

Psychology & Christianity unit 4

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Question 1. Growing up I assumed that all black girls straightened their hair via perm or hot comb in the African American culture black women's hair had not always been accepted by mainstream society and in my culture the only way to be considered neat and presentable was to have slick smooth hair and that is not the texture that many black people are born with. There wasn't many magazines or social content that celebrated black women with natural hair the subculture within the black culture on hair was the way black women treated each other regarding hair my view on the topic was that straight hair was the best and only way to wear your hair. It was a challenge breaking this assumption because of the few representations of black being beautiful. if I had been born into a family that was overly racist, I believe that I would be a racist until I educated myself on that race. I have always taken pride in developing my own opinions of people based on their individual personality and not their race. I would try my hardest to reject the racist values that had been embedded from birth but that could only be done through education and time.

Question 3. I know intellectual perseverance is the most difficult for myself because it requires discipline of the mind which is an exercise I feel is difficult for me because I've been a natural caretaker and healer most of my life my family would come to me and tell me what was wrong with them and I had the ability to tell them exactly what they needed to feel better my father and grandmother believed I should have joined the healthcare industry because of this natural ability but intellectual perseverance has not been my strong point. Since things have always come natural to me when it becomes hard it's easier to walk away and I'm just beginning to understand the importance of intellectual

perseverance and how it helps me to attain knowledge which is beneficial to myself and those that need my help.

Question 4. Human Finitude, human frailty and human fallenness (the individual and corporate effects of sin) affect and limit the quest of knowledge because of the issues that are associated with sin as well as the preconceived notions due to our human frailty. In the story we had to read the effects of sin, I believe is what made Rebecca jump to the assumption that Jimmy was demon possessed but human frailty and human fallenness is what happen with Jimmy. The drugs he had used throughout his years caused him to have mental issues. I believe the Human Finitude is what limited Rebecca's objectivity as well as her quest for knowledge of the jimmy situation because she thought she knew the answer without examining Jimmy's complete history which limited her analysis and understanding.

Question 6. In Rebecca's argument she stated" People can make Faustian bargains whereby they give their soul to a demonic force in exchange for a supernatural ability". She used the word CAN which doesn't mean he DID. She is basing her analysis of Jimmy from what he said without acquiring all the data. Jimmy's records show that he is schizophrenic, he could have developed "sudden Savant syndrome" which is when a person has developed extraordinary artistic abilities due to damage in the brain. This could hold true in Jimmy's case, or he could be plain out lying.

Question 8. When it comes to hermeneutics, I like to know how one scripture relates to another and who wrote the book. I agree that these two methods should be applied when studying the word of God and I agree that all scripture was written for the culture of that time, but I still believe that there a jewels within the scriptures regardless of the culture

and the time frame. People are still experiencing things that happen during the biblical times today.

Question 9. An example of how one may use hermeneutics to attain knowledge is by asking the questions( who wrote this document and to whom was it addressed, why was this document written, What is the current situation of the writer and the audience.)asking these kinds of questions on scriptures and documents outside of scriptures will make give the researcher the knowledge they are looking to attain. Using deductive logic to establish truth is the first step in attaining knowledge from a logical standpoint. To establish truth can not be done with just one person a consensus has to be made on the topic to establish truth. Attaining knowledge through logic may be a bit confusing unless the sought-out truth has already been established which just leaves the person to research what's already been established. Empiricism is the way that my great grandmother attained knowledge, through experience. Her knowledge was attained through life experiences and those experiences gave her the wisdom and knowledge to sustain a household of five during the great depression and develop a small business that was successful for many years. This was without formal education, only experience.