that the creator made a creation, so we can keep on creating it. Therefore, he started it and it is up to us to be creative because he gave us the knowledge to adapt to the new environment. We can exercise stewardship over creation as the image of God by coming up with different ideas such as technology, art, buildings, and medicine because God left us with many different resources. It is up to us how we will develop and enhance these different resources.

**7.**

Everyone will sin once in a while, so some people might start to feel like a burden because sin is like a habit. After all, it is not too easy to get rid of it. Therefore, some people might become too shameful and maybe too prideful, so they will most likely stop repenting of their sins. This is related to Psychology because then this person's mind and soul are at risk due to them being filled with so much guilt.

## **8.**

One way that God has called me to be part of redemption is through working with unwanted and rejected children. I think we all have a part to play here on earth so some people just have to figure out their purpose. I do believe that everyone is called to be part of redemption but it is up to each one of us to either grab our purpose or allow someone else to use our gift. We are redeemed once Christ gave his life on the cross. Redemption is us being set free from slavery to sin and death. Therefore, forgiveness is God's pardon.