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2. What it means to be a person is to exist and showing up as who we are, fully authentic self. Who we identify as, our morals, our beliefs, etc. The world we live in now is more complex, but the nature of the world is to have common happiness, peace, health, wealth, knowledge, safety. What seems to be reason for the world and things going wrong is because we are human, and we end up giving more power to the flesh than our spiritual aspects. We all have a "bad side" to ourselves, and everyone gets consumed and lost within themselves. Majority of the choices people make end up in bad situations, for example: Someone consumed too much alcohol as well as they have been battling personal, "demons" and decided to take matters into their own hands which resulted in getting hurt/harming themselves. Our outlook on the world also plays a role with our personal life because when we are down or have overwhelming emotions it makes us not aware of how we engage and participate with our world. For some if money lacks personally then we cannot buy materialistic goods and services which is frustrating. I believe my views are 50/50, some assumptive on the outlook that I see and from the information I obtain as well as I have experienced how not having a relationship with God tends to lead us astray.

5. Our worldviews are less chosen than inherited sounds right. To me what I got from this is when it comes to our religious views and our own personal beliefs that people are less interested in choosing what their beliefs are, but also inherited beliefs for some feel, "forced" because it is what people grew up into that don't have their own set of values. In my own life I have always grown up in a Christian, Church environment, but I did not establish my relationship with God until I experienced a lot of life that made me realize I needed my relationship with God to get me through certain experiences. To see the objective side of things would be to not let personal feelings or opinions deflect or make us change our beliefs based on these factors.

6. Individually God made man in His like image and Adam and Eve were told not to eat from the one tree. This shows we have our own individual willpower as well as just being human, we must remember that this is life and the cycle that ends it all is with death which we cannot outrun. Our ownership of the right and wrongs in our life comes into other realms because we have a certain, "dominance" for being the first creation of God so we are supposed to set the example that the universe, deities', ancestors, etc. on how we are supposed to live in our walk with God and how sin is normal for us to participate in, so we do fall short of the Glory. For animals, creatures, etc., it is different to feeling guilt or comparing their lives to what God would want us to do.

7. Ones' individual sin being the source of suffering can play a part in psychology because whatever we are going through in this life or the decisions, we have made that lead us to psychologically having effects like depressions, PTSD, etc., that sends us into a certain state of

mind. Our personal suffering comes from the choices we have made intentionally knowing it is sinful and can damage our point of view can bring overthinking and start questioning our lives. These types of sins are known to be individual because it is between the sole individual and God. Corporate sin is believed to be more public or between God and social from our environment where crimes and other actions come from not being hereditary. When we cheat ourselves out on God, then we also do the same with human lives where we get opportunities limited due to lack of conscious choices whether it is intentionally or accidental. Doing crimes lead to jail and then when time is up, and the person gets released there is not much job opportunities or school programs depending on their crime and if it was a felony.

8. We can find God in our everyday lives and in what we craft in humanity depending on the intentions behind the actions or cause. In psychology as a counselor, I believe that there is redemption through this because the client is taking the first step towards their mental health to be able to start the process of healing and fixing behaviors, thoughts, and patterns. Not only do we get to redeem ourselves with forgiveness with God, but in our jobs, school, friendships, and relationships we are able to make mistakes and get reprimanded for whatever situation at hand and that is God showing us Grace and Redemption to try again and know It is okay for us to not be perfect and know it is more than forgiveness of sins, but forgiveness in our human life. It is important to not get carried away and to find balance with spiritual and real world.

9. I think that going to heaven is a more specific statement because in the Christian worldview we say that when we make it to heaven it is because we have lived our life to the fullest in our God-like image and have done deeds to get us into heaven. This statement, "participation in the renewal and restoration of creation in the here and now, in the power of the risen Christ, while we await the final and complete restoration of all things yet to come" would be different because it is saying that before we get to heaven we have to wait for complete restoration of all things yet to come and awaiting the final step, meaning there is more leeway or limbo waiting for the final answer. We would not automatically believe that we go straight to heaven if there weren't work to be done here on Earth before we are reunited with God.