COM 803-12: Hermeneutics and Communication

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

a. Create a 350-word original discussion paper (with cited sources) during the week

of the residency. Be prepared to discuss and engage with other students during

the live sessions. Post this document in DIAL.

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

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

 Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews is a crucial concept that explores how to incorporate a faith-based perspective into the interpretation of different worldviews. Until now, my understanding of hermeneutics was primarily limited to faith-based doctrines. However, as I delve deeper into my research, I am discovering that hermeneutics can be applied to all forms of scholarly inquiry, depending on the reader's perspective. As Duvall and Hays (2012) note, "One is engaged in hermeneutics whenever one tries to grasp the meaning of something—be it a conversation, a newspaper article, a Shakespeare play, or an account of past events".

In my work in education, I integrate Christian principles into my practice because I believe the two are inherently interconnected. However, it hadn’t previously occurred to me that factors such as historical periods, geographical locations, and the audience could significantly influence educational research. As I explore new studies, I am increasingly recognizing how these contextual elements shape and impact research findings.

I am thrilled about the opportunity to expand my understanding of hermeneutics beyond its traditional biblical perspective and to explore how a faith-based viewpoint can enhance my comprehension of various texts. As a responsive reader and lifelong learner, I am eager to delve deeper into the practice of exegesis and apply faith principles to a broader range of research. This approach not only stimulates my intellectual curiosity but also enriches my ability to interpret and integrate diverse forms of knowledge. Engaging with hermeneutics from this expanded perspective promises to deepen my insight and broaden my academic and personal growth.

WORKS CITED

Duvall, J. S., & Hays, J. D. (2012). Grasping God's word: A hands-on approach to reading, interpreting, and applying the Bible (3rd ed.). Zondervan.