Speech 3 Topic Worksheet

COMM 203 – Fall 2023 – Dubriwny

*You can type directly into the “text boxes” with your response.*

What is the controversy you are focusing on? What perspective are you taking on that controversy?

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| I am focusing on interpretations of the Christian Bible. The perspective I am taking is that the Bible appears to be grossly inaccurate and inconsistent, and that it is neither literally inerrant, nor entirely human fabricated. Post critically, the Bible cannot be taken at face value, and different biblical genres must be read with varying degrees of literality. The terrible historical accuracy and internal consistency are actually signposts to the reader to not take it as literal history or literal laws. For this very reason, because of (and not in spite of) its literal inaccuracies, the Bible is spiritually infallible. |

How are you planning to persuade your hostile audience to agree with your position on the topic?

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| The most credible source to my hostile audience would be the Bible (and Jesus Christ himself), so the key to persuading should be to cite verses, and show how my hermeneutic makes a more Christ centered meaning than reading literally. More generally I should be coming from a perspective of understanding the spirit of the Bible and the teachings of Jesus. |

How are you going to use ethos in this speech?

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| Cite the bible/Jesus. Interview with Princeton Seminary graduate. |

How are you going to use pathos in this speech?

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| Focus on the heart/spirit of Jesus’ teachings, double love command, etc. |

How are you going to use logos in this speech?

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| One side of this argument is much more logically sound, this would be the least of my concerns. |

This speech requires a minimum of FIVE credible sources. Identify two of these sources and explain why they are credible and how they help your argument.

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| The Bible – idk if this counts as credible for this assignment. This helps my argument because it is the source of highest credibility in the eyes of my audience and strongly supports my argument.  Princeton Seminary graduate – holds two masters degrees (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Christian Education and Formation). Provides fundamental basis for the logic of my argument and examples of reading specific Bible verses post critically. |

What is your Specific Purpose?

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| Convince those who want to believe in the Bible but feel conflicted by its first order logical inaccuracies that there is a Christocentric hermeneutic that doesn’t sacrifice logic. |

What is your individual Thesis?

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| While many argue over the literal accuracy of the Bible, by adopting a Christocentric hermeneutic that prioritizes the spirit of Jesus' teachings, we can reconcile apparent inconsistencies and contradictions, allowing us to engage with the Bible in a way that is both spiritually fulfilling and logically sound. |