

Paper 1

1. Thesis- “The synthesis, opposition, and partnership of science and religion present advantages and disadvantages to the pursuit of knowledge and increased quality of life. Yet based on the historical relationship of science and religion, each field could contribute most to this basic aim as distinct yet complementary partners.”
 - a. Your paper qualifies your thesis in every respect but one. You tackled the issues of the synthesis, opposition, and partnership of science and religion with great fluidity and clarity. However, there is an issue with the layout of the advantages and disadvantages with respect to the “quality of life.” The “pursuit of knowledge” portion is exemplified and well understood but there should be more about how science and religion coalesce to enrich the lives of people.
2. Second paragraph, Page 1
“Attempting to synthesize science and religion fails to increase human understanding of the world or improve quality of life— while initially appearing to produce less conflict, merging faith and science results in increased difficulties and can undermine both **bodies** of thought.”
 - a. Maybe **schools** would be a better word for this sentence.
3. Second paragraph, Page 2
“Allowing science and religion exist as opposing forces can...”
 - a. Add “to” between religion and exist.
4. Second paragraph, Page 2
“Ideas like heliocentricity, evolution, and the **geologic** age of earth...”
 - a. Geologic is redundant
5. First Paragraph, Page 3
“Although the conflict between science and religion can be productive, its tendency to become unreasonable and violent undermines each field by threatening truth and quality of life.”
 - a. Seems contradictory to the rest of the paragraph. Consider rephrasing what is meant by . Do you mean the opposite?
6. Second Paragraph, Page 4
“In order to best serve humanity, science and religion seek a greater understanding of the world and man’s place in it, and with that knowledge attempt to improve **humans’** quality of life.”
 - a. “Humans” seems unnecessary if you are talking about quality of life. it is already implied that humans are being discussed.