

Ernst Troeltsch was not only a theologian but a philosopher of culture. This volume is an investigation into his life-long concern with the “spirit of the modern world”. Troeltsch contended that the modern world began with the Enlightenment and it manifested problems such as the relationship between church and state, the concept of natural law, the problems of historicism and pessimism, as well as the crises of war and revolution.

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Ernst Troeltsch (1865–1923) was a theologian, a historian of religion, a cultural philosopher, and a politician. Although he championed the fundamental principles of the modern age derived from the Enlightenment, he also appreciated the historical relativity of all norms and nevertheless strove to implement liberal principles in the cultural sphere. Troeltsch’s thinking is an enduring point of reference for present-day debates on the subject of religion, culture, and politics. The *Troeltsch-Studien Neue Folge* compile research on Ernst Troeltsch from a historical and systematic perspective and link this with analyses of the current significance of his legacy.