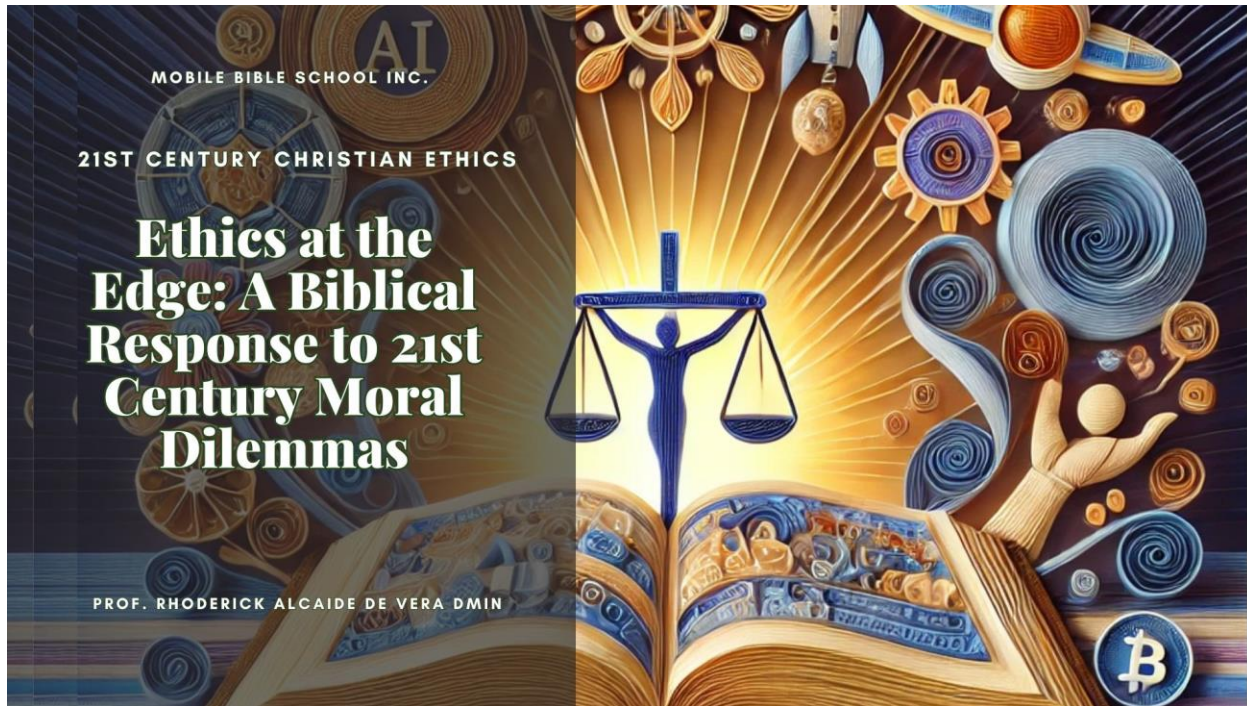


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Course Syllabus: 21st Century Christian Ethics



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Course Duration: 4 Online Sessions (3 Hours Each)

Course Format: Lecture, Discussion, Case Studies, and Ethical Decision-Making Exercises

Instructor: Rhoderick A. De Vera

Platform: Zoom / GDrive recorded video/ Youtube Playlist (soon)

Prerequisite: [Intro to Christian Ethics \(Click to Study Video Modules\)](#)

Schedules: March 12 & 26 - April 16 & 20 2025 at 8pm Philippine Time.

Course Description

This course explores **emerging ethical challenges** of the 21st century that are often **neglected in churches**. Using a **biblical worldview**, students will engage in **critical reflection, ethical reasoning, and application** to contemporary issues such as **AI, transhumanism, cancel culture, digital integrity, nationalism, and gender identity**.

Course Objectives

Cognitive

- **Discern and dissect** contemporary ethical issues in light of biblical principles and Christian theology.

Affective

- **Develop** a spirit of **discernment** and **dedication** in engaging with modern moral challenges while maintaining biblical integrity.

Volitional

- **Deploy** ethical **decision-making** principles to real-world issues, **demonstrating** wisdom and biblical faithfulness in ministry and daily life.
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Syllabus Outline**Session 1: Technology and Transcendence****Topics Covered:**

- **AI Technology and Faith** – The impact of artificial intelligence, automation, and machine learning on human identity, morality, and ministry.
- **Celestial Alien Influence** – A biblical perspective on extraterrestrial life, UFO phenomena, and their theological implications.
- **Transhumanism and Bioethics** – The Christian response to genetic modification, cybernetic enhancements, and the pursuit of human “immortality” through science.

Key Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28, Colossians 1:16-17, 1 John 4:1

Reading Materials:

- Rey Ty, *Impact of AI Powered Technology on Religious Practice on Ethics*. (2023)
- Dr Sherin Darwish, *The Influence of Artificial Intelligence on Religion* (2024)
- Producers of Ancient Aliens, *Ancient Aliens The Official Companion Book: History Channel Documentary Foreword by Kevin Burns* (2016)
- Philip Coppens, *The Ancient Alien Question - A New Inquiry Into the Existence, Evidence, and Influence of Ancient Visitors* (2011)

Session Activity:

- **Case Study:** AI-generated sermons and the role of human spiritual leadership.
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Session 2: Truth and Transformation**Topics Covered:**

- **Gender Identity and Postmodernism** – Addressing LGBTQ+ ideology, identity politics, and how the church can minister with truth and love.
- **Christian Response to Cancel Culture** – How believers should navigate online shaming, de-platforming, and the culture of public outrage.
- **New Age Spirituality and Syncretism** – How modern mysticism, energy healing, and Eastern spiritual practices are infiltrating Christian communities.

Key Scriptures: Psalm 139:13-16, Romans 12:2, Matthew 18:15-17

Reading Materials:

- Pearcey, N. (2018). *Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality*. Baker Books.
- McDowell, J. (2021). *Chasing Love: Sex, Love, and Relationships in a Confused Culture*. Thomas Nelson.

Session Activity:

- **Debate:** Should churches actively address LGBTQ+ issues from the pulpit?
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Session 3: Trends and Temptations

Topics Covered:

- **Virtual and Augmented Reality Worship** – The impact of digital church experiences on genuine fellowship and biblical worship.
- **Social Media and Spiritual Integrity** – The effects of digital personas, online debates, and cyberbullying on Christian character.
- **Crypto Currency, Digital Economy, and Biblical Stewardship** – Examining the rise of digital finance, cashless transactions, and potential connections to eschatology.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 6:24, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 12:2

Reading Materials:

- Noble, A. (2022). *You Are Not Your Own: Belonging to God in an Inhuman World*. IVP.
- Kinnaman, D. & Lyons, G. (2019). *Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon*. Baker Books.

Session Activity:

- **Group Discussion:** Should the church embrace or resist cryptocurrency for financial transactions?
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Session 4: Territory and Testament**Topics Covered:**

- **The Rise of Christian Nationalism and Political Extremism** – Addressing the fine line between patriotism, faith, and idolatry of government.
- **Mental Health and the Church** – The balance between biblical counseling, psychology, and the role of spiritual warfare in mental health struggles.
- **Redefining Marriage and Family Structures** – Ethical concerns over polyamory, cohabitation, and the shifting views on biblical marriage.

Key Scriptures: Romans 13:1-7, Philippians 4:6-7, Genesis 2:24

Reading Materials:

- Butterfield, R. (2018). *The Gospel Comes with a House Key: Practicing Radically Ordinary Hospitality in Our Post-Christian World*. Crossway.
- Yarhouse, M. (2015). *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*. IVP Academic.

Session Activity:

- **Ethical Dilemma Workshop:** How should churches respond to shifting family structures while maintaining biblical principles?

Course Requirements**Participation in Live Discussions and comments in video modules for self-pacing (40%)**

– Engaging in case studies and group discussions. Comments for interactivity in video modules.

Ethical Position Paper (30%) – A 3-page reflection on one ethical issue and its biblical response.

Exam and Quiz (30%) – Take the exam thru google form.

Final Thoughts

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- ✓ Critically analyze **modern ethical dilemmas** using **biblical truth**.
- ✓ Develop a **spirit-led, compassionate** approach to **controversial issues**.
- ✓ Equip themselves to **respond effectively** in their **churches and communities**.