



o misanthropic or pessimistic? Swift  
his hatred. — the other side of love, the love of society, fame, & wealth  
— not of humanity; not caused by speculation, rather  
personal than intellectual.

∴ satirical, closely connected with envy.

o What is the philosophy of satire? — dissatisfaction for the present  
state of things. — manifests itself in two opposite ways. — one positive,  
the other negative; construction and destruction. — ideal + satirical

o Interpretation of man & nature admits of three modifications;  
~~thought on~~ things as they ought to be — ideal  
1. things as they are — realistic  
2. things as they ought not to be — satirical

o (2) may be purely objective or may assert the view that whatever is, is  
right. In the former case it is the reader that is to interpret

the latter (p.)

o Johnson belongs to the second; his 'Rasselas' is against the dreamy  
quest of happiness i.e. compares the 1st view. He is against the 3rd  
because he is ready to receive the present order of things.

o Novels: no kinder regret for past forms of society or possibility  
of aspirations for the future. Leslie Stephen p. 380 vol II.

(1) view misanthropic of the world  
(2) aspiration for the future



