

# Example of process theory research proposal

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## **RESEARCH PAPER PROPOSAL ON PROCESS THEOLOGY**

The importance of research being done in this branch of religion is so as to clearly bring out the relationship that exists between religious thoughts and the dynamic aspects of human life<sup>2</sup>. Additionally it brings out the relationship and comparisons that exist between traditions and religious practices. Several studies have shown that there exists a strong and inseparable relationship between traditions and contemporary religion. Historically, process theology has aroused various opinions from various schools of thought<sup>3</sup>. It is generally accepted that process theology originated from Europe, especially Great Britain and spread out through to the United States.

It was characterized by such groupings as the New England Theology, The great awakening. The initial forms of process theology were based upon personal and indigenous thinking. It involved such prominent figures as John Dewey, Charles Saunders and William James. It has led to the academic

argument of the doctrine of God. The argument is hinged on the biblical and religious way of thinking vis-à-vis the philosophical school of thought. The philosophical aspect of God considers God as absolute and unconditioned, disputing the biblical claim that God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but an interactive God, while the biblical aspect considers God as the creator and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. 4

## **PROCEDURE FOR THE STUDY**

In carrying out the study, several means and procedures were followed to acquire results from which conclusions can be drawn. The bible is a fundamental source of information that was used to base the arguments on the topic<sup>5</sup>. The long tradition also offered fundamental information on the topic. Additionally, long tradition based on faith was used to offer more information on the topic. The philosophical categories that were utilized was based on the process philosophy, majorly developed by Charles Hartshorne and North Whitehead<sup>6</sup>. It is noted that within Christianity, there exists liberal thinkers to whom the idea of process philosophy has appealed to mostly. Evangelicals have also found it useful in their schools of thought. Unitarians have also been found to utilize the process philosophy without majorly including and appropriating much of the Christian's scriptures as well as traditions<sup>7</sup>. Additionally, there are Buddhist and Jewish thinkers who have also made use of the process philosophy, but utilizing their own versions of the scriptures as well as their own set of traditions. Personal experiences were also utilized to conduct the study. This involved considering people's individual experiences of their thoughts on theological processes<sup>8</sup>.

## CONCEPTS OF PROCESS THEOLOGY

Process theology has various concepts upon which it is based. First there is the concept that God lacks omnipotence<sup>9</sup>. Process theology also argues that reality is not constituted by materialistic substances that are constant through time but by events that are sequential and pre-determined. It proposes that God interacts with the universe<sup>10</sup>.

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