

## Relativism in the 20th Century, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

II. The answer of Romanticism.

A. Romanticism fails because man is not a machine.

1. There is something wonderful and productive and something cruel in men.
2. Men left to themselves will not do well and be productive automatically.
3. Man given absolute freedom does not necessarily do well.

B. There must be a proper structure to bring about real change.

C. The Romanticist believes that practicing the Golden Rule will solve man's dilemma. One cannot however come to an absolute based on the Golden Rule.

D. Relativism is romanticism

E. The solution of romanticism is to separate religion from society to keep from religious manipulation.

III. The answer of government.

A. The Reformers understood that the masses unchecked would do evil.

B. Democracy with checks and balances is the best form of government in a fallen world.

C. The best form of government is monarchy run by Christ. Christianity is a religion of realism not romanticism.

### Application questions:

1. Why is the Golden Rule insufficient for ordering society?

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2. What is Romanticism?

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3. Why is government an insufficient final answer for ordering society?

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