

"Pulling It
Out Of Our Ass."

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TRYING TO MAKE A SMALL PIECE OF PERSONAL GRAPHIC DESIGN EVERYDAY UNTIL I LOSE INTEREST

Hard Enough to Be Good Myself

I TRY NOT TO MAKE A MESS

People hate presumption

A harmonious society might be achieved by the exercise of good manners. Since there will be varied opinions on what is desirable, is it even possible to set a goal to work toward? It is even difficult to decide on a basis such as: "do no harm," when individuals value different things. If I hate loud motor noise or leaf blowers, no doubt, there are others who are invested in creating powerful engines and driving fast or dislike the manual labor of using a rake or letting leaves accumulate. Depriving another of their choice because it causes me discomfort might be selfish in a certain sense. What of the worker who derives his livelihood from a job assembling leaf blowers? Or a gardener who profits by tidying each yard as quickly as he can? Is preventing my pain more

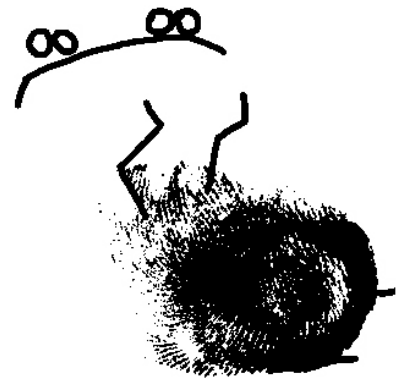
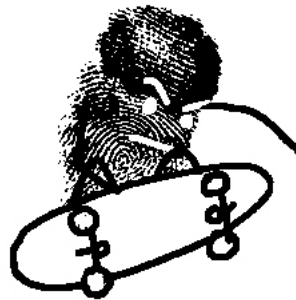
important than their life?

Consensus, or majority rule is the current basis of society. Often enacted through a compromise of views - limiting use of noisy yard tools to certain daylight hours, parking restrictions on certain streets - it seems likely that someone, possibly everyone will accept mild dissatisfaction.

As individuals in a society have more choices they share fewer values. Less common experience means less understanding. We are not involved in the same project, how can we possibly agree on goals?

A group of citizens might form an alliance based on some shared goal, and another group might oppose it, each portraying the other as short-sighted or villains in order to to make their case. Both sides are right from their point of view and there is no common ground but acrimony.

I wonder if they would both agree that this is hell. A starting point?



Oh, East is East, and West is West,
and never the twain shall meet,
'til Earth and Sky stand presently at
God's great Judgment Seat...

— KIPLING

What Good is Art Making?

JUST ENTERTAINMENT?

Where is the Utility?

So I draw and write and design and print. I make my little objet and try not to worry myself about an audience. I'm interested in the practice for its own sake. *Activié pour L' Activié.*

"So what's the use? Why should humanity bother with you when we can't buy what you make? You could at least validate our consumerism and whatever buried evolutionary trait makes us gather and hoard useless crap."

All I can offer is my example. The world certainly does not need more crap. I consume art supplies, contributing to commerce in that way but not much.

The purpose of my Art is to get you to make your own art!

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE YOUR LIFE A WORK OF ART



AREA MAN WORK OF ART

HE'S A PIECE OF WORK,
THAT'S FOR SURE

Speculative Fiction?

CONSUMER, DEMOCRAT, SUBURBANITE, AMERICAN, SURVEILLED. Why limit yourself to existing categories? Could your life be lived in a way that LIFE is an inadequate word to describe it?

Clever people out there who have chosen to use their powers to exploit, control and confuse have some good ideas about how you should live your life. There have come up with ways to make you think like it or at least make you unable to resist!

It probably started with shared language. The arrival of the first communicator was no doubt closely followed by the arrival of the first marketer.

MAKE YOUR OWN DAMNED ART!

Buying is So Much Easier

LEAVE IT TO THE EXPERTS

Hard is better. Hard makes you stronger. Taking the easy way out cedes control, and takes away understand-

ing that allows you to make moral choices. If you don't understand how something works, how can you decide if it is good or harmful?

What about the economy of scale? I can't make an electric automobile or an electric toaster. But you can

easily make a spoon or a pen. You could probably make a toaster or an electric car. You couldn't make the kind that is turned out by a giant manufactory. You might not be able to make the sort of thing that others would envy you for. It will

probably be difficult and take a lot of time and effort and you wouldn't have time to paw your phone all day.

Making unique things is satisfying. Making tools and using them to make other things is exhilarating.

