

# TH604: Christian Ethics: OA

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## Questions

1. What are the three components of modernity?
2. What did modernists agree about?
3. What was a main staple of modernity?
4. What is one assumption in dealing with technology?
5. What can be said about secularism?

## Answers

1. Intellectual, industrial/technological, and sociological.
2. They were united in their pursuit of truth about the world, themselves, and transcendence (90).
3. The dethronement of God and divine revelation in ethics.
4. Since humans created it, they can control it.
5. It is a set of beliefs and practices committed to the abolition of religion in society (100).

## Terms

- **Technology** - the tools used along with a thinking process that accompanies their development and use (94).
- **Rationalism** - reason is sufficient to know all humanity needs to know about the world and life.
- **Empiricism** - all knowledge based upon experiences and the senses.

## Summary

With the onset of Modernity, human ingenuity along with technological advancements, creativity, and self-reliance done in an effort to obtain high civilization and progress, served to bring moral and spiritual corruption. In fact, central to Modernity is the dethronement of God and divine revelation in ethics.