

Lecture 6 – Postmodernism D: Consequences I, Part 3

“If God is dead, and man is the highest, then good and evil is decided by majority vote.” Golding

Key Terms

Relativism, individual choice, isolation

Objectives

- *Identify the effects of postmodernism on morality and relationships.
- *Articulate the church’s charge to resist these trends.

D. Consequences I (cont.)

3. Moral relativism (cont.)
 - a. Individual choice
 - b. Referenda (and opinion polls) on moral issues
 - c. The will of the experts
 - Example: embryo research
 - Moral issues are decided by experts
 - No context to address these issues because of enormous pressure to do what is possible
 - d. The loss of persuasion and rational discourse in the public square
4. Breakdown of relationships (at every level)
 - a. Loss of trust and respect for marriage and family
 - 60% will divorce, many several times
 - Growing number with no intention of marrying
 - Weakening of the protective and educational functions of the family
 - Isolation of family members
 - b. Difficulty in making relationships

Questions & Answers