

**5-3-1 Assignment / Herve Talom**  
**Chapter 4 Hollinger, Dennis P, Feb 15th, 2023**

**QUESTIONS**

1. What is at heart modern world?
2. What is a significant problem for Christians today?
3. what are the two schools of thought mentioned in this chapter?
4. what is the summary of the two schools of thought?
5. What is pluralism?

**ANSWERS**

1. *Understandings of modernity are often filtered through ideological commitments and thus sometimes need more clarity. At the heart of the modern world's intellectual agenda was the pursuit of truth, with anticipation of certainty.*
2. *The privatization of Faith and Ethics*
3. *Rationalism and empiricism.*
4. *The rationalist strand believed that reason alone was sufficient to know everything about the world and life. Empiricism is the view that all knowledge is based on experience and the senses.*
5. *Pluralism is a structural reality today, but it also has vast implications for how humans think.*

**TERMS**

**Rationalism:** the belief or principle that action should be based on reason rather than emotion or religion.

**Empiricism:** The belief in using empirical methods.

**Christian worldview:** opinion, belief, or a way of thinking about something from biblical approach or standpoint

**SUMMARY:**

In the previous chapters, Hollinger laid the foundation and definition of ethics from the Christian perspective. In chapter four, he addresses modernity and moral life. In this chapter, Hollinger, Dennis P. explores how Christians have historically made decisions and examine some central thinkers throughout Christian history. He focuses on Consequentialism, and principal ethics have been the two primary ways of thinking about moral life over the past several centuries. The problem with modernity is that it failed us and carried within itself seeds of moral and spiritual destruction. Christians should never view any period as the great source of evil or the great embodiment of sound, for the origin of those realities lies outside the pale of human historical movements, though always touching historical facts.