

The postmodern Mind  
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- Significant transformations of the world views are the outcomes of some hard trials, sacrifice, and martyrdom.
- The trial and execution of Socrates at the birth of classical Greek mind, the trial and Crucifixion of Jesus the birth of Christianity, and the trial and condemnation of Galileo at the birth of modern science.
- Friedrich Nietzsche's sufferings and sacrifice gave birth to post modern mind.

- Post modern intellectual situation is complex and ambiguous. Post modern mind is open ended, indeterminate set of attitudes that has been shaped by many intellectual and cultural currents.

- Post modern mind is not governed by a priori thought system; it works on the ground of concrete experience and accepts the belief that knowledge is relative and fallible rather than absolute or certain. The quest for knowledge must be endlessly self revising.
- The inherent human capacity for concept and symbol formation is fundamental and necessary element in human understanding, anticipation and creation of reality.

- There is chance for both empiricism and rationalism; concrete investigation and rigorous argument.
- All human understanding is interpretation and no interpretation is final.
- Post modern sensitivity reflects and supports epistemologies developed by various philosophers.

- The world does not exist as a thing in itself, independent of interpretation; rather it comes into being only in and through interpretation.
- The post modern mind lacks any firm ground for a world view. There is multiple possibility of creation of knowledge.
- The analysis of language has brought most skeptical epistemological currents in the post modern mind and these currents are post modern.

- There is contribution of many other sources: Nietzsche,
- C. S. Peirce.
- All human thought is generated and bound by idiosyncratic, cultural, linguistic forms of life. Meaning is determined by context.
- Post modern thought has been critical of western philosophical tradition.

- Postmodernism is antinomian movement that assumes a vast unmaking in the western mind.
- The post modern paradigm is fundamentally subversive of all paradigms.