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Chapter 6/3 Essays

Question (3)

I believe a person can be scientific and still believe in the supernatural (the existence of God) to be true. The reason I believe this to be a fact is because there are some things that's just not explainable to the human eye. I've seen in the ministry that I became part of originally and saw where people who had cancer, diabetes, or getting ready for surgery of amputee of the legs or toes because of poor circulation and God healed them right before the surgery. I myself have experience a supernatural miraculous healing back some years ago, when after a lump was found through a mammography of breast was done. The abnormal cells were discovered after a breast biopsy with a fine point aspiration to be cancerous. When they first told me after the initial mammogram findings of a lump, and I remember saying out loud, with power and aggression, "the devil is a liar", "cancer will not enter my body", and "I plead the blood of Jesus Christ over this lump in my breast" the nurse thought I was crying and tried to console me and I let her know I was denouncing the enemy over my life and allowing the supernatural healing powers through Jesus Christ to overtake the circumstance. She said, "Ms. Smith I've seen many of cases like this and it can be taken care of with radiation and chemo, the doctor also confirmed this also and I said, "the devil is a liar" and I will NOT have chemo or radiation. When I told my family of course they were upset of this news and my sister asked me was I afraid and I told her no. Long story short when I arrived for surgery a few weeks later and they had to mark the lump again with a mammogram and a fine needle inside of my breast and they couldn't fine the lump at all, then doctors decided they will go through the surgery and find the lump to remove it and there was no lump at all they did remove the tissues from the area surrounding the disappearing lump every thing was normal after the pathology report, surgery report, they went over and over the tests it show everything there prior to the surgery. All I can say is But God, and He saw fit to heal me miraculously.

Science showed me it was there, but my belief caused me to be heal and it could not be explained as to what happened even the doctors said it must be a miracle, therefore, they must believe and have witness the supernatural. So yes, I believe there's possibilities in both science and supernatural.

Chapter 6/Question #7

I believe how the world came about just as stated in the Bible of how God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, He separated the land from the sea, cause day to turn to night, trees, animal, man etc. To me there is no evidence of how we originated here on this planet with oxygen, and everything that we need to survive here on the planet earth and how we cannot travel outside the waters above the firmament without some form of protection to breathe. Like why are we the only planet with humans are there any other planets that have humans on it? We hear of speculations, however, no one has really confirmed if there are other humans like us on planets we don't know about or they don't know about us. In order for something to exist there has to be a starting point of origination. As I was listening to the lecture, a lot of what he was talking about are questions that plagued my mind ever since I can remember of having a level of comprehension or my surroundings. My other questions used to be why we all have the same parts but come in different colors, hair text, features, etc., I know a lot are factored on DNA but where did it originate from. Yes, I do consider knowing about God can be considered as a worldview of my cultural beliefs of my ancestors passed down to me through generations and that there are others that don't believe, but there is no other explanation but God.

The methodology I have utilized in evaluating the evidence are what has been taught to me from the King James Bible. I believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I believe the Holy Spirit will teach us and expose us to all truths, I believe in the heavens and internal life after death, I believe Jesus shed his blood for me on Calvary to save me and that I may have life after death because of my beliefs in Him and what He has done for this world.

Chapter 6/Question #9

My definition of two times when I have experienced thin places are when I was in an airplane and standing on the ground while studying the clouds. As I sat by the window seat and viewing the clouds and also the thunderstorms was an total awe moment of God's beauty or what I consider a thin place. How the clouds even from standing upon the ground can look like a totally different dimension of God's creation. Sometime when I look up it looks like another city or place of far, far away we can go there and escape the cruelty and the wonders of this world to go into the sky and sit on a cloud that has the illusion of a mountain top or a hill. You can sit there and find peace of above all understanding that words cannot formulate. I often wonder if that is a little part of heaven that God gives us as we sit in his awe of creation. I always say He's the best artist in the world that can create unimaginable colors that may not be considered in our color charts of colors. This area of God's beauty has always fascinated me even from when I was a little girl. Being #7 of my mother's children and #3 of dad's children I always felt alone and lost in the host of children of altogether of 9 living in with my parents. I'm not saying I had a hard life but sometimes it would feel crowded, therefore, I used to slip outside with my blanket and lay under the stars or in the sun talking with God. I felt he was my only friend so I would always asks him the hard questions I knew my parents probably would not be able to answer. God has always fascinated me in how and why the things of life would take place. I no longer lay on my blanket outside, but I am constantly asking him why questions in my head and in my prayers.

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Chapter 7/3 Essays

Question #15

Some of the implications of a philosophical anthropology that views human nature from a bio-psycho-social perspective combined with a theological view of humans as limited creatures, image bearers, and fallen sinners are the neuroscience perspective, behavioral perspective, cognitive psychology, sociocultural perspective, evolutionary perspective, psychodynamic, and positive psychology are all that's included in the view of human nature. These are a combination of psychological and integration of Christianity consist of all functioning nature to shape our development of being a human being. They give us a fuller understanding of our approach and function of the current perspectives. Therefore, we know that psychology gives us the framework to think and provide the data we need meet the goal and limitation of theory. Theology gives us the framework of organizing observation of human nature that was created in God's image.

Chapter 7/ Question #16

Pope Benedict XVI claimed that “without God man neither knows which way to go, nor even understands who he is.” The implications of this statement for the possibilities and limitations of psychology absent this grounding is because we must know who we are to determine where we are going. God is our creator, and He knows everything about mankind because he has created us in his image, therefore, he knows what is good for us which is His will, and His will always being the right direction for us in all that we do. The fact that we are fallen creatures are from the beginning of time with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Every time God appoints a man to lead his ways in some kind of way man has fail to fulfill God’s way. Which is the reason He had to come in the flesh to do what is right for all mankind, including sacrificing his beloved son who knew no sin without a blemish or a spot on him. But yet he endured the evilness of this world inflicted upon his flesh and yet he still lives today. Mankind would be so loss without God’s directions. He gives us the wisdom and the knowledge that we do have, he also gives us the ability to do things today that men back in the old days could only dream about. This world would be darker than ever without God’s hands in the midst of all that we do. There is a level of believing there is something or someone who is greater than man that can control every living creature, diseases, the weather, and every factor of the earth that those who a non-believers has to admit there is a reason and a point of where everything started from.

Chapter 7/ Question #10

Looking back at the quotation from Hamlet, we can reconcile the incredible faculties of humanity with the realities of human evil because humans have the propensity to reject reasoning and to reject God. I believe because God gives us the choice between good and evil, most people choose evil because it is satisfying to the flesh. It's difficult for the flesh to choose good because it doesn't come easy and there has to be a level of sacrifice and not be a part of the majority. Good can cause separation and the battle can come between the flesh and the heart and mind that's wanting to do the right thing. Evil can become an easy way out of the battle and the consequences can come without morals. Even in today's world we are hearing so much of this murder-suicide spirit that's running rapid across our nation. These actions are being done by people who are selfish, prideful, deceitful, controlling, and just plain ole evil. People that are falling on hard time are taking the easy way out of killing their families then killing themselves so that they wouldn't have to face the consequences or the embarrassments, shameful, or the ooh's and ahhh's that come with when this level of evil is publicized amongst our peers. Then you also have the evil people that's a coward to die but goes into our schools and kills innocent children and adults and set themselves up to be killed by the authority so they don't have to take their own lives. God knows this flesh can be difficult, which is why Apostle Paul said I kill my flesh daily.