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Unit 6

Ch8.

3. I believe secular combatants and Christian combatants are more different than alike. Secular combatants rely on human understanding and believe that there is no authority. They believe that we should use common sense to come to a conclusion or a solution. Meanwhile Christian combatants believe that we should rely on the word of God as us humans are flawed and so limited in reason or understanding. But on the other hand God created psychology for us to discover and learn more about our thoughts and the explanation on the reason we commit certain actions. But the biggest difference of them all, and It was perfectly summarized, “ The difference between these two versions of the enemy model is simply a matter of which discipline is seen as the bearer of truth and which is seen as heretical”. Personally as a Christian I do believe that we can use psychology as a form of understatement but I don’t believe it's the whole book, better yet the author of the book of life.

4. In the book there were different models of relationships and there point of view on the relationship between psychology and Christianity. For Enemies, they believe psychology and Christianity are incompatible and complete opposites. For spies they believe there is psychology in our everyday lives especially in religion, not the religion itself but comes with it like praying can bring comfort or speaking with your brothers and sisters at church. Colonists believe psychology can be useful to explain some behaviors that we have, but are not deep into study in psychology, just the minimal/basic information. Rebuilders believe psychology is from God but that some people overused psychology and substituted Gods and what He has to say about us with our own understanding and what we want to believe. Neutral parties believe that psychology doesn’t have to be right or Christianity has to be right, as we all have our own understanding/ belief so there is no need for conflict. Finally Allies believe that all information/ beliefs are from God as He is the creator of everything. That both are used to help us understand human beings

5. There is a difference between colonists and rebuilders. Colonists believe that we can use psychology to help us understand some human characteristics but they don’t want to know more or have any interest in including more psychology into Christianity, not more than they already

know. As for rebuilders they want to include psychology as it comes from God. They acknowledge that psychology can have errors as we are humans, but they want to fix that by having a Christian belief base so we don't try to overthrow God.

Ch 9.

12. Albert Ellis was a psychotherapist who believed that religion sabotaged mental health and going with his patience religious beliefs was like avoiding the "problem" or "mental illness". While Jay Adams believed the opposite. He believed that psychology was the enemy of the church. Both of them have strong points of views that are polar opposites, but because of these questions they created or made people believe there can't be an in between or allowing yourself to believe one side without thinking the other believes is the enemy. For example, one pastor who followed what Jay Adams believed, though psychology was essentially idolatrous.

14. Abraham Maslow beliefs on religion are inconsistent and deceiving. He believed only morons needed rules and ceremonies. But then went on how you should save all the good of religion and create a better religion and not waste it in churches and bibles. Maslow is in denial with his own self and only wants the "nurturing rules" of religion like treat your neighbor like yourself but doesn't want the disciple part of religion when Jesus says deny yourself, carry your cross and follow me. Deep down he knew there had to be a change in him or some of what he believed was wrong that he concealed some of his own thoughts so it doesn't contradict his own claim, he himself is lost in his own thoughts.

19. The concern I have about secular assumptions is when they begin to believe that their own thoughts are the best we can receive, when they themselves have claimed that we as humans are flawed. When we begin to think we have the answers to everything and begin to create all these theories and claims, they will begin to get lost and lose sense of identity like Abraham Maslow did, they won't even fully agree with their own statements.