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On the other hand, the modern (or late modern) world represents a challenge for ontological security (Giddens, 1990), because the reflective nature of this world implies that we can never be fully sure about what element of our reflexive knowledge remains unchanged. This is the reason why replacing traditional dogmas with reason has not produced greater security, but reduced the existing one. Given the fact that human life in modern society is fundamentally reflexive or inseparable of knowledge, this knowledge about the modern world influences individual actions. Therefore, increasing knowledge does not produce the world that is stable but, on the contrary, contributes to its instability and changeable character.

Note: See source document for full reference.

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