

# *Revisiting Postmodernism*

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## **Disarming Critics of Postmodernism:**

In researching Michel Foucault I decided to revisit his premise of power in postmodernism. Postmodernism is the thinking which believes that truth does not exist or is incomprehensible. Truth is observed as being relative to the culture. For example, when describing the Islamic, Judaism and Christianity culture system, which embraces the God-given code of interactions of family, government, relationships and way of life often imply that these codes of interactions may be “true” for only those people who subscribe to those belief systems, but people in other cultures see things quite differently. This viewpoint reflects the universal influence of postmodernism in today’s social political and educational system.

Postmodernists in essence believe that truth is outlined by each individual or group culture. Truth is relative, not universal. If truth is defined by each culture, then it is not real truth. Truth, by its nature, is universal. Truth is absolute. Relative truth is not truth. Postmodernists replace the word “truth” with words like perspectives, constructs or points of view. That is, they believe the best we can do is describe how various societies view the world; but we cannot postulate to know what is true.

Postmodernism is largely the outcome of Charles Darwin theory of evolution because Darwinism discredits the notion of knowledge. Darwinism is the understanding that all reality consists of nature plus time plus chance. That means that our ideas, including what we may think is factual, also consist of nature plus time plus chance. The way we reason is based on how well each person presents his truth, how well he or she eloquently makes his case appealing or how powerful the individual or group is, and is able to enforce his truth on the weak and disfranchised; as a result both cultures see things differently, but neither understanding can be viewed as better, or more true, than the other.

The exercise of power is not merely a bond between people, individual or the masses; it is a way in which certain actions alter others. Power exists only when it is put into action; this also means that power is not a function of agreement. Individuals or groups don’t just renounce what they believe in out of acceptance of others people beliefs; they are pressed

on, assimilated or colonized either by force or through mind control. Consent is not a trait for power it exists out of postmodernism way of thinking.

### **The Critique:**

- **The Fallacy:** Individuals or people believe their truth is based on their critical and objective analysis.
- **The Reality:** Individual or peoples truth is the outcome of years of paying devotion to ideas which confirmed what you believed while ignoring information which challenged your preconceived beliefs.

The whole point is that men and women were born sovereign – what that means is that as we grew, we were forced onto us what is “right and wrong”, through powerful forces like the Media , therefore making our belief system a fallacy to us only, thus making it a lie to other people who have different belief systems.

If you are a politician who has the power of wealth and artistic language mastery, you can impose your own views on the ignorant and weak minded individuals or masses and make them believe in something that goes against their very premise of their existence.

In closing, what individuals or people live with is what I may refer to as a seduction of plagiarized truths and it appears to be sufficiently strong and pervasive that one is led to wonder whether the truth, by itself, might account for a significant fraction of the wars, conflicts, terrorism and intolerance that is currently occurring among individuals and masses within the international system

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