

Christianity and Materialism

Have you ever wondered why, as the modern period progressed, from the so-called Age of Reason, (the 18th century) through the 19th, 20th centuries, and then to today, that Christianity and Christian culture and civilisation has lost its force and influence (at least in the West)? Has this happened by accident or (as some believed), a natural, inevitable process, whereby theistic belief was gradually replaced by materialist worldviews? Recently, I've produced a short book which attempts to answer those questions, and look at the whole field of the materialist world view in modern thought (not surprisingly, it's called *Christianity and Materialism. The Church, and the World, in Western Society*).

This is the cover-blurb: This spirited defence of orthodox Christianity locates the faith's ills and problems, not in recent dissensions and controversies, but in the results of Western civilisation's turning to materialist philosophies and world-views in the later nineteenth century, the result of the ascendancy of evolutionism, and all its products and implications. The book asks why it was considered valid and necessary for the Churches so readily to accept ideas and worldviews whose implications inevitably meant the demise of theism in mainline Western thought, and caused the long drawn out rear-guard actions of the faith in our own time. Other parts of the world, however, where Western ideologies have perhaps had less impact, have preserved a theistic outlook more completely, but only Christians' direct rejection of materialist worldviews and their foundation – the author argues – can restore society to a true, wholesome and balanced state.

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