

# Religion and Culture by Paul Tillich

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Man's creative encounter with reality:

1. Language: Religion and Language
2. Transforming or technical function of the human mind
3. Cognitive perception: Religion and the cognitive realm
  - (Religion and science,  
Religion and historical research,  
Religion and philosophy,  
Religion and depth psychology)
4. aesthetic intuition of reality
5. social exchange
6. function of the law
7. experience of the norm
8. political functions

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Select and discuss three of the following problems:

1. Faith and belief.
2. Ultimate concern and other concerns.
3. Faith and reason.
4. The nature of religious symbols.
5. Language and symbols.
6. The religious meaning of the technical realm.
7. Meaning of technical creativity for the understanding of man's nature.
8. The conflict of religion and science since the Renaissance.
9. Science and faith today.
10. Is there significance of modern physics for theology?
11. Religion and historical research. (Relationship of faith and history)
12. Religious elements in the main philosophical approaches of our time.
13. The idea of a Christian philosophy.
14. Anthropology and the doctrine of man.
15. The mind-body problem and the psychology of the unconscious.
16. Religious and medical healing.

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Select and discuss three of the following problems:

1. Artistic and religious symbols,
2. The religious meaning of the artistic movements since the 19th century.
3. The perversion of means and ends in industrial society.
4. Churches in industrial society, adaptation and resistance.
5. Types of educational ideals.
6. Questions and answers in religious education.
7. The three functions of the university.
8. The position of the theological faculty within the university.
9. The unconditional character of the moral imperative.
10. Natural law and the source of the ethical command.
11. The universality of love and the particular ethical situation.
12. Ethics of being and the ethics of law.
13. Demonic structures in individual and social life.
14. The ideal of personality and its dangers.
15. Different concepts of individuality.
16. Authority in fact and authority in principle.
17. Conformism and patternization.
18. Pragmatic politics and ultimate principles.
19. Political movements and the Christian message.
20. The problem of authority in state and church.