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**Module 2 Assignment Item 8**

**Political Party**

The political party that I am affiliated with, initially influenced my thinking by invoking in me the spirit of ubuntu(oneness) as African people we should look after one another, help and build one another with slogans like “ United we stand…..divided we fall”

When they became the government of the country, they started looting the coffers of the state in the pretext of redress and empowerment. The exploitation of the resources is for the benefit of the few and it’s a morally wrong thing to do.

I do not think I will question the belief of oneness, however I will question the morality standing od this organisation and its leaders.

**Christian Church**

I grew up subscribing to the Christianity at the Old Apostolic Church in my country.

The church influenced my thinking in believing that paying tithe is a noble calling that the Lord requires from all earning of man.

When I grew up I digressed from this belief when I realized that the collections would go to a certain head office and no one was willing to explain or account as to how these funds we disbursed or utilised.

The poor people, widows and orphans were not assisted at all with these funds as it was reasoned to me earlier.

When these two ideas were not compatible with each other I was highly uncomfortable. I now question the real motive of collecting tithes where they were not used for assisting the less fortunate people and uplifting the conditions of the poor and the destitute.

I would not continue to be a member of such an organisation as such would lead to cognitive dissonance.

I do believe that the beliefs of both groups above are to a certain extent compatible in that we as human beings should not fully and naively accept and adopt all the beliefs that groups wants us to adopt as followers because people change and situations change too. This situation calls for us critical thinkers or aspiring critical thinkers to evaluate our beliefs from time to time as they do not always hold true. We need to identify those that no longer make sense and unlearn, upgrade or update thesm