

## PSY 253 – Unit 4

2. I agree with the author because although we may believe something does not make it true and when we begin to think that what we believe is the only truth then we are claiming a god-like quality that we are unable to attain. God created man in his image and his likeness and so I can see why we can sometimes get besides ourselves thinking that we know what we know beyond a doubt. I suggest that is a dangerous place to be in we are finite beings unable to know all things, and really need God to reveal truth to us.

We can humbly evaluate our beliefs and should be open to re-direction and correction because my beliefs are based on my reality but my reality is based on my perception and experiences.

3. If I am honest with myself, I would have to say that intellectual perseverance is probably the most difficult for me. This characteristic is most difficult for me because I tend to have a lot on my plate and I don't always prioritize or govern myself to accomplish all of the tasks. What I can do and what I am now doing is planning my time and not allowing myself to justify my slackness because I do in fact have a lot going on. If you don't plan, then you plan to fail and I absolutely do not plan to fail at anything I put my hand to so therefore, I will continue to make the necessary adjustments in my life in order to accomplish and build myself in intellectual perseverance.

4. As frail, fallen, finite humans we are limited in what we know and there is absolutely the chance for error in our thinking. Our thinking is shaped by our culture and experiences, the sin of a culture shapes the individuals in that culture. When we look at it from a Christian lens, the scripture states that we were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. Sin therefore distorts human thinking and not only affects us personally but also corporately. This is exemplified through sexism, racism and the lack of concern for others. Our thoughts are to some degree bias due to our environment and experiences, we are not free from erroneous thinking because we are fallen, frail finite humans.

6. Premise – Rock and roll music is often a product of demon influence. People can sell their soul to a demonic force in exchange for supernatural abilities. Jimmy said his received his ability to play guitar at the concert

Inference – Rock and roll music is often a product of demon influence; you can do all kinds of things when possessed by a demon.

Conclusion - Jimmy was demon possessed.

Potential flaws – Jimmy’s account is accurate, maybe it was a hallucination. Jimmy’s medical history as well as his drug history is it possible that Jimmy never played with Cat Steven, Rebecca’s lack of experience with mental illness and her biased beliefs caused her to draw the conclusion that Jimmy was demon possessed.

8. The hermeneutical approach that I use when reading scripture is to ask the following questions:

Who wrote the book?

Who was the book written to?

The purpose of the book?

Major theme(s) in the book?

The context of the scripture passage in relation to the book

I use the scripture to interpret scripture (reading other versions of the scripture)

Using commentaries, bible dictionaries, concordances to assist in my understanding the scripture

How does the scripture apply to me or how can I apply the scripture or principle to my life?

The specific hermeneutical principle the author noted that I would probably have to be more mindful of is which genre it is written.

9. Authority – A child’s journey of attaining knowledge begins at home. This is where the child learns its first words, how to eat, how to socialize, right and wrong from their parents. The child furthers their learning when they begin school and now, they have another authority figure from which to gain knowledge, the teacher.

Logic – A man that has be heartbroken several times says, all women are the same they can't be trusted. Give a woman your heart and she will break it. Therefore, no women can be trusted with your heart because all women are the same.

Empiricism –

Hermeneutics – The Pastor preparing his sermon for Sunday morning is careful to make sure the scripture text he uses is properly interpreted. That the illustrations, analogies, and the illustrations, analogies, metaphors are all used in the proper context. The Pastor should ensure the historical and cultural context of the scripture is clear and that the theological implications and practical applications are provided to encourage the congregation in the things of God. The sermon should be sound, and the intended meaning should be evident to those hearing it.