

No. One - They are a help in teaching us to be prepared on time. That there is a time of reckoning coming and we can have it in mind and learn to space ourselves and to do the world over a long period that is necessary. I think they are very valuable to us for that purpose.

Secondly, they are very valuable to teach us to learn to handle crisis. Life is full of crises. And we do not help people to accomplish things in life by making everything easy for them. We have to meet crises and ~~we~~ we have to learn how to meet crises and how to handle them.

Third, the great importance of review. Oh, so many things I have learned in my life that I have completely forgotten. So many things I have studied that are just gone, and I wish there had been just a little more compulsion on me to review them from time to time. Things slip out of our minds; we forget them. But if we review them we make them so that they remain. Reviewing things is worth a lot. I think the stimulus to review is more important than what we learn from how well you do on the examination. And perhaps even more important than the value of your ~~reviewing~~ reviewing so it will stay with you, is the point that when you study a course over as a unit you get an idea of the course as a whole that you don't get while you are taking it. You see the importance of things in the earlier part. You see how they fit together with things in the middle and end. It assumes a unity in your mind. You see the whole picture in a way you can't possibly get from individual classes. And I have always felt in the courses I have taken that the reviewing for the exam has doubled the value of the course because it gave me so much ~~better~~ better understanding of the whole matter of the course.

We have need of examinations, not only in courses. We have need of examinations in our lives. Weaknesses crop up as we go on. This is inevitably so. Everything degenerates in time. It takes constant work just to stay even. And we should be going forward. God wants us to be examining ourselves. Examining our progress; examining all the aspects of our lives. How important it is to ~~examine~~ examine for instance our relations with others. It's important to examine our family life. Almost every young fellow has the time when he feels that if only he could spend the rest of his life