

## 1 **Modernism and Fundamentalism**

### 2 **Modernism**

- In a movement often called modernism, rationalistic attacks on traditional Christianity increased in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Modernists considered the Bible an essentially human book and an imperfect guide to truth.

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- Darwin's theory of evolution was particularly influential in leading many to modernism.
- The Bible was seen not as a record of God's revelation to man, but as a record of man's search for God.
- Spiritual experiences took the Bible's place as the foundation of religious belief.

### 4 **Fundamentalism**

- The fundamentalist movement in America arose in strong reaction against modernism.
- Fundamentalists adopted as their central principle the authority and inerrancy of the Bible.
- They fought against declining morals caused by unbelief in the Bible.

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- They became known for a combative, militant attitude.
- They became characterized by withdrawal.
- They separated from denominations and institutions such as colleges which they considered infected by modernism.
- As the progressivism of the 19th century became more associated with modernism, they emphasized evangelism rather than the improvement of society.