

Religion, Philosophy, Science

Throughout history, it is evident that people want to know why things happen. It is in human nature for the human species to be curious. As a result, many disciplines of studies have arisen. The most ancient fields are religion, philosophy and now science. Although these answer some questions in life, it should be known that they are all integrated but different. This is important to know because perhaps if we separate these subjects, we will further understand the meaning of things.

Knowing the areas of studies is an important concept to grasp because they help us solve problems in different ways. They are all similar in many ways. They all have different areas and subjects. Religion has many branches including naturalistic religion, super-naturalistic, and theoretical religion. Science has modern science, Greek science, and the social sciences. Philosophy has just about anything. Anything can become a philosophy, even the philosophy of philosophy. But main areas of philosophy include metaphysics, epistemology, and axiology. As we can see, they all have different branches, but it is important to understand the differences.

The oldest areas of topic are religion and philosophy. Plato, Socrates, Aristotle are known to have been one of the best philosophers of all time. Religion and philosophy are different but they are integrated. Religion is more of a code of conduct. What is ethical and moral and theology.

Comment [dp1]: Since religions are NOT themselves "discipline[s] of study" but would better be called ways of life or ways of approaching the sacred, you need to reformulate this sentence.

Comment [dp2]: Basic human responses to wonder about ourselves and the world can be found in...

Comment [dp3]: Religions date back many thousands of years, philosophy and the sciences date back about 2500 years, modern science about 500 years.

Comment [dp4]: are or can be?

Comment [dp5]: Better understand

Comment [dp6]: The terrible and largely unnecessary conflicts misunderstanding gives rise to

Comment [dp7]: Again, religions are not an area of study, though we can study religion, such as comparative religion, sociology of religion, etc.. Such studies are not themselves religions.

Comment [dp8]: Somewhere in your paper then you will be telling us what problems they solve and how.

Comment [dp9]: These statements add nothing to the paper. Best to omit them. Just go ahead and show this.

Comment [dp10]: These are types, not branches of religion.

Comment [dp11]: This is a category mistake. Greek and modern science are not particular sciences types of science such as natural sciences or the social sciences. Rather physics and astronomy, for example were Greek sciences and are also modern sciences. What distinguishes Greek and modern science is that Greek science was theoretical and modern science is experimental/theoretical.

Comment [dp12]: If this were true, then a shoe or a jelly bean can be a philosophy. Philosophy can have many topics of investigation. What makes it philosophy is not the topic, but how it is approached.

Comment [dp13]: Say what they areas of philosophy investigate.

Comment [dp14]: Since you did not really show this clearly and made many mistakes trying to get here, you need to rethink the whole paragraph as well as the one before.

Comment [dp15]: Poorly constructed. Just introduce the point you want to make then clearly state it. If you are trying to say these are ancient, be specific: religion is many thousands of years old, philosophy in the west dates back to about 600 BCE.

Comment [dp16]: Why bring this up unless you are going to use this in some way to advance you point. It seems you point is to show the difference between religion and philosophy. So far you have used up three paragraphs and the reader has no idea what the difference is.

Comment [dp17]: Philosophies can provide the basis for moral codes such as the Stoics.

Comment [dp18]: Ungrammatical

Philosophy is a way of looking at things in a different way. Since humans are curious beings, philosophy gives us a fresh start. Humans live in our meanings which make us vulnerable but philosophy can challenge our views. It might scare us but it looks at things in a different way. Philosophy created the word hermeneutics. It seems that it is becoming very cliché but it simply means interpretation. Philosophy tries to interpret meanings such as philosophical or biblical hermeneutics. There is a distinction between religion and philosophy.

The best way that philosophy helps us understand issues is when it is compared to science. Science is known because of its scientific method. It has steps to follow to try to understand a problem. Once the results of a test become more and more common among other scientists, it becomes a theory. When a theory is accepted worldwide, it eventually becomes a law. Science is defined as “know what you know, and know what you don’t know.” The problem with this is that science does not have the answers for everything. Not every problem in the world can go through these steps to have a result. That is where philosophy comes in. Philosophy doesn’t go in the linear fashion. Rather it steps back and takes a different approach. It goes around and in all different directions of a problem.

Furthermore, like science, philosophy has testing. But it is not about clearing the boundaries between subjects. It is to aware one philosophy is to understand the understanding. Philosophy is to take a step back and not see it empirically. Greek science is more philosophical than modern science because Greek science is more theoretical where modern science is more testing. The social sciences that include psychology, sociology, and anthropology have a problem because they cannot agree. They come up with new methods and models to be exact.

To conclude this essay, one should know the difference between science, religion, and philosophy. They are all integrated but it is important to know the difference. Philosophy doesn’t take the empirical route that the other areas do. It goes back and starts at the fundamentals and looks at it to not just understand, but to understand the understanding.

This essay is a first draft at best. It is very poorly thought out and very poorly constructed. You need to carefully consider the question about the difference between philosophy, science and religion and then why knowing the difference is important. Everything you say should advance the topic. I read half your essay and got nothing from it with regard to the point of the essay. Read the course material carefully and **rewrite**. Follow the writing guide!