

Pilgrims and Progress

This session reviews the power and consequences of the Enlightenment on western thought and particularly on Christianity. While many have analyzed the impact of the Enlightenment's epistemological and ontological legacy, this session will examine the Enlightenment concept of "progress" and how it more broadly has influenced western culture and the western church. The Enlightenment's approach to progress advocated efficiency and convenience which are measured quantitatively, obscuring important aspects of reality. This idea of progress will be analyzed and evaluated.

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