

H4303 - Psychology of Religion

According to Thouless, there are three explanations of behaviour:

- ✓ A. environment *mechanistic*
- ✓ B. heredity *Freud*
- ✓ C. time-maturity *Volition*

2. Our emphasis in this class is the achievement of positive behaviour which must be translated into all our contact experiences of life, resulting in a relational theology.
3. What are some serious limitations of psychology when it attempts to explain the behavior of Christians?
- A. psychology cannot settle the problem of religious truth
 - B. the act of God working in a life does have psychological ~~the~~ results but it cannot be described merely in human, psychological terms
 - C. psychological tests cannot be made to measure religious truth
 - D. God works through the Holy Spirit to touch humans in a religious experience; this act of God cannot be described adequately by a man-centered study
4. Explain "creedal concept of religion": When using psychology in counseling we must have a creedal concept of religion at the foundation of our techniques. This ~~is~~ is the concept of absolutes - the Bible, God's word, as absolute measures
5. Structure Belgrun's "Triad of Morality."
- CAUTION: Be sure your answers for 1,2,3 in B,C,D, and E follow the order you set in A - 1,2,3.

what is a creed?

- A. Category
 - 1. Cosmic
 - 2. Social
 - 3. Personal
- B. Foci
 - 1. God
 - 2. others
 - 3. self
- C. Act
 - 1. Apostasy
 - 2. murder
 - 3. concupiscence
- D. Position
 - 1. penitent
 - 2. prisoner
 - 3. patient
- E. state (areas of change)
 - 1. restoration
 - 2. fellowship
 - 3. purpose

6. Explain this concept: "God-oriented guilt". As we are committed and aware the bond reveals new areas of guilt to us. There is no pre meditated sense of guilt but there is guilt as God reveals areas - hence God-oriented guilt. of sin to us

7. List the four ways in which, according to Hoover, we seek to evade culpability for sin:
- A. humanism - moral sin is through ignorance "I'm only human"
 - B. biological determinism - a malfunction in the biological system causing one to sin
 - C. psychological determinism - ~~inborn~~ hereditary in the id (unconscious) are drives which cause us to sin
 - D. social determinism - the evil environment is the cause for sin
8. Pseudo-confession not only fails to relieve the problem of guilt; it is dynamically counter productive when it uses
- A. compensation - do a good act to cover up for a sin in another area
 - B. identification - take on qualities of characteristics of institution one is identified with
 - C. ~~creedal~~ *creedal* - wrong personal attitude in use of creeds

Symbols

9. Explain this concept: "psycheconomics": This term ^{of Drakeford's} implies that we must pay for what we've done wrong before we can be relieved of guilt. We must pay restitution to significant others.

10. Trace the development of Calvinism and Arminianism:
- A. ~~determinism - Adam's choice~~ ^{caused us to be} A. free choice
 - B. ~~Augustine~~ B. Pelagius
 - C. ~~pre-destination~~ C. free will
 - D. ~~Calvinist~~ D. Arminian

11. What is the role of the will in conversion if one is a Calvinist? forfeited
 an Arminian? fulfilled

12. We studied extrinsic and intrinsic approaches to conversion. List two extrinsic processes and four intrinsic evidences of a dynamic conversion:
- ✓ A. Orthodoxy } *same*
 - ✓ B. doctrine } *same*
 - A. verbal - what I believe
 - B. affective - what I feel
 - C. social relational - how I relate
 - D. transcendental - how I worship

- A. determinism - Adam's choice caused us to be so thoroughly depraved we have no choice left
- B. Augustine - will is totally passive (danger is fatalism)
- C. pre destination
- D. Calvinist
- A. free choice - we still have one choice left to us, a redemptive choice to avail ourselves of 'salvation'
- B. Pelagius - will is active (danger is humanism)
- C. free will
- D. Arminian