



# The Abolition of Man

with Dr. Steve Turley

## Discussion 1

### Outline:

Technology is a major theme in C.S. Lewis' *The Abolition of Man*. (0:45)

- Technology can be helpful, but also harmful.
- Technology can distract us from a life of cultivated virtue.

Dr. Perrin's Discussion Question: Dr. Turley's Response:

- *"I can see [technology] becoming a disruption or a distraction for a teacher, for students, and for a classical school. Is that possible?"*

Dr. Turley's Response:

- *"Technology is a beautiful servant, but the problem is when it becomes a master."*

Two Key Thoughts from Dr. Turley:

- Technology occupies an amoral space. (3:14)
- When we rely on technology, which can eclipse our own moral framework, we begin to adopt that value-free framework and become more like our technology. (3:30)

How do we begin to rely upon and become like technology?

- We use technological gimmicks to capture the attention of students. (4:40)
- The lines between humans and machines become blurred. (4:45)

What happens when we love machines? (6:00)

- As C. S. Lewis writes, when we idolize technology, we become like it—we become dehumanized.
- Dr. Perrin's *Google* example: If we need to Google information quickly on our phones, we have not previously taken that information in. Rather, we become a part of Google—a passing observer to the information found there.