

REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - Unit 7: Intermediate/Integrative Models & Redemption

- 1) What is the difference between psychological espionage and religious espionage? Which one is more damaging to religious belief? Why?

Answer: Psychological espionage is when one is committed to a religious system, yet they want to understand the system so they can make use of its resources for contributions to psychological, mental or physical health. Religious espionage is when an individual is a part of a religious community, but has a greater commitment to the psychological benefits of their religious system than to theological positions. I believe religious espionage is more damaging due to its limitation of becoming acceptable to the view of others while psychological espionage is open to explore more of its resources for the greater good.

- 2) The colonialist model is intent on proclaiming the superiority of theology over psychology (nearly to the exclusion of psychology, in some cases, while the Neutral parties model is intent on proclaiming the independence of psychology from any ideology including christian theology. What concerns about the relationship of theology and psychology can you affirm in these two models, and what do you think is in need of critique?

Answer: The concern and critique of the Colonialist model that they dismiss out psychology disciplines that conflict with theological interpretations lacking understanding of psychological methods. While neutral parties believe there is no effort to discern the truth and present the christian worldview.

- 3) In what ways is the Rebuilders model similar to the Colonialist model? How is it different?

Answer: The rebuilders and colonialist models are similar due to both being committed to Christian theological system. The difference is that the Colonialist model promotes engagement of separated psychological findings, while the Rebuilders model allows interaction between psychology and christianity. Rebuilders' model promotes exploring content of both methodologies and disciplines.

- 4) How can the two quotations from Ambroise Pare (I dressed the wound, God healed him, and “Cure occasionally, relieve often, console always”) be applied to your own area of study?

Answer: These 2 quotes show that I play apart in serving him as well as serving others. This is where it means to me Faith without works is dead. When I complete my part, God reveals himself. For example, my life and actions must match what I read and study the word of God.

- 5) Look at the two extended quotations from Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Leonard Cohen. How do these two quotations reflect the focus of the Allies as subjects of One Sovereign model?

Answer: These 2 quotes show that God is the beginning of which all our reasoning starts. God is the author of both books. The Holy Bible and the book of God’s work/creation. His truths are revealed in both books. God is sovereign and has given us both psychology and theology. They both work as allies.

- 6) The author framed the chapter around three questions. “Where am I?” Where am I trying to go?” and “How can I get there?” How do your answers to these questions frame the way you approach your intended profession?

Answer: Where am I - I’m a Christian, therefore made in the image and likeness of God. With that being stated I’m following the life of Christ daily. Dying to my flesh daily to fulfill the calling/purpose of God in my life.

How can I get there - By studying theology, psychology, and its integration to get a better understanding of what it means to be human and a christian to win souls. I approach this by knowing all are created and fallen into sin , and the purpose of human life is to confess, change and convert as we heal from addictions and life circumstances.