

Modernism Reviewed

Modernism Confronts Old Western Models

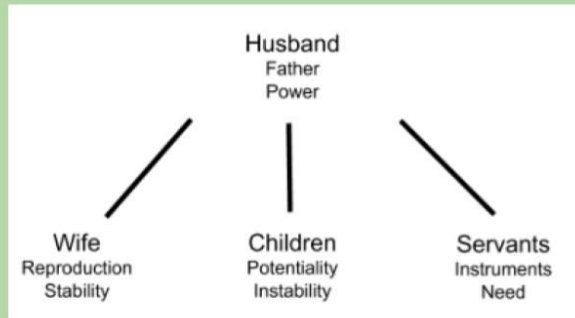


Consider Aristotle's view as identified in his *Politics*...

The goal of civilization is order and efficiency. Pursuit of a system that promotes efficiency rewards the society by producing order. Good can be equated with order, evil with chaos.

Consider the ancient Genesis version of creation, of Job

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Change the categories or title slightly, and you move from a family model to a city-state or political model.

- Role of the Father, the Mother, the Children?
- Role of the servants?
- Role of the “good people” as well as “the bad”?

So What Changes?

- Under a modernist view, ancient systems of thought are being challenged and reviewed for benefits as well as costs. **See art , see philosophy of existentialism, see WWI.**
- Under the system, under most any system, the goal is preservation of the system. It must feed and sustain itself, or the end result is chaos. BUT what would or should replace this? **Equality for all?**