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5 Quiz Questions:

- 1) How did Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels define ideologies?
- 2) What war criteria must be met to be considered just based on empirical ethics?
- 3) How do Christians tackle the environmental the environmental crisis?
- 4) What does Scripture say about a Christian approach to poverty and economic justice?
- 5) How do personal dispositions affect perceptions of reality?

Answers:

- 1) "Economic in nature, they believed it was false consciousness and involved the ideas of the ruling class that distort facts and use them to justify their position in society (181)."
- 2) All other means of resolving conflict must be met; war must be last resort (176).
- 3) Some portray the environmental situation in almost catastrophic language as in we are headed for disaster if it is not addressed (177).
- 4) Scripture stresses that love is shown through sharing your possessions with those in need (179).
- 5) "Personality types may have propensities not only toward particular values and beliefs but even toward particular understandings of empirical reality (184)."

3 Terms:

- 1) Empirical Judgment: Derived from or relating to experiment and observation rather than theory (Reversion Dictionary; 175).
- 2) Social Mores: the fixed morally binding customs of a particular group (Websters).
- 3) Vested Interests: a person or group having a personal stake or involvement (Oxford).

1 Summary Paragraph:

Utilizing one's observation of surroundings and presiding facts to make determinations as to what is most ethical in a situation is using empirical judgments. Making ethical decisions based on empirical judgments forms very similar beliefs that manifest or present diversely among believers. The assumption is that core beliefs play a role in the level of significance or importance one places on ethics. These beliefs create a complex way of thinking and thus make determining the correct ethical decision difficult.