

MORAL VALUES

(Ethics, religion, faith)

Private, subjective, relative

SCIENTIFIC FACTS

(Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

Public, objective, universal

PRE-MODERN PERIOD

(up to the 1600 AD)

MODERN PERIOD

(1600 to 1950)

POST-MODERN PERIOD

(1950 onwards)



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Renaissance Art (16th Century)



Mona Lisa by
Leonardo Da Vinci

Postmodern Art (20th Century)



“Convergence” by Jackson Pollock (1952)

Renaissance Architecture (16th Century)



Blickling Hall, Norfolk, England

Postmodern Architecture (20th Century)



Marqués de Riscal Hotel, Spain
(Designed by Frank Gehry)

Prof. Judith Butler

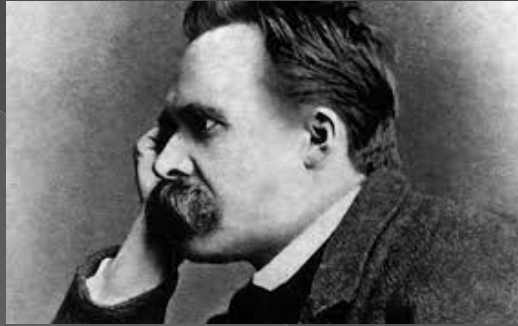
Philosopher and 'gender theorist'

- *Gender Trouble* (1990)
- *Bodies that Matter* (1993)
- *Undoing Gender* (2004) etc.

“Gender isn’t something that one is, it is something that one does, an act”.



(1956-)



Friedrich Nietzsche
(1844-1900)



Albert Camus
(1913-1960)



Jean-Paul Sartre
(1905-1980)



Michel Foucault
(1926-1984)

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POSTMODERNISM'S CORE CONTRADICTORY CLAIM

“There’s no such thing
as absolute truth”

Two essentials about truth:

- 1. Truth is what corresponds to reality (the “correspondence theory of truth”)**
- 2. Something cannot be both true and false at the same time and in the same sense (this is “the law of non-contradiction”)**

The Truth about Truth:

- 1. Truth Matters**
- 2. Truth Exists**
- 3. Truth Is Knowable**
- 4. Truth Is Eternal and Unchanging**
- 5. Truth Is Absolute and Objective**
- 6. Truth Is Total**
- 7. Truth Can be Tested**