Some Profound Differences Between the Modern and Post-Modern Eras

Modern *(before 1968)*	***Post-Modern*** *(after 1968)*
The universe is characterized by immutable physical laws (Descartes).	*The universe is characterized By relativity (Einstein).*
Linear, rational, symmetrical.	*Non-linear, asymmetrical, many focuses.*
The building block of the world order is nation-states	*The building blocks are nation-states, ethnic groups, mass communication, and the market.*
Authority is granted by office (hierarchical).	*Authority is granted by relationship.*
Institutional	*Relational*
Broad social consensus driven by WASP males.	*No single social consensus – great diversity, many voices.*
Communication is oratorical, formal, indirect	*Communication is conversational, informal, direct*
Progress is inevitable	*Progress is possible*

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