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Worldview Reflection Essay

As a Christian, my basic assumptions are that there is a divine creator, God, who sent his son, Jesus, who became a man who died and rose again, so that mankind could be restored into right relationship with God, the Father. I believe mankind is fallible and yet created by God to be good, and inside of us is a compass that is a guide to right and wrong. I am not sure I believe there is an absolute truth because I question how we can know what that is, as my faith has evolved over the years from believing whatever I was taught about the Bible to learning how to study and understand the Bible for myself (Holland et al.). I believe we are all affected by societal norms and ethics even though we may have a Christian Worldview. As a student at Grand Canyon University, I strengthened my belief in how my Christian worldview helps me in my expression of my professional writing career, expanded my ideas about cultural awareness, and found resolve in my convictions about ethics and integrity.

I agree with GCU's Statement on Integration and Work which says as Christians we should work to promote the common good, and choose careers marked by kindness, service to others, and integrity. I believe in being a good person, acting in my own integrity and therefore, not allowing what others are doing to affect what I think is right or wrong. As a professional writer, whether it is journalism, public relations, or communications, I will choose to write on topics that reflect my Christian beliefs and not compromise and promote ideas that are contrary to my convictions. As a writer, I desire to help others to discover the goodness of God despite of

what evil exists in the world today, and to advance ideas that help our fellow man. There may be times I need to write about difficult topics, but I can do that in a way that glorifies who God is and promotes the common good of all men, regardless of religion.

Throughout my collegiate study at GCU, my worldview and ethics have become clearer over time by being shaped by the content of the coursework that GCU has provided. I learned a lot about how to manage people and to figure out how to respond to different ethical dilemmas. One of the things that influenced my worldview is studying multicultural literature, and learning how other cultures think differently than western cultural ideas. We are often taught to value our individual contributions, but other cultures think about how their personal advancement is really about a collective advancement. This helped me understand how important it is to understand that not everyone thinks the same, and we need to have cultural awareness when we interact with others. This is an important aspect which shaped the way I approach writing because using language that is inclusive of many cultures and experiences is vital as a professional writer. Professional writers must use the AP style guide when writing which is written in a way that takes all people groups and experiences into account and it guides writers to use appropriate language and style to communicate ideas in a way that are less offensive to many different people groups.

Having a Christian worldview affects how I see the world, and how I treat other people, which is an important aspect of why I chose to be a professional writer. I desire to write things that promote the common good of mankind, and that glorifies God. Knowing that each one of us is influenced by our religion, our families of origin, and how they inform our ethics and worldview. Through my academic study at GCU, I gained more cultural awareness, and a deepening in my understanding of my Christian worldview and how to use that in my career.

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