

Lecture 20: Question & Answer (III)

Introduction and Review: Though not a planned question and answer session, Professor Barrs takes this class time to address the specific issues raised by students as they reflect on the course material.

Question & Answer (III)

Question: Are there non-Christians who agree with Schaeffer's view of Christianity's historical influence?

- Impossibility of denying it with integrity
- The world view of a culture shapes its institutions

Question: How many in the secular academic world recognize Schaeffer?

- Growing, but his emphasis is contrary to the mindset of most

Is it possible that Christianity is misused as an ideology for practical purposes, such as capitalism?

- Marxist theory

- For convictions to be exploited, the convictions must first exist

- Christianity is historically a force for social change, not maintaining status quo

 - 19th century England - slavery, labor laws, health care

 - 17th century England - Cromwell's reforms

- Capitalism and Christianity

 - The concept of "calling"

 - Abuse of the system

 - Christianity's contribution to capitalistic theory

 - Freedom to take dominion

 - Individual moral responsibility

 - Sense of stewardship

 - Profit and the appropriate use of it