THE

HONORS PROGRAM

AT CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION – 2012

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Return this completed form and attached
Word document containing your original essay to:

Dr. Gayne J. Anacker, Dean
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ESSAY:

Present a formal written response to one (1) of the following two (2) situations by composing a short, original essay of 500-650 words in the attached word document. Please do not change the formatting of this document. You do not need to engage in research. Write from your common experience and considered thoughts. Attach your essay to this form and return to the email address in the box below.

1. Secularism is a theory of modern life that includes the claim that faith/religion is strictly a private matter for each individual. Thus, faith/religion has no proper role in public life or public debate about, for example, government affairs and policies that have an impact on believers and unbelievers, alike. This is because faith/religion is founded on private claims about a spiritual realm, and not on shared claims grounded in reason about the world in which we all live. Write an essay that either defends or challenges these claims about the role of faith/religion in publicly shared life in the United States today, explaining why it is or is not appropriate to use one's faith in arguments about public decision making debates.

2. Social media, like Facebook and YouTube and Twitter, are widely used today, especially by young people. Indeed, the age group most commonly using social media accounts on a regular basis is 16-26. Employers and law enforcement officials are becoming aware that there is a great deal of personal data available for them to glean from these sites, and are beginning to use the information there to make decisions about, for example, whether to hire a new employee or to investigate someone for illegal activity. Many young people have responded by claiming that their privacy is being violated when their accounts are being used in these ways. Write an essay that either defends or challenges these uses of social media sites by employers and law enforcement officials, explaining why it is or is not an invasion of privacy.

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