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## **Knowledge at Work Analysis #1**

**Section 1 [RLS]:** Retired Presbyterian minister, Eugene H. Peterson expressed his support for same sex marriage in 2017; claiming that ‘[he] would not have said this twenty years ago, but now [he] knows a lot of people who are gay...and they seem to have as good a spiritual life as [he] does’. Opposers of Peterson’s new-found outlook on homosexuality, such as Denny Burk, forcefully conclude that simply because Peterson has come to know some ‘nice gay people’, he now discards the ‘moral consensus of the entire 2,000-year history of the Christian Church’. Others, such as Justin Lee, who weren’t grossly offended by Peterson’s suggestion, defend the developing Christian mentality by attributing it to Christians re-reading the scripture in a modern context.

**Section 2 [KQ]:** **To what extent are individual values or beliefs oppositions to collective beliefs established by a community?**

**Section 3 [KP]:** **Perspectives Include...**

- The Minister: Went against the teaching of the Christian faith based on own interactions and interpretations.
- The Traditional Christian Community: Outraged by the audacity of the minister to completely discard the collective beliefs of the Christian faith only to replace it with personal beliefs that not only originated outside of the church but went against its teachings.
- The Modern Christian Community: Understand, if not support, the minister’s beliefs; Interprets the text differently than the traditional Christians.

- The LGBTQ Community: May be appreciative of the new found understanding of the minister as well as other Christians who have stepped away from the beliefs of the collective and based their perceptions on their own personal values.

**Section 4 [KC]: Knowledge Claims Include...**

- Minister – ‘Why should I let the Christian community dictate my every thought and belief; even God believes in free will. In proclaiming my support for the LGBTQ community I’m doing just that; practicing my free will.
- Traditional Community: “How could the minister part from the teaching of the 2,000-year-old Christian Church based solely on his own values? We as Christians are to follow the Christian doctrine; and going against the collective beliefs of the community that originated in such doctrine, implies opposition to the word of God.
- Modern Christians: Being part of a community should not mean conformity. We as individuals have the right to have our own thoughts and form our own beliefs. Of course, we may choose to conform to the beliefs of the collective, but even that decision is based upon personal values.
- LGBTQ Community: We are extremely appreciative of the Minister’s ability to step out of the strict, Traditional, Christian mindset and make his own decision as to his views on the LGBTQ community.

**Section 5 [RLS2]:** Nicolaus Copernicus stepped away from the collective belief of egocentricity and suggested that it is not the Sun that revolves around the Earth, but the Earth that revolves around the Sun. He was killed for his heliocentric ideas.

**Collazo Note:** *Section 5 could have used a more explicit explanation about the RLS’s connection to the central knowledge question, but otherwise this is well written analysis.*