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The concepts learned include using regression analysis to measure guilt and how people make decisions when they have guilt feelings. Guilt is an emotional state that plays a critical part in one’s social interaction. In a study by Mowei Shen and others (2018), the researchers found that guilt impacts one’s perspective or inclination to understand new emotions, but the effect is restricted to the person whom the guilt is focused on. Further, people tend to show pro-social conduct or behavior when under guilt situations. Again, Christian Miller (2010) posited that there is a strong correlation between guilt feelings and one offering charity or help. These findings demonstrate that guilt in decision making focuses on repairing a past that is not good. For instance, the issue of group-based guilt for past bad deeds dominated political agenda in the late 20th century as leaders offered apologies to other groups on behalf of others for atrocities and human rights violations like slavery, hatred, and Holocaust (Dooje et al., 2006).

Therefore, all these concepts from the scholarly research mirror what has been learned concerning factors that affect one’s decision under circumstances of guilt. For instance, in the article about guilt in making decisions, the researcher found that a majority of students that were in state of guilt offered to make repairs to the can as opposed to those in the anger and neutral group. It demonstrates that guilt state makes people sober and reflective on the effects of their prior conduct and seeks to make amends so that they can become pro-social with others.

As such, to find out more on how guilt affects decision making, I would propose an experimental design where the same participants are assigned the same emotional states (guilt, anger, and neutral). However, in this study, their views; either Biblical or worldview, should be considered. Imperatively, the research question should be: Do you believe that your Biblical worldview affects your guilt in decision making? Or does guilt make you more charitable and willing to offer your wealth as reparation for past injustices?

The implications of the findings from the research and the article from a Biblical worldview is that guilt is a manifestation of sin or wrongdoing that compels one to seek an apology and amend their ways or behavior for the benefit of good morals in society. God is a source of good morals and those who wrong should seek redemption through their actions.

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