

CHRTC 150:

THE 4 ASSIGNMENTS & PERSONAL REFLECTION

INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) In answering these assignments, **USE** the ideas found in the Class Notes, Class Handouts & Class Audio-Slides, and in doing so **DEMONSTRATE** to me that YOU grasp these concepts.
- (2) For questions asking YOU to Defend YOUR views, begin by giving YOUR strongest reason/argument, and then **LIST** other reasons/arguments in descending order of importance. • use 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.
- (3) Always **RESPECT** the Maximum Word Limit for each assignment.

Assignment 1. 750 Word Maximum. 15%

You have just read a short article on origins written in 1981 by Young Earth Creationist Denis Lamoureux (see the attached PDF). Lamoureux believes that it is impossible to be both a Christian and an evolutionist. Write a letter to Lamoureux explaining to him that evolution is true and that it is possible to be a Bible-believing Christian who accepts evolution.

Assignment 2. 1000 Word Maximum. 20%

Describe your MODEL of science & religion featuring the various relationships between them. Then state your PERSONAL VIEW of science & religion. Defend your personal view. Also Describe and Defend your personal view on intelligent design and how it relates to your personal view of science & religion.

Assignment 3. 1250 Word Maximum. 30%

Richard Dawkins is the most famous atheist in the world. He is well-known for his statement, “Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist.” Dawkins has also criticized evolutionary creationists like Denis Lamoureux on the TV program *The Agenda* (sites.ualberta.ca/~dlamoure/dawkins_and_lamoureux.html). Revisit the views of Dawkins in the Class Notes (Quote 8 p. 5, Q 1 p. 8, Q 4 & 5 p. 12, Q 4 p. 50) and his view of intelligent design in the Class Handouts (p. 44). Making use of the science and religion views of Galileo and Charles Darwin, write a letter to Dawkins explaining to him that it is possible to be both a Christian and an evolutionist.

Assignment 4. 1250 Word Maximum. 30%

Ken Ham is the most important Young Earth Creationist in the world today. He is the president of both Answers in Genesis and the creation museum in Kentucky. Ham has a bachelors degree in environmental engineering. In his book *The Lie: Evolution. Genesis—The Key to Defending Your Faith*, he writes:

Many Christians fail to realize that the events of Genesis are literal, are historical (particularly Genesis 1-3), and are foundational to all Christian doctrine. All biblical doctrines of theology, directly or indirectly, ultimately have their basis in the Book of Genesis. Therefore, a believing understanding of the Book of Genesis is a prerequisite to an understanding of God and His meaning to man. If Genesis is only a myth or allegory, then Christian doctrines have no foundation.

Many Christians have added evolution to the Bible, resulting in a position that accepts God as Creator but restricts Him to the process of evolution. This position is destructive to Christianity for many reasons.

Assume that you are an Evolutionary Creationist, write a letter to Ken Ham and respond to the issues he raises in the quoted passage above.

Personal Reflection. 300 Word Maximum. 5%

Write a reflection outlining personal worldview insights (changes in your views?) that you discovered in this class. Challenge your professor on why his views are so horribly wrong! (I’m serious. I love students who disagree with me because I always learn something from them). Please submit this reflection with **Assignment 4**