Paper 1

Peer Review

General Comments

You don't have counter examples.

While reading your essay, it was telling us the things we know. It wasn't compelling and it could have been because we've already talked about the things. You could do more research look into other leading proponents of ID.

When introducing radical extremes of the spectrum, elaborate on that. You can introduce Dawkins here. Talk about why science and religion appear to be incompatible instead of asserting that they are incompatible.

You're title is *Theory vs Faith*, but you haven't established where faith fits in the essay.

Introduction

- "Every radical…" don't make such generalizations (especially at the beginning of the essay). Even though you give an example of a scientific discovery that was countered by a religious view, it still doesn't mean that generalizations should be made.
- When speaking of the two ends of the spectrum, you're asserting that a gray area that includes people like Collins doesn't exist.
- Check out **apposition** and use it instead of using brackets in the middle of sentences to state different points in a sentence.
- "Intelligent Design falls between these irreconcilable opposites"…irreconcilable, again, you're asserting gray areas except for ID don't exist – which isn't right because unless you're arguing that the two are irreconcilable, you shouldn't make such judgments in your introduction
- Other than that the introduction is pretty solid.
- But what is the Thesis?

First Body Paragraph

- If there was a clear thesis we could tell what the purpose of the first few sentences in this paragraph is, but because I can't tell, the question must be asked. So? You define irreducible complexity, so? What is the purpose of asking that question
- "After eight **exhausting** pages" – is the word exhausting really necessary?
- What is the purpose of this paragraph? Topic sentence

Second Body Paragraph

- why is it significant that you are using Collins here? Make the connection – he is a scientist and also a religious person. ID, we would assume that it would make sense to people like him, but it doesn't. I feel like that's what you're getting at.

Third Body Paragraph

- You mention that ID might be seen as religion, maybe find/research examples of which scientists believe that or not. You could check **Dembski,** he is one of the leaders of Intelligent Design that claims that the Intelligent Designer is the Christian God

Conclusion

- I feel like this should be your introduction. When you were referring to Genesis, if this was in the intro, you could have given examples from the Bible, which could make this essay better.