

(2) The issues under the definition are these:

- the integrity of the church
- the truth of the Gospel
- the mission of the Christian community
- the historic reality of the Christian faith

b. Historical Development:

(1) Contributing factors:

- the Enlightenment: the preferment of the academic to the revelatory.
 - rationalism
 - Darwinism
 - Hegelianism
- Pietistic life ideals
- Dialectic theology
- philosophical advance
- Social Unrest
- Ecclesiastical lethargy

Remember we are talking about modern unbelief and not just the run or course of human progress. If our factors look only negative, that is somewhat because we are discussing a negative force. There are certainly other factors in the development of modern unbelief but these are key items that help us better understand how we have gotten to where we are. The problems that are seen in our churches today did not just spontaneously combust...they were (are) the products of a long series of ecclesiastical adventures. Decades of indifference and neglect are behind them and serve for the undermining of the health of the body.

(2) Steps in the growth and development of modern unbelief:

- Theological ease
- Tolerance
- Acceptance
- Direction