



Understanding Postmodernism from a Confessional Stance

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Introduction: The challenge of terminology

1. Historical overview: The centrality of epistemology

1. Premodernism

2. Modernism and its six defining characteristics

* Beginning with the finite 'I'

* Epistemological certainty is both desirable and attainable

* Foundationalism

* The focus on method

* The assumption of 'a-historical universality'

* The rise of philosophical naturalism

3. Postmodernism

* Historical antecedents

* Twentieth century contributions of Germans, French and Americans

* The overthrow or the revision of the six characteristics of modernism

2. Correlatives of Postmodernism

3. The advantages of Postmodernism

4. The weaknesses and dangers of Postmodernism