

# Truth, Beauty, Art, and Intuition



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Once upon a time it was fashionable and interesting to talk about what art is, but no consensus could be reached and the question has grown tiresome and irritating. This is because the essential characteristic of art is only the aesthetic attitude with which it is regarded and not any properties of the artwork itself. This is an easy mistake when we love our objects and cherish our beliefs. I think it is so difficult for us to agree on beauty and truth because we are so attached to the particular things we think are beautiful and true; thereby confusing the universal experience with its incidental objects. Truth and beauty are spontaneous summary judgments of rightness or wrongness experienced as emotion. Think of truth and beauty as a sort of

harmonic resonance that you can *feel* within some thoughtful neural network of your brain. This is how you can tell what art is for you, but don't expect everyone to agree. If they do, then some of them are lying.

Spontaneous aesthetic judgment is half of intuition, and the other half is impulse. Assuming that your spontaneous judgment is good, then the more prolific and varied your impulsivity the better. This is because in any situation about which you want to have an excellent intuition, the more different impulses you can sort through quickly, the more likely you are to identify one that feels right; to find an impulse that is beautiful and true. If you can explain your impulse you will probably claim that you know what you are doing, and if not you can call it intuition. It's about the same in either case.

It is important to note that impulses don't just come out of nowhere, whether we can explain them or not. They are the product of your previous experience, experiment, reflection, analysis, training, practice, learning, conditioning, counseling, thinking and decision making. The impulses that serve your intuition have been previously loaded into your inventory where you can review, edit, and improve them between crises and major life decisions, when you will need them. I can help you refine your intuition systematically, if not your sense of truth and beauty. Call me.

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