

# Jean-Francois Lyotard

## Quotes

*Decision, Reality, Doe, Debt, Scientific Knowledge, Wish, Islands, Kind, Giants,  
Hypothesis, Function, Mcdonalds, Different, Postmodern, Zero, Photography,  
Goal, Disappointment, War, Past*

Simplifying to the extreme, I define postmodern as incredulity toward metanarratives.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

It is our business not to supply reality but to invent allusions to the conceivable which cannot be presented.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

A self does not amount to much, but no self is an island; each exists in a fabric of relations that is now more complex and mobile than ever before.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

The ruling class is and will continue to be the class of decision makers

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

What is required of a working hypothesis is a fine capacity for discrimination

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

What guides Marxism, then, is a different model of society, and a different conception of the function of the knowledge that can be produced by society and acquired from it

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

Scientific knowledge is a kind of discourse.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

One knows that frontal and/or profile photography is torn to pieces... Inversely, what remains of the photograph must be seen as a fragment coming to fill a gap in the drawing.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

Knowledge is and will be produced in order to be sold, it is and will be

consumed in order to be valorised in a new production: in both cases, the goal is exchange

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

On the other hand, in a society whose communication component is becoming more prominent day by day, both as a reality and as an issue, it is clear that language assumes a new importance.

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

If we wish to discuss knowledge in the most highly developed contemporary society, we must answer the preliminary question of what methodological representation to apply to that society

~Jean-Francois Lyotard

Liberalism does not preclude an organisation of the flow of money in which some channels are used in decision making while others are only good for the payment of debts

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