

The “enlightenment project” started in the eighteenth century and was, for all cultures to see things together under one thought process, driven by ‘rationale’ or rational thinking. It was assumed (a word that makes an ass out of you and me) with this thought process the world would be controlled by rationalism as the grips of oil have controlled the car industry. (Anderson pg.#4)

According to post-modern thinkers the “enlightenment project” ended into the twentieth century. (Anderson pg.#4) I personally think it is still going on everywhere. Any rational woman who wasn’t a baby killer wouldn’t get an abortion, right? Only Bush supporters are patriotic, and all others are supporting terrorism. If you’re thinking about getting a gay marriage, think again. GOD’S truth says a marriage should be between a man and a woman. These are all pushed opinions into laws for us all to abide. People are always pushing “universal truths”, over what is true to me may not be true to you and I respect your opinions. In our society we are still being pushed with these TRUTHS that are used to control our choices and us.

A metanarrative is a story of mythic proportions. A wide-ranging story, touching bases on politics, art, philosophy, and research, relating them to each other, and giving it all meaning. (Anderson pg.#4)

Metanarratives are still believed by people. There will always be some that will believe in the stories they want to. No matter how much you put facts, statistics, evidence, and things that may shatter their whole story, people will still believe what they want to.

People in the pre-modern era were not exposed to any view other than their own culture view. The modern era brought different views that were not realized as views by the people who brought them, but the truth, and they were mostly forced. Missionaries and conquerors did this

very often. Post-modern era is the era of over exposure of different views. Instead of right out belief, people have abilities to think critically and question everything. If you know all of the stories, which one do you believe? Too many options may be bringing confusion and disbelief. (Anderson pg.#5-6)

I wouldn't say we truly live in a post-modern world, but I would say the world we live in is more post-modern than not. People do tend to question things a little more than they used to. My great grandmother never questioned anything. Life is how it is, just deal. My grandmother questioned some things and came to the conclusion, if she doesn't like it she doesn't have to. My mother is intelligent but she questions everything but her beliefs and values. The post-modern thought was carried slowly down the generations.

Without sentences, words, and languages we would have no truths. Through language, we communicate so others can understand us. Basically, language shapes our reality, but the reality in what is true. (Anderson pg.#8-9)

Who knows where meaning originated? I wish I did. The only thing it says about meaning in the book is that many people study meaning and why people look for meaning from different viewpoints. Such as anthropology, philosophers, psychologists, sociologists, and so on. (Anderson pg.#9)

Anthropology states culture shapes what is seen as "human nature". So there is no such thing as human nature. (Anderson pg.#15-16)

Anderson feels that anthropology is fundamentally subversive. He says, "If you believed in the idea of culture you would (a) notice that you live in a culture, (b) think of it as something that was created by human beings, (c) wonder who created it and for what purpose, (d) wonder what it does to you, and (e) think about making some choices and/or changes. And the more

people there are making are working their way through some such inner thought process, the more culturally diverse, complex and unstable a society is likely to be.” (Anderson pg.#16)

Language constitutes reality, each language constructing specific aspects of reality in its own way. (Kvale pg.#21)

The study of Religion requires the study of language because if you do not know the context of what something is taken from, you will not understand what you want to. The term “cultural relativism” comes to mind when I think of it. “Cultural relativism” is when you don’t take anything out of its context in the culture. Just think of replacing the word culture with religion and you have got my answer.

Post-modern students would not try to debunk religious myths because that is the modern attitude. The post-modern attitude is one of accepting diversity and not thinking one is better, or right, but accepting that everyone has different views and realizing that that last sentence is also a view. (Kvale pg.#24)