

**Assignment #1: Core Essential Elements**

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1. Select One (1) Core Essential Element from the Syllabus Outline:

a. Asynchronous Cores 2 and 4: Create a 350-word original discussion paper

(with cited sources) during the first week of the term. Post this discussion in DIAL

Discussion Forum. Then, provide two peer responses of 100 words each (total of

200 words) in the Discussion Forum.

b. Professor will check for quality of content and word-count requirements. Grade

assigned will be Credit or No Credit (CR/NC).

### **Course Essential Elements**

1. Learning...to Change the World

2. Worldview Literacy in Research

3. **Faith-Learning Integration**

4. Interdisciplinary Research

### **Course Essential Elements: Integrating Faith and Learning**

Integrating faith and learning is essential to knowing and understanding that our purpose is in the time God places us on earth and in our interconnectedness. Many people go through life unaware of their purpose or the interconnectedness of their purpose with other people.

Nonetheless, we are all part of God's beautiful creation, and God created us out of pure love for such a time as this (Anderson, S., 2020, Genesis 1:1, John 1:1–3, 1 John 4:7–10). Ward discussed the multidimensionality of God's Kingdom, which includes all disciplines, professions, places, and purposes. If we believe that the Kingdom of God consists of spiritual beings at work around us and that there is an invisible world in the midst of the physical world, then we will have a better understanding of the essence of faith-learning integration (Ward, D., 2020). As a Kingdom scholar, I am trusting God to lead the way to the knowledge that I need to know to increase my effectiveness in representing Christ in my sphere of influence (Philippians 1:6).

As we increase the integration of our faith and learning into secular circles in the present world, believers need to be prepared for negative responses and follow the example of the early church. At the very onset of Christianity, believers struggled with remaining faithful despite the temptations of sin and persecution. God inspired the early biblical writers with words to instruct them and encouraged them to be faithful and study God's Word (II Timothy 2:15). The believers remained steadfast as the church of Christ grew to influence the entire world through God's people (Presley, S., 2021). There are a couple of points that I want to highlight as we contemplate integrating our faith into our learning and spheres of influence. The early Christians, who set such a good example of steadfastness, and Stephen Presley, the author of *Living By A Higher Authority*, are all gone. This awareness of our mortality often creates a sense of urgency

in understanding that our days are limited in carrying out the work that we are assigned to do.

May we stay steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of our Lord, until the day of Christ Jesus (I Corinthians 15:58).

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