

A FEW OF THE DICHOTOMIES THAT HAUNTED VICTORIANS

Class, breeding, education	↔	Cash, money
Tradition, lineage	↔	Modernity
Society, the universal	↔	The individual
Imperialism, Colonialism, a preoccupation with the threatening “Other”	↔	Valuing self-determination, recognizing cultural differences
Unchanging universals	↔	History, Change, Evolution
Timeless truth	↔	Progress, Stagnation, Degeneration
Artifice, the ideal	↔	Scientific realism
Privileging ethics, morality	↔	Privileging aesthetics, beauty
Spiritual beauty, interior beauty	↔	Physical beauty, pleasing surface
Classic, Neoclassical	↔	Romantic
Order, control	↔	Spontaneity, “magic”
Decorum	↔	Sexiness, sexuality