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“ Essay 4 ”

Chapter 5:

**1.**

I think that it is very difficult to change someone's culture because culturally everything they know is very accurate, so trying to tell them otherwise would be problematic because it is hard to tell people how to think or to even accept certain things, especially if this particular thing is seen as not normal to them. If I was born into an overly racist family, then I would be more likely to reject the racist value because if I'll be harming someone emotionally or physically, then I would say that's wrong even though it's part of my culture. We can always agree to disagree, and it will not hurt to break some cultural values.

**2.**

I agree because everyone wants to be certain of what they believe in and I would say that many people will work on trying to be good people, which can be classified as god-like qualities. I said this because certainty is very significant and some people are capable of losing their sense of self if they are uncertain about particular things.

**3.**

Intellectual perseverance is the most difficult for me because it is more about disciplining the mind which takes strength and muscle. This type of person will also put the necessary efforts and resources towards developing habits, and skills that are very significant to accomplishing the

objectives. This will be difficult because I do tend to procrastinate a lot, so sometimes I would waste time, then at the last minute start taking care of the important things on my to-do list. Also, disciplining my mind will be difficult because I am always constantly in my mind. Thinking of something or searching for something because I do tend to get bored very easily. The best way to overcome this obstacle is to understand why taking care of a priority is important and tomorrow's never a promise so it's always wiser to do things ahead of time or on time. The best way to discipline my mind I would say maybe should work on just focusing on the 24 hours that I have instead of thinking about the whole week or next year.

**6.**

Rebecca's claim is not claiming anything because she is speaking based on her personal beliefs and she does not know Jimmy very well and his medical conditions. Her conclusion was the result of logical deduction because she might have argued that since Rock- and- roll music is often a product of demonic influence, then she automatically assumed that Jimmy was demonically possessed. Her argument has flaws and her claim is not valid.

**8.**

I would say that I am leaning more towards the Evangelical example of hermeneutics because the scriptures are God-given and are truly worthy as a guide for faith and practice. I agree with all of the principles and I would have to adapt to whom it was written. I said this because many stories were written based on the period or to a certain group of people, which can sometimes be twisted in today's society. After all, most people read the Holy Bible as if it was written yesterday including myself.

**9.**

Authority: This is when someone is telling the other person about what they know. For example, when I got my knee surgery in 2020 my Surgeon told me to relax on the bed for 2 weeks and not to put any weight on my right knee due to surgery. My surgeon went to medical school and knows more about anatomy, so he was passing down his knowledge to me which was very helpful.

Logic: This is correct reasoning. For example, it is very important to file or pay your taxes before April 18 or the extended period, so the IRS will not have to come looking for you, or even start withdrawing money from your account. All these are logical reasoning skills.

Empiricism: reliance on experience to evaluate knowledge claims. The vast majority of people tend to focus more on their experiences and observations than they will be able to conclude without running a test or having any data to support their claims. Many people will say that they are an expert just by observing someone or something, which is not accurate.

Hermeneutics: The message to be accurately communicated. Someone can attain knowledge by becoming an interpreter or might even try to translate a letter or a note to someone, and the goal is to make sure that the messenger sends out the correct message or interpretation.