

#5 Psychology, Psychiatry & Religion**Series: Where Science & Religion Meet**

A. Psyche – “life, the mind, & the _____”

1) *Psychology* - “logos” = the word/truth about, the study of; chemical side

2) *Psychiatry* - “iatros” = to heal; programming side

3) Religion says that the psyche of a person is much more than simple programming (psychology) or _____ (psychiatry), rather the psyche consists of a spiritual soul

B. 3 General Perspectives Concerning Psychology & Religion

1. Psychology should have *nothing* to do with religion (religion is a “neurosis”)

a. Freud and Modernism – science *became* their religion

b. Modern Age (Age of Reason/Enlightenment) - science would eventually provide the answers for the salvation of humanity

c. WW2 & the nuclear bomb - science might actually lead to the destruction of humanity, not our salvation

d. Response: Faith in science ultimately is _____ (the real problem is the human condition- spiritual soul- and salvation only comes from God)

2. Religion should have *nothing* to do with psychology (psychology is heresy)

- Response: “Don’t throw the baby out with the bathwater.”

3. Religion and Psychology should work together

a. Freud, Jung, Skinner and other psychologists have contributed to the well-being of humanity, however their contributions should stop with the fundamentals of psychology, not in their *beliefs* for or against _____

b. We find true healing when all 3 fields of psychology, psychiatry, and religion are working together; we are not at _____, rather we are dealing with different domains, even though they are closely related

C. 3 quick points:

1. No _____ or any amount of counseling will fill up your “soul’s thirst for God”

2. The very concept of sanctifying grace and atonement points to God being the foundational “_____ of the soul”

3. Many psychological and emotional problems come from the inability to “release” personal pain from the past, mistakes, pains, hurts, fears, and so forth; but, a primary mission of Jesus was to help us in those very areas

- One purpose of prayer (why you need a solid, daily prayer life) - to release, “let go” & be emotionally free and healthy
- Jesus, “Come to Me, lay your burdens upon Me, and you will find rest for your soul”