

Review #1

Reading The Fine Print: Finding Connections Between Science and Christianity

Paragraph I

As an overall view of the paragraph it is very choppy and almost difficult to understand. Some of the sentences are poorly organized and could be stated in an easier manner. You spend a lot of time classifying what science does and in comparison what religion does which is good that you are laying a basis for your argument but, you lack a strong like one or two sentence thesis that is supposed to state what you are going to prove. You could be more concise, stop beating around the bus and state what you want to say.

- ❖ The first sentence is not a very engaging one make it something that will catch the readers attention and will make them want to read the essay. Also your thesis is that the do agree and coexist so you should watch what you say.
- ❖ The second I don't think is even a sentence; it is a fragment of one.
- ❖ In the fourth sentence try to find a synonym for unanswerable.
- ❖ Up to his point there are a lot of very choppy and short sentences add some more complex sentences.
- ❖ The seventh sentence portrays a very strong concept; make sure to keep it in.
- ❖ "Science was inevitable," what do you mean by this it is a little random and I am not sure what your point is.
- ❖ The last sentence is very vague you need to explain it more.

Paragraph II

Here I assume is you thesis. Good thesis but still vague, expand it more to say exactly what you are going to prove and how you are going to prove it. The thesis should also be located in the first paragraph, not on its own in the middle of nowhere. Really on the whole I am not sure what you are going to prove in this essay, what exactly are you responding to.

Paragraph III

On the whole this is a good paragraph, it basically takes the entire first paragraph and condenses it into one. The only thing to watch out for is that the third sentence should be more specific and say science casts a larger net the what?

Paragraph IV

Again this paragraph is very bland, what point are you trying to make. There is a lot of fluff in this essay, find specific proofs. The last sentence of this paragraph would be better suited as the first one they should be switched. The first sentence is also not a good sentence, you should reword it.

Paragraph V

There should be no “however,” in the first sentence you are not comparing it to anything just stating a fact. The third sentence should be reworded to make it easier to understand, it is a bit of a run on. The church did not really decree its power because it was absolute it decreed its power absolute the church was not absolute the power was. Watch the grammar in the 6th sentence, it is a good concept but poorly written, for example start it with “It was only after...” The last sentence also needs to be reworded. In this paragraph some very large concepts are brought up with little proof. Research and add more specific examples to make your argument stronger. You seriously lack specific examples.

Paragraph VI

This paragraph finally gets into the meat of the essay. Good job bringing up the specific example of the Roman Empire and its conflict with religion. But you need to related it more to sciences conflict wit religion, your first topic sentence says how science and religion are similar and that they get into many conflicts because of that but this paragraph dos nothing to explain that. How does the Roman Empire represent science and their conflict? This example is a good one but you need to relate it more readily to the conflict between science and religion.

Paragraph VII

This paragraph and the last one make up the meat of the essay good examples, but it is bad that it is taking this long to get into your main points, I should have been aware of them a little earlier in you essay. In the second sentence the word also is out of place. This paragraph uses good specific example and these two paragraph combined are very strong. Make sure to keep these examples and ideas; the most important thing to work on here is grammar.

Paragraph VII

In the second sentence, what “goes to show?” What explains there are so many sects of science and the church? I am not sure I really understand this paragraph. You need to clarify what you are saying here

Paragraph VIII and IX

Very interesting point you bring up here but you need to prove it more you just leave it hanging. I like this paragraph; maybe you should present this with earlier paragraphs. These two paragraph could almost be more incorporated into your thesis to make it more clear and comprehensible. This is really what your thesis is present it earlier.

Paragraph X

Solid closing. A little away from the entire point of your essay, so maybe you should reword it a bit but a good wrap up on the whole. One last comment on the whole essay that can really be scene in this paragraph I feel like you are trying to force in stuff we learned in class a little too much and not using it well. In general use more examples but don't force them, maybe do a little outside research.