Hermeneutics and Communication

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Assignment

**Create Developmental Readings from seminal sources and scholarly peer-reviewed**

**journal articles. For this course, use five of the seminal book readings in the**

**Course Resources folder and find at least two articles on a topic of research**

**interest. Review the instructions for Assignment #3, the course essential elements,**

**and course readings to identify selections of provided books and located journals to**

**create entries.**

**Source One:** 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.

**Comment 1:** Com 803-12 Hermeneutics and Communication

**Quote/Paraphrase:** 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.

**Essential Element:** This comment is associated with the essential element Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This comment is a variant to my understanding of hermeneutics. As I have always connected hermeneutics with a linear mindset of translating the bible and the times it was written in. This allows me to recognize that we can incorporate our faith based perspective in all literature and use our faith based lens to interpret our truth.

**Contextualization:**  This comment offered a moment of clarity, enabling the reader to see how this practice applies not only to our readings, from Shakespearean literature to interpreting the world around us, but also to our broader understanding. The quote shows that hermeneutics is applicable to a wide range of materials, including literary works and historical accounts, which aligns with the broader interpretive practices discussed in faith-integrated hermeneutics.

**Source two:** 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.

**Comment 2:** Com 803-12 Hermeneutics and Communication

**Quote/Paraphrase:** Rather than blindly wading out into the river, foolishly attempting to jump across the river in one short hop, or wishfully gazing at the other shore without ever crossing, we can safely cross over the river on the bridge that the theological principle provides.

**Essential Element:** The comment is associated with the essential element Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This comment is a variant to my understanding of interpreting literature and scholarly texts. It incorporates how one can always use a faith-based approach and theological principals when interpreting texts.

**Contextualization:** This quote grabbed my attention, as it uses a metaphor of crossing a river with a bridge provided by a theological principle, suggesting that understanding and applying a faith-based framework can guide and facilitate interpretation. The quote emphasizes the importance of using a faith-based approach to provide structure and guidance in interpretation, which is central to "Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews."

**Source Three**: Zimmermann, J. (2015). Hermeneutics: A very short introduction. Oxford University Press.

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**Quote/Paraphrase:** The second aim is to show that hermeneutics is a defining trait of our humanity and is foundational to every field of human knowledge.

**Essential Element:** The comment is associated with the essential element Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This comment is an additive to my understanding of how hermeneutics impacts our world view of knowledge.

**Contextualization:** This quote suggests that the ability to interpret and understand meaning is an essential aspect of being human. It implies that our capacity to interpret various forms of communication, from literature to social interactions, is a key part of what makes us human. This view highlights that hermeneutics is not just an academic or specialized activity but a universal human capability and necessity. It allows us to recognize the idea that interpreting meaning is central to our interactions with the world and with each other.

**Source 4:** O’Leary, Z. (2007). The social science jargon buster: The key terms you need to know. Sage.

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**Quote/Paraphrase:** Many theorists now recognize the complexity of agency

and have begun to explore the interplay, tensions, and balances between

free will of the individual and the constraints of the social world to which they belong.

**Essential Element:** This quoteconnects to the essential element of **Interpretive Methods in Social Research.**

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This quote is an additive as it enhances my understanding of how social constraints interact with individualism. As a former psychology major, I have previously considered the nature versus nurture debate and its implications for socialization.

**Contextualization:** This quote addresses the concept of agency, which involves the capacity of individuals to act independently and make their own choices, and how this interacts with social constraints. This is a core concern in social research, which often examines how personal agency is influenced by or constrained by social structures and contexts. The quote is related to Interpretive Methods in Social Research as it involves analyzing and understanding the dynamics between individual agency and social constraints.

**Source:** Pyrczak, F., & Tcherni-Buzzeo, M. (2019). *Evaluating research in academic journals: A practical guide to realistic evaluation*. Routledge.

**Comment 5**: Com 803-12 Hermeneutics and Communication

**Quote/Paraphrase:** It is safe to assume that all methods of observation or measurement are flawed to some extent.

**Essential Element:** This quote is associated with the essential element Interpretive Methods in Social Research.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This is an additive to my understanding of social research of any kind. As I have always understood that there will be some portion of error in any social research.

**Contextualization:** The quote reflects a critical view of research methods, acknowledging that no method is perfect and that every approach has limitations. I believe this is a key aspect of interpretive methods in social research, which often involves understanding and addressing the limitations and biases inherent in different research methodologies. Recognizing the flaws in observation and measurement methods is crucial for interpreting social research accurately. I have always had high regard for research, but through my growth in Christ, I will always regard Christ and the teachings from the Bible as our true source. With that in mind, I must acknowledge the level of error that will always exist in human research."

**Source:** McCaffrey, G., Wilson, E., Jonatansdottir, S., Zimmer, L., Zimmer, P., Graham, I., Snadden, D., & MacLeod, M. (2022). *But is it hermeneutic enough?: Reading for methodological salience in a scoping review of hermeneutics and implementation science*. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods, 21*, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.1177/16094069211070408>

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**Quote/Paraphrase:** Nevertheless, there is a difficulty in applying principles from hermeneutic philosophy to research because of the distance between the two.

**Essential Element:** This quote is associated with the essential element of Reading Techniques for Scholarly Subject Research.

**Additive/Variant Analysis**: This is an additive to my understanding of hermeneutics and allows me to make a correlation between the *principlizing bridge*, connecting the gap between the original audience for whom the text was written and the current audience who is reading it now.

**Contextualization**: The quote addresses the challenge of applying hermeneutic philosophy, which deals with interpretation and meaning, to the practical aspects of research. Both perspectives are crucial in understanding scholarly texts.

**Source:**George, T. (2021). *Hermeneutics*. In E. N. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy* (Winter 2021 ed.). <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2021/entries/hermeneutics/> <https://doi.org/10.1108/AAOUJ-01-2020-0005>

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**Quote/Paraphrase:**Within philosophy, however, hermeneutics typically signifies, first, a disciplinary area and, second, the historical movement in which this area has been developed.

**Essential Element:** This quote is associated with the essential element of Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This quote presents an additive to my perspective as I have always recognized that the historical time of the written word of God is impacted by why and how the text was written.

**Contextualization:** This quote captured my attention because it validated my initial understanding of hermeneutics, despite my lack of formal study in the field. It describes hermeneutics as both a disciplinary area and a historical movement within philosophy, reflecting its theoretical foundations and evolution over time, concepts I am already familiar with. Grasping the historical and disciplinary context of hermeneutics is essential for understanding how various worldviews and philosophical traditions have influenced the field. This perspective aligns with the concept of integrating research methods and faith-based viewpoints to comprehend how both frameworks interconnect.

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<https://doi.org/10.30935/cedtech/13647>

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**Quote/Paraphrase:**After you have a good sense of the background of the book that contains your passage, you need to identify the historical-cultural

context of the passage itself. This involves examining any elements of

history and culture that are connected to or mentioned in the passage

(e.g., geography, politics, religion, economics, family life, social

customs).

**Essential Element:** This quote is associated with the essential element connected to the essential element of Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This quote presents a variant perspective. It reiterates how important it is to incorporate a person’s schema and that may include a faith based perspective in what you are reading. I am not certain in the past I have utilized my faith perspective in all areas.

**Contextualization**: The quote emphasizes the importance of understanding the historical and cultural context of a passage, which is a key aspect of hermeneutics. This is crucial for interpreting texts in a way that integrates knowledge of their original context with contemporary understanding. As a current principal and previous classroom teacher for fifteen years, this has not been my pedagogical process. Although it involves examining various contextual elements—such as geography, politics, religion, and social customs—that influence the interpretation of any text.

**Source:** Wang, J. (2024). *Reformation hermeneutics and the spirit of humanism*. *Hervormde Teologiese Studies, 80*(3). https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v80i3.9783

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**Quote/Paraphrase:**Wolf proposed a triple interpretation of grammar, history and philosophy: grammatical interpretation involves the meanings of ancient languages, historical interpretation involves the historical background of events described in the text, and philosophical interpretation addresses the correctness of the author’s thoughts (Wolf 1831:274–276).

**Essential Element:** This quoteis connected to the essential element of **"**Reading Techniques for Scholarly Subject Research."

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This perspective offers a variant view of the need to incorporate a hermeneutical perspective in all research.

**Contextualization**: This quote outlines a comprehensive approach to interpretation that includes grammatical, historical, and philosophical dimensions. This multi-faceted approach is necessary to effective reading and analyzing scholarly research, which often requires understanding texts from various angles to fully understand their meaning and significance.

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**Source:***Moore, S. D. (2024). Biblical hermeneutics without interpretation? After affect, beyond representation, and other minor apocalypses. Religions, 15(7), 755.* [*https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15070755*](https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15070755)

**Comment 10:**Com 803-12 Hermeneutics and Communication

**Quote/Paraphrase:**In mainstream biblical scholarship, for instance, whether historical-critical or narrative-critical, the arrow of communication never reaches the real reader positioned “in front of” the narrative text box, outside it but, ostensibly at least, in the arrow’s direct path.

**Essential Element:** This quote is associated with the essential element connected to the essential element of **"**Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews."

**Additive/Variant Analysis:**This quote is an additive to my understanding by reinforcing my belief that the interpretation of the written word is inevitably influenced by the reader. It underscores the idea that each reader processes and absorbs text based on their individual perspectives and experiences.**Top of Form**

**Contextualization:**  This quote discusses how different critical approaches in biblical scholarship may not fully address the interaction between the text and the real, present-day reader. This highlights the challenge of ensuring in our present-day perspective we incorporate our contemporary experiences. I have always had this perspective when reading God’s word, however this quote enlightened me to recognize that they may not be the perspective of all contemporary readers. We have often heard the argument of many non-believers that the bible was written centuries ago and does not connect to our present day lives.

**Source:**Antombikums, A. S. (2024). Are religious experiences immediate revelations? A study of Pentecostal hermeneutics. Verbum et Ecclesia, 45(1), a2915. <https://doi.org/10.4102/ve.v45i1.2915>

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**Quote/Paraphrase:**Therefore, it is correct to refer to this hermeneutics as a Spirit-led Hermeneutics, which reads the Bible from ‘… the vantage of the day of Pentecost and the experience of the Spirit and Spirit baptism…’ (Nel 2018:3). This Hermeneutic is different from the traditional science of interpretation because it is not rationally reflective, but a product of lived experience (Ellington 1996).

**Essential Element:** The essential element of Faith-Integrated Hermeneutics: Reading for Worldviews.

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This perspective presents a variant viewpoint as it offers an alternative view of hermeneutics from a faith-based standpoint. It emphasizes that one's faith and personal perspective will significantly influence both interpretation and understanding.

**Contextualization:** The quote describes a hermeneutic approach that is guided by spiritual experience, specifically referencing the experience of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. This reflects a faith-based perspective in interpreting biblical texts.

It contrasts this approach with traditional scientific methods of interpretation, highlighting how faith and lived experience shape the understanding of texts differently from more rational, analytical approaches.

**Source:**Boyd, R. (2023). Allowing the final form full voice: Inductive bible study method.*Religions, 14*(9), 1128. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14091128>

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**Quote/Paraphrase:**The Inductive Bible Study method, as referred to throughout this article and as briefly described and demonstrated in Hebrews 13:20–21, is a flexible and comprehensive method of interpretation. It allows for the student to follow the evidence in the text and the various aspects of the text’s existence as necessary to answer questions which are raised by careful observation of the text.

**Essential Element:** This quote is connected to the essential element of **Interpretive Methods in Social Research.**

**Additive/Variant Analysis:** This is an additive to my understanding of research and interpretation of text. It is important for us to always follow the evidence and keep our reading in context.

**Contextualization:** This method involves a systematic approach to interpreting texts by following evidence and answering questions based on careful observation, which aligns with interpretive methods used in scholarly research. The focus on using evidence from the text and addressing various aspects through observation is central to interpretive methods, which aim to understand and analyze texts in a thorough manner.

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