

Discussion Notes: February 14, 2007

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1. p. 132A: non-religious people think society created religion for social relieves
 - Interesting claim to pacify social needs.
 - Religions have supplying political needs
 - Ben-Ari doesn't pull a side on the issue through this statement
 - Even now, lives are somewhat controlled by religions, however, not as much as in past history
 2. p. 133A: explanation about religion
 - "divine to rule" seems to be an old aspect
 - cannot see religion as a dominating aspect of rulers, and their rulings over countries
 3. p. 134A: science describes, religion prescribes
 - Is this a fair assessment, or do they just clash?
 - Where is the authority coming from?
 - Until we find out, we will never know
 - Science tries to theorize and almost "set in stone" their ideas, and completely disregard religion and their standpoints and views
 - Science, as a whole, does not try to disprove religion, only some scientists do
 - If there is no middle ground between science and religion, shouldn't people just stay with their bias group, or the group the solely support
 4. p. 134A: science and religion have different authorities
 - Did God make humans as servants? Why did he make us?

5. p. 246C: young man who doubts God
 - Is it correct to lose faith for this reason?
 - You shouldn't be able to accept the 1st view
 - You are always taking "their word for it" with everything
 - Religion is personal, and is more faith than reliability
 - The law does not follow any certain faith, whether the morals some religions preach
 - Dan says that it seems like the author is saying ignorance to science leads to the belief in God. Adam set him straight

6. p. 251B: doubting the divinity of Christ
 - Just because people do not follow a religious view, does not mean they are not good people
 - Only some aspects of science and religion clash
 - believing some "stuff" from here and there creates a "slippery slope"
 - Could you reason to believe certain aspects?
 - it would be hard to, due to our generation of wanting proof, but at the same time, it relies on faith. If we do question it, try to find proof.

7. p. O14: science without religion lame quote
 - You need to know how to use and apply what you know